SUPER-IDEAL SEVEN-LETTER WORD LADDERS

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In the case of 7-letter words, almost one-third are heterograms, the fraction of isolanos decreases to about a quarter, and for the first time we have some analosis (words in which each letter can be changed independently to make another word). Moreover, we only have to find eight related words for each ladder. These facts mean that the number of ladders starting and ending with heterograms, with every letter differing between the two words, increase over a thousandfold to nearly 100,000, and more common words appear. For the first time we see ideal ladders where the letters are replaced in order (there are several hundred of these). This implies that every corresponding letter differs between the two words. Even more impressively, there are about 20 ladders in which the terminal words are also heterograms. There are even ladders containing germane words, e.g. CLINGER-STCKER-STUCK ON. No ladders were found in which the terminal words used permutations of the same letters while conforming to the other criteria, so there is no technical variety of Connoisseur’s Ladder; and in the few cases where the basic technical criteria are satisfied, there are no terminal words bearing an apt relationship to one another, so there is no semantic variety of Connoisseur’s Ladder. We are, however, getting very close in both cases.

There have been 20 previously published 7-letter ideal ladders, but none have sequential letter replacement. Just three are between heterograms, and they had to compete with nearly 100,000 others for inclusion in the first list below. They are CHANTRY-SWITHER, SUTLER-PANTIES, and POSTMEN-BANKERS (see “Snakes and Ladders” in the May 1998 Word Ways, where they were first published). In the first list below (ideal ladders between heterograms), there are straightforward associations such as halting denials, bawdier lungers, bungled parleys, Marcuse ponders, pardons mistake, carmine humpers (scarlet women!), and voltage cabling; there are contradictions such as fasting bingers and lingers hastily; and there are new ideas such as stick-on whanger, custard baileys, mustard limpets (a genetic modification), and rustled bangers. Thus we would have found the semantic type of Connoisseur’s Ladder if only there were sequential replacement of letters. Clearly, with almost 100,000 ladders to choose from, no attempt has been made to list alternative routes between two terminal words, nor to do other than indicate a few companion terminal words. The selection has been made mainly on a semantic basis.

Ideal ladders with sequential change (but not between heterograms) appear in the second list below. Since each ladder is listed under the first of its terminal words to appear in a dictionary, it is necessary to list cases where the sequential change proceeds backwards as well as forwards. Some terminal words are apposite to a degree, e.g. SPARROW-BLINKED, or better BOPPERS-DISCOED. There is also the Sikh factory (TURBANS-CANNERY), the well-hung meat to come

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(CARCASE PENDING), the art student (PALETTE SCHOLAR), CAREERS-OUTLINE, DISCOVER-RAPPERS, PRINT ON GLASSES, or just the pleasure of old words (see, for example, the ladder beginning FLOTTEN). The SCHOLAR, appropriately, has many variant forms. Some of these are very close to being a Connoisseur’s Ladder, lacking only heterograms as terminal words.

The ideal ladders between heterograms with sequential replacement (the third list) contain a few examples of note, in that all the words are OED variant forms. In contrast, a few ladders have few or no variant forms, and a few have mainly place names (not all words, because no terminal place names were chosen).

Words in the following lists appear in at least two of the OED, Pulliam, Stedman, Web 2, OSPD unless marked otherwise. The first word in the ladder is earlier in the alphabet than the last. Bl = Bloomsbury Thesaurus, Ch = Chambers (source of many derivations), Tert F = Tertiary Faunas, vf = OED variant form.

