between primates that trim orators: or Third gives "neat and neat this be " of slender.

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Alphabetic Eleusis: 1. the consonants that follow the nth vowel

Alphabet: Francis

Three-Way Connections: X ray (n. electromagnetic radiation of extremely short wave-length), X-ray (v. to photograph with X rays), Xray (a communications code word for the letter X).

A Problem of Relations: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto (you). Variant creation legends make Venus either the daughter of Jupiter and Dione or of Uranus and the Sea-Foam. If there is, indeed, a planet inside the orbit of Mercury, it would bear the traditional name Vulcan. If, as has been claimed, there is another planet outside Pluto's orbit, the names Vesta and Ceres have both been proposed for it (although this would introduce some ambiguity, for these names have already been given to two of the largest asteroids).

Miscellany: locus classicus

Curious Couplings: What Walter Penney did for Latin and Solomon Golomb for Danish in prior issues of this journal, Ralph Beaman has done for French. Each of the twenty words is French and when translated back into English, word by word, these ten combinations emerge: garlic bread, short hand, soiled oven, corner tooth, gold country, sand tower, your thing, leap year, field goal, bear cat. What is the longest coherent English sentence you can concoct, each word of which is a French word? You may neglect diacritics.

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1. acomia, atrichia, calvities 2. abacinate, chionablepsia, exoculate
3. hirc, recheat, staboy 4. meacock, nithing, quakerbuttock
5. accubation, cenacle, delphnosophist 6. fessennine, immund, moll
7. khamsin, shamal, simoom 8. ariolation, jadu, mantology
9. firkin, jerrican, kilderkin 10. nide, paddling, sord
11. catamite, ingle, pathic 12. pornerastic, rammish, ruttish
13. eric, manbote, wergild 14. ait, eyot, holm
15. barbaralalia, popoloce, xenoeplist 16. cairn, scopelism, scree
17. anhidrotic, desudation, ischidrosis 18. appanage, baksheesh, bonamano
19. mijnheer, mirza, rab 20. bletonism, phreatic, swallet
21. fud, mortling, mungo