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1 S	E	C	2 R	E	3 T				4 H	E	5 A	L	E	6 D
T			U		7 A	L	8 O	N	E		T			I
9 I	T	E	M		I		R		R		10 S	O	O	N
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27 T	R	I	P		E		T		I		28 H	E	R	A
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30 R	A	F	T	E	R				31 D	E	R	I	V	E

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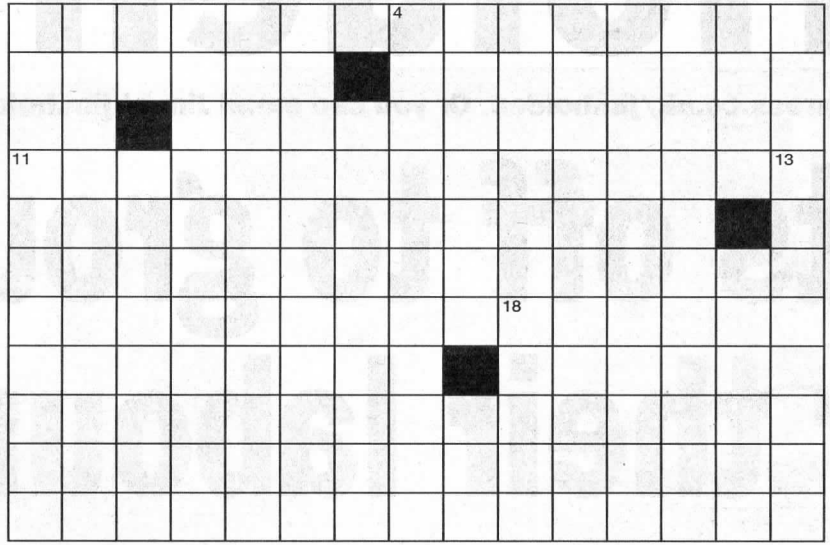

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ACROSS

3 People drunks have run in
8 Rodent over sheep and cat
9 Look at unfinished soft fruit
10 Strength, when determined
11 Consideration of key player
12 Climbing stance sorted out
14 Hang about, judge has gas!
15 Soldiers back on leave due to this...
16 ...go for shelled war zone
17 A listener's remained sedate
19 Shop order acceptable (2 words)
21 Money cut up by leader, in part
23 Similar element in an invention
24 Distance a rep's wrong about
25 String put on round instrument for nothing
26 Family group's gutted leaders

DOWN

1 Cake baker starts twice
2 Bare back still cold
3 Peer short tenor found
4 Doubt about Verona and its layout
5 A dish put away empty
6 A scarlet cup used to be great
7 Trash harbouring a singular pest
11 Fast walkers going around a corner
13 Suspicion about closer contest
17 Kids opening tins up for food
18 Physician: "perhaps symptom's source remains"
20 Backward porter with no style
22 Set limit initially a helpful thing

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