Ideal Ladders between heterograms (selection of about 0.06% of those found)

BACK-END(OED)—BACKENS(vf)—BACKERS—BUCKERS—BULKERS(OED)—BULGERS—BULGARS—VULGARS also to—VENDORS

BACKERS—BUCKERS—BULKERS—BULGERS—BULGARS—VULGARS—VULGARE—VULGATE

BAILEYS—BAILERS—BAITERS—BASTERS—BASTERD(vf)—BASTARD—MASTARD(OED)—MUSTARD also—BUSTARD—CUSTARD

BALDING—BALLING—MALLING—MILLING—MISLING(OED)—MISLINE(OED)—MISLIVE—MISLOVE(OED) also BALMING—BARFING—BALKING—BARKING—BURIYING—CAUSING—CURSING—FARTING—FUCKING—HARMING—HURTING—PAUSING—SOLVING—SULKING—PULSING—ROUSING—PARTING—etc

BANGERS—BANTERS—BUNTERS—BUSTERS—BUSTEES(OED)—BUSTLES—RUSTLES—RUSTLED(stolen sausages)

BANGED—BUNGED—BUNGLES—BUNGEES(OED)—BURGEES—BURGEYS(OED)—BURLEYS—HURLEYS(Liz Hurley, English model/actress famous for the way she dresses)

BANKERS—BUNKERS—BUSTERS—BUSTEES—BUSTLES—BUSTER—HUSTLER

BANKERS—BANDERS—LANDERS—LENDERS—LEADENS(OED)—LEAD-INS—LEADING

BANKERS—WANKERS—WINKERS—WINDERS—WILDERNS—WILDEND—WILDEAN(OED)—WILD MAN(OED) also DANCERS—JAILERS—LUNGERS—LANCERS—PANZERS—and many others

BANTERS—CANTERS—CANNERS—CONNERS—CORNERS—CORNELS—CORNELY(OED)—CORNILY(OSPD)

BARLEYS—BURLIES—BULLIES(OED)—BULLERS(vf)—BULLIES—BULLIER—BULLIE—BULKIER

BASTING—BATTING—LATTING(vf)—LATTINS—LATTEENS—LATTERS—LATHER'S

BATHERS—BATTERS—BATTENS—LATTENS—LATINS—LATTING(vf)—LASTING—LUSTING

BATHERS—BASHERS—BUSHERS—BUSTEES—BUSTLES—HUSTLES—HUSTLED also BANKERS—BACKERS—BILKERS—etc

BAWDIER—BANDIER—BANDIES—BUNDEES—BUNGEES—BUNGEES—LUNGEES—LUNGERS

BRAWLERS—BALLERS—BULLERS—BULLEES(vf)—BULLIES—BULLIER—BULKIER

BRAWLING—BULLING—MULLING—MULLINS(vf)—MULLENS—MULLERS—MULDERS(vf or X-files hero)

BEADING—BENDING—PENDING—PENDING—PENDINE—in Dyfed)—PENDISE(OED)—PENDASE(OED)—PEN-CASE(OED)—PINCASE

BEAMING—BEADING—LEADING—LEAD-INS—LEADENS(OED)—LEADERS—LENDERS—LANDERS(Star Trek transporter)

BE ANGRY(Bi)—BEANERY—BEAVING—BEAVERY—BEAVELY—GRAVELY—GRAVELY—GRAVELS—GROVELS

BED-SACK(OED)—BEDSICK—BEDTICK—BESTICK—BESTINK—BESTING—BUSTING—DUSTING

BEDSOCK—BEDSICK—BEDTICK—BESTICK—BESTINK—BESTING—LESTING(vf)—LASTING

BERWICK(or in E Sussex)—BESWICK(in E Riding Yorks)—BESWINK—BESWING(OED)—BESTING—BUSTING—

MUSTING (growing moldy)

MUSTANG—BICKERS—BUCKERS—BUCKERS—BUSTEES—BUSTLES—HUSTLES—HUSTLER

BILKERS—BUNKERS—BUCKERS—BUSTEES—BUSTLES—HUSTLES—HUSTLER

BILTONG—BILTING—in Kent)—BOLTING—BOLLING—COLLING—CODLING—COD-LINE(OED)—CODLIKE(Bi)

and many others such as—RATLIKE

BINDERS—BENDERS—LENDERS—LEADENS—LEAD-INS—LEADING—LEARNING

BINGERS—BANGERS—BANTERS—BASTERS—FASTERS—FASTENS(vf)—FASTING

BLANDER—BRANDER—BRANDEN (Dutch, whence brandy)—BRANDON(OED)—BRENDON—in Devon)—BRENTON(Bi)—PRENTON—in Wirral)—PRESTON—in Lancashire). Also PRESTON—CHANGED

