THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE (PART 2)

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In this issue of Word Ways, I present 131 distinct transposals of the letters AEGINRST according to the principles discussed in the August 1976 Word Ways. Foreign-language transposals, which are presented first, are followed by a label identifying the language. An asterisk preceding a word, name, or other term identifies it as being in the inferred, but nevertheless authentic, classification. Except where a dictionary source has been specified, all of the words are common enough to be found in almost any dictionary of the language in question. All abbreviations are spelled out in full at the end of this part.

1 ARGENTIS (L) - dat. and abl. pl. f. of ARGENTUM, silver.
2 ARTIGENIS (Ge) - c.f.p., in E, of ARTIGEN, dat. pl. f. of ARTIG, good, well-behaved, courteous.
3 EINTRAGS (Ge) - a gen. sing. f. of EINTRAG, an entry in a book or register.
4 GANTIERS (OF) - nom. pl. f. of GANTIER, a wooden stand for barrels (within etymology of GENTRY in The Oxford English Dictionary, 1961 printing).
5 GANTIES (F) - nom. pl. f. of GANTIER, glover, glove manufacturer.
6 GARNITES (F) - (you) furnished or stocked: pl. infl. f. of the v. GARNIR, to furnish or stock.
7 GINESTRA (It) - the Canary broom or genista, Cytisus canariensis, a much-branched, yellow-flowered shrub native to the Canary Islands (nom. sing. f.).
8 GRANITES (Ge) - a gen. sing. f. of GRANIT, granite.
9 GRANITES (Ge) - c.f.p., in E, of GRANIT, nom. pl. f. of GRANITA, a variety of ice cream. (Note: The It word for granite is GRANITO, with the pl. GRANITI.)
10 GRATINES (F) - (you) prepare a dish with bread crumbs, cook au gratin: sing. infl. f. of the v. GRATINER, to prepare a dish with bread crumbs, to cook au gratin.
11 INTEGRAS (L) - fem. acc. pl. f. of INTEGRIS, whole, unharmed, fresh.
12 NEGRITAS (S) - nom. fem. pl. f. of NEGRITA, my dear, my dove: an endearing term in coll. Mex. S.
13 REGNATIS (L) - you rule, you have royal power: pl. infl. f. of the v. REGNARE, to rule, to have royal power.
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14 SERINGAT (F) - the mock orange or syringa, an ornamental shrub of the genus Philadelphus often cultivated for its white, fragrant flowers: var. of the more common f. SERINGA.

15 TANGERIS (L) - you are touched: sing. infl. f. of the v. TANGERERE, to touch.

16 TRANSIGE (F) - (I) compromise, (I) come to an understanding: infl. f. of the v. TRANSIGER, to compromise, to come to an understanding.

17 TRANSIGE (S) - (he or she) settles disputes, (he or she) accommodates differences: infl. f. of the v. TRANSIGIR, to settle disputes, to accommodate differences.

18 *ANGITES, R. - a short river in Macedonia, Greece, near the Bulgarian border. The Times Index-Gazetteer of the World, London, 1965 (TIG-65) lists the name as ANGITS, R. The Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World, Morningside Heights, New York, third printing, 1964 (CL-64) lists it as ANGITES RIVER or ANGITIS RIVER. The spelling preferred by CL-64 were used by TIG-65, its entry would read ANGITES, R. It is a reasonable inference that atlases and/or gazetteers exist which index the name of the river as ANGITES, R., with corresponding maps showing the name as ANGITES R.

19 ANGRIEST - self-explanatory.


21 ARESTING - pres. part. of AREST, a 16th-cent. var. of the v. ARREST. The Oxford English Dictionary, 1961 printing (OED-61).


24 ARNITE GS - a pl. of ARNITE G, a thermoplastic polyester grade for injection moulding and extrusion. The pl. is formed in analogy to "governor-generals," a pl. of "governor-general" given in W3-66 (Gardner-71).

