

THE PANAMANIAN REJECTS

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It is not well-known that the noted palindromist Leigh Mercer made a number of false starts before creating the immortal A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL--PANAMA! Fortunately, his charlady, aware of Mercer's fame, made a practice of saving his wastebasket scraps. These, found among her effects after her death, were recently auctioned off by Sotheby's for a handsome sum, and can now be revealed to the world of logology.

A man, a pain, a mail, ice, cilia-man, a mania--Panama
 A man, a pal, Al, Art, a tra-la-la--Panama
 A man, a pallid dill, a Panama
 A man, a pan, a nab, a banana--Panama
 A man, a pant, Edna and Etna--Panama
 A man, a pecan, a Nome lemon, an ace--Panama
 A man, a peer, tape, evasive visa, Veep, a tree--Panama
 A man, a pelt-sack city, a gay-tick castle--Panama
 A man, a pelt, tacks, a damask, cattle--Panama
 A man, a people, Tom's Motel, Poe--Panama
 A man, a peso, ogres, saps, a gas-passer goose--Panama
 A man, a pest estate, parapet, tse-tse--Panama
 A man, a petal, a parade, cedar, a palate--Panama
 A man, a phoenix, a mama Maxine--oh, Panama
 A man, a phone, my men, esparto traps, enemy men--oh, Panama
 A man, a pig, a mad nag, and a Magi--Panama
 A man, a pilaster, genial plain egrets, Ali--Panama
 A man, a pile, Mel, Dena, Van, Ava, Ned, Lem, Eli--Panama
 A man, a place, date, grater, a bare target--Panama
 A man, a plaid art, a fat radial--Panama
 A man, a play or a ninny, Lynn, in a royal Panama
 A man, a plebe, Ramon E. Fenom (a rebel)--Panama
 A man, a poll... Eh? Hello? Panama?
 A man, a poop, a Kikapoo--Panama
 A man, a pore, Zapata, a tap, a zero--Panama
 A man, a port sack, Nat's tank, Castro--Panama
 A man, a post, a fare, salad, a laser, a fatso--Panama
 A man, a predicted ace cadet, cider--Panama
 A man, a premature Peru tamer--Panama
 A man, a prep, a page, irony, Noriega, paper--Panama
 A man, a presser, a drone, hen or dresser--Panama
 A man, a prod, orator, taro, tar odor--Panama
 A man, a pseudomorph, Sartre's old loser trash-promo dues--Panama
 A man, a pube, Zeno, Zone, zebu--Panama!