BLARING—BLAMING—BRAMING(OED)—BRIMING—PRIMING—PRIMINE—PRIMATE

BLINDER—BLANDER—BRANDER—BRANDEN(Dutch, whence brandy)—BRANDON(OED)—BRANSON(OED 1586 quote under POUND)—TRASON(OED)—TRAISON
BLISTER—BAISTER—PAISTER (OED 1737 quote PASTER)—PASTER—PALSIE—PALMIER—PALMIET (OED)—PAMIST BLUSHER—FLUSHER—FLUSTER—FRUSTER (OED)—FROSTER—FRONTER—FRONTEL (OED)—FRONTAL (normally applied on the face) BLONDES—BLONDEN (vf)—BRONDEN (OED)—BRANDEN (Dutch, whence brandy)—BRANDON (OED)—BRANTON (in Doncaster)—BAYTON (in N Yorks)—BAYTON (in Middlesex). Surely better known for its brunettes?

BLUESHER—FLUSHER—FLUSTER—FRUSTER (OED)—FROSTER—FRONTER—FRONTEL (OED)—FRONTAL (nominally applied on the face)

BONDAGE—PONDAGE—PONTAGE—PORTAGE—PARTAGE (vf)—PARTANS—PARTONS (nuclear physics, or twin salient characteristics of Dolly Parton, needing restraint)

BONDERS—BENDERS—LENDERS—LEADERS—LEADENS—LEADINS (OED)—LEADING—LEARING

BOtherS—Bathers—Batters—BATTENS—LATTENS (OED obs LATTEN)—LATTING (vf)—LASTING

BRAINED—TRAINED—TRAIKED—TRACKED—THACKED—THICKED (OED)—THICKEN—THICK 'UN (OED). A thick 'un needs a brain

BRECHTS (Bertolt, Ger playwright)—BRACHTS (medical)—BRACHES—CRACHES (OED)—CRashes—CRASHER—CRASTER (in Northumberland)—CHASTER. Also—BRACHER (vf)—BRACKER—WACKER—WHACKER (vf)

BRED—BRACKED—BRACED—BRASTED (vf)—BLASTED—BLASTID—PLASTID—PLASTIC

BRIXTON (famous jail, and in Devon)—BRAXTON (Braxton Hicks contractions, OED)—BRANTON (in Doncaster)—BRANDON (OED, also in Warwickshire)—BRANDEN (Dutch, whence brandy)—BRANDER—BLANDER—SLANDER

BUDDERS—BUDGERS—BODGERS—CODGERS—CONGERS—CONFERS—CONFIRM (OED)—CONFIRM

BUGLERS—BULLERS (OED)—PULLERS—POILEES—POLITES (Greek, whence cosmopolitan)—POLITER

BULGIER—BULLIES—BULLES (vf)—BULLERS (OED)—HULLERS—HILLERS—HITLERS also—HAULERS,—WAILERS,—JAILERS,—PIGLETS; and also BULKIER—BUMPERS—HAMPERS—HARPERS—HARPENS (vf)—HARPS—HARNIS—HARMING (barker UK=fender US)

BUMPING—BUMKING (vf)—BUMKINS—BUNKINS (vf)—PUNKINS—PUNKIES—PINKIES—PIKKNES (pastime of senator McCarthy?). Also BURPING—BARRYING—BUSTING—BUNGLED—BURGLED—BURGES—BURGEYS (OED)—BURLIES—BARLEYS—PARLEYS

BUNTERS—PUNTERS—PUNTEES (OED)—PANTEES (vf)—PANTIES—PANSIES—PALSIES—PALSIED (recall Billy Bunter from children’s books)

