

MORE SPOONERISM RIDDLES

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How every fool can play upon the word! ~ William Shakespeare

Charmed by Will Shortz's collection, in the last *Word Ways*, of original riddles based on spoonerisms, I whacked my wits to come up with a further fuzzin' examples, and here's the hunch:

What is the difference between....

A chauffeur and a noisy duck hunter?

One takes the wheel, the other wakes the teal.

A boxer outclassed in the ring, and Attila the Hemorrhoidal?

One can run but can't hide, the other's a Hun but can't ride.

A credit card user and a gold-digging housemaid?

One pays later, the other lays Pater.

A competent devil and an incompetent angel?

While one is lighting a fire, the other's fighting a lyre.

A cop when you need one and the old woman who lived in a shoe?

One is help wanted, the other's whelp-haunted.

Your boss and the IRS?

Not much; both can dock your pay as well as pock your day.

The titles of the first and second parts of that crooked rector's tell-all autobiography?

The first is "Venal Pews," the second's "Penal Views."

A contentious woman, in Sam Spade's parlance, and the shrinkage of the print media?

One is a shirty dame, the other's a dirty shame.

The Wright Flyer and a rubber weathercock?

One was a viable plane, the other's a pliable vane.

A caboose and a deuce?

One sometimes jumps the tracks, the other sometimes trumps the jacks.

The name of a top TV soap opera and the title of a CD subtitled *Favorite Grog Shop Ballads*?

One is "The Days of Our Lives," the other's The Lays of Our Dives.

An abecedarium and what a tanning salon supposedly sells?

One's a letter book, the other's a better look.