

Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #18—Explanations

ACROSS

1. MAINE (“state”) is a homophone (“announced”) of MAIN (“most important”).
4. UPSET (“unexpected result,” as in a sports match) is UPS (“shipping company”) plus ET (“extremely elegant,” or the extremes/ends of the word ELEGANT).
5. EMAIL (“send”) is an anagram (“cooked”) of A LIME.

DOWN

1. MOUSE (“computer peripheral”) is MO (“typical way of working”) plus USE (given in the clue).
2. INSTA (i.e., Instagram) is the “app” “used in” the phrase “traIN STation.”
3. EXTOL (“Praise”) is EX (“one-time”) plus TOL (“fee, for the most part,” or all but the last letter of the word TOLL, which is a “fee”).