AN ALL-CONSONANT CROSSWORD

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In August 1973 we offered a crossword puzzle consisting solely of three-letter all-vowel (AEIOUY) words. Seeing this puzzle, Palmer Peterson of Lennox, South Dakota tried his hand at constructing an all-consonant puzzle using the same crossword pattern. We were most intrigued by his effort, but discovered that many of his words had been taken from references eighty years or more old. We decided to construct an all-consonant crossword using contemporary dictionaries, and eventually succeeded with the offering below, based solely on Webster's Second, Webster's Third, and The Oxford English Dictionary.

As all-consonant three-letter words are considerably less common than all-vowel ones, certain compromises were necessary: some items are abbreviations rather than true words, and others are obsolete variants last used centuries ago. To aid the reader, all definitions have been made as transparent as possible.

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1. An insecticide
2. A doctor of science
3. Obsolete form of drew
4. Obsolete Scots form of rood
6. An exclamation
5. A hissed sound
8. Bachelors of divinity
6. Obsolete Scots form of toom
11. Obsolete form of stew
7. Island in Yugoslavia
12. Unit of gamma ray intensity
8. Bowel movements
13. Certain shot pellets
9. Bachelors of science
14. Scots form of muck
10. Hush
(listed under muck)
16. Shore patrolmen
15. Obsolete form of word
19. Clay pipes
17. Obsolete Scots form of poor
21. Obsolete variant of prow
18. Extreme
24. Obsolete form of true
19. Obsolete Scots form of tun
25. Old Scots variant of use
20. Obsolete form of sun
(listed under use)
22. Old Scots variant of ug
26. Growling exclamation
21. A sibilant signal
(listed under ug)
27. Scots form of nun
22. A conventional courtesy title
(listed under nun)
29. Televisions
28. Obsolete form of wolf
31. Members of first families
30. Middle English variant of each
32. A doctor of philosophy
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