By the time we reach six-letter words, conditions for superior ladders are much improved: nearly one-half of six-letter words are heterograms (all letters are different), the fraction of isolanos (words which have no neighbours) decreases to less than one-tenth, there is a reasonable number of onalosis (words which have neighbours for each letter-change), and each word has on average almost six neighbours (one for each letter). In this article, we therefore only consider ladders in which the terminal words are heterograms, with corresponding letters different, and with letters replaced in order. Even so, there are about fifty thousand of them.

In “Snakes and Ladders” in the May 1998 Word Ways, the reader can find four ideal six-letter ladders between heterograms, with terminal words either reversals or related in meaning; however, none changes the letters in order, as required here.

To make a Connoisseur’s Ladder of the semantic type, we only have to find terminal words which bear an apt relationship to one another, and it is hoped the reader will find most of the examples do show such a relationship, whether straightforward or contradictory, amusing or surrealistic, or even satiric. Just as a taster, consider: carton holder, donate saving, fasten lingam, meltlyd fusion, randie fucker, tricky rhymes, money’s lustre, gayest wreath, blinks stared, louche sentry.

It is also possible to find, despite the very significant restrictions, ladders in which all the words are instantly recognisable.

At last we find a Connoisseur’s Ladder of the technical variety, in that the terminal words are permutations of each other. Because this was discovered within a few hours of the birth of my first grandson to bear the family name, it is dedicated to him, and will be referred to as

Dominic’s Connoisseur’s Ladder
LANTER (obsolete form of “lantern”)
TANTER (12th-14th century popular Anglo-French form of “tempt”)
TENTER (a frame on which to stretch cloth, hence “tenterhooks”)
TERTER (variant form of “tertre,” a little hill)
TERNER (a student of St. Andrew’s University, Scotland)
TERNAR (alternative spelling of previous word)
TERNAL (threelfold, triple).
All words can be found in the Oxford English Dictionary. This is the longest known technical Connoisseur’s Ladder.

Words in the following lists are OED headwords or obvious derivations thereof unless marked otherwise. The first word in the ladder is earlier in the alphabet than the last. BI = Bloomsbury Thesaurus, Ch = Chambers, Lo = Longman’s, Tert F = Tertiary Faunas, vf = OED variant form. The same place names may occur in different countries.

Ideal Ladders between heterograms with sequential letter change (about 0.5% of those found)

