ONE TWO TWO

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As in a "one two three" puzzle, some squares in this grid may contain two or even three letters. The top quarter of these special squares will relate to the title according to a particular scheme; applying this scheme in reverse to the other special squares, and to the squares symmetrically opposite them (using left-right symmetry), will yield the ultimate answer.

Across

- 1. Next to the empty computer memory unit
- 4. Number with no proper divisors, not counting e as proper
- 8. Shot about to appear in pilot is cut short
- 10. Punches headless amphibians
- 11. Ring outside is audible
- 12. Ultimately keeps insect as a pet
- 16. Decorate again in scarlet and orange
- 18. Initially loved atmosphere in den
- 19. Back to get Penny Flanders patched up again
- 20. Caligula's to be in dresses
- 21. Urges for caviar, say

Down

- 1. Made like a brook and ran after William Schwenck Gilbert
- 2. Ten stopping over don't edit schoolbooks
- 3. First Lady's dark times

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- 4. Swedish heroine with many gold pieces and endless fruit
- 5. Knock down beams using your tongue
- 6. What Frankenstein said about bad wine-growing region (2 wds.)
- 7. Gibson eats a bunch of food
- 9. Note Haystack team has to include Luthor, yourself, and myself
- 13. Superbright lights of Christmas, endlessly enthralling Virginia
- 14. Plane's motion is exhausting to take in, at first
- 15. Janet's fiancé's nails
- 16. Seldom encountered red
- 17. Dentist has very compactly recorded movies
- 18. Cooked liver is work of de Sade, peut-être?