BLUNT INSTRUMENT CAPER  Walter Shedlofsky

Howard Bauer, chemist, was the one most likely to own a blunt instrument. The blunt instrument used to commit the crime, MICROSCOPE, is a rearrangement of the letters CRIME SCOOP (the first letters of each line) and COMIC PROSE (the sixteenth letters of each line). It can be read off from a diagonal acrostic consisting of the 6th letter of the first line, the 7th letter of the second line, ..., the 15th letter of the tenth line.

CREATIVE CHRONOGRAMS  Paul Hellweg

1. MDCVII = 1607 (founding of Jamestown)  2. MCMLIII = 1953 (Hillary climbs Everest)
3. MCMX = 1910 (appearance of Halley's Comet)
4. MCMXX = 1920 (appearance of Shakespeare)

HE'S LIKE A LAMP, I SWEAR!  M. X. Houdini

1. Aaron (Titus Andronicus)  2. Adam (As You Like It)  3. Aemilia (The Comedy of Errors)  4. Aeneas (Troilus and Cressida)  5. Albany (King Lear)  6. Angelo (Measure for Measure)  7. Anne (King Richard III)  8. Antonio (What You Will)  9. Ariel (The Tempest)  10. Bianca (The Taming of the Shrew)  11. Bigot (King John)  12. Blount (King Richard III)  13. Blunt (King Henry IV, Part I)  14. Brutus (Coriolanus)  15. Bushy (King Richard II)  16. Butts (King Henry VIII)  17. Caliban (The Tempest)  18. Caphis (Timon of Athens)  19. Cato (Julius Caesar)  20. Cinna (Julius Caesar)  21. Cleon (Cymbeline)  22. Cloten (Cymbeline)  23. Drob (A Midsummer Night's Dream)  24. Corin (As You Like It)  25. Curan (King Lear)  26. Curio (Twelfth Night)  27. Ean (King Henry VI, Part II)  28. Emilia (The Winter's Tale)  29. Eros (Antony and Cleopatra)  30. Froth (Measure for Measure)  31. Green (King Richard III)  32. Grey (King Richard III)  33. Hamlet (Hamlet)  34. Helen (Troilus and Cressida)  35. Hel census (Troilus and Cressida)  36. Hero (Much Ado About Nothing)  37. Hugh (King Henry VI)  38. Hume (King Henry VI, Part II)  39. Iachimo (Cymbeline)  40. Iago (Othello)  41. Imogen (Cymbeline)  42. Irish (Antony and Cleopatra)  43. Iris (The Tempest)  44. Jaques (As You Like It)  45. Jessica (The Merchant of Venice)  46. Joan (King Henry VI, Part I)  47. John (King Henry IV, Part II)  48. Juliet (Romeo and Juliet)  49. Juno (The Tempest)  50. Lear (King Lear)  51. Lena (Julius Caesar)  52. Lewis (King Henry V)  53. Love (Two Gentlemen of Verona)  54. Lovel (King Richard III)  55. Luce (The Comedy of Errors)  56. Lucy (King Henry VI, Part I)  57. Lymoges (King John)  58. Melun (King John)  59. Montjoy (King Henry V)  60. Moth (Love's Labour's Lost)  61. Owen (All's Well)  62. Parage (Twelfth Night)  63. Petrarch (King Henry VI)  64. Richard (King Richard II)  65. Rosalind (As You Like It)  66. Romeo (Romeo and Juliet)  67. She (Titus Andronicus)  68. She (Twelfth Night)  69. Shakespeare (Twelfth Night)  70. Shakespeare (All's Well That Ends Well)  71. Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet)  72. Shakespeare (All's Well That Ends Well)  73. Shakespeare (The Tempest)  74. She (The Comedy of Errors)  75. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  76. She (The Winter's Tale)  77. She (As You Like It)  78. She (Twelfth Night)  79. She (Romeo and Juliet)  80. She (The Tempest)  81. She (The Comedy of Errors)  82. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  83. She (The Merchant of Venice)  84. She (As You Like It)  85. She (Twelfth Night)  86. She (Romeo and Juliet)  87. She (The Tempest)  88. She (The Comedy of Errors)  89. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  90. She (The Winter's Tale)  91. She (As You Like It)  92. She (Twelfth Night)  93. She (Romeo and Juliet)  94. She (The Tempest)  95. She (The Comedy of Errors)  96. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  97. She (The Winter's Tale)  98. She (As You Like It)  99. She (Twelfth Night)  100. She (Romeo and Juliet)  101. She (The Tempest)  102. She (The Comedy of Errors)  103. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  104. She (The Winter's Tale)  105. She (As You Like It)  106. She (Twelfth Night)  107. She (Romeo and Juliet)  108. She (The Tempest)  109. She (The Comedy of Errors)  110. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  111. She (The Winter's Tale)  112. She (As You Like It)  113. She (Twelfth Night)  114. She (Romeo and Juliet)  115. She (The Tempest)  116. She (The Comedy of Errors)  117. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  118. She (The Winter's Tale)  119. She (As You Like It)  120. She (Twelfth Night)  121. She (Romeo and Juliet)  122. She (The Tempest)  123. She (The Comedy of Errors)  124. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  125. She (The Winter's Tale)  126. She (As You Like It)  127. She (Twelfth Night)  128. She (Romeo and Juliet)  129. She (The Tempest)  130. She (The Comedy of Errors)  131. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  132. She (The Winter's Tale)  133. She (As You Like It)  134. She (Twelfth Night)  135. She (Romeo and Juliet)  136. She (The Tempest)  137. She (The Comedy of Errors)  138. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  139. She (The Winter's Tale)  140. She (As You Like It)  141. She (Twelfth Night)  142. She (Romeo and Juliet)  143. She (The Tempest)  144. She (The Comedy of Errors)  145. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  146. She (The Winter's Tale)  147. She (As You Like It)  148. She (Twelfth Night)  149. She (Romeo and Juliet)  150. She (The Tempest)  151. She (The Comedy of Errors)  152. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  153. She (The Winter's Tale)  154. She (As You Like It)  155. She (Twelfth Night)  156. She (Romeo and Juliet)  157. She (The Tempest)  158. She (The Comedy of Errors)  159. She (All's Well That Ends Well)  160. "no" is not a word
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TWELFTH NIGHT and WHAT YOU WILL are two different names for the same one play. This explains why there are 38 different play titles when Shakespeare only wrote 37 plays.