forward replacement

ALLICES (pl. pers name) — SLICES — SPICES — SPACES — SPANES (vf) — SPANKS — SPANKY. Also — SPARKY
ALIGHT — BLIGHT — BRIGHT — BROUGHT (vf) — BROUGHT (vf) — BROWST — BROWSE
AMORES (A of Ovid) — SMORES (OED) — SPORES — SPARES — SPANES (vf) — SPANKS — SPANKY. Also — SCALDY, — SCALPY, — SPINAL, — STALKY
AROUSE — CROUSE — CLOUSE (vf) — CLAUSE — CLAISE (vf) — CLAIME (vf) — CLAIMS. Also — CLANSE (vf) — CLANGE (vf) — CLANGS
AUSTEN (OED, also Pers name) — LUSTEN (vf) — LISTEN — LINTEN — LINGEN (in Herefordshire) — LINGAM
AUSTER (OED wind, or light aircraft) — BUSTER — BASTER — BANTER — BANDER — BANDIR (The Electronic Alveary) — BANDIT
BACTON (gas shore terminal in Norfolk) — HACTON (vf) — HOCTON (vf) — HOLTON (in Suffolk) — HOLD ON (OED) — HOLDEN — HOLDER
BANGER — HANGER — HONGER (vf) — HOLGER (Sed) — HOLDER — HOLDUR (OED) — HOLDUP (Web2). Also BANKER — HANKER — HONKER — HOLKER (in Cumbria)
BANTER — CANTER — CONTER — CASTER — COSHER — COSHAR (vf) — COSHAM (Portsmouth. UK HQ of IBM)
BARLEY — CARLEY — CORLEY (in Warwickshire) — COLEY (vf) — COREY (vf) — COURTLY — COURTS
BATHER — LA THER — LUTHER — LUSHER — LUSTER — LUSTIR (vf) — LUSTE (vf = lusty)
BWAYDIE (vf) — CAWDIE (vf) — COWDI — CONDIE (OED) — CONGIE (vf) — CONGEE — CONGER
BERLIN — MERLIN — MARLIN — MASLIN — MASTIN (OED) — MASTEN (Ger to feed, whence Eng mast = fruit of oak)
MASTER, Hitler or Isaiah or Irving
BLACKS — SLACKS — STACKS — STICKS — STINKS — STINGS — STINGY. Also — STOCKS — STONKS — STONES — STONED, and — STORKS — STORMS — STORMY
BLADES (young men) — SLADES (OED) — SPADES — SPODES — SPORES — SPORTS — SPORTY
BLANKS — PLANKS — PRANKS — PRICKS — PRICES — PRICEY. Common words
BLINKS — SLINKS — STINKS — STANS (OED) — STARES — STARED
BLOUSE — CROUSE — CREUSE (vf) — CREATE — CREAKE (vf) — CREAKY. Also — CREAME (vf) — CREAMY
BOILED — SOILED — SEALED — SEA BED — SEA-BUD (OED) — SEA-BUG (OED)
BOSCHE (vf = Boche, Germans) — MOSCHE (vf) — MESCHE (Ch, Old Fr, whence match) — MEACHE (vf) — MEASHE (vf) — MEASLE — MEASLY
BOTHER — MOTHER — MATHER — MASHER — MASTER — MASTIR (vf) — MASTIC
BOTHER — TOTHER — TOTHER — TITHER (vf) — TUSTLE (vf = rustly)
BUSTLE — TUSTLE (vf) — TASTLE (vf) — TARTLE — TARDLE — TARDIS (Dr Who’s spaceship)
BURTON (word, also Richard B. actor) — PURTON (in Gloucestershire) — PIRTON (near Letchworth) — PICTON (in Cheshire) — PICKON (OED) — PICKEN (vf) — PICKED/PICKER/PICKET
BUSKIN (leg covering) — SUSKIN (OED) — SISKIN — SINK IN (Ch) — SING-IN (OED) — SINGEN (vf) — SINGED
BUSTLE (wire framework for women) — RUSTLE — ROSTLE (OED) — ROUTLE (vf) — ROUSLE (vf) — ROUSTE (vf) — ROUSTY (vf = rusty)
BUSTLE (activity) — TUSTLE (vf) — TASTLE (vf) — TARTLE — TARDLE — TARDIS (Dr Who’s spaceship)
BUXTON (in Derbyshire, water very hard) — CUXTON (in Medway) — CAXTON — CARTON — CARION (vf) — CAIEN — CARIES
CANTOS—PONTOS (pantomimes) — PONTALS (OED) — PONTOS (Ch Gr, whence poultrie) — POLIOS — POLISS (vf) — POLISH
CARTON — HARTON (in Shropshire) — HORTON (in Shropshire) — HOLTON (in Suffolk) — HOLDON (OED) — HOLDEN — HOLDER
CARTON — PORTON (OED under germ) — POUTON (in UK) — POUR ON (Bl) — POUREN (Middle Eng pour) — Poured
CASTLE — TASTLE (vf) — TUSTLE (vf) — TURTLE — TURKIE (vf) — TURKIC (OED)
CAXTON (word, but famous printer) — SAXTON (vf) — SIX TON (The Electronic Alveary) — SINTON (in Worcestershire) — SINGON (vf, sect) — SINGEN (vf) — SINGER. Also nine other famous singers (!), including DALTON — DORIAN, G. G. ALTON, PAXTON
CHIVES—SHIVES—STIVES (OED) — STAVES — STALES — STALKS — STALKY
CHORES—SHORES—SPORES—SPARES—SPANS—SPANKY
CLAIRES—SLAIRE (vf) — STAIRE (vf) — STEIRE (vf) — STEARE (vf) — STEADY. Also — STEAME (vf) — STEAMY,
— STOIRE (vf) — STORRE (vf) — STORME (vf) — STORMY
DALTON (famous high school in Mass.) — HALTON (in Buckinghamshire) — HOLON (in Suffolk) — HORTON (in Kent) — HORSO (OED) — HORSEN (OED) — HORSEY
DANGER — LANGER (vf) — MONIST — MODIST — MODEST — MODEL T (OED, Ford car) — MODELL
DEVOUR — LEVOUR (vf) — LAVOUR (vf) — LAMOUR (OED) — LAMBUR (vf) — LAMBER — LAMBES (vf)
DITHER — LITHER — LUSER — LUSTIR (vf) — LUSTIE (vf) — LUSTY
