ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Knight-Graphable Words
The answer is: HONORIFICABILITUDINITY

D. Morice

TWO QUICK QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. No words that start with these letters also start with the isolated sound of the letters (eff, aitch, cue, ess, double you, ecks, why). The same arguably applies also to M (em) and N (en). Can you find examples that contradict these claims?

2. They don't rhyme with any other letter. M-N and F-S-X nearly rime but not quite.

THREE POEMS IN A FOUNTAIN PEN: "The Book of No Pages"

"P" Nuts

(A) SOUSE (13) SPOUSE
(B) POLAR (18) POPLAR
(C) GRIPE (1) GRIPPE
(D) RAIDS (20) RAPIDS
(E) OVERLAY (9) OVERPLAY
(F) SLAYED (6) SPLAYED
(G) INSECT (14) INSPECT
(H) SUPER (11) SUPPER
(I) DERIVE (4) DEPRIVE
(J) LEERS (15) LEPERS
(K) SLICE (2) SPLICE
(L) EXERT (17) EXPERT
(M) TERRAIN (8) TERRAPIN
(N) CARET (19) CARPET
(O) STRIPED (3) STRIPPED
(P) SINNER (10) SPINNER
(Q) STALE (7) STAPLE
(R) DELETE (5) DEPLETE
(S) SCALING (12) SCALPING
(T) CHUMS (16) CHUMPS
Anagram Quiz 15

1. optic 10. political 19. motionlessly 28. second opinion
2. new day 11. poison 20. postured 29. nitwits
3. poor 12. austereness 21. self-abnegation 30. plastered as a skunk
4. estaminet 13. Post 22. One is popular. 31. cholesterol
5. satisfied 14. self-devotion 23. phallic symbol 32. prominent
6. pride 15. Principles... 24. self-supporting 33. ostentation
7. seduction 16. obeys 25. seminar 34. Primates
8. philosophy 17. plea bargain 26. placating 35. selenotropism
9. pilfer cash 18. screw loose 27. positive value 36. mixed emotions

Pros and Cons -1

(A) POSE (11) PROPOSE
(B) CREATE (18) PROCREATE
(C) TEMPT (7) CONTEMPT
(D) VOCATION (14) CONVOCATION
(E) BED (2) PROBED'
(F) COURSE (9) CONCOURSE
(G) GRAM (17) PROGRAM
(H) TRIBUTE (13) CONTRIBUTE
(I) SEQUENCE (1) CONSEQUENCE
(J) RATE (12) PRORATE
(K) LAPSE (8) PROLAPSE
(L) CLAVES (19) CONCLAVES
(M) VISION (3) PROVISION
(N) TEMPORARY (10) CONTEMPORARY
(O) SCRIPT (16) CONSCRIPT
(P) NOUN (6) PRONOUN
(Q) CAVITY (4) CONCAVITY
(R) FILE (15) PROFILE
(S) PORTION (20) PROPORTION
(T) DESCEND (5) CONDESCEND

BONUS #1: TRACTOR / PROTRACTOR / CONTRACTOR

BONUS #2: FOUND / PROFOUND / CONFUSED
WOLVES IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING, Anil

0. A few you may have missed, not below: barb and drum (fish), guan (bird), eland (antelope).
1. ant Naturally the critter with the most hiding places is a tiny one. (12: coelacanth, lanternfish, mantis, elephant, panther, agwantibo (a potto), tarantula, cantil (a snake), fantail, giant, tyrant, pheasant) My researches found some thirty but I’ve spared you the full treatment.
2. The longest hider names are the (t)hornbill and the (b)oarfish.
3. The turkey vulture hides a set of twins, kids of the tur species of wild goat.
4. boarfish — boa, oarfish    But not boar, which is related linguistically.
   Cape sugarbird — ape, gar (fish)
   cigarette beetles — gar, bee
   [crocodile — roc, cod (This one doesn’t count even though the roc is a fabulous legend. If you
   counted it credit yourself, but you may be short one double,)]
   codling moth — cod, ling (fish)
   eastern bearded dragon — tern, bear
   eastern gray squirrel — tern, ray
   eucharitid wasps — char (fish), asp
   jewel beetles — ewe, bee    A jewel of a cloak for the sheepish female.
   lanternfish — ant, tern
   mongoose lemur — goose, emu    Another perfect fit, the emu in the lemur. Dr. Seuss?
   paper wasps — ape, asp
   porbeagle shark — beagle, eagle
   ratites — rat, tit
   serrated turtle — rat, tur
   Thomas’s sticky-toed gecko — ass, tick
   turbot — tur, bot (botfly larva)    A perfect charade.
   turkey vulture (see 2.)
   tyrant flycatcher — ant, cat
   vinegaroon scorpion — gar, roo (kangaroo)
   western diamondback rattlesnake — tern, rat
   western swamp turtle — tern, tur
5. The only triple found was curassows — cur, ass, sow, all four words unrelated.
   Curassows (pheasant-like birds) are the gems of the hides genre. In groups, they reign over an
   amazingly peaceable kingdom, no scrabble for letters, for the three hiders form a perfect tripartite
   anagram of the hide, nearly a charade. Now I know why God created curassows!
DOUBLE PARKING
THINK IT OVER!

