

## COLLOQUY

**DARRYL FRANCIS** comments:

“Have just seen the February Word Ways online. Another good issue.

I have already emailed Jeff Grant to point out a further alphabetic trigram ....

LONGHIRST is a village in Northumberland, England. Probably just over an hour's drive from me! ”

Also “Have also emailed Jeff Grant to say that ...

**Rhinopomastus** exists on the internet

It appears to be a genus of African birds.

That's two new items to add to Jeff's list. I wonder if there are more to be found.”

**BRANDON ALDRIDGE** writes:

My name is Branden Aldridge, and I have found a new world record for the shortest panalphabetic window. In the article "Panalphabetic Windows in Literature" by Michael Keith, published by Word Ways in the February 2001 edition (v. 34, No. 1, pp. 74), the author describes a computerized search of Project Gutenberg, and reports the shortest panalphabetic window he found was a 535-letter stretch of text in Honore De Balzac's "The Alkahest".

I have recently performed another search of Project Gutenberg, analyzing over 48,000 books, and have found a 408-letter panalphabetic window in the book "Thirty Years' View (Vol I of 2)." by Thomas Hart Benton. The window occurs in Chapter XCVIII, Mistakes of Public Men. It is shown below, with all letters converted to lowercase, except for those forming the alphabet in the panalphabetic window, shown in triple brackets:

the politicians were to make the panic, by the alarms which they created for the safety of the laws, of the constitution, the public liberty, [[[And the puBliC money: anD most zEalously did each division oF the combination perform its part, and for the lonG period of tHree full months. the decision of the resolution condemning general JackSon, on which aLI this MachiNery Of distress and Panic was hung, reQuiRed no part of that time. there waS The same majority to vote it the first day as the last; bUt the time was wanted to get up the alarm and the distress; and the Vote, When taken, was not from any eXhaustion of the means of terrifYing and agoniZ]]]ing the country, but for the purpose of having the sentence of condemnation ready for the virginia elections--ready for spreading over virginia at the approach of the april elections.

One observation of this window is that it only contains one name, Jackson, which is a rather common name, and the windows contains no abbreviations, unusual proper names, foreign language words, or obscure words.

NOTE: The book "Thirty Years' View" can be obtained from Project Gutenberg at the following link:

<http://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/44851/pg44851.txt>

The Word Ways article "Panalphabetic Windows in Literature" can be retrieved at the following link:

<https://digitalcommons.butler.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4542&context=wordways>