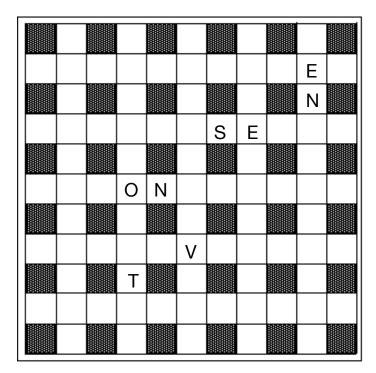
Crisscross Crunch

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This puzzle suffers a tight squeeze. The answer words read straight across or straight down, but they overlap by one, two, three, or four letters. For example, the answer "battLE" might overlap the answer "LEgs" by two letters and be entered as "BATTLEGS." The clues for Across and Down are in **alphabetical order** according to answers, and the word lengths are in parentheses. We've placed some letters to get you started.



ACROSS

He's a clown (4) He had a bright idea (6) Rough-edged (5) High end auto (5) Alabama city (6) _____ uno (6) Fairy tale baddie (4) Picture puzzle (5) Taco topping (5) Prepares for a rainy day (5) Poison antidote (5) Type of fund (5) Software consumer (4) Church governing body (6) Restricted, as for land use (5)

DOWN

Roman Senate space (5) Referential pronoun (6) Anderson or Brown (5) _____ Strauss jeans (4) List of offerings (4) Distance runner (5) Stubborn animal (4) Jittery (7) Pecan, e.g. (3) Apes that just hang around (6) Pearl producer (6) Bit of gossip (5) Copier food (5) Sights seer (7) Nix the act (4)