BURDENS—BURGENS (vf)—BURGEEFS—BURGEFS—BURGEEFS—BUNGLED—BUNGLED—BANGLED—TANGLED

Burgens (vf)—BURGEEFS—BURGEFS—BURGEEFS—GARGLEFS—GARBLEFS—GARBLEFS—GAMBLEFS

BURIALS—BURGERs (OED)—BURGERs—BUCKERS—BUCKERY (OED)—BOCKERY (vf)—MOCKERY

BUCKING—BUNKING—BUNKINS (vf)—PUNKINS—PUNKIES—PINKIES—PIKKNES—PIKTOES (selling secondhand horses or Fords)

BUSTARD—BASTARD—BASTARD (vf)—BASTERS—BARTERS—BARTETS (OED proper name under DISCRETIZATION)—MARTELS (OED)—MARVELS

BUSTIER—DUSTIER—DUSKIER—DUCKIER—DICKIER (OED)—DICKIES—DICKINS (vf)—DICKENS

BUTLERS—BUTTERS—BUSTERS—BASTERS—FASTERS—FASTENS—FASTINS (vf)—FASTING

CABBING—CALLING—CALLING—COLLIE—COLLIE (vf)—COLLAGE—COLTAGE (OED)—VOLTAGE

CANDLES—CANDIES—PANIES—PANIES—PASTIES—POSTIES (OED)—POSTINS (OSPD)—POSTING

CANKERS—CANNERS—CANNERY (Sean, actor)—CANNERY (OED)—CORNELFY—CORNELY (OED)—CORN-FLY—HORN-FLY

CARBONS (also Star Trek for carbon-based life forms)—CARTONS—CARTONE (vf)—CORTONE (?)—CORTINE (vf)—Cortile—COSTILE (OED)—HOSTILE

CARMINE—HARMINE—HARMINS—HARPINS—HARPENS (vf)—HARPFNS—HAMPERS—HUMPERS (scarlet women?) also—WONDERS—OUTLAWS

CARPETS—CARELS—MARRELS (vf)—MERRELS (vf)—MERRILS (OED)—MERRILY—MERRIFY—METRIFY

CARTELS—MARTELS—MARTINS—MARTINS—MARKING—MARKING (vf)—MOCKING

CARTLS—MARTELS—MARTENS—MARTINS—MARTING—MALTING—MELTING

CASTING—CANTING—CANTING (= daunting)—DENTING—DENTINS—DENTILS—DENTALS—DENIALS ("there was no couch")

CHANDLER—CHANDLER (vf)—CHANNER—CRACKER—TRACKER—TRUCKER—TRUCKEE (River, OED under running ppl a)—TRUCKIE. Also CHANGER—

CHANTREL—CHANTEY—CHANTEL—CHASTER—COASTER—COUNTER (OED under COST v)—LOUSTER—LOUSIER also—SLICKER

CHAPLIN (also Charlie, actor)—CHAPPIN—CHAPPEN—CHAPPED—CRAPPED—TRAPPED—TRAMPED—TRUMPED—STOMPER

also—STOMPER
Ideal Ladders with sequential letter change (selection of less than 10% of those found)

