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NONSENSE

Nodule nine thrags of war to one smidge of mirth;
Outrig seven garths of futility;
Nuance the evil mhs with nobility;
Saturate life's relays with sorrow's breath;
Excess the coils with draps of hate and death;
Nebulate the whole in cyclotrons of chance—
Should it not disintegrate from dissonance,
Entropy and term and useless bauble—Earth.

JABBERWOCK

Jaciously, we jaugled and gorted,
Arpent with joy, she blemed and dranced;
But then her grauve eyes chulled and stranced.
"Beware the xocho vird," she sklied.
Eye-high it dwooped, with wroathsome qweak,
Ready to gwear her zatin skeak.
Wick-wack went my sharp snickersnack,
Off went its qweak and xocho died.
"Calloo-callay," her thips with glack
Kalensed my face as we portled.

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A QUESTION

Mr. Rudolph W. Castown, of Manhattan, New York, has asked our help in
locating the author and the book that defines the "fallacy of misplaced concrete­
ness." Any reader of WORD WAYS familiar with this fallacy is requested to
send us the identifying details.

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