

Collins Rhyming Dictionary

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Foreword

by Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate

Like a lot of people born shortly after the war, and starting to read poems in the 1960s, I was brought up to think that rhyming poetry was done for. My teachers regretted it, but the evidence of the contemporary they liked best (Ted Hughes), and the rising chorus of radical poets appearing at the Albert Hall and elsewhere, told them the great modernist experiment with free verse during the 1910s and '20s was about to sweep all before it.

In fact things haven't turned out like that. From the vantage point of a new century, we can see that although the modernist experiment has flourished and diversified, it has done so alongside a continuing tradition of poets doing the old things in new ways. In Great Britain, the rhyming line from Auden and the poets of the 1930s, through Betjeman and Larkin, has been extended through most of the major poets of the late c20, and forward into the best of our contemporaries.

Why is this? Loss of nerve? Another example of local reactionary instincts? I don't think so. Rhyming poetry – and rhyme in poems which have no settled formal pattern – has survived because it is fundamental to our sense of what poetry is, and what it can achieve. Most of us make our first acquaintance with it in the playground, chanting and playing word games. We learn that rhyme brings words to life, gets them to dance, and makes them memorable. If we forget this later on, when we develop a more elaborate sense of language and a more sophisticated idea of composition, we do so at our peril.

But this isn't to say metre has to be tum-ti-tum, and rhyme has to be obvious and orthodox. One of the best things about this excellent book is that it encourages us to think broadly about rhyme – to explore part-rhymes, para-rhymes and half-rhymes as well as full and complete ones. It's easy to use, resourceful in its listing, and ambitious in its reach.

Will people who are already 'professional' writers feel it's somehow beneath them to use it? They shouldn't. One of the greatest pleasures of poetry, for its authors as well as its readers, is the way it combines a sincere exploration of the world and the self with a delight in tricks and playfulness. To varying degrees, poets are able to devise these games in the solitude of their own heads – but as with everything else in life, a little help never comes amiss. This help might clarify an internal process that is already under way. It might equally well lead to something unexpected and unplanned. Byron was not the only poet to admit that 'a rhyme led me to a thought'.

Back at school in the '60s, I mistakenly thought that rhyme was a hindrance: a way of blocking or re-routing what I 'really wanted to say'. I soon saw the error of my ways. Rhyme – in all its delightful diversity of forms – is a reliable way to recognise and release strong feeling, as well as smart thinking, elegant compression and proper concentration. In this respect, the extent to which it appears 'unnatural' (in the sense that we don't usually chat away to one another in rhyme) conceals a vital paradox. The ingenuity of rhyme is in fact a way of proving what is intrinsic to us as human beings.

Using the dictionary

How the words are arranged

The rhymes are arranged in sections according to the main vowel sound of the word. The first half of each section contains words with this sound as their final or only vowel sound (e.g. *cat* and *unpack* in the **-a-** section); the second half contains words with this sound followed by one or more weaker syllables (e.g. *happy* and *examiner*). The sections are as follows, in this order:

- a- (as in *mat, unpack, happy, examiner*)
- ah- (as in *half, depart, larder, impartially*)
- air- (as in *hair, unfair, scarcely, bearable*)
- ay- (as in *same, display, waiting, Australia*)
- e- (as in *pen, infect, ready, separate*)
- er- (as in *her, return, working, university*)
- eer- (as in *beer, revere, fiercely, endearment*)
- ee- (as in *breed, complete, teacher, meaningless*)
- i- (as in *sit, evict, whistle, revision*)
- ire- (as in *tire, require, admirer, violently*)
- ie- (as in *try, untie, glider, reliable*)
- o- (as in *toss, forgot, copper, historical*)
- or- (as in *ford, implore, daughter, victorious*)
- oor- (as in *cure, endure, purely, maturity*)
- ow- (as in *cow, endow, louder, boundary*)
- ower- (as in *hour, empower, towering, floury*)
- oy- (as in *toy, enjoy, noisy, avoidable*)
- oe- (as in *boat, ago, grocer, totally*)
- u- (as in *run, instruct, double, gluttony*)
- uu- (as in *put, withstood, booking, womanly*)
- oo- (as in *too, rebuke, cruiser, beautiful*)

Within each section, the words are arranged in numbered groups according to the sound that follows this vowel (e.g. *at/bat/cat, adder/ladder/madder*). Many of these groups contain words that are close but not perfect rhymes (e.g. *hammer/banner*), to give you a fuller range of possibilities.

