BANANAGRAMS 12

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Bananagrams--anagrams to drive you bananas--consist of rhymed couplets, each one containing a pair of anagrams to be solved. One of the rhyming words will always be an anagram, and the couplet itself will offer clues to help solve the anagram. Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of the issue.

"I'll run," said Gore, and we, dismayed, Thought, a bad xxxx by an xxxx.

Will "R" be for Romance or Rustle?
We know Sue Grafton's xxxxxx will xxxxxx.

Is your building in a shocking state? Here's my xxxxxx -- xxxxxx.

The Aussies built a fence and--bingo!
Nothing xxxxx for the xxxxx.

Pasta with ketchup works in Vienna But drives Italians xxxxxx in Xxxxxx.

Owl hunters are astute.
Their motto: if it xxxxx, then xxxxx.

During the dog days no one pities Nome, Alaska, the xxxxxx of xxxxxx.

The integrity of the game makes us sure That the xxxxxx won't be xxxxxx.

The elevator, that invention of Otis's,
Should have a xxxxxxx for important xxxxxxx.

Please don't rub that lamp, you wienies! Now you've got me xxxxxx xxxxxxx.