NO-HOLDS-BARRED SCRABBLE

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Editor's Note: Word Ways has published numerous high-scoring single-move Scrabble games during the past decade; readers should enjoy this spoof of the genre.

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The plays, with explanations, are given below:

- 1. U.A.R. (Egypt)
- 2. half-quart
- 3. half-quartermen (by analogy with quartermen, in N1)
- 4. isn't, l'm, l'm
- 5. Ty (as in Ty Cobb)
- 6. Jaws (the movie), Jr., A.M., we (editorial we)
- 7. by lot (how colors are chosen in Scrabble games)
- 8. bushwa (slang for "nonsense")
- know (not a real word according to some epistemologists -there are only degrees of believing)
- 10. nor
- 11. Ro (artificial language)
- 12. overski, 10 (the movie)
- 13. dadding (fathering)
- 14. aaiieeee (sound of man falling 185 feet down an abandoned mine shaft, formed by analogy with aaiieee, the sound of a man falling 163 feet)
- 15. Will (man's name), ew (exclamation of disgust)
- 16. a la (as in "a la Polonaise")
- 17. Au (gold)
- 18. ae (a ligature, not a word)

19. Er (Saxon god Tiwaz)

20. E-l-E-I-O (with a cluck-cluck here...), Nl (just as "Bible" is not in the Bible, this is not Nl), G.E.(why did the rabbit salute the refrigerator?)

21. toinaeno (palm tree -- see next word)

22. ceructtoinaeno (left-leaning palm tree near Madras -- l am indebted to Ed Wolpow for pointing this out in the May 1981 Word Ways)

23. proximity fuzers (those who set proximity fuzes) 59x27 = 1593, bushwax (from a waxbush) 17x3 = 51, Jawsi (west of Brawkln) 11, halfquarterment (by analogy with shipmen-t) 32x3 = 96, WILLz (National Puzzlers' League pseudonym) 27, ceructtoinaenos (plural of above) 19x3 = 57

With the 7-tile bonus of 50 points, this totals 1915 points.

BRAIN GAMES 3: 127 MIND-BOGGLING PUZZLES

This book is the third in a series of paperback puzzle books by Will Shortz, published in 1983 by Simon & Schuster for \$6.95; reviews of the earlier ones can be found in the August 1979 and November 1980 issues of Word Ways. Alas, inflation has taken its toll - one paid only 2.8¢ per puzzle in the original, but 5.5¢ per puzzle in this one! Nevertheless, this book is highly recommended to jaded crossworders who seek novel puzzle formats; Shortz has developed, or adapted from puzzle literature, a wide variety of original word constructions. Some examples:

* Sister Cities: find three six-letter cities by selecting one letter per vertical word

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* Telescopes: overlap the words defined by eight pictures to form a "telescope" 22 letters long

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* Word Tic-Tac-Toe: one of the rows, columns or diagonals contains three words which can be prefixed by a common word; a synonym of this word appears elsewhere in the grid

hot tunnel scarlet companion herring wit side beer tape

(red hot, red herring, red tape; scarlet is a synonym)