Shower Gift (Assembly Required)

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This puzzle is a gift for a couple of future parents to assemble. Half the Across answers must be entered with multiple letters in one square; the father-to-be must attach each such letter sequence to the right-hand side of the grid by overlapping its first letter with a matching letter in the right-hand column. The same goes for the mother-to-be, the Down answers, and the bottom of the grid. In each case, the letters outside the grid (as a set) will be clued by the letters inside the grid (as a set).

The other half of the answers are entered normally, but each corresponding clue has one incorrect letter that must be fixed before solving. The

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incorrect letters, in clue order, will spell out what the gift is; the correct letters will also do so. Either way, this will explain why the grid has an empty space in the middle, and what should go there.

ACROSS

- 4. At the center, in pack of 150 besieging area
- 8. Part of book I bought shows peek inside Tanzania
- 9. A fish Uc cooked is purple
- 10. No topless actor named Gene left last year's Con hotel (2 wds.)
- 11. Solo about Mr Ott's city in Saxony
- 13. Found out about dog touching Judy's heart (2 wds.)
- 14. Slanted rook from King Alfred (abbr.)
- 17. Failure to employ sensory apparatus after getting semi-numb
- 20. Half of math Zadora describes essentially shows shortsightedness
- 21. Hear Leo's wonky audio receiver [NI3]
- 22. More of fantasy's American and Greek characters
- 23. At which point you and I will catch Herb ignoring answer

DOWN

- 1. Punch a hot water pipe
- 2. Wise man eating fat and green animal fodder
- 3. Center of shabby weaving machine is like a mayflower in May
- 4. The Spanish guy who wrote spooky stories for each of upright juries' leaders
- 5. Adorable beaus left *Dracula*'s Mrs. Harker to have a summit
- 6. Soul music finally stops helping
- 7. Hundred and seventy-two barleycorns divided by Sax
- 12. Georgia's taking in mostly-Asian capital like oxygen
- 15. Females work over fictional submariner
- 16. Mistimed basketball's target is Piglet's pal
- 18. Removing casino from paintings reveals Eurasian river
- 19. Once, long ago, rating rutabagas satisfied town's leaders