Comfort reason in jest!
   Man, you're betrayed! Is Eve?
Goat-angie in breedi-
ing glorious imp, Laura!
Go, tangle, inbreed,
Inglorious implorer!
Gauche ambling monkish apes
Of Endor—disturbance!
Go, shambling monkey shapes,
Oftend or disturb aunts!

Are you, too, on the homophone?

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A Word Game of Triples

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Many words are conspicuous for their repetitions of a single letter, like the S in SASSAFRASS, the O in LOCOMOTOR, the D in DIDDLED and the A in ABRACADABRA. A guessing game can be contrived by deleting the dominant letter in each word, leaving AAFRA, LCMTR, ILE and BRCDDBR, then posing the problem of restoration of the dominants—perhaps clued by a key word, which would be SODA for the first example.

The game would be too easy if spaces were left for the deletions, like —BR—C—D—BR—, or using very short words like BIBB, LULL, POPPY and RARER. For a sophisticated group, the game could be made difficult by including rare, archaic or scientific words, like ABAMA, IRIDIC and LILIALES, but for the average sleuth the task should be set within his vocabulary with just enough difficulty to afford him satisfaction in his accomplishment.

In the game which follows, the clues are 3- or 4-letter residues of fairly common 6- or 7-letter words from which 3 like letters have been deleted. The key letters, in order, will make sense. Answers on page 191.

NTAL ULE LVN OER SZG LNG NSAL OYX CCI IIG EEE
CCN ALE ASIS DOTC TRE POO RCC MIO PAE ENO CSB
AAL STH HOD LUY AES TEO NSPD EER OED SVR AES

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