25 ARNITES G - a pl. of ARNITE G, a thermoplastic polyester grade for injection moulding and extrusion. The pl. is formed in analogy to "governors-general," a pl. of "governor-general" given in W3-66 (Gardner-71).
26 *ARTINGES - a ME f. of ARTINGS, pl. of the ger. of the v. ART, to confine, cramp, or limit in local position or action. Examples of the use of this v. range chronologically from 1375 to 1583. One of the ME spellings of the suffix -ING was -INGE, with the corresponding suffix in a ger. pl. being -INGES. Since both the v. and the -INGE suffix f. were used during the same period of time, it is an inescapable inference that ARTINGES was a word sometimes used in ME (OED-61).


28 ASTERING - pres. part. of ASTERE, a 15th-cent. f. of the v. ASTIR, to stir up, move, disturb (OED-61).

29 A-STERING - STERING, a ME f. of STEERING, guiding (ger.) (CD 89/91).

30 A STINGER - self-explanatory.

31 ASTRINGE - to bind together, constrict, compress (W3-66).


33 *EASTRING - the inferred name of a place or of a person after which or whom the locality of EASTRINGTON, in Yorkshire, England, northeast of the municipal borough of Goole must, of necessity, have been named. (TIG-65). Alternatively, it may be inferred that EASTRING is a var. of EASTERING ("shiftimg eastward") in the same manner as WESTRING is a var. of the much more common word WESTERING ("shiftimg to the west") (OED-61).

34 ERIGANTS - pl. of ERIGANT, an err. ME f. of the n. ARROGANCE (CD-89/91). Alternatively, it is the pl. of ERIGANT, an err. f. of the n. HERIGAUT, an upper garment or cloak worn by men and women in the 13th and 14th centuries: a word current in those two centuries (OED-61).

35 *GAINES, R. T. - the red. or init. f. of GAINES, Robert T., the name of an individual listed in the April, 1976 Greater Dallas TD (Dallas-76). While this is technically an inferred term, it is self-evident that anyone whose name consists of a first name, a middle name, and a last name reduces the first name and middle name to initials in some situations where such a reduction is required. For example, some types of records exist in which all names must be shown in such abbreviated form.

36 *GAINES, T. R. - the red. or init. f. of GAINES, Thomas R., the name of an individual listed in the June, 1975 Los Angeles TD (LA-75). For the rationale behind this term, see No. 35.

37 GAINTERS - the third person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. GAINTER, a var. of GANDER, to use conceited airs, gestures, and postures. The English Dialect Dictionary, edited by Joseph Wright, first published by Henry Frowde, Lon-

38 GAINNEST - a poetic second person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. GAIRN, var. of GIRN, to snarl as a dog, to look savage, to be fretful or peevish (EDD-70). The var. is used in Northumberland, in northern England.

39 GAITENS - the pl. of GAITEN, a SC var. of GARTER (W3-66).

40 GAITNERS - the pl. of the dial. or prov. E word GAITNER, one who binds grain into sheaves (FW-74).

41 GANISTER - a mixture of ground quartz and fireclay used for lining certain metallurgical furnaces (W3-66).

42 GANTERS - the pl. of the dial. or prov. E word GANTER, one who binds grain into sheaves (FW-74).


44 GASTRINE - a var. of GASTRIN, a hormone made in the pyloric glands of the stomach, supposed to excite secretion of the fundus cells at the base of the stomach (Gould-48).

45 GENT’L: A SIR - a word and its definition: a "GENT’L" is, indeed, a SIR. Both words are defined as "man". Furthermore, GENT is a shortened form of GENTLEMAN, and SIR is defined as "gentleman" (W3-66).

46 *GEN ....TR!AS - the customary, shortened f. in E of GENERAL TIAS, the military officer for whom the town of GENERAL TRAS must, of necessity, have been named. That town is in northern Mexico, southwest of the city of Chihuahua. Parenthetically, there are numerous towns throughout Latin America named for generals (CL-64).


