

# THE MATING GAME

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Shakespeare and Bowdler, Boswell and Johnson - the world has been holding its breath for the next great literary teaming, and here it is...Thorpe and Newby! To celebrate their association, they wish to pioneer in **Word Ways** a mild amusement, The Mating Game. If Tuesday Weld married Frederick March the Second, would she then be Tuesday March the Second? This is a typical question posed by wits in British television circles who play this as an after-dinner game amongst themselves. The originator of the concept is not known to the writers, who have joined forces to produce a relish of matings of this type, whereby the only rules seem to be that the parties to the match should be reasonably well-known and that the Christian name of one is conjoined with the surname of the other. Whilst we appreciate that we have occasionally bent the rules with such as

If Delia Smith married Peter Lilley or Sir Alec Rose, would she be Dee Flowered?

If Connie Francis married Hugh Downs, would she be Con Descending?

If Princess Michael of Kent married the Danish goalkeeper who plays for Manchester United, Peter Schmeichel, would her marital name be dismissed scornfully by a proprietor of a kosher delicatessen?

we have attempted not to stray too far from the original concept even if we have introduced a few twists on the established theme.

## Traditional Marriages

If Snow White m Gunga Din, would she be Snow Din?

If Ruth Madoc m General Tom Thumb, would she be Ruth Less?

If Melissa Manchester m Frankenstein, would she be Mel Odious?

If Maid Marian m Terry Waite, would she be Maid to Waite?

If Victoria Principal m Willie Brandt, would she be Vi Brant?

If Penny Juror m Ernie Wise, would she be Penny Wise?

## Modern Marriages

If Ezra Pound m a comedienne, would he be Pound Foolish?

If Clark Gable m Jean Kent, would he be Superman?

If George the Fourth m Sharon Tate, would be the Fourth S Tate?

## Gay Pairs

If Barry Fitzgerald cohabited with Franchot Tone, would he be Barry Tone?

If Cy Grant cohabited with Christopher Wren, would he be Cy Wren?

If Sugar Ray Robinson cohabited with Big Daddy, would he

be Sugar Daddy?

If Farah Fawcett cohabited with Sally Field, would she be Farah Field?

If Mama Cass cohabited with Mia Farrow...Mama Mia!

### Three's a Crowd

Peggy Mount, Peter May, Leon Uris: Peg May Leon

Romy Schneider, David Owen, Juliet Greco: Romy Owen Juliet

Thor Heyerdahl, Ann Todd, John Doe: Thor Ann Doe

Mel Gibson, Hugh O'Brian, Sandra Dee: Mel O Dee

Cock Robin, Mohammad Ali, Robert Kee: Cock Ali Kee

### Four and More

Ali MacGraw, Archbishop Sin, Stevie Wonder, Edwin Herbert Land:  
Ali Sin Wonder Land

Tab Hunter, Dane Clark, Lynn Redgrave, Don Quixote: Hunter  
Dane Lynn Don

George Best, Little John, Lord Haw Haw, Geoffrey Howe,  
Archbishop Sin, 'The Yellow Rose of Texas': (the) Best  
Little Haw Howe Sin Texas

### Insinuations

Miles Malleson, Sarah Miles: Miles and Miles

Roger Moore, Demi Moore: Moore and Moore

Robin Day, Doris Day: Day by Day, Day after Day, Day in  
Day out, one Day at a time, two Day, Days on end

We hope you have enjoyed our peep under the covers at a soup-  
çon of the numerous outrageous matings which it is possible to  
create. We wonder...if Princess Anne had married Ayrton Senna,  
would she now be a palindromic widow? The authors of this article,  
when asked to arrange a suitable marriage, each for the other,  
suggested the following:

If Susan married a cat, she would be Sue Purr

If Peter married a rat, he would be a Prat (and heaven help  
the rat!)