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A Short Bibliography

Some of our readers have inquired about books dealing with subjects similar to the content of WORD WAYS. For the benefit of such readers, we have prepared a selected list of books published in recent years, containing related material and puzzles.


Other books of interest are regularly featured in our "Book Reviews" section.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

Where is Houston, Texas?

In Texas? No, that is impossible. Houston, by itself, could be in Texas, and it is, but the combination cannot be, for Texas is not in Texas, it is Texas. Actually, Houston, Texas is in Missouri. You see, Houston is a small city in Texas County, Missouri, in the south-central portion of the state. Houston is the county seat. Live and learn!

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SCALING THE HEIGHTS

It will hardly come as a surprise to you to learn that the 18 highest named mountains in the United States are all in Alaska. Naturally.

What is astonishing, however, is that only one of the 48 next highest mountains is in Alaska. The other 47 are in Colorado, Washington, and California. For confirmation, see the 1966 Edition of *The World Almanac and Book of Facts,* page 291.

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DOUBLED LETTERS

Mr. Joel D. Gaines, an English teacher now in Honolulu, Hawaii, has ventured into the largely unexplored hinterland of our language, returning with a word that merits a permanent place in our Museum of Language: BAL-LOONNOOKKEEPPOOBAH. It describes an agent who sits on balloons at noon in a corner, in order to earn his keep.

The word features ten consecutive pairs of like letters! Can you top this teacher's world record?

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