MEAN SIDEWALKS

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• SOME REDEFINITIONS by Captain Kidding, word pirate

antibody a person who would rather be incorporeal (like Sheldon in Big Bang Theory)
et cetera what you say when you’ve run out of ideas and don’t care to admit it
from time immemorial what you say when you don’t know how long it’s been
goes without saying a saying
It’s like a jungle out there. much quieter and more peaceful than civilisation
mason a Mamma’s boy
mistake shoplift
politicians people who go around with their heads in the crowds
pot belly result of getting stoned on pot often and pigging out on munchies
prelate 1) early or on time; 2) still living
presumptuous before you are splendid, but sure you will be one day
raindrops Precipitation decreases.
rock and roll a cradle lullaby
safecracker a firework that doesn’t explode
satisfactory where they turn female employees into satis (suttees)
thrive divide into three (after halve)

• NEWORDS

blues-blood hereditarily disposed to suffer and/or sing the blues
fakt fake “fact” [actually Polish for fact, no slur intended]
Neandering wandering around like a lost caveman
northpaw a left-handed person in the southern hemisphere
[actually used informally or jokingly to mean a right handed person in northern hemisphere]
retweeter a baby-talking coward (or not new? see Quiz answers below)
rickety-split as fast as my old body can run

• QUIZ (answers below)

1. What’s red, gray and blue, and over 150 years old yet still alive?
2. What’s the difference between ACCOUNTANT and LIBRARIAN?
What do you call it when you lose your shorts in a game of strip poker?
4. The CASSOWARY is a marvel, a concoction of eleven different animals. Can you name them? Can you find more than eleven animals hiding, mostly scrambled, inside the giant bird?
5. What’s special about the words TWO and TWEETER?

• HOMOPHONIC DEFINITIONS

In May 2019 I presented 65 homophonic synonyms. Here are a few more.

bowls balls (bowling balls, regional accent)
Carrie Nation  Carry 'Nay, shun!'  (a WCTU prohibitionist)

commence  come-ins  (or: commencement come-ins meant)

disdain  'This stain!

embarrassed  Am bare-assed!

random  ran dumb  (not knowing where it's going)

SOB  Asshole be.

And two homophonic antonyms:

accepted  excepted

right angle  wry tangle

• THE CAT'S PER
This is the dark side of the cat's meow, a purr-version of a dozen per- words. This type pun has been done before, but I think these are all new.

perambulation  the catwalk

percent  feline currency  (Coins only. Cats have no interest in paper money except to chew on.)

perforce  This unit for measuring the strength of a purr was long overdue.

perfume  angry cat on a hot tin roof  (What a smell!)

perjury  the panel of dishonest judges at a kitten singing contest

permissible  an allowable but skippable per

permissive  a catty epistle that takes lots of liberties

peroxide  what wicked vandals used to bleach my pussy

perseverance  de-purring  (Some other cat got its tongue, after tireless attempts.)

persister  meow (a purr sibling) which goes on and on

personally  male kitten's intimate human friend

perversion  shockingly twisted poems composed or sung by cats

• RUMOR
McDonald's is to be taken over by Donald Trump once his term ends. It's supposedly a sealed deal. Because he dislikes ethnicity he plans to rename them all Donald's.

• An Intimate Meeting
MEET MEET MEET MEET MET MET
(This is why met is past tense of meet. Once you meet you've met.)

QUIZ ANSWERS.

1. The US civil war.
2. A charade: one is a bookkeeper, the other a book keeper.
3. short
4. ass cory cow cowry cray crow orca oscar ray roc sow. ?+ saw (sawfish)
5. Yes, both are spelled exclusively on the top row of the qwerty keyboard. That's only part of the answer. Two is the only number so spelled. Tweeter is the longest common word I could find easily that's composed purely of letters laterally adjacent on the keyboard. My runner up is the informal 'sadass', a word describing its own effort to get counted as a word. Can you beat tweeter?
Retweeter I've listed as a new word above (baby talk for retreater, a coward), and it's not a Scrabble word, but it is listed in the online Wiktionary and commonly used online. Even retweetery, the act of retweeting, is used online but isn't common and is not in any dictionary.

• CONFESSIONS
Sometimes I maze myself.
I'm constantly rehearsing my defense for Judgement Day.
I work my butt off. That's the only part of me that gets any wear and tear. (except my fingers and mouth)
I had a fast fast today. It lasted nearly two hours. I'm improving.

Ages 1-2 were the happiest, most carefree time of my life. So how come I can't recall any of it?
I've been called ambidextrous—both a prick and a wanker.

_Worries Free? Yes, They’re Free!_  
When Aussies tell me ‘No worries, mate!’
I tell them, ‘I’ll find something.’