REMOVING A PAIR OF NON-DOUBLED LIKE LETTERS

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In a Kickshaws item entitled *The Disappearing Doubles* (Word Ways November 2009 p 281), I removed A to Z pairs of doubled letters from a word to form a new word. eg. BONNY – NN = BOY. Here, I again remove 2 like letters from a word to form another word, the difference being that the 2 like letters are separated in the word and not do not appear as a doubled pair. The 2 separated like letters can appear anywhere in the word: beginning / middle / end.

DIANA = DIN
WINDED = WINE
GRUDGE = RUDE
JIMJAMS = IMAMS (jitters)
MADAM = ADA
PROPPED = ROPED
SIDLES = IDLE
VALVE = ALE
XANNAX (a former US corporation in Santa Barbara) = ANNA
ZEREZ = ERE (Zerez sack is a white wine)

BARBIES = ARIES
ELOPES = LOPS
SHEATHED = SEATED
SKUNK = SUN
NEURON = EURO
QAVAQ = AVA (in Iran)
STINT = SIN
WHEW = HE

CRACKER = RAKER
FIREFLY = IRELY (girl’s first name)
DIARIES = DARES
LILT = IT
OVERGOES = VERGES
FARMER = FAME
USUALLY = SALLY
YEARLY = EARL