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ACROSS

1. Put into words
5. Fishhook part
9. Avant-gardist's aim
14. Cry of dismay
15. Loyal
16. Cedar Rapids resident, e.g.
17. Unpleasant late-night snack residue?
19. Lyric or epic, e.g.
20. "And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will ___ all thy borders with frogs" (God to Pharaoh)
21. Place atop
23. Night before
24. Italian "thing"
26. Like children whose parents ignore nutrition science, maybe?
28. Behaving like a lion
31. Healthy
32. Bran variety
33. Ticket piece
35. Archaic preposition
39. Comestible celebrated in an old song, and what's happened in four of this puzzle's entries
44. Continental currency
45. Last letter of the NATO alphabet
46. Pugilistic payoff
47. Bumpy amphibian
51. More lathered
53. Two fig leaves?
57. Paradise
58. Sailors' org.
59. Rhythms
61. Cheap writers
64. Mommy's sister
66. Actor Pitt, after a break-up?
68. High-fat dairy product
69. Dryer residue
70. "It's my turn!"
71. Mass beginning
72. Blathers
73. Ensuing

DOWN

1. Weeps convulsively

1	S	A	I	D		5	B	A	R	B		9	S	H	O	C	K	
14	O	H	N	O		15	T	R	U	E		16	I	O	W	A	N	
17	B	E	D	C	R	18	U	M	B	S		19	G	E	N	R	E	
20	S	M	I	T	E		21	S	E	T	O	N		23	E	V	E	
			24	C	O	S	A		26	S	O	D	A	27	B	R	E	D
28	29	R	O	A	R	I	N	G		31	W	E	L	L				
32	O	A	T		33	S	T	U	B				35	U	N	T	O	
39	S	H	O	R	T	E	N	I	N	G	B	R	E	A	D			
44	E	U	R	O				45	Z	U	L	U		46	T	K	O	
			47	T	O	A	D		51	S	U	D	S	I	E	R		
53	54	55	Q	U	I	C	K	B	R	A		57	E	D	E	N		
58	U	S	N		59	B	E	A	T	S		61	H	A	C	K	S	
64	A	U	N	T	Y			66	B	R	A	D	A	L	O	N	E	
68	C	R	E	A	M			69	L	I	N	T		70	I	M	O	N
71	K	Y	R	I	E			72	Y	A	K	S		73	N	E	X	T

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2. "Excuse me!"
3. Gauge
4. Medical professional
5. AC meas.
6. Sleeves' contents
7. Hayseeds
8. Give
9. Watchword
10. Gardening tool
11. Possessor
12. Sculpt
13. Delivered a low blow
18. Fight against
22. Poem of praise
25. Initial stake
27. Get fuzzy
28. Bouquet unit
29. Hawaiian island
30. Rev
34. Commercial enterprise, slangily
36. Ultimate earnings
37. Seize
38. Smell
40. College military org.
41. Greek letters
42. Adhesive
43. Siddhartha Gautama
48. "I don't mind"
49. "Honest ___"
50. In a dull manner
52. Preserve the freshness of, in a way
53. What the duck says
54. Unprincipled lending
55. A rich ___ life
56. Sunlit entryways
60. Went down
62. Fort full of gold
63. Shipped
65. Mai ___
67. Sot's symptoms