49 GIANTER'S - the c.f.p. of GIANTER, a comp. f. of the adj. GIANT (W3-66).

50 GIESTAN - yesterday: a WS f. The letter C is a voiced palatal spirant (OED-61, in etym. of "YESTERDAY").

51 GINESTAR - a town in the province of Tarragona, in northeastern Spain, noted for processing olive oil (CL-64).
53 GINESTRA - the surname of a Mary GINESTRA, listed in the
July, 1975 Chicago TD (Chi-75). Alternatively, it is also
another name for the broom, Sarothamnus scoparius or Cyt-
isus scoparius, a yellow-flowered shrub found on sandy banks,
pastures, and heaths in Britain and elsewhere in western Eu-
rope. A Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary, Volume

54 *GNAISTER - one who gnashes: the agent of the action
indicated by the v. GNAIST, to gnash one's teeth, in the same way that
GNAIST is the agent of the action indicated by the v. GNAST.
GNAIST is a 15th-cent. var. of GNAST, and GNAIST is illustrated by a 15th-cent. quotation. Since GNAST was used more commonly than was GNAIST, it is understandable that the lone quotation illustrating the agent of the action uses the spelling GNAISTER. However, the inferential force behind the supposi-
tion that GNAISTER was an actual 15th-cent. word is irresistible (OED-61).

55 GRAINEST - a poetic second person sing. pres. active indicative
f. of the v. GRAIN, to form salt, tin, or sugar into grains
(OED-61).

56 *GRAITNES - a ME f. of GREATNESS. The suffix -NES was a
ME f. of the suffix -NESS. GRAIT was a ME f. of GREAT. Since use of the word GREATNESS preceded the beginning of the ME period, it follows inexorably that the f. GRAITNES was used during the ME period. Even today, GREATNESS is still one of the 2,000 most common E words (OED-61, CD 89/91).

57 GRANITES - different kinds of GRANITE, a kind of hard rock.
Granites differ in color, texture, and mineral composition
(W3-66).

58 *GRANITE, S. - the red. or init. f. of the name GRANITE, Sidney,
listed in the 1973 E-K section of the London TD (London-73). For the rationale behind this term, see No. 35.

59 GRANTISE - permission, concession, grant: a 14th-cent. E word
(OED-61, FW-74).

60 GRATIANS - individuals, such as a husband and wife, bearing the
French surname GRATIEN. Example: Jean Baptiste Gratien,
French theologian, writer, and bishop, 1747-1799 (Hy-51).

61 GRATINÉ'S - the c.f.p. of GRATINÉ, having a covering or crust,
as of buttered crumbs or grated cheese (W3-66).

62 GREAT SALT - self-explanatory. The King James Version or Author-
ized Version of the Holy Bible, any printing since 1900
(KJV): see Genesis 20: 9, Exodus 32: 30, 2 Kings 17: 21, and elsewhere.

63 GRETIANS - the pl. of GRETIAN, a 16th-cent. var. of the n.
GRECIAN, a native or inhabitant of Greece (OED-61).

64 *GRIATNES - a Kentish (southern English) ME f. of GREATNESS.
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the 2,000 most common E words (OED-61, CD-89/91).

65 IGERANTS - the pl. of IGERANT, a dial. var. of the n. IGNORANT, an ignorant person (EDD-70).

66 INERT GAS - a noble gas or rare gas: one of the group of elemental gases comprising helium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon, sometimes radon, and -- futuristically -- hypon, a formerly suggested name for element 118 (W3-66).


68 INGESTAR - a decanter, large glass, or bottle for wine, used especially in Italy: a rare 17th-cent. word (OED-61).

69 INGRATES - self-explanatory.

70 INGRETS - the third person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the 17th-cent. v. INGRETT, to magnify, make great, enlarge (OED-61).

71 IN GREATS - in the mass, in the bulk, wholesale, by the piece: a 17th-cent. f. of the expression IN GREAT (OED-61: see first entry GREAT, p. 388, col. 3, line 9, and the quotation following, dated 1631).

72 INRAGET - the second person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. INRAGE, an 18th-cent. var. of the v. ENRAGE, customarily used after the pronoun "thou". At the time, the -EST inn. f. was standard E (OED-61).

73 INTEGRA'S - the c.£.p. of INTEGRA, second word of the term RES INTEGRA, a legal case or question that has not been examined or passed upon (W3-66).

74 INTEGRALS - the integrals of INTEGRAL, the third word of the term INTEGRAL, a fish known to science as Hypo-
plectrus chlorurus, violet-black in color with yellow fins, found in the waters of the West Indies and Florida (FW-74).

