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 (*).

Rapoon is in Uzbekistan, Raon in France, Daqran in Egypt, Daan in Namibia, Yavwi 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 – GOING GH LIGHT LIT* HI PHIAL – PAL
IJ HYJACK – HACK JK SJK (sick) – SI KL WINKLE – WINE LM BALMY BAY*
MN SOLEMN – SOLE NO NOTED TED* OP PROPOSE PROSE* PQ RAPOON – RAON
QR DÄQRAN – DAAN RS CURSE CUE* ST GUSTY – GUY TU MATÜRE MARE*
UV LOUVRE LORE* VW YAVWI – YAI WX YOWX (= hiccups) – 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 naïve 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!

AUNT

SIR JEREMY MORSE
London, England

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.