

COLLOQUY

Webster's Dictionary defines colloquy as mutual discourse. Readers are encouraged to submit additions, corrections, and comments about earlier articles appearing in Word Ways. Comments received at least one month prior to publication of an issue will appear in that issue.

G. H. Ropes submitted his non-tautonymic ten-square to both the Enigma (where it appeared in January 1990) and Word Ways (Feb 1990). Enigma editor Judith Bagai writes "...copyrights can be lost through non-enforcement. Something about precedent...I'd appreciate it if you could run an acknowledgement, on this order: This material first appeared, in slightly different form, in the ENIGMA, the magazine of the National Puzzlers' League, and was used with permission of the NPL and the author." Consider it done. Word Ways and the Enigma have always enjoyed a close working relationship (I was the editor of the Enigma as well as Word Ways during 1987-88), and many Word Ways subscribers are League members. (Contributors, too: in the current issue, John Bulten and Edward Wolpow are NPL members, and Jeff Grant and Darryl Francis were once members.) Word Ways readers interested in learning more about the construction and solution of rhymed word-puzzles (enormously popular in the last century) are invited to write Judith Bagai, Box 9747, North Hollywood CA 91609 for a mini-sample (please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope).

M. D. McIlroy, commenting "this must be the world's tardiest corrigendum," sends in two computer-generated 7-by-7 word squares overlooked in his November 1975 Word Ways article. Both are based on words in Webster's Seventh Collegiate Dictionary.

C E L E S T A
E N A C T O R
L A B O R E D
E C O T O N E
S T R O M A L
T O E N A I L
A R D E L L E

F R E S C O S
R E S T A R T
E S T E L L E
S T E L L A R
C A L L A N T
O R L A N D O
S T E R T O R

In the words of the immortal Dorothy, there's no place like home. Less than three miles from his doorstep, the editor found on the northbound lane of Interstate 287 an 0.8-mile stretch containing all the letters of the alphabet on highway signs: WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, NO TRUCKS IN LEFT LANE, LAFAYETTE AVE, EXIT 20 MPH, BRIDGE FREEZES BEFORE ROAD SURFACE, and INTERSTATE NEW JERSEY 287.

Jeff Grant writes "I was particularly interested in the concept of the palindrome on top of p. 119 [Ukiah's Haiku]. It is the first of this type I have seen in print. The possibilities seem quite extensive, e.g., here is one I wrote some years ago: Siylni at recti, Tontisih (Sir), ebb! Igelbi Gillet nin ufo (Da!), Olat-Suj-Six is just a load of unintelligible gibberish, is it not? It certainly is!"

Ed Wolpov writes "Chris Cole's article on Word Records from NI3 is certainly a good idea - to codify these matters, by giving them a taxonomy" and Dave Morice adds "Cole's 'Word Records' was a nice gathering of types all in one place. I enjoyed browsing through them." However, a few errata crept in. On the next-to-last line on p. 86, PSALTER was misspelled PSLATER, and on line 15 of p. 82, MALAYALAM is misspelled MALYALAM. On the same page, the longest Q-tautonym QUIAQUIA was misrecorded as QUINTA. On p. 86, the longest one-syllable words for Q, V and X are QUETCHED, VOUYCHED, and XYSTS, not the two-syllable longest examples shown. Ed Wolpov notes that CALAMONDIN ties ALKYLAMINE as the longest state-abbreviation word on p. 83, and ASSESSEES, not ASSESSES, is the longest monoconsonantal word. If capitalized words were allowed, OFO would fill the F-gap for head 'n' tail words on p. 82. For acronym words, Ed Wolpov suggests the missing-letter examples KWIC, OBIE, U-BOAT, VOLAR, WAAC (or WAC) and YAG LASER.

Pete Stickland notes three errors in "We Regroup To Lie Off The Spanish Main": stanza 5 on p. 121, read peoples for people on line 2; stanza 3, p. 122, read hoof for roof on line 1; stanza 7, p. 124, read image for imagine on line 2.

Elsewhere in this issue, Frank Rubin introduces the concept of Inversion Squares. Alert **Word Ways** readers will recognize these as a generalization of palindromic Reversible Squares (see the November 1981 **Word Ways**) in which the requirement that all words of the square exist is relaxed. In fact, the famous SATOR square may be regarded as a special case of an Inversion Square.

In "Full-Name Palindromes" two errors were noted by Jeff Grant: the anagram for SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL is "his sort will crunch in" and the word **all** should be deleted from line 4 on p.90.

The March 1990 National Geographic magazine mentions a pueblo in Chaco Canyon NM with the 5-consecutive-dotted-letters name Wijiji. This matches the example given in the August 1980 Kickshaws: Lake Mijijie, in Australia.

Jeff Grant has found another -GRY word: **beggry**, a dialectic form of 'beggary' given in an English Dialect Dictionary citation under 'peel' sb.5.