THE APPLE-SAUCE CHRONICLES

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Word Ways resumes this anthology of light-hearted wordplay (see the May 1984, November 1984 and August 1986 issues) with suitable foods and drinks.

FIBER McGEE AND MOLY new cereal in town
MAYHEMNAISE a creamy salad dressing that inflict injury on the user
VICTOR SHERBERT one bite and you feel composed for the day
DILL CARNEGIE the pickle that helps you to win friends and influence people
MINNIE-STRONI Mickey Mouse's favorite soup
BROUHAHA the noisy soup
PRUNEOCCHIO the fruit that grows bigger the more it lies around
GUTENBURGER the first beef printed by movable type
SPAM SHRIVER after two bites it begins to volley back and forth in your stomach
MALT WHITMAN a dessert made of leaves of grass
SALAMI a deli meat that gives you an Oriental greeting
THOMAS COLE SLAW special food at the Hudson River deli
ROBERT FROSTING it has miles to go to cover your cake
TRUMAN CHAPOTE the Mexican persimmon eaten in cold blood
CHAPATTY DUKF take one bite of this griddle cake and you'll feel like playing Helen Keller
RYE BOLGER the grain that makes you feel like dancing
SOUP DE GIAOUR Christian served up by Turkish cannibals
NORMAN JELLO JOJO one taste and you feel composed
HAM BORGES Argentina's Big Mac
BRACELETTUCE vegetable you wear around your wrist
NAT KING COLE SLAW the salad that sings "Unforgettable"
SPARTACUSTARD the Roman dessert that fights for its freedom against terrible odds
COATMEAL what moths eat for breakfast
RAISIN vice committed by a dried grape
FIZZACATO in cooking, the plucking of a string of cheese with one's fingers
BHUTANG orange drink in the Himalayas
CRI DE COORS beer drinker's lament
PETE ROSE wine that has been a hit at most parties
CHARADE new summertime drink that gives you absolutely nothing to talk about
COCA KOLA the jackal's soft drink
EPISODES the soft drink you imbibe in spurts
CHIMPAGNE what monkeys drink at weddings
IMOGENE COCA COLA the soft drink that makes you laugh
LUMMOXIE the clumsy soft drink
BOO-ZE what ghosts drink
PEPSIDENT soft drink used to clean your teeth
LIMO-NADE summer drink made with a long black Cadillac and lots of sugar
PIDGIN the martini that talks back to you
MO E.T. the French champagne that wants to go home
T'ANG China's first artificial fruit drink
ORANGE JUICE CAESAR two sips and you feel a stabbing sensation in your stomach
BRAHMA SELTZER what people take for hangovers in India
DAVENPORT wine on the sofa
MARTINI NAVRATILOVA two sips and you're willing to serve anyone
IACOCCA COLA what workers drink at Chrysler Corporation

The following collection of brief verse has a logological flavor.

A busied effigy
Hired Jekyll,
M. Entopy.
Queer, astute,
VW axed wise Zee.

PHILIP ROTH KNOCKS OUT ROTHKO
Roth, K.O.
Rothko.

WHY YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANY WADAY RECENTLY
No wadays
Nowadays!

WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID TO ALBERT, 60 POUNDS OVERWEIGHT
Fat, Al!
Fatal.

IN BROOKLYN I ASK WHAT THE GUY WAS DISCUSSING
Dis Cuss
Discusses
Discuses.

FANS CRY OUT TO ENCOURAGE JACKY CUPIT TO SINK A PUTT
Cup it,
Cupit!

ON SINGING HYMNS
Te Deum?
Tedium.
ON ASKING TO SEE A CHINESE TENNIS STAR

Hu Na?
Who? Naaah!

I INTRODUCE VICTOR HUGO TO UGO TAGNAZZI AND THEN BOTH
OF THEM TO A CHARACTER IN SHAKESPEARE'S OTHELLO;
AFTERWARDS I ASK THEM TO LEAVE

Hugo, Ugo.
Ugo, Hugo.
Hugo, Iago.
Iago, Hugo.
Iago, you go.
Ugo, you go.
Hugo, you go.
Now I go.

LOOKING AT A MENU

See food?
Sea food!
Si! Food!

A person in love with the alphabet goes to the movies:

A-Haunting We Will Go (1942)
B F's Daughter (1948)
C-Man (1949)
D-Day. The Sixth of June
F-Man (1936)
GI Blues (1960)
H.M. Pulham, Esq. (1941)
I. A Woman (1966)
J'Accuse (1920)
K The Unknown (1924)
L-Shaped Room (1963)
M (1931)
N.Y., N.Y. (1955)
O'Henry's Full House (1952)
P.J. (1968)
Q Ship (1928)
S.O.S. (1934)
T-Men (1948)
U-Boat (1929)
V.I.P's (1963)
W Play, The (1963)
X, Y and Zee (1972)

A few more double features (see Word Ways, November 1984):

Frankenstein / The Bride of Frankenstein / Made For Each Other
The Godfather / And Quiet Flows The Don
Finally, cliches for a new age:

A mad scientist labored for years to create a living body from a single cell. He took a mole from the shoulder of Benny Hill and, by changing the chromosomal structure, was able to recreate a famous French essayist. Newspapers hailed his feat of making a Montaigne out of a Hill's mole.

A man got into a taxi and, as soon as it pulled away from the curb, he looked back to see a goddess running behind it. "Can't you stop the cab," he asked the driver, "and let the goddess in?"
"Sorry, Mac," he replied. "I've got to keep Demeter running."

When Marpessa Dawn, star of the 1959 film Black Orpheus, went into a bar at 6 A.M., she ordered a light beer. She was joined by baseball star Ron Cey, who, blinking his eyes, found it difficult to adjust to the dim light of the barroom. Finally the bartender asked him, "Oh, Cey, can you see? Buy Dawn's early light."

When a reporter was invited to visit the homes of old-time movie star Rod La Roque and the painter Peter Hurd, he got lost, and wired his editor "Help - I'm between La Roque and a Hurd place."

At a cannibal banquet, the chief was asked to choose between two dishes: a European flatfish cooked to perfection, and a raw stew made from an ancient Greek poet. He chose the second without hesitation, because he knew there's no place like Homer.

When the star of the bowling team fell ill one day, the captain brought in William Tell as a substitute. Recovering later in the afternoon, the star went to the bowling alley and found his place on the team taken. When he asked the captain about it, he replied "Do not ask for whom the Tell bowls - he bowls for thee."

At one time throughout Russia all the peasants wore silver medallions with images of Lenin on them. In fact, it led to the famous proverb every clod has a silver Lenin.

The great writer of game rules, Hoyle, once bought a porcelain gong which unfortunately broke. He wasn't sure that all the pieces had been found until his servant finished repairing it with the triumphant cry "Hoyle, Hoyle, the gong's all here!"

In New York's Soho district there is a store specializing in second-hand clothes donated by famous painters. Looking at an old paint-splattered vest, a customer asked, "Why does this cost $2000?" The store owner pointed at the garment and replied, "Gogh vest, young man!"