Within each numbered group, the rhymes are divided by asterisks into sets of words with the same number of syllables (e.g. *hack, jack, pack * aback, attack, repack*) or with the same rhythm (e.g. *aback, attack, repack * hatchback, knapsack, tailback*).

How to find a particular rhyme

If you are looking for a rhyme for a particular word, the easiest way is to use the index at the back of the book, which will guide you to the numbered group in which your word appears. For example, *batter* is in group 2.10. Once you have found this group, cast your eye over all the words – you may find a close rhyme some distance away (e.g. *regatta* and *antimatter*). Some of the longer sets of rhymes, e.g. the *-ation* words, have been divided into several smaller groups, so it is always a good idea to look at the groups above and below the one containing the word you are trying to rhyme.

Words that have more than one sound appear in more than one group. For example, *graph* can rhyme with *naff* or *half*, so both group numbers are given in the index. Similarly, *sow* rhymes with *cow* when it means 'female pig' and with *go* when it means 'put seed in ground'. If your word is not in the index, does it have an extra ending, such as the *-s* of *stamps* or the *-ed* of *dragged*? If so, remove the ending and look for the main form of the word (i.e. *stamp* or *drag*). You may be able to add the same ending to other words in its group (e.g.

cramps/lamps/tramps or *bragged/lagged/sagged*). Many words with these endings have groups of their own, often with 'etc.' at the end, which means that more rhymes can be made by adding the same ending to other words. For example, group 1.4 contains some of the most common *-acks* words that rhyme with *axe*, but there is not room to include them all – you can make many more by adding *-s* to the other *ack* words in group 1.3.

If you still cannot find a suitable rhyme for your word, you may find a near-rhyme in another group. Words ending in the 'f' sound, for example, are sometimes rhymed with words ending in the 'v' or 'th' sound (e.g. *leaf/weave/teeth/breathe*). Other letter sounds that can be paired in this way are 'b' and 'p' (*crab/tap*), 'k' and 'g' (*rack/stag*), 'd' and 't' (*bed/set*), 'm' and 'n' (*rim/thin*), 's' and 'z' (*miss/fizz*), and 'sh' and 'ch' (*squash/watch*).

Finally, here is a list of words that have no rhyme:

bilge
cusp
damask
depth
eighth
else
gouge
month
ninth
period
scarce
sixth
warmth
wasp
Welsh
width

The rhymes in this section have the 'a' sound of mat and happy as their main or final vowel sound.

1.1 blab, cab, crab, Crabbe, dab, drab, fab, flab, gab, grab, jab, lab, Mab, nab, scab, slab, stab, tab, * McNab, Cantab., kebab, vocab, * Ahab, spacelab, prefab, rehab, Skylab, confab, Joab, Moab, * smash-and-grab, hackney cab, taxicab, shish kebab, minicab, baobab

Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer had a very unusual gift of the gab,

They were highly efficient cat-burglars as well, and remarkably smart at a smash-and-grab.

T. S. ELIOT

1.2 abs, Babs, cabs, crabs, dabs, grabs, jabs, nabs, scabs, slabs, stabs, * abdabs, prefabs, * dribs and drabs, shish kebabs, minicabs, etc.

