POEMS IN PRAISE OF ENGLISH PHONOLOGY Charles F. Hockett

AN OLYMPIC QUIZ Darryl Francis

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polymscope, cosmopolicy, lycopersicium, lycopodium/polycodium, polygamistic, cryptoglioma, hypokalemic, polypharmac, polymathic, myelopathic, polyhemic, lipothymic

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polychromia, cypseliform, compressively, myeloplastic, polysomic, polycrotism, polycentrism, polymetameric, polymythic, complicity, compostely, polyonymic

PRIMER TIME Ralph G. Beaman

Two letters, T and A, are used in this alphabet primer to form the three-letter words TAA, TAB, TAC, etc. Two imperfect words are TAFE and TAQlid.

KICKSHAWS Philip M. Cohen

Jabberwocky: The vicar swigs chilled bubbly in the parish too.

If you try this with "Jabberwocky" you'll find it much less amenable, but some changes are possible. "Brillig" is an adjective, for example.

Outlandish Limericks: There was a young fellow named Cowan
Who always to girls was avowin'
"Hello! What a treat!
I'm in love with you, sweet!"
Which accounts for the state he is now in.
Improvements are earnestly solicited from readers.


Our Kind of Charles Bostick Quiz: Each is the name of a language with more than a million speakers. Tswana was one of the languages contributing to the College of Interesting Cardinals.

Particularly Useless Information Quiz:
1. The assay ton, 29.166 grams.
3. These are the names of the Tengwar ("letters") in Tolkien's Lord of the Rings: tinco, parma, calma, quesse, ando, ...
   The last one is the word fire, or "heat".
4. Translated from Bureaucratese, his name becomes First name unknown, No middle initial, Last name unknown.
5. 3456. 8848. Observe that 3456 can factor into 27 and 33, which makes the arshin easily divisible into a great many different fractions. However, 8848 factors into 79, 7 and 24; God knows how they came up with that.

ANOTHER INTERLACED CHARADE  R. Robinson Rowe

The answer is DIVERSIFICATION = DIVERS IF I CAT ION. Some people like to shoot against par or brag about their score. For such competitive persons, here is a rating table based on the number of clues used to find the fifteen-letter word:

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