

Solution to Puzzle #57 – February, 2006 "No Problem"

			<b>I</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>			
C	O	B	L	T	C	O	R	T	I	C
A	L	A	T	H	E	T	I	C	V	A
L	I	N	E	E	D	A	M	H	E	R
E	N	D	R	A	Y	R	E	E	L	A
S	S	I	S	T	N	I	L	E	P	A
C	T	T	H	E	M	A	I	S	O	M
E	R	P	A	R	O	L	E	P	R	O
P	E	L	W	A	R	F	A	R	C	R
A	T	E	E	V	I	L	D	E	M	O
N	C	A	R	A	P	A	E	D	A	U
G	H	T	E	R	E	X	P	R	S	S

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**A PIECE OF CAKE**

**Across**

- ?. **ICING**
1. COB(A)LT
2. CORTICAL
3. (P)ATHETIC
4. VALINE
5. EDAM
6. HERE(I)N
7. DRAY
8. REEL
9. ASSIST
10. NILE
11. PACT
12. THEMA
13. ISOMER
14. PAROLE
15. PROPEL
16. WARFAR(E)
17. CRATE
18. EVIL
19. DEMON
20. CARAPA(C)E
21. DAUGHTER
22. EXPR(E)SS

**Down**

1. C(O)ALESCE
2. PANGOLIN
3. STRETCH
4. BANDIT
5. PLEAT
6. (F)ILTER
7. SHAW
8. ERECT
9. (C)HEATER
10. AVARICE
11. DYN(A)MO
12. RIPE
13. NOTARIAL
14. FLAX
15. GRIME
16. LIE
17. ADEPT
18. CHEE(K)
19. SPR(E)E
20. DRIVEL
21. PORC
22. MASCARA
23. AMOROUS

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 45 minutes.