A. Ross Eckler was the first to submit a solution to ATLAS SHRUGGED by Oscar Thumpbindle. He said “A tough puzzle! I think I have a solution: bulb, Agate, Union, polos, Minneapolis, Curtis, Taos, Lerma, Ill, Ban, ood, Canton, Bana, astern, Chattanooga, Cairo, Ankom, Amman, xeno. (Dimitri is spelled Dmitri.)”

Sir Jeremy Morse comments on Susan Thorpe’s “Odd One Out”: “Words which fail to be palindromes by one letter are reasonably easy to find up to a length of nine letters, as CATABATIC, DETONATED, POSSESSOR. Susan’s article includes three passable 10-letter examples: CIBOPHOBIC (A mixture of Latin and Greek), DEREDDENED and SUSURRUSEC. Can anyone produce a longer example?”

Ed Wolpow adds: “Current Word Ways includes Susan Thorpe's list, Odd One Out, and she nearly fills the grid she constructs. I looked into Jack Levine's List of Pattern Words to see if it allowed any space-filling, and I found only one, but an interesting one: 51234 46132 is solved with DISENNUIES. The verb DISENNUI is found under the line in w2 and means: to relieve of boredom. The verb forms aren't given, but both w2 and w3 admit ENNUI as a verb: to bore, and the past and past participle are listed as ENNUIED and ENNUYING - maybe a unique letter change for verb forms. Verbs ending in -I are scarce: to SKI leads to SKIED and SKIING. That -Y- must have to do with the verb ending in -UI, and perhaps ENNUI is the only example. One finds ENNUIES specifically written out in w3, so that DISENNUIES would seem legit. Nice word: Behold, as he disennuies her with anemones and anagrams!”

Darryl Francis located the name LINDA ROWE. It is a transdeletion of PALINDROME. She is a secretary listed in the directory of an email system in Cumbria, England.

Darryl Francis adds on another topic: “It was interesting to see Dave Morice's article Anagram Calendar in August's Word Ways.

I wondered about the extent to which anagrams can be found for the 366 dates of the form "month + day-number" - from "January one" through to "December thirty-one".

The results of a quick search have uncovered only a few examples. They are:
March one: choreman
March nine: Reichmann
March ten: merchant
April one: pelorian
April ten: triplane
May one: yeoman
May three: erythema
May ten: mayten, amenty

It would have been nice to discover examples for at least some of the other months. Maybe a more indepth search will unearth those.
If you move away from cardinal numbers to ordinal numbers, what anagram examples exist in the range "January first" to "December thirty-first"?

The only example I can find is:
May third: myriadth

A. Ross Eckler notes that: "In "Toward More Efficient Number Mnemonics" in the August Word Ways, Mike Keith reduces the inefficiency ratio (the number of letters in the mnemonic, divided by the number of digits encoded) from 5.5 to 2 while maintaining a high degree of sense. However, it is dauntingly difficult to translate the mnemonic into a string of digits. I suggest a simple alternative: select ten letters of the alphabet to represent the various digits of pi, and intermingle the remaining sixteen letters to make a sensible mnemonic. For example, if 1234567890 is represented by NIGHTWORKS, then pi is represented by G.NHNTKIWGTG, and the mnemonic GUN HUNT: KILL aWay! TaG iT! uses 20 letters to code 11 digits (1.8). Similarly, if 012345678789 is represented by NIGHTWORKS, then pi is H.ITIWSGOWH, and the mnemonic Have pITy--I Was GOd--WHy? uses 18 letters to code 10 digits (also 1.8). (For ease of memorization, select a ten-letter heteronym to encode the digits.)"

A POEM

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This is an excerpt from Gardner’s 1969 book Never Make Fun Of A Turtle, My Son (Simon and Schuster, illustrated by John Alcorn).

**Good Sport**

It’s time you learned that no one cares
To play a game, my son,
With boys who crow and thump their chest,
While loudly boasting, “I’m the best!”
Whenever they have won.

And surely you can understand
That people feel the same
Toward little boys who fuss and fume
And kick the board across the room
When they have lost a game.

So if you’d like your Dad to play
Another game or two,
You’ll have to show him that you can
Behave with manners better than
A monkey at the zoo.