HALF-PALINDROMIC WORDS

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I have never understood all of the interest in finding palindromic words. It requires no imagination; they just sit there in front of the reader, like a large gold nugget on the sidewalk. And, like gold nuggets, all but the most hidden and obscure ones have long since been grabbed.

Furthermore, the sentence palindrome is the gold standard of this strange obsession, and palindromic words inevitably fail.

But half-palindromic words (words that contain the other half of a sentence palindrome, in reverse, and nothing more), now there's an interesting topic. They are just as naturally occurring as palindromic words. They form meaningful palindromes. And, best of all, of all has ever tried looking for them.

Three half-palindromic words have been seen, unrecognized, in well-known palindromes: honeydew ("we dye no honeydew"), prison ("no, sir: prison") and Maharajah ("Maharajah, a jar! A ham!"). A near-miss: religion ("No, I - Gil - err: religion"), but an R must be added to form the palindrome. We will ignore such near-misses, since so many exist that require nothing to be added or subtracted.

Dentist: "Sit, Ned"
Matinees? Seen it (A.M.)
So many dynamos!
Derail liar Ed
Despot tops Ed
Rot a noted detonator

The following half-palindromic words seem to encourage questions, but somehow the answer is always "no".

Tradition? No, I dart
Navigation? No, I tag Ivan
Narration? No, I tar, ran
Denotation? No, it atoned
Detraction? No, it carted
No, I solder derision
No, I tax if fixation
No, I tail if filiation

No, I tan; I cull a hallucination
No, it: a nation
No, it: age negation
No, it: a noted detonation
No, it: A1: legal flagellation!
Substitution? "No," I tut, "its bus!"
Subrogation? No, I tag orb, us
Denomination? No, I tan (I'm on Ed)

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KICKSHAWS TO THE FIRST OF DECEMBER

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Readers are shaws to the Kickshaws to the First of December, and Solution to appear on the next page.

On the first of December...

"The Twelve Days of Christmas," twelve days of love and they coulove gave to me, in a pear tree, and a partridge and a ring dove. The secret: one for each day of Christmas is:

Tom Pulliam

I was very good for the holidays... had passed, and they coulove gave to me. After I began one of the first.

Since then, good for the letter got a letter extension to tackle it with.

"In every challenge that constitutes the telecommunication, people are on a day when..."

His letter Kickshaws is that would inevitable his reasons..."I decided...

"I decided..."