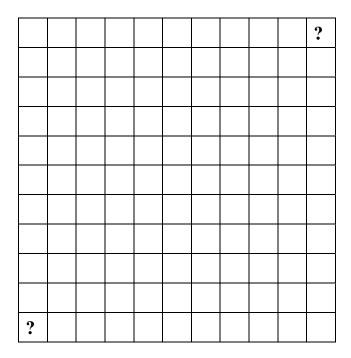


"Two Squares"

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**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to nine letters and include five proper names), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right margin continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column. Words don't necessarily end at the squares with question marks but may straddle them. Eleven across words and ten down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twenty-one letters, taken in order, spell three words that identify the two squares in question.



## Clues:

## Across

- 1. Boy meets girl, issues order
- 2. Salt is oral excitation
- 3. Get started, give ear, shine
- 4. Toy platform with wheels
- 5. Cleaner inserts afford light wash
- 6. Ruin appointment with energy of great extent
- 7. Spiritual leader returns from Uruguay
- 8. Counterfeit men cite unit of currency
- 9. Men in admiralty impound Columbian ship
- 10. Outspoken, able, accomplished
- 11. Architect working in a snare
- 12. Find out what gumshoe does
- 13. Lenya twisted bottle cap off
- 14. Article, for example is shield
- 15. Go away in earthen cell
- 16. Separates two positions
- 17. Restores energy in dogs
- 18. Journey limits of travel week
- 19. Contexts involving alien in confidence games
- 20. Swiss, say, for a smile
- 21. Trouble in core is cancellation

## Down

- 1. Disturb a majority, including the French
- 2. Unusual turnaround in one little travel route
- 3. Retrogressively emend fluctuation
- 4. Become ill when neck is broken
- 5. Weights certain seeds
- 6. Grass game
- 7. Turn away concocting a neat lie
- 8. Observe object boiling
- 9. Club in Adirondacks
- 10. Current lock performer
- 11. Female drops out of unqualified group
- 12. Cleverest copper assay
- 13. Mistake insect on the go
- 14. Sheer ice traps Norwegian explorer
- 15. Win over southeastern leader
- 16. Excellent retreat in paradise
- 17. Right- or left-hand English
- 18. Jail jack has five in poll
- 19. Break soil for storage place
- 20. Blood feud netted mayhem in Virginia
- 21. Fellow disembarker in strainer
- 22. Fish study where to cultivate

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