1.3 back, black, Black, Braque, clack, claque, crack, flak, hack, jack, Jack, Jacques, knack, lac, lack, mac, Mac, Mach, pack, plaque, quack, rack, sac, sack, shack, slack, smack, snack, stack, tack, thwack, track, vac, wack, whack, WRAC, wrack, yack, yak, Zack, * aback, unpack, macaque, attack, alack, laid-back, repack, Chirac, Dirac, Iraq, * ack-ack, cashback, flashback, splashback, hatchback, backpack, bratpack, ratpack, NASDAQ, lampblack, Shadrach, backtrack, yashmak, knapsack, ransack, Balzac, Anzac, dhansak, flapjack, blackjack, hardback, halfback, hardtack, fast-track, Tarmac®, Carnac, Karnak, bareback, payback, playback, tailback, haystack, hayrack, racetrack, setback, sweptback, shellac, Lurpak®, feedback, greenback, leaseback, Meshach, Taoiseach, cheapjack, kickback, slingback, switchback, ridgeback, six-pack, ticktack, rickrack, gimcrack, knickknack, skipjack, Dyak, kayak, buy-back, tieback, zwieback, wisecrack, sidetrack, hijack, skyjack, softback, Cognac, Cossack, hopsack, Toshack, clawback, drawback, horseback, Dvořák, outback, soundtrack, blowback, throwback, Kodak, smokestack, Slovak, Prozac®, Kojak, humpback, cutback, comeback, hunchback, mudpack, thumbtack, rucksack, muntjac, fullback, woolpack, bushwhack, woolsack, Blu-Tack®, shoeblack, bootblack, sumac, Cusack, Muzak®, * back-to-back, saddleback, Pasternak, Savernake, almanac, Sassenach, Bacharach, Skagerrak, bladderwrack, anorak, haversack, crackerjack, natterjack, applejack, Cadillac, amphibrach, paddywhack, Dannimac®, heart attack, Armagnac, cardiac, paperback, razorback, maniac, leatherback, Kerouac, Bergerac, steeplejack, coeliac, stickleback, in the black, bric-a-brac, hit the sack, iliac, Syriac, piggyback, ipecac, bivouac, Pontiac, Mauriac, quarterback, Kodiak, zodiac, lumberjack, multipack, multitrack, cul-de-sac, Union Jack, Cluniac, * celeriac, amnesiac, insomniac, ammoniac, demoniac, simoniac, * counterattack, yackety-yak, * kleptomaniac, egomaniac, nymphomaniac, dipsomaniac, pyromaniac, monomaniac, necrophiliac, paedophiliac, haemophiliac, sacroiliac, paradisiac, aphrodisiac, Dionysiac, hypochondriac, sal ammoniac, * megalomaniac

Then I saw the Congo, creeping through the black,

Cutting through the forest with a golden track.

VACHEL LINDSAY

1.4 axe, backs, BACS, Bax, cracks, fax, flax, jacks, Jack's, lacks, lax, max, Max, packs, pax, racks, Sachs, Sacks, sax, shacks, slacks, snacks, stacks, tax, tracks, wax, whacks, * unpacks, attacks, repacks, relax, * hatchbacks, Tampax®, gravlax, backtracks, anthrax, Balzac's, flapjacks, Fairfax, haystacks, AWACS, Ajax, Pentax, Ex-Lax®, surtax, earwax, meataxe, Ceefax®, beeswax, slingbacks, pickaxe, syntax, hyrax, styrax, kayaks, climax, sidetracks, hijacks, drawbacks, borax, storax, thorax, smokestacks, poleaxe, toadflax, Lomax, * battleaxe, parallax, gravadlax, almanacs, Sassenachs, Halifax, paperbacks, sealing wax, sticklebacks, minimax, Filofax®, overtax, supertax, Union Jacks, * anticlimax, * kleptomaniacs, aphrodisiacs, etc.

1.5 axed, faxed, taxed, waxed, * untaxed, unwaxed, etc.

1.6 act, backed, bract, cracked, fact, hacked, lacked, packed, pact, quacked, smacked, stacked, tact, tracked, tract, whacked, * compact, unpacked, attacked, attract, subtract, contract, jam-

packed, abstract, transact, react, prepacked, detract, retract, refract, impact, intact, distract, extract, diffract, enact, exact, entr'acte, protract, * abstract, backtracked, ransacked, play-act, extract, impact, sidetracked, hijacked, compact, contact, contract, gobsmacked, humpbacked, hunchbacked, * cataract, vacuum-packed, artefact, retroact, re-enact, interact, inexact, Pontefract, counteract, overact, underact, subcontract, * counterattacked, matter-of-fact, overreact, etc.

