REDUCING PHRASES

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The words of a phrase each lose a single letter to make another phrase:
SHE WAILS FAST RATE
HE AILS FAT RAT

In a few cases the words of the second phrase can also each lose a single letter – to make a third phrase.
THIS CART’S SOLID
HIS CAT’S SOLD*
IS CAT OLD?*

* indicates a relationship between two phrases

PAIRS OF 3-WORD PHRASES

SHE CHARMS SANDY CAN’T IT BLEND? NOW SHE STAYS*
HE HARMS ANDY CAN I BEND? NO HE SAYS!*

THIS COLD SLAB* SHE’S PRUDE LADY DOT IS FRAIL
HIS OLD LAB* HE’S RUDE LAD DO I FAIL?

BLESS THEM ALL MARY STANDS STILL AROUND THE RUINS*
LESS HEM AL MAY SANDS SILL (d.i.y. window) ROUND HE RUNS!*

HER STINGS SWELL RUNS AROUND BUSH BARE LADY’S COLD
HE SINGS WELL RUN ROUND BUS ARE LADS OLD?

DI, MEET HERO* THE HEARTS THERE WHERE’S SHANDY DRINK?
I MET HER* HE HEARS THEE HERE’S HANDY RINK (ice)

FUSE WENT BANG SPORT ONE THERE (a tie) THIS WINDOW’S OPEN
USE WET BAG SPOT ON HERE HIS WIDOW’S PEN

HER STOLEN LOOT* ESTATE MANAGER’S CALL (phone) ALL CROWS BLACK
HE STOLE LOT* STATE MANAGES ALL AL ROWS BACK

SOLD TRAM RAILS
OLD RAM AILS
PAIRS OF 4-WORD PHRASES

HIS GHOST WENT PAST  THE MAKERS SCORN BLEND (coffee)  THE BEST ONE LOST *
IS HOST WET PAT?    HE MAKES CORN BEND (magic!)    HE BET ON LOT *

HER HARD TIMES HURT TURIN'S CRAFT HOVER THERE
HE HAD TIM'S HUT  TURNS RAFT OVER HERE

TRIPLE 2-WORD PHRASES

SINGER'S CHAIR  FORGET CLOCKS  ACROSS BROADS (Norfolk, UK)  STOOPS DOWN
SINGES HAIR    FORGE LOCKS   CROSS ROADS     STOPS DON
SINGS AIR      FORE LOCK    ROSS' RODS      TOP'S ON

SPORTS GONE  HANDY STORE  HEARD CRASH
SPOTS ONE     HAND SORE     HARD CASH
POT'S ON      HAD ORE       HAD ASH

TRIPLE 3-WORD PHRASES

HIS MANAGER'S STALL *
IS MANAGER TALL ??
I MANAGE ALL

QUADRUPLE 2 -WORD PHRASES

STEALS JOINT (of meat)
SEALS JOIN
SAL'S JON (her man)
AL'S ON (stage)

A SENTENCE *

HIS CAT HOMER...
IS AT HOME