I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED BY THE LETTER Q. IT IS ELLUSIVE. IT IS TANTALIZING. IT IS FRUSTRATING AND RECALCITRANT. BUT WITH KINDLY AND GENTLE PERSUASION IT CAN BE MANIPULATED -- SOMETIMES. I WOULD GUESS THAT 99 PER CENT OF THE TIME IT IS FOLLOWED BY THE LETTER U WITH ANOTHER VOWEL OR TWO. IT IS THE OTHER 1 PER CENT THAT MAKES IT SO INTERESTING.

I AM SHOWING IN THIS ARTICLE A FEW FORMS BUILT AROUND THE LETTER Q. FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT SPENT THEY ARE PITIFULLY FEW. BUT YOU SHOULD SEE THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY! SOME OF THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SHOWN; OTHERS HAVEN'T (AND PROBABLY SHOULDN'T).

ALL WORDS NOT FOUND IN THE SECOND EDITION OF WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED ARE NOTED AND A SHORT DEFINITION GIVEN. WORDS THAT ARE ASTERISKED ARE TAKEN FROM WORD LISTS COMPILED BY VARIOUS FORMISTS MANY YEARS AGO.

AS I DO NOT HAVE THESE REFERENCES OR MAPS, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY OR DEFINE THEM, BUT THE PROBABILITY THAT THEY ARE OK IS VERY HIGH.

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GARAISON* (Cath. Ency.) VAGAL NUCLEUS - Same as Vagus Nucleus (Post.) QAWIQSAQUESQUE - In the style of Qawiqsaq, an Alaskan bluff (Word Ways, Aug. 1970, p. 182) GEGI - Town, Egypt (C. Atlas) DARAQ* (Cyclo. of Ind.) ROMAGNA - Former province (N. I. Geog.) SNAIMUQ - Tribe (E. B.) ANSACQ - Town, Oise, France (Map Ind. of Fr.) DOTLE - Form of Dottle (W. D.) CUQ - Town, Lot-et-Garonne (Map Ind. of Fr.)

QUASIFAIR
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NAQOAQTOQ

FANGENING - Middle English form of Fanging (C. D., p. 2137)
MARAHANNI - Place, Abyssinia 10°55 N 42°56 E (Ind. Geog.)
PERIGALES - Var. of Paregals (Oxf.) PARRALLED - Obs. form of Paroled (N. I., 1st Ed.) CARDINIID - One of the Cardinilidae (Std.)
NAQOAQTOQ - Nakoaktok (Am. Ind.) PAQ - Paca (Std., p. 1261)
FARRIQ* (Nat. Geog. of Afr.) BENAGLIO - Italian sculptor, 18th century (Phil. Blog.) QARGHALIQ - Town, China (N. I. Geog., p. 3076) AKENNED - Recognized (N. I., 1st Ed.) IRANI - Of or belonging to Iran (Whittworth's Anglo-Ind. Dict.) AUD - Old (Std.)

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URU - River, Burma (E. B.) AQUQENUKQO - Lower Kutenai (Am. Ind.) KOGAKURA* (Stieler) OSSERIATES - People of Upper Pannonia (Lemp.)

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QALALTQ - Heljelt (Am. Ind.) AHIPARA - Town, New Zealand (E.B.) LITAKER - Township, Rowan Co., N.C. (Lipp.) LAKELAQ - Clatsop (Am. Ind.) TRELAGU - Pueblo, Atripuy (Am. Ind.) QARAGUM - Same as Kara Kum (N. I. Geog.) AVENUE Q* (from a city directory) LENGENAU - Village, Switzerland (Lipp.) ANGLURE - Town, France (C. Atlas) QUERRES - Keresan Family (Am. Ind.)

REMIREMONT - Town, France (C. Atlas) BERENICIS - A part of Africa near Berenice (Lemp.) TENAQTAQ - Tenaktak (Am. Ind.) MIQKANO - A subphratry of the Menominee (Am. Ind.) NIANTIQUE - Niantic (Am. Ind.) TSQOAQKANE - Tskoakane (Am. Ind.) LUA - Roman goddess (N. I., 1st Ed.)

HERBEAU COQ - The Chrysanthemum balsamita (Fost.) SOEKARIMA - Town, Borneo (C. Atlas) BAA RIVER - Town, Italy (Lipp.) CIVANOQI - Casa Grande (Am. Ind.) OMENOGARA - Amednagar in Hindostan (Full.) QARARQALPAQ - Same as Karakalpaq (N. I. Geog.) IRP (C. D.)

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QUOQUAQ - AMANQUES - AQUQTLA’

Names) St.

DOMANET (Am. Ind.) BIOL. NI (Am. Ind.)

AQS - Sam

Word Ways p. 158)
QUQOAQ - Kukoak (Am. Ind.) OSORNO - Town, Chile (C. Atlas)
ASANCA - City of Germany (Lemp.) QQQAIA - Kokoa (Am. Ind.)
USINZA - Tribe, Zanguebar, Africa (Ind. Geog.)

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DOMANETIS* (Smith's Gr. & Rom. Geog.) TENAQTAAQ - Tenaktak
(Am. Ind.) REQUENO - Spanish Jesuit and writer, 1730-1799 (Phil.
Biog.) NIANTEIQUE - Niantic (Am. Ind.) TSQQAQQKANE - Tskoakane
(Am. Ind.)

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AQS - Same as Dax (Lipp.) AGUAR - Town, Bahor (Worc. Gaz.)
AMAQUES - Hopi (Am. In.) AGASTRICA - Agastric animals (Fost.)
AQUITLATLQO - Lower Kutenai (Am. Ind.) SAURACHES* (Plant
Names) SCLEM - To purloin trifles (Wr. D.) REITHAM* (Stieler)

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QAWIQSAQQ - Alaskan bluff (Dict. of Alaska Place Names, cited in
Word Ways, Aug. 1970, p. 182) MARE MULES - See Mare (Oxf.,
p. 158) TORBARIENES - Peat-bags (Wr. D.) LAND MALES - Rents
DIRGE ALES - Soul-ales (Std.) MARCARCIS - French sculptor, d.1741 (Phil. Biog.) LIRI - River, Italy (Times Atlas) MARCO - Village, Belgium (Lipp.) TENDEREA - Place in Egyptian Sudan (Stieler) MONTMACQ - Town, Oise, France (Map Ind. of Fr.) QARGHALIQ - Same as Karghalik (N.I. Geog.) ARBELLES - Town, Turkey in Asia (Wr.Gaz.) IMRIES - Kinds of soup (Wr. D.)

TARIQAT
AKATAMA* (Gould's Med. Dict.) RAZZLER - A roaster (Wr. D.)
ITZKANI* (Stieler) QALALTQ - Helelta (Am. Ind.)

SNAUQ - Same as Snauk (Am. Ind.) NOQUQU* - Place (P.O. Guide)
AUQUI - Island of the Philippines (Phil. Gaz.) UQUIA - Town, Argentina (Long. Gaz.) QUIAM - A whim (Wr. D.) QAZAQ - Same as Kazak (N.I. Geog.) ZAZAZ - Governor of Bilati (Cooper)

QARASASH (N.I. Geog.), QEQERTEN (Am. Ind.), and AAQET-QET (Gods of the Egyptians) seem so plausible and possible as eight-squares, but I have had no luck with them. QEQERTUQDJUAQ (in Word Ways, Nov. 1974, p. 213) has defied all efforts to diamondize. So close at times, yet so far.

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