forward

BASTERS or CASTERS or EASTERS or FASTERS (OED)—MASTERS—MISTERS—MILLERS—MILLARS (vf)—MILLIS (English painter or UK place)—MILLAIN (vf)
DUSTERS or LUSTERS—MUSTERS then as above
BATABLE (vf)—RATABLE—RETABLE—RENAIBLE (OED)—RENEWABLE (vf)—RENOWNE (vf)—RENOWNN (vf)
BLINKED or CLINKED—SLINKED (OED)—SPINKED (OED)—SPANKED—SPARKEO—SPARRED—SPAR-ROD (OED)—SPARROW
BLOCKET—CLOCKED—CROCKED—CRANKED—CRANKED (OED)—CRANIAD—CRANIAL
BLOTTED or PLOTTED—SLOTTED—STOTTED (OED stote)—STETTED—STERTED (vf)—STERNED—STERNAD—STERNAL
BLunter—CLunter—CHunter—CHAPTER—CHapper—CHappor (vf)—CHAPPOW
BOPPERS or COPPERS—DOPPERS—DISPERS (vf)—DISCERS (OED disc = to cultivate)—DISCORS (vf)—DISCOED (a plural of disco?)—DISCOER (Ch. under disco)
BURette—SUREtte—SCrETTE (vf)—SCHELTE—SCHOTTTE—SCHOLTE—SCHOLAE (Web 2)—SCHOLAR also—SCHOOTE (vf)—SCHOOLE (vf)—SCHOOLS
CANNERY—TANNERY—TUNNERY—TURBURY (vf)—TURBARY—TURBANY (OED)—TURBANS
CARCASE—PARCASE (OED)—PERCASE (OED)—PENDASE (OED)—PENDISE (OED)—PENDINE (in Dyfed)—PENDING
CLICKER—SLICER—STICKER—STACKER—STARTER—STARTOR (Web 2)—STARTOP (vf)
DATABLE—RATABLE—RETABLE—RENAIBLE (OED)—RENEWABLE (vf)—RENOWNE (vf)—RENOWNN (vf)
DINNERY or GINNERY—TINNERY—TUNNERY—TURBURY (vf)—TURBARY—TURBANY (OED)—TURBANTS
FAINTED—SAINTED—STINTED—STERTED (vf)—STERRED—STERRID (OED)—STERRIT (vf)
also ending—STERVED—STERVI~TER (all pf)
FLOTTEN (vf)—GLOTTEN (OED)—GROTION (vf)—GRUTTEN—GRUTDEN (vf)—GRUNDEN (vf)—GRUNDYN (OED)—GRUNDYL (vf)
GNASHED—SNASHED (OED)—SLASHED—SLUSHED—SLUGGED—SLUGGY (vf)—SLUGGYN (vf)
HEWABLE—SEWABLE—SCWABLE (vf)—SCRABLE (vf)—SCRIBE (vf)—SCRIPE (OED)—SCRIPS (vf)—Scripps (vf)—Scrip (vf)
or ROWABLE—SOWABLE then as above
HITTITE—PITTITE—PETTITE (vf)—PENTITE (Web 2)—PENNITE (vf)—PENNATE—PENNALE (Latin pen-case, hence pennial)
Also—PENNALS (OED). Also ending—PENNARE (OED)—PENNARD (OED)
KAPPED—SNAPPED—STAPPED—STEPPED—STEERED—STERID (vf)—STERIE (OED)
KNICKER—SNICKER—STICKER—STACKER—STARTER—STARTOR (Web 2)—STARTON (Ch, under start)
PALETTE—SALETTE—SCLETTE—SCHETTE—SCHOTTE—SCHOLTE—SCHOLAE (Web 2)—SCHOLAR
PILock (OED)—SILLOCK—SILLOCK (OED)—SEALOCK (OED)—SEADOCK (OED)—SEADUCK—SEADUSK (OED)—SEA-DUST (under sea, OED)
SWADDLE—TWADDLE—TRADDLE—TREDGLE—TREATLE (vf)—TREATEE—TREATED or TREATER also SWINDEE—TWINDEE—TRINDEE—TRENDEE then as above
reverse

