



Double or Nothing | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

Across and Down answers are clued in pairs, row by row and column by column; these answers are to be entered normally in their given order. In the finished grid each of the 16 shaded boxes will be surrounded by eight letters. If a letter occurs twice among those eight, put that letter in the box; if no letter is doubled, put O in the box. The 16 boxed letters will spell our advice to gamblers.

Across

- 1 ▶ Small fraction of a bushel—hardly anything (5)
 - ▶ In a trial, copper is most critical (7)
- 2 ▶ English essayist is appearing in "Home Improvement" (7)
 - ▶ Picked up behind popular and expensive bar (5)
- 3 ▶ Diamond hero Jay in show biz makes a comeback (7)
 - ▶ Indian leader turned chicken before all the rest? (5)

- 4 ▶ Network initially promoting Toyota brand (6)
 - ▶ "Are you online?" took off in a hurry (6)
- 5 ▶ Blue state broadcast interrupted by famed Bruin (6)
 - ▶ Slowpoke starts on the uphill race, then loses energy (6)
- 6 ▶ Rewoven Hellenic yarn (8)
 - ▶ Bar drink splashes around (4)
- 7 ▶ Good sign for bad computer operator (4)
 - ▶ Culmination of a race on ice let loose (8)
- 8 ▶ Touch of satin in beds is expensive (5)
 - ▶ Unstable peak can fall flat (7)

Down

- 9 ▶ Brainy, quiet German-French Dadaist (5)
 - ▶ K-pop star: smart know-it-all? (7)
- 10 ▶ Benefactor put a stop to someone having debts (7)
 - ▶ Calls for extensions of gym? (5)
- 11 ▶ Peak ascent unfinished by hacker (6)
 - ▶ Get exhausted habit broken by card game (3,3)
- 12 ▶ Regarding a match in the ring (5)
 - ▶ Dine, eating healthily, and get fat (5,2)
- 13 ▶ Foolish to scorn partner (7)
 - ▶ Brew by a digital companion (5)
- 14 ▶ Mission statements from close to a dozen aliens (6)
 - ▶ Blend of citrus from the country (6)
- 15 ▶ Fraction of elevation, front to back (6)
 - ▶ Order a kit or set of three (6)
- 16 ▶ Jeff's partner, back with a jazzman on the piano (5)
 - ▶ Changing gender—a craze (7)

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