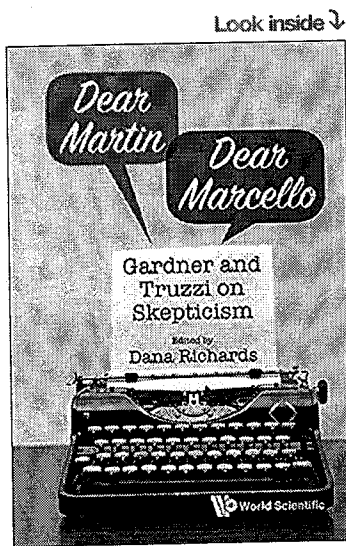# COLLOQUY

Dana Richards has edited a marvelous new book on the correspondence between Martin Gardner and Marcello Truzzi on skeptisicm. Details follows:

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Darryl Francis reports that the *Dictionary of American Regional English* is closing after 54 years for lack of funding.

Alan Frank comments about SuperScrabble:

In ordinary Scrabble, playing a fifteen-letter 3x3x3 is easy, at least in constructed positions, as only five of the tiles in the word cover premium squares and must be played simultaneously and with only eight tiles needing to be on the board in advance, only a single 3-letter word or two 2-letter words are needed to prepare for the high-scoring play.

In SuperScrabble, the situation is different, as all seven tiles must be used to cover premium squares and the fourteen preplayed letters must all form short words. Thus, a potentially high-scoring word such as benzalphenylhydrazone cannot be configured for maximum score.

However, I have found a few other high-scoring words (at least, according to some sources), all chemical terms, which could be played by forgoing one of the premium letter squares: betahydroxyethylamine, betahydroxypentanoate, and methyltrinitrobenzene. A few other words could be played if legitimate support could be found for an embedded subword needed for setup: benzenehexacarboxylic, dimethylanilinenoxide, and phosphoramidatehexose. I'll leave the details to those who might want to construct high-scoring plays or games.

I hope at some point to be able to programmatically access a list of 21-letter words and see what other ideas I can come up with.

Cadet-Rousselle a trois enfants :
Les voyez-vous ici présents ?
D'abord sa fill' qui n'est pas belle,
Puis un grand fils assez ficelle,
Enfin un petit drole au toupet épatant.