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God, as a devil I was Eve. 'Tis I'm Adam, now. Saw raw apple.
Here Hero's maidens are peed on, ogled. Omaha was in a panic.
Late Madam Irene, I was aloof. Aim a knife to me, ram, if I had
Eliot's. Ah, Eve had rib as I do. Gag as if I had a hen. Erie Lake
tasted acetic. Xerox alerts albinos. Seven wood items. Are we nosy,
Adam, or far? Eden, if erased art was, in a Matisse, odd; raw ani-
mals are odder. Casanovas I do go to. Get a hi-fi set, a Honda. Hi,
Desi Arnaz, rat! Lebanon is a mad Asian uterus. Sit, I may. A tonsil
is a bone, idiot. Tomato, never of same gas, I am to borrow. Octup-
led opals do go to me, man, I ward back cuts. A deer fillet is elated.


Is debris pure? Boston did its afro. I'm a lasagna biter, few say.
Away at Syria her Arabs lived. A taste prevention is a peel. Start a
fad. I'd keep a toga. Metal, up in a mine, has, alas, a heritage:
pond, a hip, a gap. Artiste's say, "Mere were hydrated, amiable men".
A snide, viler reviver ate jam in a montage. Big noses are mad. A
wet sleet is in action. Straw burned. Enact a plan. An Asian at no
moot. Tattle fever is not a sit-in. A vanilla fog sinned. Radar?
I won tubs. Eye care we do recall. I'd act safe, damn it. Stop story,
zookeeper, at seven. A clever otter, a bacon gob, an item. Harass
us similar, Omar of Bagdad. Slam in a nail at Israel. Plug a set in,
gigolo. Never act afar. A bed is no symbol, son. Maim a hen, if
amiable. Men, as sin, age retarded. A fat ape, ebon sign. I never
erupt. Ah, to see bared nudes, sapid. Evil dogs ate yams, Alpo, no
plasma. Yet as God lived, I passed under a bee, so that purer evening
is no beep at a faded rate. Regan is sane. Melba, I'm a fine ham.
I am no slob, my sons. I debar a fat car. Eve, no log ignites a gulf.


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Tarzan raised, I had no hates, if I hate. Go to God. Is Avon a sacred doer? A slam! In a ward does sit a man I saw. Trades are fined. Era, from a day so new, eras met. I do own Eva's son. I blast, relax, or excite. Cadets ate kale. Irene had a hi-fi saga. God is a bird. Ah, Eve has toiled. Ah, if I'm a remote fink, am I a fool as a wiener? I'm a dame. Talc in a pan. I saw a ham, Odel. Go no deeper. As Ned, I am sore here. Help, pa! War was won! Madam, I sit. Eve saw I lived as a dog.

A NEW REVERSE ENGLISH DICTIONARY

Martin Lehnert's Reverse Dictionary of Present-Day English (VEB Verlag Enzyklopädie, Leipzig, 1971) contains about 110,000 words and phrases, compiled from half a million English words according to their importance and up-to-dateness. (He lists 27 dictionaries in the section "Most Important Works Consulted", but none of these are unabridged.) The book is difficult to locate in American bookstores, but it can be ordered from Germany by Adler's Foreign Books (162 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010) for $21 (with a 10 per cent discount usually given).

This book fills a gap between Walker's Rhyming Dictionary of the English Language and the massive Normal and Reverse English Word List based on Webster's Unabridged. Even owners of the latter may want to consider obtaining Lehnert, for it contains many words not in Webster's Second. I checked a sample of 100 words in Lehnert (the top word in the second column on every fifth page from 20 through S15), finding that 28 were not given in the Webster Unabridged list (however, four were present in variant form: duelistic for duellistic, burnt-umber for burnt umber, wooliness for woolliness, and flavourous for flavourous). From this, one can estimate that about 25,000 words not available in Webster can be found in Lehnert. Well over half of these are multi-word terms, such as Marxist-Leninist thought, basic slag, world exhibition, twilight curve, dredge up, gold-star mother, and stand-behind.