Twenty years ago, Frank B. Gilbreth of the Charleston Evening Post and the News and Courier sent me a copy of Lord Ashley Cooper's Dictionary of Charlestonese as compiled for the latter newspaper for the first time, as they say in that South Carolina city where (I am an Ashley proud to note) the Ashley River meets the Cooper River to form the Atlantic Ocean. Thereafter I was able to decipher such expressions as "sex in foe is tin" (5 + 4 = 10). Maybe you would like to try to use the following words in sentences of your own devising to show you understand the words. For example, balks: "I keep my paper clips in a match balks". Coarse you would.

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MINUET (YOU AND I HAVE DINED)

1. Canada
2. boy
3. adobe
4. Des Moines
5. hominy
6. go it
7. hep
8. kin
9. rum
10. mare
11. pastor
12. Shasta
13. year
14. tone
15. police
16. poet
17. luck
18. granite
19. flow
20. ice cool
21. frustrate
22. conduit
23. famine
24. true
25. garner
26. layman
27. hone
28. barter
29. beckon
30. version

Stumped? See my suggested sentences in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.