SOME NEW LONG TRANSPOSALS

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Over the years Word Ways has published numerous transposals, groups of words such as CARTHORSE/ORCHESTRA and TRANSPIRE/TER­RAPINS. Recently I went on a transposal-finding spree, setting myself the target of finding exactly one hundred new sets of transposals involving words of ten or more letters. My finds are listed below. All transposals are of a non-trivial nature; that is, the letters are reasonably well-mixed. As far as I know, these transposals are new to the world of published logology; none appears in books of transposals such as those by Ball, Edwards, Wetterau, Curl and Hunter, nor in more general books on logology by Borgmann, Espy and Brandreth. None has appeared in earlier issues of Word Ways.

Furthermore, these transposals are all new to my own card file collection of over twelve thousand transposals which has been built up over the last 15 years from an extensive range of sources as well as from my own private researches.

This, I think, demonstrates just how many good sets of long well-mixed transposals are still waiting to be discovered. Readers of Word Ways are encouraged to add examples.

In the list which follows, the 100 sets of transposals have been arranged first by word-length and then in alphabetical order of their alphabetically-reduced forms (the meaning of alphabetically-reduced will become apparent from the entries in the list). All words are marked as coming from at least one of four impeccable sources:

W3 Webster's Third New International Dictionary
W2 Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition
Ch Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary, 1983 Edition
Co Collins English Dictionary, 1979 Edition

10 aabcilrstu ARCUBALIST W3, ULTRABASIC W3
    aabceilrrst ARBALISTER W3, BREAESTRAIL W3
    aaccedilrst CARDCASTLE Ch, CAT'S-CRADLE W3
    aacdeirrst CORTADERIA W3, ERADICATOR W3
    aaceeinpr CAPERNAITE W3, PARAENETIC W3
    aacehilmpt ALPHAMETIC Ch, EMPHATHICAL W3
    aaceilmnrt CELTOMANIA Ch, NOEMATICAL W2
    aaceilnprst CAMPESTRAL W3, SCRAP-METAL Ch
    aacgilnpt ANAGLYPTIC W3, PLAYACTING W3
    aadilmnptu DATUM-PLANE Ch, PALUDAMENT W3
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aadigimrst MAGISTRATE W3, STERIOMATA W3
aadilmnrst LAMINARISE Ch, SEMINARIAL W2
aadinoprst PATRIATION Ch, TRITAMOPIA W3
aadinnorttu MATURATION W3, NATATORIUM W3
bdefiloost FIELDBOOTS Ch, SOFT-BOILED W3
beeeimnrrt EMBITTERER W3, TIMBER-TREE Ch
cehilmsost HOMILETICS W3, MESOLITHIC W3
cehioprrst PROSTHETIC W3, ROPE-STITCH Ch
dehmoprtty CHROMOTYPE W3, CORMOPHYTE W3, ECTOMORPHY W3
eeimprrsssu IMPRESSURE W3, PRESURMISE W2
eeooprrsstu STREPEROUS W2, SUPERSTORE Ch
eilnorssu Neurolysis W3, RESINUSLY W3
eoloprstuy POLYTERUS W3, SUPPLETORY W3

