In the February 1980 issue of Word Ways, Boris Randolph presented an article entitled "Biographical Link-O-Grams", in which common words were found that linked the first and last names of famous persons. Since writers are associated with words, it seems appropriate to consider Link-O-Grams based solely on the names of famous authors. Can you fill in the missing letters below to spell the names of twenty-five authors? Remember, in each case the printed word links the writer's first and last names.

1. ------THEM------
2. ------DAB------
3. ------LESS------
4. ------PRO------
5. ------SPAS------
6. ------MASH------
7. ------HELL------
8. ------RAP------
9. ------EEL------
10. ------SCAR------
11. ------THROB------
12. ------RUDEST------
13. ------NEON------
14. ------RAT------
15. ------RED------
16. ------LANDER------
17. ------LEND------
18. ------MESH------
19. ------HEM------
20. ------ALE------
21. ------ARM------
22. ------IMP------
23. ------ASP------
24. ------MAST------
25. ------MESA------

Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.