D I C T I O N A R Y  D I D O E S

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All beer mugs are Jewish, according to one of my dictionaries. With names like SEIDEL and STEIN, Egyptian they couldn't be. But then, dictionaries do tend to contain so many strange and wonderful and confusing bits of trivia.

For instance, since men of the sea have been going WHALING for centuries, when they fish for herring why are they not HERRINGING? Of course, compared to a whale, what magnificent feats of derring-do can an insignificant herring do?

Did you know that a seminary graduate can be PRIESTED, but one can not be RABBIED?

Tea lovers can indulge in TEAING. However, in the presence of a semanticist, at least, never, never try to indulge in any COFFEEING or any COCOAING.

Since an INFARE is a wedding feast, shouldn't there be an OUTFARE for a divorce?

Written works can be LATINED, if someone is available to do the LATINING. However, the same works cannot be GREEKED or CHINESED.

Commemorative stamps are issued for all sorts of trivial anniversaries. Would it not be appropriate for the Post Office this year to issue a stamp honoring the QUASQUICENTENNIAL of the first U.S. postage?