Webster's Dictionary defines colloquy as mutual discourse. Readers are encouraged to submit additions, corrections and comments about earlier articles appearing in Word Ways. Comments received up to a month prior to publication of an issue will appear in that issue.

Jeff Grant belatedly adds a number of AEGINRST transpositions to the 131 developed by Dmitri Borgmann in the November 1976 Word Ways; as before, many of the words or terms have been coined for the occasion.

132 GENITRAS - 14th cent. spelling of 'genitors', or genitals (OED)
133 GNASTIER - comp. form of 'gnastie', a 17th cent. spelling of nasty (OED)
134 I.R.AGENTS - men from the Inland Revenue Department
135 NEAR-TIGS - near-touches in the game of tig
136 RAGIN' EST - superlative form of 'ragin"', slang for raging
137 REGNAIST - to gnai st again; 'gnaist' is an early form of 'gnast', to gnash, in the OED
138 RIGA-SENT - sent from the city of Riga (cf. 'heaven-sent')
139 STANGER, I. - an individual in the 1975/76 Brisbane telephone directory

Ed Wolpow has filled in Tom Pulliam's missing synonym squares with words starting with J, X, Y and Z. Viewed as collections of synonyms, these are less than perfect, but perhaps the best solutions available.

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tr Ollay ba Yberry spor E ho Oworm
sa Un ter al L spice hyph A cr O talid
ci R eult ir O wood ascu S ca N icola
ru Naway pa L metto plan T al Ocinma
tr Ekker pr Ospis fa S ciola
vo Y age r ma G nolia ep I demic
ma Y temus li S teria

More consecutive letters from Maxey Brooke: "SS's, SS's, SS's!!" screamed Susan, "that's all I hear!!" The latest issue of Logophile (Vol. 3, No. 1) contains a charming poem by David Norman:

I know a chap called Davy Judd who really loved his beer;
He'd sup his Double Diamond till it made him feel quite queer.
And when you'd think he'd had enough and couldn't take no more,
Then Davy Judd'd, D. D.'d, drink till he slumped to the floor.
Fire the proof-reader! Jeff Grant, Hap Hazard, Philip Cohen, Tom Pulliam, Harry Partridge and Homer Calkins noted various typos in the August issue. In the "Palindrome Pairs" table, 'pot' was misspelled put, and girt should be 'engirt'. In "Word-Rubric Rebi! pai mater should be 'pia mater' (see PER), BEE should be credited to Stilicho, URN is not enigmatic but FORMAT is, and there should be a comma after 'eye' in the Nightowl rebade. In "Anagrams and Transposals" the anagram of lemonade is demon ale. In "Word Ways Challenges" under Crashing Words wines should be 'wiens', and under Platform Words MI should be MS. A line was omitted in Tom Pulliam's synonym square for TREATISE: add ethe S is. In the Brain Games review, omit the word quirt. The line connecting crowd to onward in "Word Roots and Branches" should be deleted, and lines drawn connecting drawn to both wonder and onward. In "High-Soring Scrabble", bellow (in the explanatory notes) lost a final E. In Colloquy, 'mn' is a variant of mm, not min, and straight-tongued is in the English Dialect Dictionary.

New -cide words keep coming to light. Jeff Grant has discovered 'brahminicide' (or 'brahmanicide') (one who has killed a Brahmin, or the killing of a Brahmin), 'gelicide' (a frost), 'legicide' (a destroyer of laws), 'lignicide' (a weed-cutter), and 'utricide' (one who stabs an inflated vessel of skin), all in the OED. George Scheetz has found 'etetcocide' (Howard E. Evans, Life on a Little-Known Planet, 1974-1978), 'nemacide' (from Merck Index, item 3075 -- either a variant of nematicide, or a trade name of dichlofenthion), 'nemicide' (from Merck Index, item 8949 -- a trade name of tetramisole), 'pseudomonicide' (from a can of disinfectant made by Vonachen Industrial Supplies, Peoria, Ill.) and 'otticide' (a trademark of the Ottawa Chemical Division of Ferro Corporation, Toledo, Ohio). He confesses that the word georgicide in the February 1979 article was an invention -- but Rudolf Ondrejka wonders if, perhaps, it might exist somewhere in a discussion of assassination attempts on British kings or on Chicago gangster George "Bugs" Moran.