81 *NIGRATES - the third person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. NIGRATE, to blacken. In Latin, the verbs NIGRARE and DENIGRARE both meant "to blacken", the DE- prefix in the latter serving as an intensifier. Derived from the latter is the E v. DENIGRATE, also meaning "to blacken". By inferential analogy, there must also be an E v. NIGRATE, with the same meaning. The same inference is to be drawn from a quotation dated 1868 illustrating the corresponding n. DENIGATION, hyphenated DE-NIGRATION and used in the sense of "unblackening, whitewashing" (OED-61).

82 RAIGNEST - the second person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. RAIGN, a 17th-cent. var. of the v. REIGN, customarily used after the pronoun "thou". At the time, the -EST infn. f. was standard E (OED-61).

83 RAINGEST - the second person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. RAING, to encircle, to streak in a circular manner, customarily used after the pronoun "thou". It is now archaic except in solemn or poetic language (EDD-70).

84 RAGEOUS - self-explanatory.

85 RATEINGS - the pl. of RATEING, a 17th-cent. var. of the verbal substantive (ger.) RATING (OED-61: see quotation dated 1667).

86 RATINGES - the pl. of RATINGE, a 16th-cent. var. of RATING (OED-61: see quotation dated 1534).

87 REASTING - the pres. part. of the v. REAST, a SC, dial., and 17th-cent. var. of REEST, to become rancid as does bacon (OED-61).

88 REGAINST - the second person sing. pres. active indicative f. of the v. REGAIN, customarily used after the pronoun "thou". It is now archaic except in solemn or poetic language. Use of the v. REGAIN goes back at least to the year 1548, when the -ST infn. ending was still standard E (OED-61).

89 REGINA ST. - a short, east-west street in the western part of Ottawa, the capital of Canada. It is in the Britannia Bay section of the city, just east of Britannia Park. Canadian Road Atlas, published by Rolph-McNally Limited, Bramalea, Ontario, Canada, 1972 (Rolph-McN-72). The name is also given as REGINA ST, omitting the period at the end: see the Postal Code Directory for the Ontario Postal Region, February 1976 edition, issued by the Canadian Post Office.


91 RENIGATS - the pl. of RENIGAT, a 16th-cent. SC f. of RENEGADE, a deserter (OED-61).
92 *RentisAg - the molecular formula for an unnamed chemical compound consisting of one part each of rhenium, nitrogen, titanium, sulfur, and silver. When the bonding is written $\text{Re=}=\text{N-Ti-S-Ag}$, each of the five elements involved is in a known valence state. There is no reason to believe that the compound cannot be synthesized, if so desired. It has not already been synthesized merely because there is no reason to suspect that it possesses some extraordinary, useful qualities.

(Element symbols: W3-66. Valence relationships: Dr. Warren L. Bosch, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida.)

93 *Restating - resatisfying (a desire or appetite) completely. The prefix RE- is an extremely common English formative, applicable to any English verb whatever. The v. SATE is common enough to be included in even the smallest pocket dictionaries (C-89/91).

94 Restinga - an African town on the northernmost coast of Morocco, between Ceuta and Tétouan (TG-65).


96 *Sargent, I. - the red. or init. f. of the name SARGENT, Isaac, belonging to two individuals whose obituaries were published in February, 1946 and in April, 1956, respectively (NYT-70). For the rationale behind this term, see No. 35.

97 Satinger - more cloying, more satiating: a comp. f. of the part. adj. Satiating (W3-66).

98 *Searing, T. - the red. or init. f. of the name SEARING, Throckmorton V., an individual whose obituary was published in November, 1957 (NYT-70). For the rationale behind this term, see No. 35.

99 Seat Ring - a replaceable ring that forms the seat of a valve (W3-66).

100 Sergiant - a 17th-cent. var. of SERGEANT, a noncommissioned army officer.

101 Signater - more designated, more identified: a comp. f. of the adj. Signate (W3-66).

102 *Singer, A. T. - the red. or init. f. of the name SINGER, Alexander T., listed in the 1975-76 Brooklyn TD (Brk-75/6).

103 *Singer, T. A. - the red. or init. f. of the name SINGER, Thomas A., listed in the Cincinnati Area 1975-76 TD (Cin-75/6).

104 *Stainer, G. - the red. or init. f. of the name STAINER, Gregg A., listed in the July, 1975 Chicago TD (Chi-75).

