Metric Acrostic—Solution

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The quotation in the acrostic grid reads:

No other system of measurement . . . actually used can match the inherent simplicity of International Metric. . . . It is logically streamlined, whereas other systems developed more or less haphazardly. . . . The third intrinsic advantage is that metric is based on the decimal system.

The answers to the clues:

A. Battleship
B. Utter
C. Recrystallize
D. Evasion
E. Assets
F. Upon my word
G. Open-hearted
H. Fahrenheit
I. Stitch in time
J. Thrills
K. Accost
L. Nanosecond
M. Dill
N. Allegiance
O. Rattle
P. Demystify
Q. Shoehorn
R. Mammals
S. Easiest
T. Thresh
U. Ricotta
V. Immensity
W. Centigrade
X. Shade
Y. Trimmed
Z. Utah
Z1. Dimly
Z2. Yeoman Service

The first letters of the clues’ answers read: Bureau of Standards—Metric Study.