DIVERS — SIVERS (OSPD) — SAVERS — SABERS — SABIRS — SABINS — SABINE!!!
DONATE — SONATE (vf) — SANATE (OED) — SAVATE — SAVITE (OED) — SAVINE — SAVING
DORIAN — SORIAN (vf) — SYRIAN — SYLIAN (Ch. Ol B. En defile) — SYLVAN — SYLVIN — SYLVIA/SYLVIE. Sex change
DOUBLE — SOUBLE (vf) — STUBLE (vf) — STIBLE (vf) — STICLE (vf) — STICKE (vf) — STICKY. Also — STIGLE (vf) — STIGME — STIGMA — STOBLE (OED) — STODLE (vf) — STODGE — STODGY
DOUCHE — SOUCHE (vf) — STUCHE (OED) — STICHE (vf) — STIGHE (vf) — STIGME — STIGMA
DRINKS — PRINKS — PLINKS — PLACS — PLACKS — PLACES — PLACED
DWAYNE (pers name) — SWAYNE (vf) — SHAYNE (pers name) — SHRYNE (vf) — SHRENE (vf) — SHREWE (vf) — SHREW
DWAYNE (pers name) — SWAYNE (vf) — STAYNE (vf) — STEYNE (vf) — STEANE (vf) — STEADE (vf) — STEADY. Also — STEAME (vf) — STEAMY, — STOYNE (OED) — STORNE (vf) — STORME (vf) — STORMY
DWAYNE (pers name) — SWAYNE (vf) — TRAYNE (vf) — TREYNE (vf) — TRENNE (vf) — TRENDY
FAG-END (OED) — RAG END (OED) — REGEND (OED) — REMEND — REMAND — REMAID (OED) — REMAIN
FALTER — VALTER (vf) — VELTER (vf) — VERTER (vf) — VERDER (OED) — VERDUR (vf) — VERDUN (warfare in France)
FASSTEN — LASTEN (vf) — LISTEN — LINTEN — LINGEN (in Herefordshire) — LINGAN (vf) — LINGAM
FASTER — HASTER — HISTER — HINTER — HINDER — HINDUR (vf) — HINDUS. Also — HOSTER — HOLTER (OED holt vb) — HOLDER — HOLDUR (OED) — HOLDUP
FAATHER — LAATHER — LUSER — LUSTER — LUSTIR (vf) — LUSTIE (vf)
FICKLE — MICKLE — MUCKLE — MUSKLE (vf) — MUSCLE — MUSCAE — MUSCAT (wine, or shikkhdom)
FINDER — MINDER — MANDER (vf) — MARDER (vf) — MATER (vf) — MARTIR (vf) — MARTIN (bird or person).
Also — FUDES — JUDGES — KINDER — FOILER — FOULER — etc. Some also — MARTY
FORAGE — SORAGE — STRAGE — STOAGE (vf) — STORGE — STORME (vf) — STORMY
FORGED — PORGED (OED) — PARGED — PANGED — PANTED — PANTOD — PANTS (pantomimes)
FORTES — MORTES (vf) — MARTES (OED fomart, 1523) — MATTES — MATIES — MATINS — MATING
FOSTER — MOSTER (vf) — MASTER — MANTER — MANGER — MANGOR (vf) — MANGOS. 17 others incl LOANED, BUSKED
FUCKER — RUCKER — RACKER — RANKER — RANDER — RANDIR — RANDIE. 19 other RANDIES, incl DOCKER, FICKER,
LICKER, POSTER
FUSION — MUSION — MELION (OED) — MELTON — MELTNY (vf) — MELTGD (vf)
GAMBLE — WAMBLE — WOBLE — WORBLLE (vf) — WORLDE (vf) — WORLDS. Also — WORLTE (vf) — WORTHE (vf) — WORTHY
GAYEST — WAYEST (vf) — WRYEST — WREEST (vf) — WREST (vf) — WREAT (vf) — WREATH
GIVERS — SIVERS — SAVERS — SABERS — SABIRS — SABINS — SABINE
HAMBLE (river, Southampton) — SAMBLE (vf) — SEMBLE — SEABLE (OED) — SEALRE (Ronald, cartoonist or pharmaceuticals coy) — SEARCE — SEARCH
HASTEN — LASTEN (vf) — LISTEN — LINTEN — LINGEN (in Herefordshire) — LINGAN (vf) — LINGAM
HELVIN (Marie, very beautiful model, or silicate) — MELVIN (pers name or Loch) — MALVIN (Pull) — MARVIN (pers name)
— MARGIN — MARGON (vf) — MARGOT (pers name). Obviously christened wrongly!
HONEST — MOSTE (vf) — MENESE (OED feebler, 1450, 2nd pers sing) — MEREST — MERIST — MERIT (vf) — MERITS
HUMBLE — WAMBLE (Web2) — WAMBLE — WARBLE — WARLDE (vf) — WAREDE (OED) — WARDEN. Also — WOMBLE
— WORBLE — WORLDE (vf) — WORTHE (vf) — WORTHY
JAPERY — PAPERY — PIPERY — PILEY (vf) — PILOY (vf) — PILOTY (OED) — PILOTS
JILTER — MILTER — MILTER — MANTER — MANGER — MANGOR (vf) — MAN-GOD (OED)
JUMBLE — WUMBLE (Web2) — WAMBLE (Web2) — WORBLE — WORLLE (vf) — WORLDE (vf) — WORLDS
KAISER — PAISER (Old Fr whence pease, or EEG) — PRISER — PROSER — PROFER (vf) — PROFIR (OED) — PROFIT
KATION — LATION — LUTION (The Electronic Alveary) — LUSION (OED) — LUSTON (in Herefordshire) — LUSTEN (vf) — LUSTER. = anion!
Laurie (pers name) — Saurie (vf) — STURIE (vf) — STORIE (vf) — STODIE (vf) — STODGE — STODGY
LAYSERS — SAYERS — SKYERS (OED) — SKIERS — SKIRRS — SKIRTS — SKIRTY. Crinoline?
LEMONS — SEMONS (OED) — SOMONS (vf) — SOLONS — SOLENS (OED) — SOLERS (OED) — SOLERA. For those who find grapes too sweet?
CARNIE (vf)—CARNIS (Sted)—CARNES (Sted)—CARES—CABLES—COBLES—NOBLES
Princes of peep-shows
CAROLE (pers name or vf)/CAROL’S (pers name)—CAROLL (vf)—CAROUL (vf)—CARFUL—CAPFUL—COPFUL (OED)—
TOPFUL (means lofty, but ...)

