

Puzzle solved

"Museum Piece"

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

The omitted letter sequences (shown in parentheses in the list below) are:

moth, fly, bat, lion, cow, ram, rat, ant, fish, asp, and cat.

MCZ stands for **M**useum of **C**omparative **Z**oology, Harvard's natural history museum.

Across

- 1 AGAR
- 4 S(MOTH)ER
- 6 EARS
- 9 BRIE(FLY)
- 10 (BAT)TLE
- 11 TRIL(LION)
- 12 (COW)RIE
- 14 MARAUD
- 17 LONELIEST
- 18 AGO
- 19 VISIT
- 22 F(RAM)ES
- 23 DOPE
- MCZ**
- 24 AE(RAT)ES
- 27 PLI(ANT)
- 29 SPIEL
- 30 NUT
- 31 RENOUNCED
- 33 GOLDEN
- 34 SOP
- 35 (PIG)MENT
- 36 SEL(FISH)
- 37 TYPO
- 38 PLAY
- 39 (ASP)ECT
- 40 S(CAT)TER

Down

- 1 ABROAD
- 2 GRINGO
- 3 REMOVE
- 4 STAN
- 5 REALIZE
- 6 ETUI
- 7 RINSE
- 8 SLITS
- 13 ELOPING
- 15 RESCIND
- 16 DEFENDS
- 20 IMPULSE
- 21 TALENTS
- 25 EUROPE
- 26 STUPOR
- 27 PRIMP
- 28 LEVEL
- 29 SOOTY
- 32 CELT