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## ACROSS

1 A bar involved with child, drunk, calling for AA unit? (9)
11 As part of arthroscopy, lopped back tumour (5)
13 Escape clause that in France is overlooked in resort there (6)
14 Ongoing drama, one seen in instances of regaining property returned (6)
15 What, typically, has two halves, these being switched to a great extent(4)
17 No longer excel in beauty, as once seen in retiring screen goddess (7)
18 Involved in Saigon co. I'll show what's concerning oriental culture (11)
19 Anyone's game? Part of it includes local making comeback (6)
20 Example of Scots pants, not right in the middle of seat (4)
21 Idle maybe first to last in the grass (4)
24 Head of Reuters, I voice dramatic news source? (6)
26 Swaggered, having learnt posturing buck's supreme feature? (11, 2 words)
28 Vestibule, and not confined to women - that's retrograde (7)
30 Scottish pub maybe serving measures of hearty old usquebaugh, strong (4)
31 Sponsor's pen in operation no longer? The opposite (6)
32 Store capable of stretching without opening time (6)
33 Weak trailing without strength (5)
34 Laurel acquired in thrilling Derby? One's looking on (9)

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TRAUMA (with 't' misprinted)
1 M. A. Macdonald-Cooper (Glenmore, Westbank, Westmuir, Kirriemuir, Angus DD85LR): Hears of distraught mother's emotional shock (heart; trau + ma). 2 P. McKenna (Eastbourne, East Sussex): Broken metatarsus sews badly leaving emotional shock (sets; anag. less anag.).

Quotation: '(Words may be false and full of art,) Sighs are the natural language of the heart.' (from Thomas Shadwell's Psyche)

Correct form of misprinted word, then note if necessary.

Across 1, bits; 7, silver; Ag in fus(s); 12, gripping; peri d all in pine; 13 , hung; 14 , slued; ( $h$ ) ol(e) + anag.; 15, draught; hidden; 17, rather; reen ingey $+\mathrm{e} ; 18$, tote; 19 , later; 21 , short; I+ owly; 25, led; cap + le(d); 27, in; 30, backing; CE (rev.) in anag.; 32, rugger; 33, cur; rat l in anag.; 34, last; lin cush(y); 35, lines.
Down 2, pole; I + rind in pole; 3, sea; 4, ninny; nit (rev.) + anag.; 5, raising; $r$ + brose (rev.); 6, put; row in let (rev.); 7 , at; l in flo(at); 8, gangster; ad don; 9 , lime; $M$ in gilet; 10 , done; sen (Monika) Seles + sly; 11, fiction; tale in anag.; 16, sight; 'Islay tier'; 20, shilling; 22, week; w a ragl; 23, ruth (qv); 24, state; pie + air (rev.); see Pierian; 26 , seat; 28 , rounds; 29 , wet; $A M A+H$.

3 W. F. Main (Birmingham): Perhaps confusion would result when a rum is drunk in tapas bar action (contusion; anag inta(pas)).
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## DOWN

2 Sedative that is taken below the upper limit (6)
3 Nasty mess I'm in demanding cuts? (4)
4 Soporific not accepted by addict (7)
5 Scotch liquor's socially acceptable inside Glasgow dole office? Not quite (5)
6 Pound ingold, bet showing a certain opacity (6)
7 Geneva in outline's roughly marked with tiny dots (11)
8 The old grimace about great age - they'd decide our ends (6)
9 'Charm exactly 50\% reduced' - girl describing marriage ties? (5)
10 Antler has briefly ripped round jagged gash (9)
12 Skin that is very full of lines showing Jock's off-colour (11)
16 A choric song line reveals this unidentified plant (9)
20 Heretic perhaps suffering, made to swallow bituminous stuff (7)
22 Gangs of seamen, we hear, lively on Tayside (6)
23 Flaw imperfectly removed from winter 'blanket' is lurking (6)
25 One into temperance suggesting purity label for milk? (6)
26 Poor-quality Aussie collapse - runs limited (5)
27 Item of property, e.g. shown on TV? (5)
29 Amount sold in seven days (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