CHALKY—CHALKS—CHALES (vf)—CHAVES (OED)—CHIVES—CLIVES (vf)—OLIVES
CHARMS/CHARTS—CHARME (vf)—CHARNNE (vf)—CHAINE (vf)—CHRINE (vf)—CARINE (vf)—MARINE. All the nice girls
love a sailor. Also CHEAPO—CHETS—CHERTS—
CHEATS—CHEATE (vf)—CHEASE (vf)—CHEISE (vf)—CHAISE—CRAISE (vf)—PRAISE because they show initiative!
CHERYL (pers name)—CHERYE (vf)—CHERNNE (vf)—CHEYNE (vf)—CHAYNE (vf)—CLAYNE (vf)—SLAYNE (vf)
CHESTY—CHESTE (vf)—ChESSE (vf)—CHEISE (vf)—CHAISE—CRAISE (vf)—PRAISE
CHILD—CHILDE—CHILCE (OED)—CHINCE (vf)—CHANCE—CRANCE—TRANCE
CHINKY—CHINK—CHINES—CIVES—CREVES—GRAVES
CHINT—CHINTS—CHINKS—CHICKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS.
CHALKY—CARNE (vf)—CAROLE (pers name or vf)—CAROL’S (pers name)—
CHIRPY—CHIRPS—CHIRKS—CHINKS—CHOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS.
CLEAN—CLEANS—CLINKS—CLICKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS.
CLONED—LONES—CLONKS—CLOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS—LOCKS.
CLONED—CLONES—CLONKS—CLOCKS—CLICKS—CRICKS—PRICKS/TrICKS (for Bobbit). Also—TRACKS—TRUCKS
CLOCHE—CLOTES—CLOVES—CLAVES—GRaVES—GRaVES
CLOUDS—CLOUDE (vf)—CLOUSE (vf)—CLOISE (vf)—CLAINE (vf)—CRAISE (vf)—PRAISE. Also CLOWNS—
COMPAQ (PC manufacturer)—COMPAS (vf)—COMPTS—COMETS—COYETS—CIVETS—RIVETS. Also—DUVETS