ACROSS
1   Office note
5   Bookies' concern
9   Norwegian Saint
10  Right to cut wood
11  Descartes
12  Australian bird
13  OVER
15  Sawbones
16  ECIRP
22  Science program
23  Scent
24  Hands
25  Estrange
26  Merit
27  Mark time

DOWN
1   Malay tribe
2   Alt.
3   Main homophone
4   OVER
5   OVER OVER OVER
6   Kind of used car
7   Limned
8   Shock
14  In grp.
16  --- in a while
17  Food types: Comb. form
18  Always
19  Comicstrip light bulb
20  Covering
21  Sea bird
OVER AGAIN
Clue: Over, over and over
Answer: OVERCROWD

ACROSS
1 Bullets
5 TV captain
9 Alt.
10 Actress Adams
11 Formal custom
12 "You're something ---"
13 PEELS
15 Auto need
16 Over, over, over, over, over, over, ... 
22 Dealer's car
23 Actress Miles
24 Again
25 Organic compound
26 Daze
27 Heavy cord

DOWN
1 Start for dome or plane
2 CCXI times V minus I
3 Allot
4 OVER
5 SLEEK
6 Loaf
7 Get up
8 Retain
14 Old adage
16 Turkish rooms
17 Opening
18 Ostrich-like bird
19 Las Vegas rival
20 Discontinue
21 New Haven school
22 Mar 98

Dear Ross:

Greenwood Press was founded by Harold Schwartz. He and I were good friends. (He died, by the way, a few years ago, having retired to a home in Connecticut). During the 8 years I wrote for Humpty Dumpty's Magazine as "contributing editor," Harold was in charge of the children's magazines published then by Parents Institute. After leaving Parents, Harold had the great idea of reprinting for libraries complete runs of early American radical periodicals. It turned out that Bryn Mayr's library owned them all! With income from these sales, Harold decided to publish some periodicals. Joe Madacy had been privately publishing Recreational Mathematics Magazine. I introduced him to Harold, when the two met at my house in Dobbs Ferry, NY, and Harold hired him to edit The J.of Recreational Mathematics.

I was then in touch with Dmitri. While preparing my notes on palindromes for the Bombaugh book, someone (can't recall who) told me Borgman had a large collection. I wrote to him, and he sent me gobs of material some of which I used in my Bombaugh notes.

I suggested to Harold that he might publish a companion to the J.of Rec. Math that would deal with word play, and I recommended Borgman as the editor. As you know, he held this post for only a short time.

Alas, I did not preserve our correspondence, but I found in my files some letters he sent to Scribner's, and two to me, and one to Michael Steuben. I also enclose a document
by Steuben that you may not have seen. He corresponded with Dmitri's widow, and I may have sent him some of my correspondence with Dmitri. Steuben is a puzzlist who for a time was a frequent contributor to Discover's puzzle page. (I put the address in the document in contemporary.) I have several reviews of Language on Vacation, and a copy of the Chicago Tribune article by Dmitri. I can copy these for you if you like.

I had a hand in putting Dmitri in touch with Charles Scriber II, and as I recall Madachy acted as a kind of agent for placing the book.

I recall that I once tried to put Dmitri in touch with a chap in Poland who was writing articles on word play that I thought would interest him. Dmitri wrote back that he refused to correspond with anyone in a Communist country.

It's good to know that you are doing a second book for St. Martin's. I have two books due out this year with St. Martin's. One is my revision and updating of an old (1910) book called Calculus Made Easy, by Silvanus Thompson, and the other is a new Oz book I have written called Visitors from Oz. Bob Weil is currently trying to find a suitable illustrator for the Oz book.

Best to you and Faith,

Mart

Yes, the "Nowhere-Abjurer" word shift came from Dmitri.
CHARADES

ACROSS
1  Famous Nazi
5  The opposite of not lose
9  Engrave
10  Hep
11  Dies ---
12  Comic strip dog
13  Walk-out of "Born Free" star
15  New Zealand fort
16  Presider over inmate's mess
22  Frenzied
23  Space
24  Skirt type
25  Hawk's foe
26  Playing fields site
27  French river

DOWN
1  Linage link
2  French verb
3  Strike breaker
4  Ram's relative gets diploma ---
5  Deceive Oliver? Very rash!
6  Against
7  Tell --- the marines!
8  Crazy as a ---
14  Long.'s companion
17  Elide
18  That's a ---
19  Heard at some games
20  Indiana's art work
21  Arab prince
LITERALLY SPEAKING

CLUE: Overflow  ANSWER: Wolf

ACROSS
1  Edison's middle name
5  Coarse hominy
9  Security
10 American author
11 Role for Liz
12 Pitch
13 Down
15 O.T. book
16 R  D  O
22 Arizona indian
23 Curved molding
24 Type of car
25 Algerian seaport
26 Autry or Wilder
27 One-

DOWN
1  Orderly quartet
2  French composer
3  Scene
4  S  I  D  E
5  Wosatod
6  Eager
7  Enlace
8  Irritant
14  Thing, in law
16  Down a beer
17  American beauty, e.g.
18  Sign on a diner
19  Fairy tale heavy
20  Garner
21  Car woe
23 Nov 99

Dear Ross:

Sterling has just published this little book of prediction tricks. Ten of the tricks involve word play; they are on pages 7, 13, 20, 24, 28, 54, 71, 74, 76, and 78. It occurred to me that some of these might be suitable for Kickshaws, especially the two poems on pages 24 and 74, which I composed for two dice tests.

The fold and trim puzzle, p. 54, can have many variations. For example, if the sheet is lettered

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>H</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The predicted word is HEAD. It might be possible, for example, to label the cells with an 8-letter word, then fold, cut, and find a four-letter word. And larger versions could be based on a 4 x 4 sheet, like the one used in the fold and trim trick on pp. 26-27.

Norton has just combined my two Alice books — Annotated Alice and More Annotated Alice — into a single volume, with lots of new notes. A review will be coming up, I'm told, in the NY Review of Books.

all best to you and Faith,

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