Webster's Dictionary defines colloquy as mutual discourse. Readers are encouraged to submit additions, corrections and comments about earlier articles appearing in Word Ways. Comments received up to a month prior to publication of an issue will appear in that issue.

Word Ways does not attempt to reprint letters which merely say "I liked Article X" or "I couldn't make head nor tail of Article Y", reserving Colloquy for more substantive commentary, such as corrections and amplifications. Considering the diversity of readers and the wide range of material published, it is not surprising to hear the same article being praised and damned by different people. The following complaint by D. M. Gunn concerning "Eight-Letter Two-Pair Words" in the November issue was so cleverly done in a Whitmanesque style that it is worth repeating:

When I heard the learned logologist;
When the charts, the computer read-outs, were arrayed in columns before me;
When I was shown the ABAB patterns, to say nothing of the ABBA patterns, to savor and admire them;
When I, sitting, read the logologist, where he lectured with didactic cocksureness in Word Ways;
How soon, accountably, I became bored and disdainful;
Till rising and reeling out, I wandered off among others,
In the prosaic daylight, and among a crowd,
Listened in grateful appreciation to the vulgar tongue.

In the August Word Ways, Ralph Beaman demonstrated that all but two of the trigrams TAA, TAB, ..., TAZ were words. Darryl Francis, Dmitri Borgmann and Philip Cohen all point out that TAF is a river in Wales, in Glamorganshire county. The single-F spelling is found in the 1855, 1873 and 1885 editions of the Lippincott gazetteer, but contemporary sources spell it with a double-F. However, Dmitri points out a second TAF river in Wales, in Carmathenshire county, spelled thus in the Times Index-Gazetteer. Furthermore, he notes that it is English back-slang for fat, and is listed in Partridge's A Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English. Philip has located a TAQ TOP (a populated place in Iran) in the Iran Official Standard Names Gazetteer published by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names; all single-word placename Taqs are marred by diacritics.
Sir Jeremy Morse of London, England adds a batch of Latin AEGI-NRST words to Dmitri Borgmann's transposalist in the November issue. Many are formed with the interrogative enclitic -ne, which can be added to any Latin word. Note that some words are distinguishable only by long-vs.-short vowels.

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<td>you ruled, sing. infl. f. of regnare</td>
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<td>REGNATIS</td>
<td>dat. and abl. pl. part. f. of regnare, to rule</td>
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<td>he unseals, sing. infl. f. of resignare</td>
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<td>you touch again, sing. infl. f. of retangere</td>
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<td>nom. and acc. pl. part. f. of rigare, to wet</td>
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GASTRINE of the stomach 7 gen. of gaster
GRATISNE pleasing 7 dat. and abl. pl. of adj. gratus
STRAIGINE overthrow 7 dat. of strages
ST RIGANE swath 7 nom. of striga
ST RIGÁNE swath 7 abl. of striga
ST RIGANE witch 7 nom. of striga
ST RIGÁNE witch 7 abl. of striga
TRAGISNE fishes 7 dat. and abl. pl. of tragum
TRAGISNE porridges 7 dat. and abl. pl. of tragum
TRIGASNE teams of three 7 acc. pl. of triga

He also suggests two English-language additions: (1) the July 1975 London telephone directory lists a stockbroking firm Argenti, Hofe & Co. which can be called ARGENTI'S; (2) TARGINES is a river of Magna Graecia (southern Italy) mentioned by Pliny.

William Sunners of Brooklyn, N. Y. notes that Doug McIlroy's SNARK palindrome word square in the November issue can be easily changed into another one if one allows KNATS, the plural of a below-the-line variant in Webster's Second which the Air Force word list ignored. He recalls that the word KNATS enabled him to win a decent prize in a puzzle contest about 30 years ago.

The biggest goof in the November 1976 Word Ways is on p. 204, where the last three words of the eighth line of Walter Shedlofsky's anachuttle were accidentally omitted (add "with loyal adoration"). In "What's The Good Word?" sopd is not a placename but a star name.
Elsewhere in the issue, Darryl Francis has an article on transadditions of number names based on words in the eighth edition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. Here are three more transadditions he has found, based on words not in the Collegiate but the Unabridged:

- thirty-three thyroparathyroidectomy
- forty-three polytetrafluoroethylene
- one thousand enchondromatous

Philip Cohen critiques Allan Sly's "Badding Practice in Cennerfield?" in the November issue thus: (1) the O of money may generally occur in accomplish and monetary in Britain, but not in the United States -- contemporary dictionaries give the 'O as in dog' pronunciation; (2) X must become GS in exactly, and I know of no dictionary which allows any alternatives, but voicing after a stressed vowel (as LUG/ZHURY for luxury) is not universal and there may be some point in arguing against it.

Palmer Peterson of Lennox, S. D. belatedly comments on Ralph Beaman's "Curtailed Curtailments" in February 1976, noting that BUTTERINESS is an eleven-letter word that can be curtailed one letter at a time down to the initial B. BUTTERIN is not a word describing an inquisitive person, but is a reformed spelling of BUTTERINE; BUTTERI is the surname of an Italian painter (1540-1606). He remarks that PAINTRESSES is an exceptionally long word that can be successively beheaded or curtailed two letters at a time (INTRESSES and PAINTRE can be found in the OED).