

included. Doing this demonstrates that good squares with more than 23 different letters simply do not exist, so emphasising how rare good squares are.”

Jeff comments on Susan’s good work on transposable 4-letter sets but thinks AEST works best. “A few of the new combinations could be represented with more common words, e.g. TOSA, a Japanese mastiff, TAUS, Greek letters, TUIS, New Zealand birds (all OED). Also STEU is a nickname for Justin Steuer (not Stener), and OITS is an error for the name OTIS. Better is OITS dial. For ORTS. (Eng. Dial. Dict.)”

A PUZZLER

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Harold submits this fine poser. Can you fill in the blanks with no hints? The answer will run on our website in a few weeks.

