Webster’s Dictionary defines colloquy as mutual discourse. Readers are encouraged to submit additions, corrections and comments about earlier articles appearing in Word Ways. Comments received up to a month prior to publication of an issue will appear in that issue.

Using the references cited in the November 1970 Colloquy, Darryl Francis has continued to add to Leslie Card’s "A Tale of Cities and Towns". A large number of placenames are numbers:

| Zero IA MS MT  | Forty Four AR  | Ninety One OR  |
| Six WV        | Fortyeight TN   | Ninety Six SC   |
| Seven TN      | Fiftysix AR     | Ninety-Six SC   |
| Fourteen WV   | Fifty-Six SC    | Hundred WV      |
| Sixteen MT    | Sixty Six SC    | Million KY      |
| Seventeen OH  | Seventy Six KY  | Number One ME TN|
| Nineteen KY   | Seventy-Six MO  | Number Four ME NY|
| Twentysix KY  | Eighty Four PA  | Number Eight MO |
| Thirty IA     | Eighty Eight KY | Number Nine AR  |

Yet another aspect of word play based on U.S. placenames is to select pairs of town names in a given state, the names selected being the first and last names of well-known persons:

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<th>Lyndon, Johnson VT</th>
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<td>Franklin, Roosevelt MN</td>
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<td>Ulysses, Grant, NB</td>
<td>Irving, Berlin NY</td>
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<td>Martin, Van Buren KY</td>
<td>Florence, Nightingale CA</td>
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<td>Chester, Arthur IA</td>
<td>Shirley, Temple, Black IN</td>
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<td>Woodrow, Wilson UT</td>
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<td>David, Livingstone KY</td>
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In the Mathematical Games section of the November 1970 Scientific American, Martin Gardner reprinted Walter Penney's cryptographic puzzle in which the words of a sentence are written in a (left-justified) column and the garbled text is read off vertically, starting with the letters of the first column, continuing with the letters of the second, etc. Alfred Kohler, Brooklyn, New York has written up a computer dialogue to aid in the solution of such problems. Upon request, the computer can (1) assume the message has \( N \) words, and rewrite the garbled message in vertical columns each \( N \) letters long, or (2) insert blanks into the garbled message at any point. Watching for plausible bigrams and trigrams, he finds the proper value of \( N \) by trial and error; then he inserts blanks to readjust columns placed askew by short words in the original sentence.

Dmitri Borgmann has proposed several additions to his November 1970 article "An Adventure Into the Unknown". Perhaps the best is a new transposal of America, CERIAMA (a variant of seriema, a large South American bird related to the crane and bustard). IRVINGIA (for Virginia) is listed in Funk & Wagnall's as a tree genus, and NASSAK (for Kansas) can be found under the entry for diamond in the same source. Webster's First lists ORANGE (for Oregon) as an obsolete variant spelling of orange, according to Darryl Francis. Darryl also notes that the Times Index-Gazetteer lists both MEINA and NAMIE (for Maine), and the Guinness Book of Records shows that one of the fourteen regions of Nauru Island is named AIWO (for Iowa). Until recently there existed a surname HOOI in the London Telephone Directory; Ohio is an exceptionally difficult state to transpose.

If coinages are allowed, consider ORNITHOCAUSAL (for South Carolina), RHINO-SADDLE (for Rhode Island), and LEADWARE (for Delaware). Short phrase transposals include A HOLM OAK for Oklahoma. Montana is the home of a nuclear research laboratory director named ATOM ANN, railroads in Georgia run on an obsolete track size known as RIO GAGE, and rural folk in Missouri refer to their wives as OUR MISSI.

Remember Walter Shedlofsky's acrostic poems in the 1968 and 1969 Word Ways? Several of these are included in a 48-page collection of fantastic verse entitled The Fantastic Acros. The price of the volume is two dollars, and it is available from Acrostic Press, P.O. Box 1071, Saint Louis, Missouri 63188.

After reading Henry Petroski's "ICUNW" in the November 1970 issue, Darryl Francis presented the following set of groups that can be transposed:

- WYO
- DEL
- VIR
- WAS
- MAIN
- AR
- NE
- IND
- PEN
- ALA
- NE
- FLO
- MIC
- KAN
- OH
- COL
- ALA
- WEST
- MIN
- GEO
- TEX
- MAR
- LOU
- MISS
- ILL
- OKL

Leslie C. Heide (DS) has...
issue, Ralph Beaman proposed spelling MUUMUU as M - Double U - M - Double U, and TRIDUUM as Tri D - Double U - M. Darryl H. Francis has located the Quintuple U word Struwwelpeter, an illustrated book of cautionary verse for children written by Heinrich Hoffmann and published in 1847 (Payton's Proper Names, Frederick Warne, 1969).

Darryl Francis has substantially improved his statename chain presented in the November 1970 issue. With the aid of the Century Atlas (and an obscure atlas of Dmitri Borgmann for the penultimate link), he proposes the following chain of 26 links:

WYOMING is in Kent County, DELAWARE
DELAWARE is in Southampton County, VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA is in Kitsap County, WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON is in Knox County, MAINE
MAINE is in Coconino County, ARIZONA
ARIZONA is in Burt County, NEBRASKA
NEBRASKA is in Jennings County, INDIANA
INDIANA is in Indiana County, PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA is in Mobile County, ALABAMA
ALABAMA is in Genesee County, NEW YORK
NEW YORK is in Santa Rosa County, FLORIDA
FLORIDA is in Houghton County, MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN is in Osage County, KANSAS
KANSAS is in Seneca County, Ohio
OHIO is in Gunnison County, COLORADO
COLORADO is in South Central District, ALASKA
ALASKA is in Mineral County, WEST VIRGINIA
WEST VIRGINIA is in St. Louis County, MINNESOTA
MINNESOTA is in Colquitt County, GEORGIA
GEORGIA is in Lamar County, TEXAS
TEXAS is in Baltimore County, MARYLAND
MARYLAND is in East Baton Rouge County, LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA is in Pike County, MISSOURI
MISSOURI is in Brown County, ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS is in Sequoyah County, OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA is in Daviess County, KENTUCKY

Leslie Card of Urbana, Illinois has extended his study of garble groups to seven-letter examples: (CDJMR TW) (AI) (N) (G) (L) (E) (DS) has a score of 28.