Howard Bergerson has brought to light another numerological oddity associated with the word FOX. Adding to Boris Randolph's discovery in the August 1977 Kickshaws that the FOX is the Biblical beast with mystical number 666 (since F = 6, O = 15 with digits summing to 6, X = 24 with digits also summing to 6), he notes that 6 + 15 + 24 = 45, and 666 = 37x3x2x3, with its prime factors also summing to 45.

In the May 1979 Kickshaws, Will Shortz mentioned words that become new words when translated into Pig Latin. Frederick Landers would like to call readers' attention to a similar language called Turkey Irish, in which 'ub' is inserted before each vowel in a word. In this language, dull becomes 'double', bull becomes 'bubble', hub becomes 'hubbub', and he appropriately becomes 'hubby'. Any other examples?

Philip Cohen thinks that Maxey Brooke should have mentioned that 'anagram', in National Puzzlers' League usage, is synonymous with aptagram.
Additions and improvements for all three parts of "Word Ways Challenges" continue to flow in; all unattributed ones were sent by Jeff Grant. Summarizing by section:

Word Squares: The first square below uses only three vowels, and the second has only two consonants. 'Schw't, 'hwrte' and 'wetter' are early spellings of shoot, hurt and utter in the OED. 'Aæææ' was the legendary home of Circe (see Webster's New Geographical Dictionary) and 'eneye' and 'eyeere' are early OED forms of ineye and eyer. The third square, containing only six vowels, was constructed by David Rosen using only words from the Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary.

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S C H W T   A E A E A   S T R A P
C R W T H   E N E Y E   T R I N E
H W R T E   A E A E A   R I N G S
W T T R E   E Y E R E   A N G S T
T H E R M   A E A E A   F E S T S
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Finally, here is a regular 5x5 square using only the letters E and S, and a double 6x6 square using only E, R, S and T.

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E S S E S   S T R E S S
S S S E E   T R E S S
E S S E E   E T E R E
S E S S S   S T E R S
E S S E E   T R E S S
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Morse Code: Tom Pulliam suggests that a longer inverse pair than 'kneel/ratty' is given by 'inmask/mainor'.

Alphanumeric: According to Tom Pulliam, the NI difference pair 'bedrow/Canchi' exceeds 'mulita/hicks', and the four-word sets 'boxty/mide/dea/ad' and 'ainoi/heaf/ade/ca' beat 'Egypt/brid/pie'. He also notes that the NI sum word 'canfult/dotage' is longer than 'affine/glows', and a three-word set is 'tatty/guns/big!'. Finally, he proposes 'Flagellaricaeae', with a score of 98, as the lightest 15-letter word, and 'anidiotmatical' as the longest centrally balanced beam word.

Letter Shapes: An OED search for words made up of vertically symmetric letters revealed BECHECKED, CHECKBOOK, CHICKHOOD and DEBOICHEE, and the English Dialect Dictionary has COCK-CHICK and the ten-letter CHICK-CHOCK. All these are beaten by HOOCBIE-COOCBIE, a var. of hootchy-kootchy, an erotic dance, in NI3. How about the non-dictionary term of endearment COOCHIE-COOCHIE? Among tall-letter words, 'lillypilly' is matched by 'biddy-biddy', 'fifty-fifty', 'fifty-fifth' (all NI3), and 'hiddygiddy', 'higly-pigly', 'light-tight' (all OED). These are beaten by 'highty-tighty' (haughty) in the EDD, and the inferred 'fifty-fifthly'. The all-high-letter word 'libidibi' is equaled by 'titifill' (an early form of titivil) in the OED. 'Pygg' (15th cent. spelling of pig) in the OED and 'jigg' (dia. var. of the verb sig, to creak) in the EDD are longer all-low-letter words than gyp.