105 *Staringe - a ME f. of STARING. The v. Stare came into ME from OE. One of the ME spellings of the suffix -ING was -INGE. Since both the v. and the -INGE suffix f. were used during the same period of time, it is an inescapable inference that Staringe was a word sometimes used in ME.
Even today, the v. STARE is still one of the 3,200 most common words in E. STEARING - pres. part. of STEAR, a 17th-cent. var. of the v. STEER (OED-61).


STRAIGNE - a 16th-cent. var. of the v. STRAIN (OED-61).

STRAINE - a 17th-cent. var. of STRANGE (OED-61).

STRAYING - pres. part. of STRAY, to cover with something strewn (W2-53). The OED-61 identifies STRAW in this sense as a 17th-cent. v.

STRAIGN - a 16th-cent. var. of STRAY, strange (OED-61).

STREAING - pres. part. of STREA, an obs. var. of the v. STRAW, to cover with something strewn (W2-53). The OED-61 identifies STRAW in this sense as a 17th-cent. v.

STREGNE - a 16th-cent. var. of STRAIN (OED-61).

STREGINE - a 17th-cent. var. of STRANGE (OED-61).

*STRANGE, I. - the red. or init. f. of a name listed in the 1972 S-Z section of the London TD (London-72). For the rationale behind this term, see No. 35.

STRANGI - a 16th-cent. var. of STRANGY, strange (OED-61).

STREAIN - pres. part. of STREA, an obs. var. of the v. STRAW, to cover with something strewn (W2-53). The OED-61 identifies STRAW in this sense as a 17th-cent. v.

STREGNA - var. of ST REGINA, above (Saints-66).

STREGN - pl. of TARENG, a 16th-cent. var. of the verbal substantive or gerund TARRYING (OED-61; see 1596 quot.).
122 TEARINGS - pl. of TEARING, abnormal watering of the eyes for various physical reasons (W3-66).

123 TEA RINGS - pl. of TEA RING, a yeast-raised coffeecake baked in ring form (W3-66).

124 TEN RIGAS - ten cities such as RIGA, capital of the formerly independent Baltic nation of Latvia (WNGD-72). This is an example of the most common form taken by a pluralized indefinite article.

125 TIERGAN'S - the c.f.p. of TIERGAN, an OE v. meaning "to irritate, annoy, afflict" (EDD-70: see etym. of TARGE, to beat or thrash).

126 TIGRANES - the name of several kings of ancient Armenia, notably Tigranes the Great (140?-55 B.C.), who reigned from 95 B.C. to 55 B.C., in the last 11 years as a vassal of Rome. Webster's Biographical Dictionary, published by G. & C. Merriam Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1972 (WBD-72).

127 TIGREANS - languages such as TIGREAN, or Tigre, a Semitic language spoken in northern Ethiopia (W2-53).

128 TRAGNY - towns such as the town of TRAGNY in France, southeast of the city of Metz (TIG-65).

129 TRANGIE - towns such as the town of TRANGIE, in New South Wales, Australia, northwest of the municipality of Wellington, which is 150 miles northwest of Sydney (TIG-65).

130 TRASINGE - a var. of TRASING, a ME f. of TRACING, pres. part. of the v. TRACE. One of the ME spellings of the suffix -ING was -INGE. Since both the v. and the -INGE suffix f. were used during the same period of time, it is an inescapable inference that TRASINGE was a word sometimes used in ME (OED-61). Even today, the v. TRACE is still one of the 1,300 most common E words.

131 TREGIANES - the c.f.p. of the weak OE v. TREGIAN, to rue. The letter G is a voiced palatal spirant (OED-61: see etym. of the v. TRAY, to pain, grieve, trouble).

EPILEGOMENA

This, then, is the humble starting point for more intensive exploration of the AEGINRST transpositional set. Readers prepared to continue the search are invited to consider the following problem. In Providence, Rhode Island, there is a GAINER AVENUE, while in Atlanta, Georgia, there is a GAINER ROAD. Where in the United States or Canada might there be a GAINER STREET, reducible at once to GAINERST? The lure of No. 132 is irresistible...
# Abbreviations Used in Aeginrst Transposal List

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