

Solution to Puzzle #132 – May, 2012 "Fairy Tale"

P	U	L	C	H	R	I	T	U	D	E
A	R	O	R	O	U	S	T	P	A	S
T	A	D	I	R	T	M	E	T	T	L
E	L	Y	M	P	H	C	R	A	T	O
R	S	H	E	A	L	I	B	T	I	O
N	C	O	R	N	Y	R	E	A	R	P
R	I	N	E	A	R	C	A	N	E	S
E	N	E	N	C	E	F	U	S	S	Y
T	A	Y	A	E	S	L	A	T	E	S
E	M	B	L	A	C	E	B	A	G	E
M	E	G	A	T	H	E	R	I	U	M

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Across

1. **PULCHRITUDE**
2. AR(**B**)OR
3. OUST
4. PASTA
5. DIRT
6. METTLE
7. LYMPH
8. CR(**E**)ATOR
9. SHEA
10. LIB(**A**)TION
11. CORNY
12. REAR
13. P(**U**)RINE
14. ARCANES
15. SEN(**T**)ENCE
16. FUSSY
17. TAYA
18. (**Y**)ES
19. (**A**)LATE
20. SEMBLA(**N**)CE
21. BA(**D**)GE
22. **MEGATHERIUM**

Down

1. PA(**T**)TERN
2. RETE
3. MURALS
4. C(**H**)INA
5. MELODY
6. HONEY
7. B(**E**)G
8. CRIME
9. RENAL
10. A(**B**)HOR
11. PANACEA
12. TRUTH
13. LYRE
14. SCHISM
15. CIRC(**E**)
16. FLEET
17. TE(**A**)R
18. BEAU
19. ABRUPT
20. (**S**)ATAN
21. STAID
22. ATTIRE
23. SEGUE
24. SLOOP
25. SYS(**T**)EM

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 40 minutes.