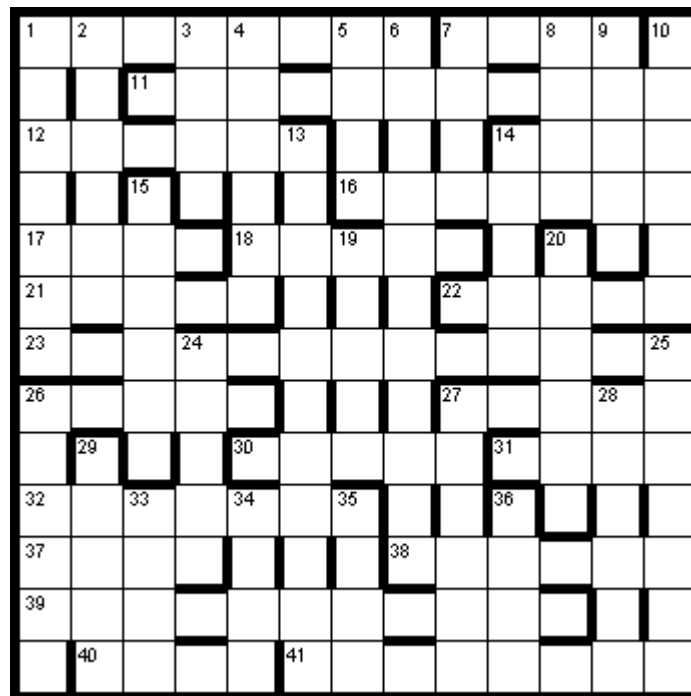


Eight Across entries squeeze two letters into one square. In each instance, the intersecting Down entry squeezes two *different* letters into the same square. The unclued entry at 23A describes the result.



Across

- 1 Competition in foreign market, etc. (2 wds)
- 7 Child of Eve placed with husband
- 11 Eccentric pro had scorn for Moors (2 wds)
- 12 Martin Luther has a couple of issues with Southern bussing
- 14 Gentle retriever returns, belonging to me
- 16 One pushing, ultimately, one line Kegler left out
- 17 Back even, winning a thousand, quit
- 18 Like a judge's swirling robes?
- 21 I'd sent back Stallone's poetry
- 22 Stories name actress Sophia
- 23 *See instructions*
- 26 Periodically without much force, we hear
- 27 Tree contains trace of extraordinary indigo varnish ingredient
- 30 Carol catches ending of "Get Smart"
- 31 Prohibit stocking red grain product
- 32 Vaccine inventor crosses unusually wide pedestrian pathway
- 37 Two northeastern states rejected Arab leader
- 38 Heartless spy bribes computer network honchos
- 39 Flavoring agent from small fruit; 30 seconds work? (2 wds)
- 40 Hovel welcomes a visit
- 41 Yes, Tim, a test includes guesswork

Down

- 1 Smear I covered with powder, per Jewish tradition
- 2 Took a break in grass surrounding street
- 3 Children primarily tease pony
- 4 Incomplete list includes individual's cat
- 5 Italian family tees off
- 6 Raising wrong net, train with club for indoor sport (2 wds)
- 7 Rolls up with disdain
- 8 Relax - what's wrong?
- 9 That woman hugging Roger is initially more mawkishly sentimental
- 10 Doctor Wye bringing back half of nurses for test (2 wds)
- 13 Blackbird eating fancy donut in ship's mooring equipment (2 wds)
- 14 Debut of stocks contributed to boom and bust
- 15 Ken Lay's distributed certain hydrocarbons
- 19 Fish interest some singers
- 20 Thorny bushes restricted within stiff supporters?
- 24 Having less chance of a favorable outcome, physician admits ill mime
- 25 Cattle relative's undirected motion
- 26 Most learned among brothers-in-law is esteemed
- 27 Yokel excitedly describing start of game with green and yellow ball? (2 wds)
- 28 "Leg twisted at gym," claims one flyer
- 29 Mischief-makers going after women and weaklings
- 33 Stop; time for food
- 34 Leery of war club
- 35 Appearances of one in certain clothing department
- 36 Lots of land in the outskirts of Ames, Iowa