ALPHABETICAL NEIGHBOURS OUT!

Bigrams made of alphabetical neighbours are taboo here and must be ousted – as long as they leave another good word. A few of these word pairs make phrases (*).

Rapgon is in Uzbekistan, Raon in France, Daqron in Egypt, Daan in Namibia, Yapwi in C.A.R and Yai in Burma.

AB FABLED — FLED BC BOBCAT — BOAT CD MCDUFF’S MUFFS* DE STUDENT STUNT* 
EF BEREFT BERT* FG OPGOING — OOING GH LIGHT LIT* HI PHIAL — PAL 
IJ HIJACK — HACK JK SJK (sick) — SI KL WINKLE — WINE LM BILMY BAY* 
MN SOLEMN — SOLE NO NOTED TED* OP PROPOSE PROSE* PQ RAPQN — RAON 
QR DAQRAN — DAAN RS CURSE CUE* ST GUSTY — GUY TU MATURE MARE* 
UV LOUVRE LORE* VW YAVWI — YAI WX YOWX (a hiccup) — YO XY GALAXY GALA* 
YZ FEYZO (Afghanistan) — FEO (Argentina)

SPUD.S PUD - A TAUTONYMIC TREAT?

Note: this item was written before I read Jim Puder’s ‘More Accidental Tautonyms’ (WW2009174)

MADAM ADA likes to think of herself as a chef extraordinaire and as a double palindrome. I prefer to think of her as a tautonym: MADA.M ADA (you get the idea). As to her culinary skills, I reserve judgement. She started her business with SLOAN.'S LOAN, which SHOW.S HOW naive she is, Sloan being a crook, not a cook. These 2-word tautonymic phrases give some idea of what she gets up to and what is involved in her chosen career. She...

SPIKE.S PIKE SHAKE.S HAKE SPIN.S PIN (rolling) START.S TART STEAL.S TEAL 
SPEAR.S PEAR SCORN.S CORN SHARE.S HARE SPOT.S POT (cooking) SPIE.S PIE

Did someone say that she SKIN.S KIN? Let us hope not!

AUN’T

SIR JEREMY MORSE
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Said I ‘I must have tea now, aunt’;  
    Said she ‘You can’t’.

She said the cakes she’d baked were burnt;  
    I said they weren’t.

Said I ‘I think I’m going to faint’;  
    Said she ‘You mayn’t’.

Whenever anything’s important  
    Aunt says I oughtn’t.