THE ABC'S OF ANGLISH

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Anglish is English of the logical neologist. It consists of sportman-
teaux (sportive portmanteaux), imperfect qwaints (the perfect qwaint is
self-explanatory) and triviana (contrived trivia such as the palindrome
ATAVADAVATA or the alphabetically progressive ABACADAE). Pundigroans
(contrived pundigroins or puns) are tolerated but only in small number.
The acid test of an Anglish word is that it has the potential for assim-
ilation into English just as the language of the Angles became a strand
of the vocabulary which continues to develop as English. The following
is a mere sample:

ABACADA n a hybrid of ABACA (Manila hemp) and the East Indian fibre
plant DA (plural ABACADAE)
ABACUSS n a counting frame that one swears by
ABRIDG vb of an editor, to delete a significant conclusion (it has no
recorded inflected forms and is known only from the quote 'Eckler,
thou wretch, thee didst abridg mine mustyer-worke' (Anglish Rolls, volume XLIII)
ACCEPTABULL adj of a cow, that she is receptive
ACCOMPOlice n a bent cop
ADELDD adj exceptionally confused or muddled
AFART adv at or to as great a distance as possible
AFTERTHINK vb to attempt to be wise after the event
AIRVOKE n a defunct airwave
AMAZONKED slang adj exhausted by the prowess of an aggressive woman

AMSTERDAMP n a wet odorous smog peculiar to the industrial region of
Amsterdam
AMIGONE n a former Mexican friend
AMNESIUM n selective amnesia
AMOROSOSO adv of music, somewhat tenderly
ANECDOTAGE n a state of senility characterized by excessive recounting
of personal tales
ANSWERINE adj of, resembling or pertaining to a stupid reply
ANYBUDDY slang n any friend
APRESKI n a social activity following a day's skiing in Russia
ARTICHOKED adj a condition induced by eating too many artichokes
ASSESSASSASSINATIONLESSNESS n the action of estimating the lack
of a potential killer instinct in a woman

ATAVADAVATA n the recurrence of ancestral characteristics in the
avadavat, an Asian weaverbird (plural ATAVADAVATA)
AUSTRALOPITHECINCIMA n a primitive Australian motion picture art
AYATOLLAH ALLOTAYA n literally, an AYATOLLAH charged with the specific task to ALLOT A YA (the ultimate letter of the Arabic alphabet) to a particular matter; metaphorically used of a zealot who insists upon having the final say
BANANANA n an exceptionally large banana
BANANANAGANANANANAB vb to arrest (NAB) an exceptionally large (BANANANA) crazy fool (NANA) suffering from NAGANA (an African bovine disease) (the Literary Editor of Word Sway, the official organ of the English Society, refused to accept this construction on the grounds that it might tempt others to bring the language into disrepute by their efforts to exceed its 21 letters)
BEDPANIC n in psychoanalysis, the technical term for the state of being overwhelmed by fear of the toilet facilities available to the bedridden
BEENPOLE n firewood
BEEF OWL n the Nil bird, a mythical muscular bubonine weaverbird
BEEF OWL vb (conjugated with IT) of the Nil bird, to construct a skillfully woven nest (hence the proverb 'It's a Nil bird that beef owls it sown nest')
BEE SNEEZE, THE n in masochistic society, an extreme form of an attack of hives
BILLABOONG Australia, n the legendary desert mermaid of the Northern Territory (from BILLA, river + BOONG, aborigine)
BIOMESS n the total amount of living organisms in a given area that has been subjected to man's influence: an alternative term for a dust bowl
BLACKFLEW n a dead blackfly
BLUNDERKISS n a twentieth-century blunderbuss
BLUNDERKISS vb of a myopic philanderer, to attempt to buss the object of one's desire either in the presence of one's spouse or else on the nose whilst aiming for the mouth
BOBCATT n the male of an extinct species of North American quail which failed to attract a partner as females would immediately take flight on hearing his mating cry 'bob catt, bob catt'
BOOBOOB n an embarrassment suffered by a woman wearing a dress with a badly-designed plunging neckline
BOTTLENECK PARTY n an informal gathering in a narrow street to which visitors bring their own vehicles
BOURBON MOTS n plural the wit of a whiskey drinker
BRIDLEGROOM n one who is led to the altar against his natural instincts
BROMIDLE adj pertaining to stupefaction wrought by an excess of tedious platitudes
-CABANA suffix designating a small storage cabin, as in BANANACABANA and TARAMARASALATACABANA
CACUSCUS n a secret assembly of cuscuses (large nocturnal yellow-nosed philangers), especially in a Russian mountain range
CASSAC n a reversible cassock with a pouch on either side
CENTAUROCHS n singular the legendary half-man-half-wild-ox of Anglish folklore
CENTIDEGRADE vb to promote the change of name from centigrade to
Celsius after the former had enjoyed ready acceptance for more than 200 years

CENTIPEDAGOG n the name for the measurement of achievement in the promotion of metric systems against the natural instincts of the citizenry

CHAMBERSATZ n/adj (of) any dubious word in Chambers Dictionary, especially where no other authority shares its opinion

CHLOROPHYLISTINE n one responsible for a BIOMESS (qv)

CISERAPHIM adj on this side of the angels (it normally retains the original Latin sense of 'side nearest Rome' and has strong Papal connotations)

CLAIRVOYEUR n one who professes to see sexual delight as an aspect of the future for anyone who cares to consult a fortune-teller

CODEFICIENT mathematics, adj jointly inadequate

COMPUTRE n a computer attacked by a virus

CONCLUD vb to conclude falsely

CONSEQUENT adj pertaining to a resultant departure

CONTRAVEND vb to sell illegally

CONUNDRUUM n a continuous series of riddles of the 'How many Anglishmen does it take to change a lightbulb? Two—one to consult a dictionary, the other to screw up the spelling' type

The Anglish Appreciation society is keen to receive readers' contributions on such as word squares, letter-shift pairings, limericks, Mary hads (any word play based on the famous rhyme), anagrams (Anglish anagrams), word ladders or, indeed, any constructions which appeal. Address all contributions to the Literary Editor, Word Sway, Spring Valley Road, Morristown NJ 07960. The best of these will be considered for publication, and the remainder used to stuff his dilapidated chesterfield (at which point the editor didst abridg).