11 aaacddeilmpr PARAMEDICAL W3, PRE-ADAMICAL Ch
aabceelnrsrt SCARLET-BEAN Ch, TABERNACLES W3
aabceelnlort BARONETICAL W3, CARBONALITE Ch
aacelilmpstt METAPLASTIC W3, PALMATISECT Ch
aacelilprttu CATAPULTIER W2, PARTICULATE W3
aacfilnorst FRACTIONALS W3, INFRACOSTAL W2
aacggilnnotu CATALOGUING W3, COAGULATING W3
aacggiilmstt STALAGMITIC W3, STIGMATICAL W3
abcclilorstt SCORBUTICAL W3, SUBCORTICAL W3
abeghiinnru HIBERNATING W3, INBREATHING W3
accechnorty CONYCATCHER W3, TECHNOLOGY W3
aceehilirntt CHAIN-LETTER Ch, THRENETICAL W2
aceehorrstt ORCHESTRATE W3, SACKERTORE Ch
acehillirnt TILLER-CHAIN Ch, TRICHELINNA W3
aceiilprsstt PERISTALIC W3, TRILICITATES W3
aceiinprttty ANTIPORET W3, PERTINACITY W3
aceilnortuv COUNTERRAIL W3, INVOLUCRATE W3
aceimoprtty CRYPTOMERIA W3, IMPRECATORY W3
aceopprrsrttet TETRASPIC W3, TRICERATOPS W3
acghimopstty MYCOGRAPHIC W3, PHAGOCYTISM W2
achiiooprprs HAPTOTROPIC W3, PROTOPATHIC W3
aciiilnoost COLONIALIST W3, OSCILLATION W3
addeehirstw WEATHERISED W3, WEATHER-SIDE W3, WISEHEARTED W3
adeelilmrstu ADULTERINES W2, NEUTRALISED Ch
adehimmoprsp HAND-PROMISE Ch, PREADMONISH W2
adellnoorprt DEPLORATION W3, PERIODONTAL W3
adhimoppsus AMPHIPODUS W3, HIPPODAMUS W3
aeeeglitnttv INTEGRATIVE W3, VINAIGRETTE W3
aeeenhirttw THEREWITHAL W3, WHITELATHER W3
aeeopprrrrstt PERPETRATOR W3, PRET-A-PORTEUR Ch
aeghooprysty OSTEOGRAPHY W3, OSTREOPHAGY C
negghillntt NIGHTINGALE W3, TILE HANGING W3
aehimprrst PARTNERSHIP W3, TRANSHIPER Ch
In addition to the transposals above, I have also managed to improve a number of already known transposal sets by the addi-

1. The transposals added to the RECONSTRUCTED BOOK have been implemented into the system.

2. The process continues in my card, and the CLARIFICATION has been further enhanced in the book "CREATIONISM".

3. The process has continued around for the "LATTERISATION".

4. The process has continued, and more words have been added to the list.

5. My card shows that W3 and W2 are pluralized.

6. Dmitri has also managed to improve a number of already known transposals, and the NEOTERISING has been further enhanced in the "MENTIS".

7. The process has continued, and more words have been added to the "MENTIS".

8. Similar processes involving the "MENTIS" have been observed.

9. Another transposal involving the "MENTIS" has been observed.

10. There is a third, well-known transposal involving the "MENTIS".

11. The process has continued, and more words have been added to the "MENTIS".
tion of one word; and I have created new sets by extrapolation from existing sets, which involves the pluralization of singular known transposals:

1. The transposal pair CHEATABLENESS W2 and TEACHABLENESS W3 has been in my card file for years, but I have only just supplemented it with BALANCE-SHEETS Ch.

2. The pair AMERICANIST W3 and MARCIANITES OED was already in my card file, also appearing in the May 1976 Word Ways and in the book Names and Games. It can now be supplemented with CREATIANISM Ch.

3. The pair ARISTOTELIAN W3 and RETALIATIONS W3 has been around for years, but a third word can now be added to this set, LATERISATION Ch.

4. The pair VENATORIAL W3 and VENOATRIAL W2 was previously known to me, but I am now in a position to add VOLTAIREAN W3.

5. My card file included the not-so-well-mixed pair GRAPHOTYPIC W3 and TYPOGRAPHIC W3. This pair can now have PICTOGRAPHY W3 added to it. Although the pentagram GRAPH appears in all three words, this trio no longer constitutes a trivial case!

6. Dmitri Borgmann in Language on Vacation uses the term 'metallege' for a transposal effected by the interchange of two letters (for example, EXAMINATION/EXANIMATION). COPULATION W3 and FOCULATION W2 is a relatively well-known metallege. If these two words are pluralized, UNAPOSTOLIC W3 can be added to make a transposa­sal trio.

7. MENTISENTAL Pa and SENTIMENTAL W3 is another metallege (Pa is Eric Partridge's Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English.) But overlooked until now is the third transposal, ENTAILMENTS W3.

8. Similar to a metallege is the transposal pair FESTINATION W3 and INFESTATION W3. Whether there is a name for a transposal involving the switch of two letters, I don't know. I suspect not! This is a relatively boring transposal until one realizes that a third, well-mixed item exists - SINFONIETTA W3.

9. Another metallege is given by LEVITATION W3 and VELITATION W3. Pluralize both, and a third transposal can be added to these: NEOVITALIST W3.

10. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of metalleges involving words ending in -IES and -ISE. To SCRUTINIES W3 and SCRUTINISE W3, one can add SINECURIST W3.

11. The trio GREENSIDE W3, NIGER-SEED Ch and RESEEDING W3 has been in my card file for some years. Pluralizing these three words allows a fourth, only just identified, to be added: GREEDINESS W3.