On Closer Inspection

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ACROSS
1 Aluminum company
6 Legal authorization, in brief
9 Make stiff
11 Mokele-___: mythical "living dinosaur"
14 Inspection instruments that can be slung over one's shoulder?
16 Something you might want to pay
17 Lands in "la mer"
18 Alphabet run
20 See romantically
22 Inspection instrument that might be all wet?
28 It's bordered by LEB and SYR
29 Caribbean getaway destination
30 Part of LPGA
31 Inspection instrument that's been through the mils?
34 Gists of rejection letters
35 "Wheel of Fortune" buy
36 Followers of a star
38 Mongolian desert
41 Inspection instrument that peeks at peaks?
47 Common step in furniture building
48 Old fogie
49 Deg. for those who help others with work skills
50 Walks heavily

DOWN
1 Nile reptile
2 They're below Cpts.
3 Sand bank
4 Plant genus with spikelike flowers
5 Pang
6 Very small
7 Cookware found at a brunch
8 Open in Spanish class?
10 It had formerly taken over Central Eur.
11 Syllable in the Campbell's Soup slogan
12 Exist
13 Three dots, in Morse
15 Take too much: Abbr.
18 Exclamation used by The Beaver
19 Expanding one's work force
20 They come out at parties
21 Red carpet event for the recording instr.
22 Cambridge univ.
23 Appropriate
24 Vases
25 Regret
26 Therefore
27 Lobster coral
32 Neatly styled, as hair
33 Bit of cross-country skiing equipment
36 New car stat
37 Woodstock performer
38 Green light command
39 Expression of surprise, as in a text message
40 Paragon of redness
42 Sch. for Hoosiers
43 Precursor to a CD
44 It once was Hokkaido
45 Radical leftist
46 This year's grads