There are two separate editions of the current Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary. The first edition of this book, designated the Kangaroo by the publishers, was printed in the usual handy pocket size in April, 1974. In July, 1978, the dictionary was reprinted in larger type and christened the Wallaby edition. In it, several errors and omissions found by George Berryman and me were corrected; the resultant changes are summarized below. To avoid reprinting more than a single page, entries had to be shortened or removed in some cases to accommodate the additions.

1. HEMISTITCH (1974-8) was corrected to HEMISTICH (1978-)
2. COMPULSIVE and COMPULSORY, formerly boldface entries (1974-8), were placed flush left and given definitions in lightface. To make room, COMSAT (1974-8) was removed
3. WNW and WSW (1974-8) were given the label 'abbr.' (1978-)
4. W'S or WS, not present earlier (1974-8), were added to the entry at W (1978-)
5. PEKE and PEKOE were added in boldface (1978-), with definitions. To make room, PEGBOARD (1974-8) was removed
6. OPER was added in boldface (1978- ) with definition. To make room, the definition of OPEN SHOP was shortened
7. SAXOPHONE and SAXIFRAGE were added in boldface (1978-).
   To make room, the definitions for SAWHORSE, SAW and SAUNA were shortened

As George Berryman has noted, several of these mistakes are 'nits'. However, the hyphenization of AWE-SOME in both editions irks him no end. Similarly, I am annoyed by the omission from both editions of a large number of rather common words which appeared in the Pocket Dictionary before 1974:

3: Leo
4: alas, phiz, yean
5: afoul, Aries, dregs, dript, filer, Libra, litre, lotos, prise, soles, Virgo, xenia, zooid
6: bemock, bezoar, bonnie, cecums, crowed, filths, flawed, fowler, Gemini, giblet, graver, logger, monied, Nankin, oxcart, Pisces, quoits, ourush, rhesus, sheers, Taurus, tibiae, torahs, toroth, vittle, warily, wilton, yclept, zymase
7: adrenin, alphorn, apprize, atomic, bandist, batteau, bereave, boating, celtuce, challie, chelate, choral, crowing, dormice,
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