1.7 batch, catch, hatch, latch, match, natch, patch, scratch, snatch, thatch, * attach, unlatch, Brands Hatch, detach, dispatch, mismatch, * Sandbach, rematch, mismatch, eyepatch, crosspatch, crosshatch, nuthatch, * slanging match, purple patch, reattach

1.8 hatched, latched, matched, patched, scratched, snatched, thatched, * attached, unhatched, unlatched, unscratched, unmatched, detached, dispatched, mismatched, * reattached, unattached, * semidetached

1.9 ad, add, bad, bade, brad, Brad, cad, chad, Chad, clad, dad, fad, gad, Gad, glad, grad, had, lad, mad, pad, plaid, rad, sad, SAD, scad, shad, Strad, tad, trad, Vlad, * unclad, Baghdad, Riyadh, egad, begad, jihad, forbad, * scratchpad, grandad, farad, Amstrad, Karlsbad, sketchpad, stepdad, keypad, kneepad, Sinbad, inkpad, dryad, naiad, triad, cycad, Conrad, monad, launch pad, small ad, notepad, snowclad, gonad, nomad, footpad, * Galahad, Stalingrad, barking mad, helipad, Leningrad, Petrograd, Gilead, *Iliad*, Trinidad, ironclad, hopping mad, Volgograd, * Jalalabad, Islamabad, bromeliad, Olympiad, Upanishad, * Faisalabad, Hyderabad

Ask you what provocation I have had?

The strong antipathy of good to bad.

ALEXANDER POPE

1.10 ads, adds, adze, cads, dad's, lads, pads, scads, * kneepads, Conrad's, small ads, nomads, gonads, etc.

1.11 caff, chaff, daff, faff, gaff, gaffe, *Graf*, graph, naff, RAF, Taff, WAAF, * carafe, Llandaff, Piaf, giraffe, * decaf, rifferaff, chiffchaff, digraph, Olaf, * tachograph, barograph, paragraph, shandygaff, shadowgraph, Cenotaph, stenograph, epitaph, epigraph, telegraph, Dictograph®, pictograph, lithograph, spirograph, micrograph, seismograph, Chinagraph®, logograph, holograph, homograph, chronograph, monograph, polygraph, autograph, blow the gaff, photograph, phonograph, * cardiograph, radiograph, ideograph, Mimeograph®, choreograph, * encephalograph

1.12 daffs, graphs, Staffs, WAAFs, * carafes, giraffes, * paragraphs, photographs, etc.

1.13 bag, blag, brag, Bragg, cag, clag, crag, dag, drag, fag, flag, gag, hag, jag, Jag, lag, mag, nag, quag, rag, sag, scrag, shag, slag, snag, spag, stag, swag, tag, wag, * debug, reflag, * ragbag, handbag, sandbag, ratbag, gasbag, ragtag, stalag, air bag, mailbag, sailbag, jet lag, greylag, workbag, fleabag, teabag, feedbag, beanbag, windbag, kitbag, wigwag, chinwag, zigzag, dogtag, Sontag, washrag, Morag, Gro-bag®, postbag, nosebag, toerag, scumbag, punchbag, Gulag, * saddlebag, scallywag, carpetbag, paper bag, Jiffy bag®, Brobdingnag, tucker-bag

The common cormorant (or shag)

Lays eggs inside a paper bag.

CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD

1.14 bags, brags, crags, flags, gags, nags, rags, wags, * handbags, sandbags, air bags, mailbags, teabags, beanbags, * saddlebags, paper bags, moneybags, etc.

