ACCIDENTAL TAUTONYMS

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Whether you call them repeaters, double-ups, reduplications, or technically, tautonyms, words like FROUFRou, HINAHINA and GUITGUIT are fascinating. From ATLATL to ZOOOZOo, and KAVAKAVA to TUCUTUCU, from DIVIDIVI to QUINQUINQUA, and RIRORIRO to CHIQUICHIQUI, they all catch your eye.

My favorite tautonyms are the 'accidental' repeaters, words such as TESTESTS, PALPAPAL, VALVAL, SESSES and the lovely HOTSHOTS that are 'visual' but not 'aural' doubles. Actually, in some compound examples the two halves are pronounced almost identically. For instance, with a word like LIPSILIPS there is very little difference whether it is LIP + SLIPS or LIPS + LIPS.

Here is a small collection of these intriguing 'accidental' tautonyms. Four-letter examples like ANAN, ISIS, MENE and iITI (a musical breast implant for women who are sick of men staring at their breasts and not listening to them) have not been included, nor have words like BERBER, MURMUR and TARTAR.

Those with no source shown are personal coinages. I'm sure readers can add to this list.

References
Net Internet (using Google search program)
UD Urban Dictionary [www.urbandictionary.com (Net)]
Web2 Webster's New International Dictionary, 2nd ed., 1961

AGASAGAS novels typically focusing on middle class families in British country houses (hyphenated in the Oxford Dictionary of New Words, 1971).
'The best-selling Agasaga author - still glamorous at 61 - was gloomily revising her target.' [www.daily mail.com, Yes, every little helps at Tresco's, 25 Jan 2004 (Net)]

ANTICANTIC opposed to something being 'cantic' (slanted).

CANSCANS images from a scanner on the production line at a canning plant; x-rays of the buttocks (slang).

CAPE ESCAPES views of or from a cape.
'Miss Hughes, a colonist of Provincetown, has assembled a group of landscapes of Cape Cod - capes cascapes.' [Arts magazine, 1935, p34]

CIDERCIDER one who commits cidericide, suicide by drowning in a vat of cider. Compare sewericide, death by falling in a sewer, and suicider, one who commits suicide.

COOPSCOOPS implements for scooping up droppings from a (chicken, etc.) coop.

CREWSCREWS multiple coerced acts of sexual intercourse with one woman by members of a crew, compare gang screw (slang).

CUFFSCUFFS scuff marks on the cuffs of sleeves or trouser legs.

DEEDEE one to whom something is deeded, or for whom a deed is done.
'The person they had done the deed for, the deedeed, spun a wheel with a cash amount on it.' [sting.spsu.edu, The Sting Online, The Histories that Matter: Game Shows, The Wheel of Fortune, 22 Aug 2005 (Net)].

ENTENT an old form of 'intent'. [OED]
a text message from an ex-boyfriend, ex-girlfriend, ex-wife, etc. [UD]

of writing, beyond the 'dextrad', that which progresses from left to right.

slang for hospitals (hack shack in online 'Surf Dictionary',
www.mintsurfer.com ).

'Are you sure you don’t need to go to the hackshack?' [www.veritaserum.com, Forums,
Everything Harry Potter - Book 7, Movie 5 News, Rumors, 4 Feb 2008 (Net)]

ugly women seen purely as sex objects (British slang).

'She...has shifted from being a faghag to a hagshag.' [forums.thestranger.com, Book about
Madonna's life, 19 Mar 2007 (Net)]

people with the surname Hawshaw, which appears three times in U.S.
telephone books. [Net]

pl. of hesh, a male homosexual. [Cassell Dictionary of Slang, Jonathon Green,
1998]

pl. of hipship, the state of being 'hip' or cool, trendiness (compare 'hardship').

shops selling home brewing supplies.

'The Grein raid in Chicago was the first move under what Commissioner Doran claimed as a
nation-wide drive on hopshops.' [Time magazine, Bottles & Barrels, 19 May 1930]

to bury in-between (other bodies).

of powdered metals, while interlaid, makes cohesive by the combined
action of heat and pressure (sinters).

the name of various glass and hair tinting enterprises. [Net]

flat objects used by children to skid down slopes.

'There are loads of decent slopes, which will be perfect for us to go skidding down on the
Kidskid.' [www.itsmymarket.com, Norfolk Single Dad, July 2007 (Net)]

skills used by snipers, soldiers, hitmen, etc., to take out a given target in a
single move.

'The gunslinger's killskills sent shivers through Fall Dog's spine - he had taken out both rider
and horse in a single shot.' [UD]

cough: choking, convulsive, 'kinking'. [EDD]

a joky name for someone not wearing pants, e.g. Dr Lackslacks (the Red
Guy) in 'Cow and Chicken', an American animated TV series. [Net]

slimy green Halloween mini-cocktails.

'Limeslime eyeball jello shooter, with lichee-red maraschino eyeball floating in it.'
[www.eatertainment.com, Eyeball Shooter, 2008 (Net)]

fastening with shoemakers' thread (ingle). [Chambers's Scots Dictionary, A
Warrack, 1952]

slips of the lips, similar to slips of the tongue.

'How many more opportunities for "lipslips" are bound to occur on the parts of all the
posturers for the White House.' [www.odwyerpr.com, Honick: Bombing Obama, 14 Feb 2007
(Net)]

old form of 'mythsmiths', myth-makers.

