

COLLOQUY

John Attamack and Darryl Francis suggested various 19-letter additions for Eric Chaikin's "The Gunpowdery Blacksmith". Four high-quality examples are VETCHWORMS QUAKINGLY, SCHMALTZ/Y GUNPOWDER, and OXYWELDING BUSHCRAFT; some near misses are PITHFUL(Web 2) BACK-SWORDMEN, BENZHYDROXAMIC(Web 2) GLUTS, and LYCANTHROPIZED(Web 2) BUMPS. The pair FLOWCHARTINGS JUMPED (or BUMPED) pluralizes a word found in Merriam-Webster's 10th Collegiate. Chaikin himself added BUMPKINLY FORTHGAZED (or FORTHGAZES), BUMPKINLY DOGWATCHES, and KHITMUTGARS CONVEXLY.

Jeff Grant writes "Susan Thorpe and Rex Gooch certainly came up with some interesting additions to my 'Four Out of Five' article...[However] the only word I would consider a legitimate addition is BEEVEEDEE" which he has never seen except as a plural. His acceptance rules barred hyphenated words and words with three consecutive identical letters. He also regards capitalized nondictionary words inferior to uncapitalized dictionary ones, and foreign words inferior to English ones.

Susan Thorpe (as well as Sir Jeremy Morse and Darryl Francis) generated various improvements to "The Presidents, More or Less": WASHINGTON gentlewomanish, JEFFERSON offense, JACKSON jackos* jannocks*, VAN BUREN unbrave* unbereaven, FILLMORE morille*, BUCHANAN Nahuan unchainable, JOHNSON (Ben) Jonson* [under Johnsonian] Johansson, GARFIELD lifeguard* (or filagreed*), ARTHUR hurra*, CLEVELAND enclaved* cevadilline, MCKINLEY chimneylike [in 10th Collegiate], ROOSEVELT overclothe*, EISENHOWER whereinsoever, NIXON inaxon*, CLINTON Linton* [under lintonite] contline*. If the OED is allowed, further improvements are possible: ROOSEVELT overlets*, MCKINLEY mecklin*. Jeffreson* is a place in Wales, and a person who comes from Chabua (India) is a Chabuan*.

Rex Gooch writes "Following Ross Eckler's use of ATTOME, an OED variant...one can construct a ladder from AUTUMN to SPRING in 14 steps. All words in this note are OED headwords except where noted: AUTUMN-autume-autome-attome(vf)-atcome-ancome-ancone(Web2)-anoone-anoine(Web 2)-andine-anding-aiding-airing-siring(vf)-SPRING." To reach WINTER, he offers AUTUMN-autume-autome-attome(vf)-attone-astone-astore-astire(vf)-artire-artere-autere-mutere-musere-mustre-mustee-muster-mister-minter-WINTER. To reach SUMMER, use the preceding ladder to muster, adding suster-sumter(vf)-SUMMER. The hyphenated capitalized C-Store (in American Heritage Dictionary) allows shortening the AUTUMN-WINTER ladder by one step.

Adding to Dave Morice's numerical kangaroo THREONINE in the May 1998 Colloquy, Sir Jeremy Morse suggests ENLIGHTENED, a word containing three consecutive cardinal numbers spelled out in order: EnLIGHTened eNLIghteNEd enlightTENed.

In "What's The Word?" in "Mysterious Precognitions", Rex Gooch notes that the bottom four cells need to be labeled in reverse order HGFE. Martin Gardner notes that every one of the first ten words in Exodus converge literally to MAN.

Sir Jeremy Morse proposes that the longest alphabetically-isolated heterogram (a word having no alphabetically-adjacent letters) is TAPERINGLY.

Responding to Gordon's "Doubly True Alphametics in Base 27", Mike Keith notes that one can write equations in base 10 and base 27 which both equal the same base 10 value: $2 - 8 \times 10 - 20 \times 6 + 34 \times 1 = \text{TWO} - 8(\text{TEN}) - 20(\text{SIX}) + 34(\text{ONE}) = 15216 - 8(14729) - 20(14118) + 34(11318) = -164$.

Did Word Ways readers recognize that "Lear's In Israel" is an end-to-end palindrome in Hebrew? Compare the text starting at the upper right (the title) with the text at the lower left (bottom of the page).

David Moeser of Cincinnati responds to Dave Morice's May 1997 search for adjectives having the same number of letters as the value of their initial letter (Daft, Eager, Fabled, Gainful..): "If there were such a word as qwertyuiopophile--and with tongue in cheek, I can say that in my opinion if anybody deserves to be called qwertyuiopophiles, it's the readers of and contributors to your magazine!--then QWERTYUIOPOPHILIC (17 letters) could be the next word in the series." He also coined RETROGRADATIONALLY.

Jan Anderson informs the editor that "The Windwhat" in the May Kickshaws was published without her permission. Apologies!

Jeff Grant suggests ATT (a Siamese coin) ATTER (corrupt matter from a sore) ATTEST (to bear witness to) as a False Comparative to be added to the ones in the November 1997 Kickshaws.

Oops! Peter Newby's BLACK-WHITE word ladder in the August Kickshaws previously appeared in the November Colloquy, credited to Jeff Grant.