Diversification from PC production.
CONGAS—CONGAR (vf)—CONGER—CONTER—COSTER—CASTER—FASTER/MASTER/VASTER. Also—MUSTER
CORNEA—CORNEAL—CORNAL (vf)—CORT (vf)—COSTAL—CISTAL (OED)—DISTAL
CRAMPY CRANKY—CRAMPS—CRAMES (OED)—CRARES (OED)—CRORES—CHORES—WHORES
CRETAN—CRETAE (Sted)—CRETHE (OED)—CRECHE—CRUCHE—COUACHE—LOUACHE/DOUACHE
CROUTE—CROUTH (vf)—CROUCH—CRITCH—CITCH—GLITCH. Cooking accident
CUTLAS—CUTLAR—CUTLER—CUTTER—CUSTER (of Last stand fame)—CASTER—FASTER/MASTER/VASTER. Also—
POSTER—OYSTER

DARKERY—DARKEN—DARKEY (The Scoundrel’s Dict)—DARKLE—DARGLE (vf)—DINGLE—JINGLE/MINGLE/SINGLE
DEBARS—DEBARE (OED)—DEBATE—DEBITE (OED)—DELITE (vf)—DOLITE—POLITE
DENTAL—DENTAR (OED)—DENTAR (vf)—DENTAR (Web2)—DENKER (Roget)—DECKER—DACKER/PACKER. Also—
PICKER—MOCKER—FUCKER—PUCKER
DIECKY—DIECKEN (OED)—DICKON (vf)—DICION (vf)—DITION—RATION—RATION ration
of donkey or bird, or poor quality ration
DORSAL—DORSAR (vf)—DORSER—DORNE (vf)—DOWNER—DAWNER (vf)—YAWNER
FEALTY—FEALTE (Old Fr whence fealty)—FEALLE (vf)—FEABLE (vf)—FEMBLE (vf)—FAMBLE—GAMBLE.
Also—NIMBLE—HUMBLE
FERNERMAN—FERNERMAN—FERNERMAN (James F., former
UK film censor, also Persian whence firman)—FERMAR (vf)—FERMER (vf)—FERDER (vf)—FENDER—
FINDER—MINDER. Also—PONDER—WONDER—HALTER—MASTER—LUSTER
FERMAT (OED, also Fr mathematician)—FERMAR (vf)—FERMER (vf)—FERTER (OED)—FESTER—FASTER/MASTER/VASTER of
maths, except for his “Last” Theorem
FLECKS—FLECKE (vf)—FLECCE (Old Eng (Kentish) whence fledge)—FLENGE (vf)—FLANGE—FRANGE (Sted)—ORANGE
FORGAT—FORGAR (OED)—FORGER—FORDER (in Cornwall or vf)—FORDER—FULER (OED)—MULDER (Web2). Scully, in
the X-Files
FRENCH—FRENCE (vf)—FRENNE—FREYNE (OED)—FRAYNE—FLAYNE (vf)—SLAYNE (vf) at Waterloo
FROTHS/FROTHY—FROTHE (vf)—FROtte (vf)—FROSTE (vf)—FRISTE (vf)—FOISTE (vf)—MOISTE (vf)
GARTHS (enclosed ground)—GARTH (Ch, Old Norse whence garth)—GARTER—GARDER (Ch, Old Fr whence guard)
GANDER—GONDER (vf)—YONDER/PONDER. Also—MINDER
GENIAL—GENIAL—GENION—GENSON—GEISON—GRISON—PRISON. Also—PARSON
GROANS—GROANE (vf)—GROATNE (vf)—GROANTE (vf)—GAUNTE (vf)—HAUNTE (vf)
GROUPES—GROUPE (vf)—GROYNE—GRAYNE (vf)—GLAYNE—SLAYNE (vf)
HABITS (as on nuns)—HABITE (vf)—HABILE—HABBLE—HABBLE—HUMBLE—TUMBLE/JUMBLE
HAMLET—HAMLEN (?)—HAMLIN (1916 Hamlin Hist. Ornament OED under all-over)—HAMKIN (OED)—HARK IN (OED)—
HERKIN (vf)—MERKIN/JERKIN
HERBAL—HERBAR (OED)—HERBER (OED)—HERDER—HENDER (vf)—HINDER—MINDER/KINDER. Also—MINDER—
WILDER—PONDER—WAFTER—SALTER—WANTER—MINTER (pun)—WINTER—PUNTER—MASTER—
PASTER—WASTER—MASTER
HINDESS—HINDUR (vf)—HINDER—HINTER—HISTER—HASTER—MASTER/VASTER/WASTER. Also—POSTER
HOLDER—HOLDEN—HOLDON (OED)—HOLTON (in Oxfordshire)—HORTON (in Kent)—HARTON (in N Yorks)—PARTON a bra!
HOLDUP—HOLDUR (OED)—HOLDER—HOLGER (Sted)—HONGER (vf)—HINGER—LINGER/SINGER/WINGER.
Also—WANGER—NUMBER—LUNGER—LAZIER—LICKER—WACKER—SUCKER—TANKER—WANKER—
MASTER—WASTER—MASTER
HOLIER—HOLIEN (vf)—HOLIAN (vf)—HOLMAN (H. Hunt, Pre-Raphaelite)—HOYMAN—HEYMAN (Francis H. Eng painter, OED shambler)—KEYMAN church warden?

