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THE GAME OF THE NAME

When it comes to anagramming names, my own provides an embar-
renement of riches and I sympathise with those whose names are
stubborn in this respect. Few Word Ways' contributors have had
their names anagrammed over the years, mainly because they are
not suitable anagram material, but that is not always the case.

DAVID (or DAVE) MORICE received attention in the August and
November 1992 Kickshaws; his alter ego, when sequenced, spell
out a sad story, beginning with O, vice dream... I'd cover maid,
continuing dream voice... 'divorce maid', and ending I am divorced
... more advice?

PETER NEWBY and BEN PEWTERY have become well-established
alter egos, both in Word Ways and elsewhere. In the February
1990 Word Ways, JOEL DAVID FUNK examined his own name in this
respect, hoping that the IRS would find his deduction for the "Home
For Retired Comedians Joke Fund" valid, and would have loved
dank Fuji had he gone to Japan in the rainy season.

We discover that A. ROSS ECKLER is a man with class and the
potential to score, but he was no sales corker when it came to
selling Word Recreations. Some other possibilities are:

- FAITH ECKLER fickle heart
- TED CLARKE "Tad" Eckler
- JAMES LINDON Mason Line D.J.
- CHRIS COLE Sir L.C. Echo
- DAN TILQUE T. Den Quail
- DMITRI A. BORGMAANN "mot" grid-brain man
- DARRYL FRANCIS I. Randy Carl, F.R.S.
- LEONARD GORDON 0, one grand lord
- HOWARD BERGERSON Roger "Herb" Dawson
- LEONARD ASHLEY one real shy lad

From the paucity of alter egos, it is quite clear that parents
with logological leanings should think long and hard before nam-
ing their offspring. Prospective brides, rather than enquiring
of their future husbands "What are your prospects?", should address
themselves to the all-important "What is your name?". A marketing
niche suggests itself here: The Gotaname Agency, run by (who
else?) IRA N. GOTANAMES (I note anagrams), specialists in the
pairing of forenames and surnames. At ten dollars per anagram,
they could have made a fortune coming up with mine! On the next
page, I offer a few of its less-offensive variations.
These verses should be read down rather than across, as several of the verses are linked to the preceding and succeeding verses by a common word. The words in quotations in the first three verses are, respectively, homonyms for *airs*, *paws* and *hoarse*. The boldface words *poser* and *prose*, in the first and last verses, are anagrams.