

# AN ALPHABET OF THREE-L LAMAS

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Most people are familiar with Ogden Nash's doggerel connecting priests, beasts and three-alarm fires (an updated version below). In the Nov 2012 Word Ways, Solomon Golomb created five L-variants; here is a gallimaufry covering most of the alphabet:

A one-A lager, beer's the thing  
A two-A laager, wagon ring,  
But on the Internet no blogger ever met a 3-A laaager.

A one-B bib on baby's chest,  
A two-B Bibb for salad's best,  
But I'll bet you a folding crib you never saw a three-B bibbb.

A one-C deca-, "tenth" I claim,  
A two-C Decca, record name  
But I'll bet you a trip to Mecca you never met a three-C decca.

A one-D ad creates a yen,  
A two-D add, say nine plus ten,  
But I'll bet you a priceless Strad you never saw a three-D addd.

A one-E Erie, giant lake,  
A two-E eerie shivers make,  
But I'll bet you a crested veery you never met a three-E eerie.

A one-F rifle, hunter's dream,  
A two-F riddle roils the stream,  
But I'll bet you a chronic sniffle you never met a three-F riffle.

A one-G lager dulls the mind,  
A two-G lagger, left behind,  
But I'll bet you a pettifogger you never met a three-G laaager.

H

A one-I tori, doughnut mates,  
A two-I torii, Shinto gates,  
But I'll bet you a morning glory you never saw a three-I toriii.

J

K

A one-L lama, he's a priest,  
A two-L llama, he's a beast,  
But I bet you Barack Obama never met a three-L llama.

A one-M mum, a family link,  
A two-M Mumm, a champagne drink,  
But I'll bet you a tidy sum you never met a three-M mummm.

A one-N nun for Jesus hunts,  
A two-N Nunn in Senate once,  
But I'll bet you a sticky bun you never met a three-N nunnn.

A one-O to is used with fro,  
A two-O too, "etc", you know,  
But I'll bet you an Irish stew you never saw a three-O tooo.

A one-P trap for catching game,  
A two-P Trapp, group-singing fame,  
But I'll bet you a baseball cap you never met a three=P trappp.

## Q

A one-R par, golf score to boast,  
A two-R Parr, a TV host,  
But I'll bet you a vintage car you never met a three-R parr.

A one-S bus takes kids to school,  
A two-S buss, a kiss that's cool,  
But I'll bet you a harquebus you never met a three-S busss.

A one-T buffet, food served hot,  
A two-T Buffett, worth a lot,  
But I'll bet you Miss Muffet's tuffet you never saw a three-T buffett.

## U

A one-V navy, sea patrol,  
A two-V navvy, British prole,  
But I'll bet you have too much savvy to claim you saw a three-V navvvy.

## W

A one-X fox is sought for game,  
A two-X Foxx of baseball fame,  
But I'll bet you two cuckoo clocks you never met a three-X foxxx.

## Y

A one-Z hazard (stolen nuke?),  
A two-Z Hazzard, he's a duke,  
But I'll bet you a fruiting mazzard you never met a three-Z hazzard.