LANGOR (vf)—LANGOT (vf)—LANGET (vf)—LANKET (OED)—LOCKET—ROCKET

LANGE—LANGUR—LANGER (vf)—LANTER (vf)—LASTER—LYSTER (OED)—OYSTER

LEGIOfREGION—LEGIOR (vf)—LEGIER (vf)—LETHER (vf)—LITHER—ZITHER. Also—LOCKED,—LOCKET

LUSTIE (vf)—LUSTIR (vf)—LUSTER—LUSER—LITHER—LITHER—ZITHER

MANCHU(OED)—MANCHE—MANCEL (vf)—MANKLE (vf)—MACKLE—MICKLE—PICKLE/SICKLE/TICKLE. Also—SUCKLE

MAN-GOD (OED)—MANGE—MANKLE (vf)—MACKLE—MICKLE—TICKLE. Also—POSTER

MANGOS—MANGOE (vf)—MANGLE—MANKLE (vf)—MACKLE—MICKLE—PICKLE. Also—SUCKLE—TUSKED etc

MANTIS—MANTIE (OED)—MANTLES (OED)—THALES

THERNE (in Norfolk)—TRELLES (OE D)—TRALES (OED)—THALES

THEIRE—THEIRE—THEINE—THERNE—THERNE

TINTER—WINTER.

TOUKAN (vf)—TOUKAR (vf)—TOUKER (vf)—TOUGHT—TOUSTER—TOTSTOR (OEd Fr whence toast)—TASTER—VASTER/WASTER

TRIBAL—TRIBAS—TRIBES (OED)—TRALES (OED)—THALES (Grek philosopher)—WHALES.

Also TRICKY—TRIPOD—

TASTE-Y ASTER/Y WISTER (OED)—WASTERS—Y WISTER

THRINGE (in Worcestershire)—THRINGE

TOUTER (OEd Fr whence toast)—TOUSER—TUSER—Y USER

TWINER (vI)—WINTER/WINTER

Y

THEIRE—THERNE (vf)—THEINE—THINE (vf)—THURNE (vf)—THURNE (in Norfolk)—TOURNE (vf)—YOURN (vf) (sadly not antonymic

TOUKAN (vf)—TOUKAR (vf)—TOUKER (vf)—TOUTER—TOSTER (OEd Fr whence toast)—TASTER—VASTER/WASTER

TRIBAL—TRIBAS (Grek, whence tribe)—TRIBES (OED)—TRALES (OED)—THALES (Grek philosopher)—WHALES.

Also TRICKY—TRIPOD—
TROPEZ (ST T, S France)—TROPEE (OED)—TROPHE (OED)—TROTHE—TRUTHE—TOUTHE—YOUTHE. youth remove their topz at St Tropz
TURKIC—TURKIE (vf)—TURKLE—TURBLE (vf)—TUMBLE—TOMBLE (vf)—WOMBLE (vf, UK children’s TV character)
Also TURPIN—
TUSKAN (vf)—TUSKAR—TUSKER—TUSHER—TUTHER (OED)—TITHER—ZITHER
VERDUN—VERDUR (vf)—VERDER (OED)—VERGER—VENGER—VINGER (OED)—WINGER. Also—WANTER,
—WINTER,—WASTER