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## Across

1 Leaves - goes back carrying a bit of string under tension (8)
6 "No females allowed" street? A girl is behind it (4)
9 African back-room? (4)
11 Amidst wild liana, male turns into beast (6)
12 Stake buried in Italian territory (4)
13 Pioneers of souvenir manufacturers using gold are pleased with themselves (4)
14 State: "A short Frenchman follows donkey" (5)
15 Father joins partners to make vessels (4)
17 Capture in Sumatra port (4)

21 Can in Saskatchewan produces pong (5)
24 Perhaps, you can drive this at high speed - back and forth... (7)
25 Unites noblemen after loss of consecutive letters (5)
27 Average time for section (4)

28 Cut tails of animals in Africa with pickaxe at first (4)
29 Church event followed by American chief in the USA? (5)
32 Empty glassess have, er, some mucosal tissue in the mouth (4)
37 Latin and North Australians likely to blow top in Italy (4)
38 Flat surface of animal seen outside India (6)
39 Tie back and get space (4)

41 Only male returned weapons (4)


42 Model wearing redesigned dresses gets sweet offerings (8)

## Down

1 Southern sailor's hero (4)

2 Express anger about mode of transport (4)
3 Bridge, not one in European country (4)
4 A long dash from one end of emporium to another (2)
5 Death ruins mood (4)
7 Saint goes back, carrying butter, in vehicles (5)
8 G-man met a tipsy door operator (7)
10 Indian politician's tune? (4)

15 Look and hear, little dog (4)

16 Contractor leading Indian batting long ago (4)

18 Summarise "MP gives up democracy at first" (5)

19 Fast bowler's a top achiever in preventing runs, for starters (5)
20 Tax-men in the US begin to irritate Republican senators $(1,1,1)$
21 Indian's address in southern Rhode Island (3)

22 Mira Nair's country (4)
23 Retain King's English record (4)

26 Man returns with alien a German displaying id (7)

30 Marts flummoxed by such phones (5)
3110 rejected jelly-like substance (4)
33 Spirit's low down at first (4)

34 I left Spain agitatedly to get forty winks (4)
35 Fibber's forged Lira (4)
36 God's collecting initially tailless rodents (4)
40 Yours truly can be seen in advertisement (2)

