MORE STATELY FORMS

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Word Ways readers may recall that I presented in the November 1971 issue a collection of forms (solid crossword puzzles having simple geometrical shapes, such as squares, triangles and rhombuses) in which state names were intertwined with state nicknames. The editor suggested that I might wish to try my hand at a related problem -- the construction of forms having the names of states and their capitals.

This article presents forms for 43 out of the 50 states; seven -- New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Indiana, Missouri and (I blush to admit it) South Dakota -- proved too refractory.

Although many words in these forms are extremely unusual, all are bona fide and can be found in English-language dictionaries or reference books of this or the last century. In the interest of brevity, I have omitted references for specific words; readers who wish to know the origin of any word can write and ask me for it.

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CORALLATE
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HAWAII
HONOLULU

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MADISON
WISCONSIN

ARCQ
ARTIAD
ARKANSAS
LITTLE ROCK

B SAC
SALAD
JACKSON
KAURITREE
MISSISSIPPI

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CHARLESTON
WEST VIRGINIA

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CONCATENATE
NORTH CAROLINA

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PERANGA
ATLANTA
GEORGIA

COLUMBUS SALT
AHANKARA UTAH
PICTURES LAKE
HOSELESS CITY

ASMON RUMANIA
SHARA ANOLING
SALEM DERBETA
ALAGI METALED
CETON AVONLEA
USING NEW YORK

TOPEKA MRACAJ
OCARAN RASULU
PAYING ASCIAN
ERISSI CUISSE
KANSAS ALASKA
ANGISH JUNEAU

PHALANX
BOUCONS
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LOUISIANA
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ERGONISI
DESIGN
SABELANONA
NOVAR
PAWA
LINCOLNS
SESO
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VISIBLE SOUND ALPHABET

The inconsistencies of English spelling have been a target for reformers for more than a century, enlisting the efforts of such famous personages as Charles Darwin, Isaac Pitman, Alfred Tennyson, Andrew Carnegie and Theodore Roosevelt. A short history and summary of the simplified spelling movement was presented by Kenneth Ives in the February 1971 Word Ways. Since there are more than 26 different vowel and consonant sounds, any system that firmly links sound and spelling must either use bigrams (combinations of two letters) to represent some sounds, or else invent new symbols. Sydney George Lund, a Buffalo octogenarian, has taken the latter approach in devising a visible sound alphabet consisting of 21 consonants (the usual ones, plus an N-with-a-hook to represent *ng in "sing") and 21 vowels (represented by an assortment of lines and squiggles). Word Ways readers who are interested in obtaining a copy of his alphabet should send him 25¢ and a self-addressed stamped envelope at 1405 Cortes Drive, Englewood, Florida 33533.