

## ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

## IAMBIC IDIOSYNCRASY Helen Van Ummersen

1. Pope 2. Pope 3. Milton 4. Van Ummersen 5. Shelley 6. Gray
7. Van Ummersen 8. Raleigh 9. Emerson 10. Tennyson 11. Keats
12. Eliot 13. Herbert 14. Dryden 15. Sidney 16. Congreve
17. Wordsworth 18. Reese 19. Millay 20. Sidney 21. Robinson
22. Keats 23. Dryden 24. Fitzgerald 25. Greene 26. Eliot
27. Marlowe 28. Van Ummersen 29. Donne 30. Blake 31. Herrick
32. Spenser

## NAOMI, I MOAN Chaim Fleischman

1. seen knees 2. O desire rise, do 3. mix a maxim 4. a santa's at NASA
5. now are police, Cecil, opera-won? 6. yell alley 7. "Dallas" is all ad
8. yawn in way 9. no, I nip opinion 10. an IRA marina
11. me, Haig, I, ahem! 12. one modern red omen, O! 13. Sal, avast -- T. Savalas

Vertical palindrome: so many dynamos

## EVERY TOM, DICK AND HARRY Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. From the mid-19th-century Smart Alec, a wiseguy or know-it-all
2. The police or asylum wagon to take persons to confinement 3. A US penny with the portrait of President Abraham Lincoln 4. An Irishman (or the police paddy wagon) 5. The automatic pilot in an airplane (from "let George do it") or a Pullman porter 6. A minor stiffness of joints or muscles ("Charley horse") 7. The shoe width E among shoe salesmen (D = David, etc.) 8. A chaplain in the armed services 9. A teddy bear (after President Theodore Roosevelt) 10. a \$100 Confederate bill and, since then, any banknote 11. An IWW term for a worker not sufficiently conscious of his class responsibilities 12. A rustic or farmer, "scissorbill" nose metathesized into "shears" 13. An early (or long) lead in a horse race, after the jockey who always advised taking an early lead 14. Annoying military training or etiquette, after the Walt Disney cartoon character 15. An hypnotic (or other drug) "slipped" to an unsuspecting victim (originally for shanghai purposes) 16. A ship's funnel 17. In a crap game, the point 5 18. In poker, three jacks, after a well-known clothing manufacturer 19. A "square", from Sinclair Lewis' novel of provincial bourgeoisie 20. A flivver or other automobile, or (in baseball) a fly ball hit beyond the infield but not far enough to be caught by an outfielder 21. An error -- like Steve Brodie's jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge on July 23, 1886 22. Easy: a lover, a "lady-killer",

after the historical figure 23. A well-dressed man, a fashion plate 24. A ladies' man, or a good boxer 25. Another ladies' man, this time one who lives off his virility, from "Jelly Roll" Morton's jazz classic, "Winning Boy Blues" 26. A hard-working man, such as a street patrolman (station house slang) 27. A prostitute's customer or someone who is a "sugar daddy" for sexual favors 28. A signature, after the very bold one of John Hancock on the Declaration of Independence (signed, it is said, so King George could read it without his glasses) 29. The penis (in this connection, see the article "Tom, Dick and Hairy: Notes on Genital Pet Names" in the 1981 volume of *Male-dicta*) 30. An auctioneer's shill, one who will "buy in" an item if the legitimate bidding does not go as high as the price wanted for the item.

A closely-related article, "Onomastica Nervosa", appeared in the Autumn 1981 issue of *Verbatim*, focusing on non-onomastic meanings for given names.

KICKSHAWS Darryl H. Francis

What's the Connection: In each pair, the first word can be transposed to give a singular noun, and the second word can be transposed to give a plural of that noun: ACTIO/ACTIONES, SPECTRUM/SPECTRA, INDEX/INDICES, SERAPH/SERAPHIM and THESIS/THESES. Can you find others like these?

-OMANCY FANCY: A DIVINATION GUIDE Paul Hellweg

The two words are DORMANCY and ROMANCY

CORNUNDRUMS L.L. and B.H. Lazerson

1. CORNventions 2. CORNtact sports 3. CORNstable 4. CORNtusions  
5. CORNnubial bliss 6. because they are CORNvenient 7. CORNnecticut  
8. a CORNvict 9. a CORNductor 10. CORNfused 11. CORNcrete  
12. because they like to CORNjugate verbs 13. CORNtiguous ones  
14. reinCORNtation 15. CORNegie Hall 16. because they are CORNivorous