**WORD, CHAIN, LETTER, CHANGE**
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Ten other entries each consist of two answers that differ only by one unchecked letter. Cram both letters into the grid. Each pair is clued by a “double” definition, like “Improved character (6)” for (B/L)ETTER. (B and L would be entered in the same box.) In one case, one of the pair is a two-word phrase.

Other clues are normal.

**Across**

1. Workers’ protests are tests of strength (9)
10. Mutter “Danger!” (6)
11. Musical group with spirit (4)
13. Gloomy morning becomes noon. Be happy! (4)
15. Exchange a tiny amount (5)
19. More than one free electron is carrying on (4)
20. An upset in store disturbed politician (7)
21. Look narrowly -- a knowing look (4)
25. New jewelry is appropriate (4)
26. God’s territory (4)
30. Greek letters without modifications (4)
31. From Sartre: “Existentialism? It has roots”... (4)
33. ...“Follows obstetrics?” “Yes, perhaps.” (5)
37. Traveled on a highway, so to speak (4)
38. Resort reassigned personnel (6)
39. Number game (9, hyphenated)

**Down**

2. Type of produce mishandled in cargo (7)
3. Terrible dread over sinful, foolhardy person (9)
4. Idle on tail or step unevenly (6)
6. Arrest and put one in the pen (3)
7. Wonderful cure... (5)
8. ... by way of clipping the wings of birds (3)
9. Card game (5)
12. Bishop’s staff is Catholic, more optimistic (7)
16. Veto of Red nukes upheld, getting in the way (9)
18. Frugal at heart, in getting away from extortion (7)
23. Italian course — its root is tangled (7)
26. Absent hint about castle (rook) is to be added (6)
27. Fundamentalist nurse wearing garment backwards? Quite the opposite. (6)
29. Start off hungry, get thin (5)
35. Understood an adage (3)