

Solution to Puzzle #194 – July, 2017 "Sleuth"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
INSPECTOR CLOUSEAU

Across

1. FORE(I)GN
2. BARITONE
3. RESI(N)
4. PA(S)TORAL
5. CRESS
6. LAVER
7. FORT
8. CLIVE
9. S(P)LICE
10. BIASED
11. **PINK PANTHER**
12. END(E)ARS
13. DE(C)AL
14. ICE
15. STEER
16. LIMPID
17. POST
18. ROLE
19. TAMIL
20. SPEN(T)
21. W(O)RN
22. SODA
23. SU(R)CEASE

Down

1. FOR(C)E
2. SPECIA(L)
3. SONAR
4. LINED
5. MOREL
6. FIND
7. SPIDER
8. COCKAT(O)O
9. LAGER
10. REPRESS
11. S(U)NSET
12. BA(S)SET
13. PUBIS
14. CIND(E)R
15. RECAP
16. SLATE
17. LONER
18. ALI(A)S
19. HAIL
20. WAIT
21. AVE
22. ELMER
23. STOVE
24. DRIP
25. T(U)NE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.