VARIOUS KINDS OF WORDPLAY CAN BE DEvised USING DELETIONS: THE APRICOT CONTAINS A PIT, HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE YIELDS GARAGE SALES. THE MAY 1976 WORD WAYS FEATURED TOM PULLIAM'S SYNONYMIC DELETIONS. THIS ARTICLE FEATURES A SPECIAL CLASS OF DELETIONS -- THOSE IN WHICH THE EVEN LETTERS OF A WORD ARE STRUCK OUT, LEAVING ANOTHER WORD:

FEAST AND GROW FAT

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER FOUND THE BABE HIDDEN IN THE BRAMBLES

SHE MAY NO LONGER WEAR A BRA, BUT IT'S STILL IN HER BUREAU

UNLIKE ONION AND LEEK, THE SMALLEST CONTAINS ITS OWN SALT

IF YOU DARE TO DRINK POLLUTED WATER, YOU MAY GET DIARRHEA

THE SHOCKED FATHER OF TRIPLETS CRIES "TILT!"

A BARKING DOG Seldom WILL BITE, BUT AVOID ONE THAT BRESTLES

IF YOU INFLATE A RUBBER BOAT, IT WILL BECOME BUOYANT

IF I WERE MORE FLUENT, THIS WOULD BE MORE FUN

ALTHOUGH I STRIKE OUT MY ERRORS, I STILL ERR

PRESTO! THE MAGICIAN PULLS A PET FROM HIS HAT

FEW PEOPLE FIND BEAUTY IN A BAT

GIRLS I'VE STRUCK OUT WITH

SALLY I FIND MUCH TOO SLY

ANNETTE JUST RAISED THE ANTE

CLAIRE IS WARY IN MY CAR

DIANNE MUST SERVE HER DAN TEA

YVETTE? I HOPE TO WIN HER YET

ALYCE WON'T SAY AYE

ARLEEN GETS ILL ON BEER OR ALE

TERRY SCOMPS MY TRY

PEARL JUST WANTS TO "BE A PAL"

MAE NO LONGER SEES ME

BRENDA DOESN'T SHARE MY BED

GLADYS? GAY, DECEIVES ME

SWISS MISS TREATS ME LIKE A SIS

FLO LIKES ANOTHER FELLOW

WHEN I'M HERE, YVONNE IS YON

... YOU WONDER WHY I BELLOW?