

Solution to Puzzle #157 – June, 2014 "Precious Metal"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
HEART OF GOLD

Across

1. COURTIER
2. ANC(H)OR
3. MEANDER
4. P(E)ACE
5. PARSE
6. AVER
7. CAY
8. STUN
9. MARE
10. ALIKE
11. BISECT
12. MANS[L(AU)]GHTER
13. ERATO
14. DRAG
15. PERU
16. (A)NEMIA
17. DATA
18. ANCIENT
19. EPIC
20. STE(R)N
21. RA(T)ED
22. AOL
23. CLOSET
24. CLINE

Down

1. COC(O)
2. CAMERA
3. SCORE
4. ALA
5. RUNT
6. LUMPY
7. (F)INANCE
8. (G)ORE
9. ASK
10. STEIN
11. STAR
12. TELOMERE
13. INSUB[OR]DINATE
14. DENIGRATE
15. CREAM
16. SHADED
17. LARVAE
18. T(O)GA
19. P(L)AIN
20. PERCEPTION
21. CA(D)RE
22. TREACLE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 18 minutes.