Editor's Note: The following puzzles are excerpted from a book entitled Word Puzzles to be published by Dembner Enterprises in September 1983. In an "ESPYramid Up" one enlarges a one-letter word letter by letter, each addition making a new word, rearranging the letters as need dictates (a-at-tea-mate-steam-master...). The "ESPYramid Down" reverses this process, subtracting letters one at a time and rearranging the remainder. In "Doublets", inspired by the Lewis Carroll word game, a word is gradually changed into another of opposite meaning by replacing one letter at a time, the rest remaining undisturbed and each move resulting in a new word (suite-spite-spine-swine-swing-swung-stung...).

ESPYramid Up

HE SHOULD HAVE COUNTED TO TEN FIRST
- man named Tim espied an --
That vilified the --.--.
He raged, "How ---- they? It's too bad!
Who ----- such stuff? This goes too far!"
Crowds gathered 'round and ------ at him;
These too he ---------, till, annoyed,
They bought a rocket, stuck in Tim,
And sent him to an -----------.

FRANKLY, I'D PREFER A ROCKING HORSE
- deem -- useful, if perforce
Some day I have to --- a horse,
To find a ----- on which to fall
For final ------ and burial.
My ------- terror, I confide,
Would be to find myself ---------
Some bucking beast, and die unblest:
The soul forewarned is ---------.

NOTE FOUND UNDER A PILLAR IN ITALY
Sir: --, black slave, who perished --
A Roman game, amid the ---
Of crowds that when the bell went "-----!"
Roared, "Die, ------, die!" (I, vanished thing

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Whom none recalls) to you whose ------
Is coming soon enough, am ------
This word: Though you'll see ------- grim,
See ------- of limb from limb,
Pray stay, as I did, -----------,
Until you join the -----------.

ESPYramid Down

SANS PEUR ET SANS REPROCHE

A knight ------- through a glade,
But felt ------- and much ashamed
That ladies sought him in the shade.
"Has ever knight been so -------?
I'm ------- if I, ------- Galahad,
Shall be ---- coxcomb now," he claimed.
I tell you, Galahad was ---,
Yet did the thing upon that spot
His -- had said - knight must not.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU DID THE SAME, DEAR

With men our daughter ------- out;
At ------- she meets others.
She ------- of some she's wild about,
And then she ----- their brothers.
No ---- of female --- is guessed;
It's sucked in -- - mother's breast.

I HOPE HE DID NOT GET INTO HEAVEN

When Dr. X ------- with glee
The deadly ailments he'd -------
By cathetering my inside,
He much my wicked id -------,
And swore it soon must finish me.
He even went on to -------
My face as wizened, withered, ------.
But the --- woe he prophesied
Befell not me but him: he died;
I'm --- of him. On his debris
My -- and - dance merrily.

Doublet

ENVIous REFLECTIONS PROMPTED BY THE DOG DAYS OF AUGUST

The carp are ----, yet in their ----
Beneath the hissing sun stay ----.
The snakes, though broke, contented ----,
And estivate while humans boil.
isn't needed by the sweet
ting its in heat,
Or by the rice that, free of ,
Sucks up the sun. But O, how !
For my own to take advice
From fish or serpent, corn or !
Instead, we swelter. We should switch,
Though they are poor and we are .

THERE MAY BE A LITTLE ROTARIAN LOYALTY INVOLVED HERE
in Oysterville, the water's ;
Of this we villagers are .
But I'll acknowledge to you, ,
That just outside the town is ;
Depart no farther than a ,
And you will find the water's .

NO MORE DOCH AND DORRIS FOR POOR JOCK
Jock MacIntosh, who from his
Did by a reside.
Set one day to prove his worth
And stormed the of Clyde.
A lawyer, who of knew more
Than jock e'en knew of ,
Declared the act unjustified,
And hanged jock in his .
Ah, still brave the ocean's teeth;
The sea still the rock;
The summer sun still the ,
But has come to jock.

TOO BAD -- VIRTUE SOMETIMES FAILS TO TRIUMPH
"Say why do you so, dear captain, and pause?
Many missions ere this one we've .
The Rhine beneath; we'll exploit Jerry's .
Here as well as we did on the Rhone.
The 's a bit heavy, but need not affright;
Not a will come near us, I trust.
Our blood lust we'll upon Jerry tonight;
We'll crush that into the dust."
So the co-pilot, attempting to 
His captain's forebodings, but O!
In of the comforting, Jerry did ;
Now the 's on the face of the foe.

Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

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