**ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS**

KICKSHAWS  David L. Silverman

**Hybrids:** 1. indigo vertex, vertigo index  2. carriage cotton, carrion cottage  3. college protector, protege collector  4. parsimony alley, alimony parsley  5. lullaby wager, wallaby luger  6. monster spiral, spinster moral  7. pontiff mastic, mastiff Pontic  8. tendril mansion, mandril tension  9. poniard spatter, Spaniard potter  10. button cannon, cannery button

**Tetraphones in the MWPD:** carat, caret, carrot, karat


**Kickshaw Updates:** 1. Paris gives the apple to Venus  2. Dr. Watson rebukes Sherlock Holmes for shooting cocaine (in *The Sign of Four, A Study in Scarlet*, and *The Man With The Twisted Lip*)

**Portmanteau Words:** The only imposters are 1. grasp, and 3. harry
This famous poem, A Visit from St. Nicholas, was first published anonymously in the Troy (NY) Sentinel on the 23rd of December, 1823. Its author, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863), wrote it for his children in 1822.

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