Puzzle

"Fast Food"

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Instructions: Answers to the clues, which include four proper words, are to be entered in the diagram normally. Heavy bars indicate word endings. When the diagram is correctly filled in, solvers should find a hidden three-word phrase (not bound by the heavy bars) a clue to which is the title of the puzzle.

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Clues:

Across

- 1 Fruit is relevant till one drops out
- 6 Nuclear weapons turn back crowd in degrees
- 11 Second tier vehicle for crossing ice
- 12 A patriot to idolize
- 13 Brother Benjamin's seasoning
- 15 ... spicing Roger's Rum
- 16 Testament concerning a certain cache of gold
- 17 Advantage in the manner established
- 18 One in network produces corn
- 19 Quality of sound: tinny
- 20 Gently pushed and pestered
- 21 Setback confines your sea goddess
- 24 Food processing belied
- 27 Get accustomed to Jack's leaving hurt
- 29 Describe lemur's place in Brazil
- 30 Ladylike iron; note number
- 32 Weak link in an oven
- 33 Musical group of patriots
- 34 Fish swallows guy wrong way with protective coating
- 35 Just about died—No entry
- 36 Watch favorite turned back by tents
- 37 Presenting your leader: hardly orthodox

Down

- 1 Tree animal in retreat
- 2 Unsoundly asleep, by your leave
- 3 Saucy during supper time
- 4 Sorry, lost head but got bird
- 5 A tense upheaval in assembly
- 6 Got up; is near collapsing
- 7 Moslem lady to request pause
- 8 Only a mother . . .
- 9 Age between stone and iron alloy
- 10 U.S. edge is in transition, or was
- 14 Congregation of siblings?
- 15 Treading awkwardly up or down slope
- 21 Summons certificate of admission
- 22 Machine packages liquor in chemical suffix
- 23 Take tablet aboard ship for upsets
- 24 Nuts? Not this women's attendant
- 25 Taxes pants with energy
- 26 Personify corpse; measure first
- 28 There's no charge when McFee is host
- 29 Napkin over the French (Douay) version, for example
- 30 Aileron fracas
- 31 Gaelic poem without verb

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