BENZOLS—BERZOLE—BERZONE (OED)—BENZINE—BENTINE (Peruvian comedian, OED goon)—BETTINE (OED worship 1838 quote)—BOTTINE (vf)
BORNEO1—BORNEON (vf)—BORNEAN—BORN MAN (OED)—BORDMAN (OED)—BONDMAN—BANDMAN—SANDMAN
CAREERS—CAREERE (vf)—CAREENE (vf)—CAREINE (vf)—CARLINE—CATLINE (Pull)—CUTLINE (OSPD)—OUTLINE.
Also—SYPRINE,—NITRINE,—VITRINE
CARPALS—CARPALE—CARPALE (OED)—CARPERE (Latin, whence carp vb)—CARTERE (vf)—CUTERS (vf)—COUTERE (OED)—SOUTERE (vf)
COLLINS—COLLINE—COLLIGE (vf)—COLLAGE—COLTAGE (OED)—COSTAGE—CUSTAGE (vf)—FUSTAGE (OED)/MUSTAGE (vf). Also COLLETS—COLLETTE (vf)—COLLEGE—
COMPASS—COMPAST—COMPART—COMPOR—CONFORT (vf)—CUNFORT (OED)—KUNFORT (vf)
CONVAIR (OED satellite, aerospace coy)—CONVAIL (OED)—CONVALL (OED)—CONVELL—CONNELL (OED connellite which he discovered)—CORNELL (vf)—CARNELL (vf)—DARNELL TEA/FARNELL (in Angus)/PARNELL (vf)—WARNELL (vf).
Also—CURNELL—CURNELL—CURNELL—TURNELL, all OED
CRAMMED—CRAMMER—CRAMMEE (OED)—CRAMMEL (OED)—CRAMMLE (OED)—CRAPPLE—CRIPPLE—CHIPPLE (vf)—WHIPPLE (OED)
CRANIAL (or CRANIAN)—CRANIALD—CRANIAL (OED)—CRANKED—CRACKED—CRICKED—CLICKED—LICKED—SLICKED. Also—CROCKET—CROCKETED—SHOCKED—FLOCKED
CRESTED—CREST (OED)—CRESTN (vf)—CREPPIN (OED)—CREPPIN (vf)—CHOPPIN (vf)—SHOPPIN (OED)
DISCOED (Llanfair-Discoed in Mon)/DISCOER (Ch)—DISCOES (usual discos)—DISCORS (vf)—DISCERS (Roget)—DISPERS (vf)—DIPPERS—DAPPERS (OED vb n)—LAPPERS/MAPPERS/NAPPERS/RAPPERS/SAPPERS/TAPPERS/YAPPERS/ZAPPERS all OSPD
as above but—DOPPERS (OED)—HOPPERS/KOPPERS/LOPPERS/MOPPERS/OPPERS/YOPPERS

GLASSED/GLASSER/GLASSES—GLASSEN—GLASSON (in Cumbria) —GLASTON (in Rutland) —GLANTON (in Northumberland) —GLINTON (in Peterborough) —GRINTON (in N Yorks) —PRINT ON (OED)

GLASSED/GLASSER/GLASSES—GLASSEN—GLASTON (in Cumbria) —GLASTON (in Rutland) —GLATTON (in Cambridgeshire) —GLOTTON (vf) —GROTTON (vf, or in Oldham) —TROTTON (in Sussex, or Old Ger whence trot)

PARTICK (in Glasgow) —PARTICE (vf) —PARTIRE (Latin, hence partite) —PARTURE—PARDURE (OED) —PANDURE (vf) —PONDURE (OED) —RONDURE

PARTITA—PARTITE—PARTIRE (Latin, hence partite) —PARTURE—PARDURE (OED) —PANDURE (vf) —PONDURE (OED) —RONDURE

PENNALS (OED) —PENNALE (Latin, hence pennal) —PENNATE—PENTITE (vf) —PENTITE (Web2) —PETTITE (vf) —PITTITE—WITTITE (OED). Also PENNARD—PENNARE, both OED

RENOWS—RENOWNE (vf) —RENOWLE (vf) —RENOBLE (OED) —RENAIBLE—RETAIBLE—RATABILE—SATABLE/VATAABLE

SCHOLAR—SCHOLAE (Web2) —SCHOLDE (vf) —SCHODDE (vf) —SCHEDDE (vf) —SCREDDE (vf) —SHREDDE (vf) —THREDDE (vf)

SCHOLAR—SCHOLAE (Web2) —SCHOLTE (vf) —SCHOTTE (vf) —SCHETTE (vf) —SCETTE (vf) —SALETTE (vf) —VALETTE (vf)

SCHOLAR—SCHOLAE (Web2) —SCHOLTE (vf) —SCHOTTE (vf) —SCHETTE (vf) —SCETTE (vf) —SURETTE—TURETTE (OED). Also SYRETTE—TYRETTE, both vf

SCHOOLS/SCHOLLY (OED) —SCHOOLE (vf) —SCHOOTE (vf) —SCHOTTE (vf) —SCHETTE (vf) —SCHETTE (vf) —SURETTE—TURETTE (OED). Also SYRETTE—TYRETTE and SCETTE—SALETTE—VALETTE, all five vf