WORDS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT Frank A. Magary

1. ordinate, sident 2. domitable, somnia 3. cognito, appointed 4. consolate, imical 5. parate, posable 6. sipid, fidel 7. nocent, astrous 8. overling, pudent 9. ane, fant 10. famy, parage 11. ept, eased 12. ert, ruly 13. kempt, gust 14. robe, card 15. Inimical was originally in-amical (related to amicable) but the vowels often change under stress 7. Nocent is listed in the dictionary as rare, and not meaning 'guilty' 

Astrous is the most interesting if you like astrology. Dis aster meant originally 'a baleful aspect of a planet or star', so astrous should mean that the heavenly bodies are in the right place

9. Fans, pres. part. of Latin verb fari to speak

10. Parage is related to peerage. Disparage meant to lower someone in rank by words or actions

WE FEW? Chaim Fleischman


Vertical palindrome: no, it is opposition
AN AMAZINGLY APPEALING ADDICTION  Richard Lederer


KICKSHAWS  Louis Phillips

What's the Question? 1. what do you spank the sun with? 2. why couldn't anyone hear the bee take pollen from the flower? 3. can you name Superman's younger brother? 4. is Finger a king or duke or what? 5. what did Priscilla whisper to John Alden when John suggested they bundle? 6. what do you open a chess-player's locker with? 7. on what charge was a young man brought to court for going to bed with a pheasant? 8. in plotting the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, what is one think Mary Surratt did not do? 9. what does a judge in a spitting contest do? 10. what was the headline in the Missionary News about missionary work in Texas universities?


How Observant Are You? The first letter of the alphabet occurs at the first position in the first word, the second letter of the alphabet occurs at the second position in the second word, and so on. There appears to be no Websterian word with J in the tenth position, but Dorland's yields cholangiojejunostomy. Further words in the series are stickleback, hierarchical, parallelogram, sesquipedalian, pronounced, acquaintance, ship, ...