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.