Pattern Words: Either by 'Alli' or 'pattern abbaa', 'feer', 'found', 'place name', 'TIG. The twen by 'ette', and Wagnalls U represented by 'twin' of the missing ed by 'a"tt', 'hiu', a var transformed by 'huf' (If Y counts a lilyn match the eight-letter palindromically words 'one' dialect variant 'vb.2, 1b in the on Vacation ('

Restricted Letters: Group of 32 with 32 and others are forced.

Words in Words: in Chambers be progressively
s, ie, territory
I, ai, isie, territoral, I, al, torii, terri, rias, oe, etc.

Note that no word is IMO challenge. 'Alli' and 'oli' are in NI3, or can be
Baba and the

Miscellany: Ed suggests to the ten-digits, one of subtransposal er the letter-
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Pattern Words: Tom Pulliam notes that the pattern chabaa is illustrated either by 'Aliill' or 'Danann', both in N12; he also discovered that the pattern abbaac can be represented by 'Annaas'. Jeff Grant adds 'effer', found under effeer in the OED. Bbaabb is represented by the place name 'Oooloo' in Northern Territory, Australia according to the TIG. The two missing five-letter patterns, ababa and abaaab, are given by 'etett' in the OED and 'Eeele', a mountain in Asia, in the Funk & Wagnalls Unabridged; the missing four-letter pattern, abbb, is represented by 'ooss' (ooze, in the English Dialect Dictionary). A few of the missing vowel-consonant four-letter patterns are abcc illustrated by 'aitt', a variant of ait (oat) in the OED; Abbc illustrated by 'hiiu', a variant of the archaic pronoun hoo in the OED; and Abcc illustrated by 'huuy', a variant of the interjection hui (begone!) in the EDD. (If Y counts as a vowel, Ed Wolpow notes the N12 words tyee, pooa and llyn match the patterns Abcc and Abbc, respectively.) The two eight-letter patterns aabbccdef and aacbbdef can be upgraded to dictionary words ('olliest'), the superlative form of oolly, a Herefordshire dialect variant of woolly in the EDD, and 'ffullyth', listed under full vb. 2, 1b in the OED. Finally, Wassamasaw (swamp), in Language on Vacation (1965), is a place name palindrome exceeding Kanakana.

Restricted Letter Sets: (CF) (LR) (AE) (MT) (ES) is a five-letter garble group of 32 words in which there is a choice of letters in each position; crats, frams, frats, and frems are plurals of EDD words, and all others are found in the OED (flete and frete early forms of fleet and fret).

Words in Words: 'Territorialises', a variant spelling of territorializes in Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary (see also -ise in N12) can be progressively deleted in 15 different ways:

Note that no word has been used more than once, as specified in the challenge. 'Territoire' (territoire), 'orl', 'ia' (yea), 'ril' (rill) and 'oi' are in the OED, and 'iti' and 'itis' in the OED Supplement; 'oi' and 'ral' appear in the EDD. All others can be found in N12 or N13, or can be inferred from words therein ('Ali' appears in Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves in N12).

Miscellany: Ed Wolpow and Tom Pulliam both discovered the 22-letter N12 word HYPERCOINVENTIOUSNESS made up entirely of chemical element abbreviations; if only single-letter abbreviations are allowed, Ed suggests PSYCHOPANNNYCY is the longest. Both found solutions to the ten-digit number 152487609 in which each digit is used exactly once and which is a perfect square (of 39147); substituting letters for digits, one of many solutions is 'interclash/thirl'. Ed Wolpow's subtransposal 'reflexed/axolotl' scores 15,552,000 (multiplying together the letter-values $A = 1, B = 2$, etc.), but Tom Pulliam's 'betwines/western' beats this with 55,062,000. An eleven-letter sub-
transposable word is 'abracadabra/pili', according to Ed Wolpow. Tom Pulliam easily found numerous eight-letter shiftgrams, such as 'abutment/habitual'; it should be possible to find examples nearly twice as long. Jeff Grant found a large number of words in the subtransposal set which scores 300: acte(act), adoe(ado), alay, alee, aly, alto, ayal, ayl, bafe, beef, befe, cabby, cadee, cady, cate, cede, ced (seed), cyd, dace, doe, elo, eela(ela), elo, job, job, lay, lee, ly, oade, oad, ode, odea(odeum), oed(o, vb.), tace, tec, to, toa, yl (all in the OED) and Edo, tao, teca and yal (all in NI2).