SCRIPPS (OED) —SCRIPPE (vf) —SCRIPLE (OED) —SCRILLE (vf) —SCRYLLE (vf) —SCWYLLE (vf) —SOWYLLLE (vf) —TOWYLLLE (vf). Also SCRIIBLE—SCRABLE—SCWABLE—SOWABLE (all vf) —TOWABLE

SEA—DUST (OED under sea) —SEA DUSK (OED) —SEADOCK (OED) —SEA LOCK (OED) —SELLOCK (OED) —SILLOCK—WILLOCK

SPARROW—SPAR ROD (OED) —SPARRED—SPARKED—SPANKED—SPINKEDE (OED) —SLINKED (vf) —X-LINKED/Y-LINKED (both vf, Also SWINKED—TWINKED (TEA)

SPINACH—SPINACE (OED) —SPINALE (Sted) —SPINTLE (OED) —SPITTLE—SWATTLE—TWATTLE. Also SPETTLE (vf) —SHETTLE (vf) —WHETTLE

SQUIRTS/SQUIRTY—SQUIRTE (vf) —SQUIRLE (OED) —SQUILLE (vf) —SQUIYLLLE (vf) —SOWYLLLE (vf) —TOWYLLLE (vf)

STANDEE/STANDER—STANDEL (vf) —STAND ON—STANTON—STARTON (Ch) —STURTON (in N Lincs) —SHURTON (in Somerset) —THURTON (in Norfolk)

STERNAL—STERNAD—STERNED—STERTED (vf) —STENTED—STINTED—SAINTED—TAINTED

STRAINS—STRAINE (vf) —STRAIDE (vf) —STRANDE (vf) —STRUNDE (vf) —STOUNDE (vf) —SWOUNDE (vf) —YWOUNDE (vf). Also—STARIITS—STRAITE (vf)

STROPPY—STROPPE (vf) —STROPHE—STROTHE (OED) —STRATHE (vf) —STEATHE (vf) —SNEATHE (Web2) —UNEATHE (Ch, Old English)

Ideal Ladders between heterograms with sequential letter change

forward

CHURTON (in Cheshire) —SHURTON (in Somerset) —STURTON (Supergram Dict, also in N Lincs) —START ON (Ch, under start) —STANTON—STAND ON (OED) —STANDEL (vf) or STANDER

CLOUNGE (vf) or PLOUNGE (vf) —SLOUNGE—STOUNGE (vf) —STRUNGE (vf) —STRINGE (vf) —STRIGGE (vf) —STRIGAE—STRIGAL

FAINTED or PAINTED—SAINTED—STINTED—STENTERED—STENTERED (vf) —STERMED—STERNAL—STERNED—STERNAD—STERNED—STERNAD—STERNAL

GAIUNTED or HAUNTED or JAUNTED—SAUNTED (saint is obs saint, so cf sainted) —STUNTED then as above

IWOUNDE—SWOUNDE—STOUNDE—STRANDE—STRAIDE—STRAINE—STRAING (all OED variant forms)

reverse

BRINGAL (vf) —BRINGAN (vf) —BRING ON (Ch) —BRINTON (Sted, or in Norfolk) —BRIXTON (prison, or in Devon) —BRAXTON (OED, B Hicks) —BREXTON (in Doncaster) —CLAXTON PLA/FLAXTON PLA. Also BRINGED (? b-ring? or Med Eng) —BRINGEN (vf)

CONFUSA (Sted) —CONFUSE—CONFUTE—CONFITE (OED) —CONDITE—CORDITE—CARDITE (OED) —LARDITE/VARDITE (vf) /WARDITE

STERNAL—STERNAD—STERNED—STERTED (vf) —STENTERED—STENTERED (vf) —STANTED (obs saint, cf sainted) —VAUNTED

STRAING—STRAINE—STRAIDE—STRAINE—STRAING—YWOUNDE (all OED variant forms)