'I am a Mythsmyth and the future starts now.' [www.mythsmyth.com, Myth No More, 21 Jun
2007 (Net)]

a resident of Niten, Indonesia.

not belonging to the Anona genus of tropical plants.
PANPANS  West Indian jasmine shrubs that grow as big as apple trees, in Scottish poet
James Grainger's major work 'The Sugarcane' (1764).
'That town, embowered in the different shade, of tamarinds, pannans, and papaws,...'
[Caribbeana: an Anthology of English Literature in the West Indies, 1657-1777, T W Krise,
1999]

PEAKSPEAKS  different kinds of Peakspeak, language from the TV show 'Twin Peaks'.
'Peakspeak (lexicons of language spoken on the show, favorite quotations) - was heard daily at
office and at school.' [Full of Secrets: Critical Approaches to Twin Peaks, David Lavery, 1995, p7]

PHOSPHOS  short for 'Phospho sodas', over the counter saline laxatives.
'The phospho is salty and the strong OJ disguises the taste pretty well.'
[www.healthboards.com, The night before a colonoscopy, 12 May 2006 (Net)]

POLYPOLY  a market condition characterized by the farness of sellers where this has a direct
effect on prices. [Blacks Law Dictionary, 2007]

PORTSPORTS  a social/sports club based in Portland, Maine, U.S. [Net]

POTSPOTS  places where people smoke cannabis (pot).
'The roof would make a good potspot eh?' [UD]

PRINTS  urgent runs to the office printer, especially to print personal documents
before someone else sees them. [print sprint in UD]

REPREP  to prep (prepare) again, particularly for surgery.
'Time and cost will be saved by eliminating the need to reprep.' [Endoscopic Spine Surgery

RESTREST  in linguistics, an old-fashioned variant of 'restressed', compare blest, undrest, etc.
'The form no, with close o, represents a restrest weak-streo form.' [Phonology of the Cilental
Dialect, L A Ondis, Language journal, Dec 1934 (Net)]

RETTERETTE  a female flax reter (soaker), compare usherette, farmerette, etc.

RETRET  rehandling of a subject (obsolete). [OED]

SEMIASEMIA  partial asemia, loss of power to express, or understand, symbols or signs of
thought, compare semicoma, semi-aphasia.

TABLETABLE  able to be produced in tablet form.
'Tabletable formulations and tablets produced therefrom.' [www.freepatentsonline.com, 2008 (Net)]

TICKSTICKS  sticks used to keep a musical rhythm.
'Clapsticks, or ticksticks, are being used by didgeridoo players to keep a certain rhythm.'
[dragonworphiser.googlepages.com, Behind the scenes: Percussion, 2008 (Net)]

TIESTIES  pl. of tiestie, variant of 'teistie', the black guillemot (bird). [OED]

TONESTONES  supposedly, 'sensing' stones (e.g. in a cemetery).
'She found a tonestone and sat on it.' [www.macabremenace.com, Macabre Daze -Not Daddy's
Little girl, 11 dec 2007 (Net)]

TOPSPOTS  devices attached to the magnetic fuel level indicators in aircraft fuel tanks.
'This AD [airworthiness directive] results from several in-service incidents of wear and
detachment of topstops from the magnetic fuel level indicators.' [www.scribd.com, U.S.
White House Federal Register: 06-2850, 27 Mar 2006 (Net)]

TRIATRIA  pl. of triatrium, as in the rare condition 'cor triatrium', where a person has
atrial heart', with three atrial chambers. (tri + atria, pl. of 'atrium)

TRIKESTRASSES  instances of being hit by children riding tricycles, compare birdstrikes.

TUFSSTUFFS  slang for Tuff Stuff brand tape recorders, properly two words, but used
generically in the citation.
'Haven't you noticed all the scholkids with their tuffstuffs, cardboard boxes and cans of Mr.
UNDERSUNDERS  separates or breaks insufficiently.
UNGUNG  in 'ungung ho', not gung ho, not keen or enthusiastic.
'The present leadership seem to be very ungung-ho to work with Malaysia.'
[www.geocities.com, Bridging the causeway gap, 2008 (Net)]
UNSUNS  removes or blocks out the sun. [Web2]
UPPERSUPPERS  ones who dine at the 'top table'; meals served there, or in the 'upper berth'
on a ship or train.
'UPPERSUPPER  a meal served to persons in the upper berths of combination
dining/sleeping cars [on a train], perhaps.' [The American Mathematical Weekly, Jun-Jul 1988,
Letters to the Editor]
UPSUPS  sups up, consumes  [Web2]
VERVER  one who displays 'verve'.
WINGSWINGS  mechanisms for fitting the wings into, on the fuselage of model swingwing
jets.
'I had to sand channels in them for the push rods for the wingswing.' [myhobbycity.com, F-14
Tomcat (from movie Top Gun), 28 may 2008 (Net)]
WORDSWORDS  words used as weapons.
'No disciplines without disciples somewhere crossing their wordswords and cutting off each
other's ears.' [Open Book/Livre Ouvert, Geoffrey Bennington, 2004, p12]
XIANXIAN  of or relating to the town of Xianxi, China.
YISHYISH  somewhat yishy, perhaps a cross between 'yucky' (or 'icky') and 'squishy' ['the
girl... made a yishy face' (Net)], compare squishyish  [Net quotes]