Proper Names: Tom Pulliam fills gaps in Presidential town names with Ford (KS, VA, WA), Carter (KY, MT, OK, SD, TN, WI, WY), Hirram (GA, ME, OH) and Stephen (MN), all from the Rand McNally Road Atlas.

Philip Cohen adds six more AEST transposals to Jeff Grant's sixteen in the August 1979 Colloquy:

Aste - populated place (OSN Gazetteer USSR)
A-Tse - populated place (OSN Gazetteer People's Republic of China)
Stae - populated place (OSN Gazetteer Sweden)
tesa - teesa, the zuguniga falcon Poliornis teesa (Century Dictionary); also the stream Torrente Tesa (OSN Gazetteer Italy)
Tse-a - a variant spelling of Sia, a New Mexico Keresan tribe (Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico)
Etsa - reportedly in the 1922 Times Atlas, but not yet verified

This leaves only ESAT and TSAE, which look like plausible combinations of letters; a complete solution of 24 transposals may be possible.

Jeff Grant has found three more NI2 words containing all the letters from N through U: disquiparation, counterquips, preconquest. He notes three more transposals of the letters AEPRS: areps (arep is an archaic verb meaning 'to reach' in the OED), raeps (dialectical form of ropes, in NI2), and spaer (one who foretells, under spae in the OED). Using 'defog' and 'klam' from NI2, 'hij' from the OED, and 'qrs complex' from NI3, he was able to shorten the Games & Puzzles alphabetic word chains:

ABC, defog, hijack, limnophil, querist, uvrow, XYZ
ABC, defog, hij, klam, nop, querist, uvrow, XYZ
ABC, defog, hij, klam, nop, qrs, tu, vow, XYZ

As a lagniappe, he presents a series in which the letters of the alphabet alternate: AbBaCy, DwErFs, GeHeIm, JoKuLs, MeNiOr, PiQuReS, åTrUiVe, WaX, åYeZ. Alas, this is slightly marred by 'geheim' which appears only in the etymology for Geheimrat in NI3.

Cynthia MacGregor observes that Leo Rosten's The Joys of Yiddish cites the word 'yinglish', a blend of Yiddish and English. Spanglish, she adds, is commonly encountered in parts of New York City. In the Broadway musical "Seesaw", Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields included a song en-
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Wolpow, such as nearly
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lay, alee, cate, joab, job,
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equilibrate, and unequilibrated
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tury Dictionary. Although this has the desirable property of placing the high-scoring letters Z and Q on the 4th and 12th squares (double letter value), the total value of the word is only 56, three less than BENZOXY-CAMPHORS.

Philip Cohen's "Word-Rubric Rebus" was the basis of a prize contest by Murray Pearce at the July 1978 Stamford Convention of the National Puzzlers' League. As a special tiebreaker, he devised a new enigmatic rebus: DEMONS = counterdemonstration center.

Jeremiah Farrell wonders if the tendency of rebus puzzles to have more than one answer could be corrected by offering a hint of the answer. Sadly, he concludes that this may not be sufficient, as the following examples indicate:

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<td>(a device to raise an object)</td>
<td>Ans. TEE (golf ball), CAT (anchor)</td>
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Mary Hazard reports on a beauty parlor named Beachcomber -- nice, even though it is not on the shore of Lake Ontario. In Morristown, there's a clever meld of an oft-encountered pun: FRESH AIR.