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.

The third and final volume of Jack Levine's monumental isomorph dictionary, A List of Pattern Words of Lengths Thirteen to Sixteen, has now been issued. For a free copy, write Jack Levine, Box 5548, State College Station, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607. (The first volume went out of print some time ago, and the second volume may also be exhausted.) It contains approximately 79,000 words (on computer printout reduced in size to 8 1/2 by 11 inches) arranged in groups so that all words with the same pattern (such as DEMULSIFICATION and GYNAECOMORPHOUS) are listed together. Incidentally, these two fifteen-letter words may supply an answer to the Query in the February 1972 issue asking for the longest word having an isomorph in which none of the letter s in corresponding positions are the same; no sixteen-letter examples were found. Ralph Beaman notes that no new fourteen-letter pair isograms turned up; furthermore, there are no sixteen-letter pair isograms or fifteen-letter pyramid words, ending months of speculation.

The Computer Puzzle Library of Fort Worth, Texas, publishers of a two-volume positional word list based on the Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary, announced its second word-oriented publication in April: Unscrambler, an anagram dictionary of words from two to seven letters in length based on the same dictionary. The letters of each word are rearranged in alphabetical order, and these alphabetized words are then listed in alphabetic order -- a boon for people playing Scrabble, who want to know what seven-letter word to make with a combination such as CDINOTU (try conduit or noctuid). The ten-dollar price, however, seems a little high, in view of the fact that the book contains only 13,867 entries. (The Follett Vest-Pocket Anagram Dictionary, compiled by Charles A. Haertzen and published in 1964, contains 20,000 entries and sells for $1.95.) Readers who are interested should write Computer Puzzle Library, P.O. Box 5134, Fort Worth, Texas 76108.

The diagram of part of the three-letter word network on page 71 of the May 1973 Word Ways contains several minor errors which were
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Word Ways subscriber Fred Hatfield (P. 00 Drawer 27100, Columbus,
Ohio 43227) has joined with Harry Bell to reissue M. E. Ohaver's clas-
ic pamphlet, Cryptogram Solving, originally published in Detective
Fiction Weekly in 1933. Despite its title, this work is restricted to
methods for solving simple substitution ciphers, not the more recon-
dite varieties published in The Cryptogram or discussed by Helen F.
Gaines in the Dover paperback, Cryptanalysis. Nevertheless, Ohaver
goes into considerably more detail than most other authors to develop
the idea that each letter of the alphabet has a unique personality - ex-
pressed in terms of its frequency of occurrence, its position in words,
the letters preceding and following it, etc. It is difficult for a really
expert cryptanalyst (like a master bridge or chess player) to communi-
cate to others how he does it; the order in which various hypotheses
should be tested when confronted with a specific message seems often
to be a matter of intuition rather than logic. Although the neophyte
solver will find it difficult to master Ohaver's wealth of detail on first
reading, the more experienced one can profitably use the discussion to
build on his own experience. The booklet is available from Mr. Hat-
field for $ 1. 50, and is a worthwhile addition to any cryptographer's
library.

The August 1968 Word Ways indicated the existence of three four-part
tautonyms: KUKUKUKU, FOFO FOFO, and ANGANG-ANGANG. Word
puzzlers have long believed that no tautonym exists with more than four
parts. However, Darryl Francis points out the existence of a seven-
part specimen, BUBUBUBUBUBUBU. This word, which is suggestive
of the sound of flight, appears in the Dictionary of Jamaican English
(Cambridge University Press, London and New York, 1967), by F.
G. Cassidy and R. B. LePage.

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ICE and ACE should be joined by a dotted line, and OUR, OUT, OAK
and EYE-AYE should all be underlined.

Several Word Ways articles and Colloquy notes have exhibited six-letter
words with four identical letters (TEEPPEE, MUUMUU, DODDED,
KAKKAK, VODOOO, ASSESS, COCCIC); however, no one has sug-
gested any five-letter words with this property. If one allows proper
names, Leslie Card of Urbana, Illinois, has discovered the surname
LLULL; according to the Encyclopedia Americana, Ramon Llull was
one of the most important Catalan writers of the thirteenth century --
an orator, naturalist, musician, mathematician, scientist, philolog-
ist, jurist, theologian and poet. A quick check of United States tele-
phone directories in major cities and suburbs turned up only four peo-
ple bearing this surname: Gabriel M. of Springfield, N. J., Joseph M.
of New Milford, N. J., Juan of Manhattan, and Louis A. of Brooklyn.
that there are only three common words ending in -DOUS: tremendous, stupendous, and hazardous. Writes Ralph Beaman, "I think that I've just uncovered a horrendous error . . ."

Josefa Helfetz's February 1973 article on a Scrabble Cube crossword continues to challenge Word Ways readers, two of whom have entered the lists with 104-point solutions. The diagram on the left was supplied by Ernst Theimer of Rumson, N.J., and the one on the right by Darryl Francis of Hounslow, Middlesex, England. Both puzzles are restricted to words found in Webster's Second or Third Editions.

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Z O H
W A Q F
K H U

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ye 5 fez 15
zoh 15 owk 10
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Curiously, there are no words in common between the two solutions. Mr. Theimer points out that the theoretical maximum, using the highest-scoring letters on each cube, each letter being used both horizontally and vertically, leads to a score of 114.

In a recent cover story on Norman Mailer's biography of Marilyn Monroe, Time magazine (July 16, 1973) said:

"Even Mailer's humor seems as heavy as the book itself: 'The letters in Marilyn Monroe (if the "a" were used twice and the "o" but once) would spell his own name, leaving only the "y" for excess.' Indeed so, and the letters in Norman Mailer are an anagram of 'Nil, O rare man' with an M left over for Marilyn, Mailer or just plain moonshine."

Darryl Francis points out that judicious juggling of letters leads to the anagrammatic statement: NORMAN MAILER'S STORY = STARS MARILYN MONROE.

Ralph Beaman points out that "The Longest Dictionary Words" in the May 1972 Word Ways should be augmented by the word HEMATOSPECTROPHOTOMETER, found in Webster's Second. A variant spelling of this, starting HAEMATO..., did appear in the earlier list.