

COLLOQUY

Both Susan Thorpe and Rex Gooch suggested various additions to Jeff Grant's "Four Out of Five". Gooch filled in two holes with WHHI-HHEE (a horse whinny in the OED, also in the Feb 1981 Word Ways), and WOW-WOW-WOW (a Peruvian dog-bark mentioned in the May 1975 Word Ways). Gooch commented "I had never seen...GRANDDADDY...my dictionaries gave granddaddy or grand-daddy...Web 3 gave Jeff's version." GRANDDADDY is sanctioned by the New York Times, which used it in the Jun 7 1998 Travel section: "The granddaddy of the Whites is Mount Washington..." A can be improved with AAGAARD (Denmark placename) or QAANAAQ (Gazetteer of Greenland). B yields UBBUBBOO (OED variant of hubbuboo in an 1851 quote). D can be filled with a variety of words taken from Evans and Thomas's New Welsh Dictionary: DEUDDYDD, HYDODDEDD, and HYDREIDDEDD. There are many examples for L, including CALLALLOO (OED), PALLALL (Web 2), MALLILLA (OED), FALLALL (Chambers Scots Dictionary), and LLOLLEO (place in Chile, in the Times Index-Gazetteer). The word UNNUNNED can be inferred from the verb unnun (Web 2). For P, consider APPAPPA, a Japanese name for a summer costume, and PIP-PIP-PIP or TULIP-POPPY (both OED). There are many examples for S including ASSASSIN, MISSISSIPPI, SWISSESS and ASSESS. T is represented by OTTETTO (Web 2), MOTTETTO (OED), and PETTITT (Everyman's Dictionary of Fictional Characters); PETTITTE is a pitcher for the New York Yankees. E and O are found in numerous words of the form TEEHEE and BOOHOO.

Thorpe added three six-out-of-eights: BOONOOROO (Australian place), BEE VEEDEE (men's underwear), and BALLILLILLY (Chambers Scots Dictionary). Gooch suggested two of these, and in addition AAAATAMAD (Cooper's An Archaic Dictionary), COOKKOOOOSE (Hodge's Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico), SEE-SEE-SEE (sparrow birdcall, in Roger Tory Peterson's *Field Guide to the Birds of America*), ROOCOOCOO (a pigeon noise, in the OED), and the phrase LOSS ASSESSOR. Eight-out-of-eleven is possible, too: OOLOOMOOLOO (a New Zealand yacht, mentioned in the Nov 11 1977 Hawkes Bay Herald Tribune), and OOLOOPOOLOO (a Pittapittic language of Queensland, in Voegelin's *Classification and Index of the World's Languages*).

Susan Thorpe notes that a line from the first table in "Removing Embedded Letter Patterns" was inadvertently omitted: x ExxON-EON and y SAyyID-SAID.

In "Lipograms and Other Constraints" the editor opined "I strongly doubt that anyone can write a paragraph or more of half-alphabet text that would not attract the reader's suspicion." In the April 1998 Words-

worth Ted Clarke took up this challenge with a letter to the Restormel County Council:

Dear Sirs: I shed no tears to learn that the hill in Mansion Road, close to most local's homesteads, is at last considered at least a minor threat to residents in the area. At times in the cold season the ice created on this road is a colossal attraction to the local children. Some slither and slide on the ice on sleds, tin sheets, etc., to their hearts' content, and create concerns to motorists, and others in the area, in the colder months. It is nice to see that this matter is at last in hand, to note its consideration as an essential element in Restormel's schemes to decrease the district's road accidents. A Contented Resident.

He also felt that the rhyme and meter of the E-univocalic Mary Had a Little Lamb could be improved:

Ellen's pet, the tender Ewe,
Her fleece resembled sleet
When Ellen's steps went elsewhere new,
Ewe stepped where she'd been fleet.

Sir Jeremy Morse adds Isaac Newton to Peter Newby's Kickshaws item on famous people having a word joining their first and last names. He offers two stepladders to "Snakes and Ladders": SHE-THE-TIE-TID-TIC-SIC-SIB-RIB-RIA and palindromic SPOT-SOOT-TOOT-TOOS-TOPS. (TOOS is an OED variant of TEWS.)

Jim Puder notes that there is, in fact, a Websterian transaddition for the statename MISSISSIPPI--the 45-letter pneumonoultramicroscopicsilico-volcanokoniosis!

Eric Chaikin has discovered a well-known isogrammatic personality with a longer name than MIKE TYSON: the former New York Yankees manager BUCK SHOWALTER.

The June 14 1998 "B.C." comic by Johnny Hart featured an Anguish Languish version of the Pledge of Allegiance: "I pledge all legions to the flag of the Knighted States of a Miracle, and toothy Republican Richard Stanz--one nation, under God, undies visible with livery injustice for all".