

Solution to Puzzle #164 – January, 2015 "Like I Need a Hole in the Head"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
THE CROWBAR CASE

Across

1. DEBUTAN(T)E
2. RECITE
3. PUNIS(H)
4. AROSE
5. NONE
6. PAGAN
7. CAEN
8. DIEGO
9. VOIC(E)
10. FELT
11. RENAL
12. **PHINEAS GAGE**
13. (C)LUTCH
14. DONNE
15. SE(R)VE
16. LEE
17. NOISE
18. TUTOR
19. LAMP
20. IVA
21. L(O)ESS
22. SNEEZE
23. LANE
24. S(W)INDLER

Down

1. DISCIPLE
2. TA(B)LE
3. TEACH
4. UVULA
5. BENEFIT
6. E(A)TEN
7. UPON
8. ENCLOSE
9. T(R)UNDLE
10. HERS
11. SANE
12. (C)ITADEL
13. SIN(A)I
14. PERSON
15. ANNE
16. SAGE
17. GNOME
18. DRAGON
19. ANI
20. PELE
21. RAVAGE
22. SIZE
23. CON(S)OLE
24. SEVER(E)

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 19 minutes.