The recent publication of Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary (reviewed elsewhere in this issue) prompts me to ask if readers of Word Ways really know their unusual, obscure and preposterous words. Below are 21 subjects and three columns of words. For each subject, find a word from each column that goes with it. For example, under BLIND (No. 2) one should select abacinate (17), chionablepsia (5) and exoculate (1). This is abbreviated as 2: 17 - 5-1. That leaves 20 combinations for you to match. Score yourself 5 for each correct group. A score of 70 or less (see Answers and Solutions) suggests you had better read MBD.

1 BALDNESS ariolation eyot exoculate
2 BLIND acomia jerrican xenoepist
3 CALL TO DOGS firkin rammish scree
4 COWARD fescennine ingle deipnosophist
5 DINING khamsin popoloeo quakerbuttock
6 DIRTY appanage cenacle ischidrosis
7 DUST STORM mijnheer jadu holm
8 FORTUNETELLING accubation phreatic rab
9 GALLON CONTAINERS nide shamal staboy
10 GROUP OF BIRDS meacock manbote mantology
11 HOMOSEXUAL BOY meacock manbote mantology
12 HORNY meacock manbote mantology
13 DEATH PAYMENT barbaralalia paddling kilderkin
14 SMALL ISLAND pornerastic atrichia mungo
15 SPEECH (FOREIGN) fud mortling wegild
16 STONES abacinate scopelism simoom
17 SWEATING eric nithing wallet
18 TIP hirr baksheesh sord
19 TITLE cairn mirza calvitie
20 UNDERGROUND H₂O bletonism desudation mol
21 WOOL

Hint: a special feature about each group of three should help you.