1.15 badge, cadge, hajj, Madge, * rebadge

1.16 Al, gal, Hal, mall, pal, Sal, shall, Val, * cabal, Natal, halal, banal, canal, Pascal, Chagall, Pall Mall, La Salle, Chantal, mescal, et al., decal, Vidal, grand mal, low-cal, * caracal, *femme fatale*, chaparral, falderal, Amytal®, acetal, barbital, Pentothal®, petit mal, Nembutal®, L'Oréal, * Guadalcanal

1.17 calque, talc, * catafalque

1.18 Alf, Ralph

1.19 alp, palp, scalp

1.20 shalt, * Gestalt, * asphalt

1.21 salve, valve, * lip salve, bivalve

1.22 am, cam, Cam, clam, cram, Cram, dam, damn, drachm, dram, gam, glam, gram, ham, jam, jamb, lam, lamb, Lamb, ma'am, 'Nam, Pam, pram, ram, RAM, Sam, scam, scam, sham, slam, spam, Spam®, swam, Tam, tram, wham, yam, * madame, Saddam, Pan-Am, Assam, mesdames, Vietnam, exam, Siam, goddamn, cheongsam, pro-am, * CAD/CAM, pangram, ashram, webcam, Edam, Etam, flimflam, Islam, wigwam, iamb, Priam, NICAM, quondam, Potsdam, Oxfam, logjam, doorjamb, program, programme, * deprogramme, reprogram, * Amsterdam, mammogram, anagram, traffic jam, aerogram, Abraham, cablegram, Babycham®, hectogram, pentagram, tetragram, hexagram, Steadicam®, epigram, telegram, centigram, give a damn, pictogram, histogram, kilogram, kissagram, dithyramb, milligram, diagram, seismogram, diaphragm, Rotterdam, cofferdam, hologram, monogram, oriflamme, Surinam, Uncle Sam, * gorillagram, oscillogram, ad nauseam, temazepam, diazepam, Omar Khayyám, * angiogram, cardiogram, radiogram, stereogram, ideogram, battering ram, * encephalogram, * parallelogram, in memoriam

I had written to Aunt Maud,

Who was on a trip abroad,

When I heard she'd died of cramp

Just too late to save the stamp.

HARRY GRAHAM

1.23 amp, camp, champ, clamp, cramp, damp, gamp, lamp, ramp, scamp, stamp, tamp, tramp, vamp, * decamp, revamp, encamp, * gas lamp, headlamp, wheel clamp, streetlamp, firedamp, oil lamp, blowlamp, chokedamp, * standard lamp, afterdamp, lava lamp, Davy lamp, postage stamp, rubber-stamp

1.24 an, Ann, Anne, ban, bran, can, Cannes, clan, dan, Dan, fan, flan, Fran, gan, gran, Jan, Jeanne, man, Mann, nan, Nan, pan, Pan, plan, ran, scan, scan, span, Stan, tan, than, van, * Strabane, Japan, rattan, pavane, Oran, Moran, unman, Kazan, Tehran, élan, Cézanne, Leanne, trepan, began, sedan, Sedan, divan, Milan, tisane, Cheyenne, Diane, Roxanne, Joanne, Johann, Lausanne, Roseanne, outran, yuan, Sudan, Bhutan, Suzanne, * *kanban*, sampan, cancan, Afghan, gratin, kaftan, banyan, ragman, swagman, adman, badman, sandman, Batman, Salman, gasman, axeman, taxman, claypan, brainpan, brain scan, apeman, caveman, mailman, spaceman, bedpan, deadpan, chessman, pressman, merman, birdman, earthman, pecan, free man, he-man, freedman, liegeman, skidpan, wingspan, hit man, binman, Nissan, fireman, cyan, lifespan, ice man, Chopin, stockman, con man, strongman, saltpan, FORTRAN, doorman, lawman, Outspan®, oilcan, Gauguin, Rodin, snowman, Onan, dustpan, suntan, stuntman, newsmen, Poussin, * tragopan, astrakhan, Astrakhan, Aberfan, caravan, Callaghan, Hanrahan, Catalan, rataplan, anchorman, Kazakhstan, Marianne, Caliban, Taliban, Pakistan, Dagestan, Acrilan®, gamelan, handyman, Bantustan, man-to-man, marzipan, artisan, partisan, Parmesan, dairyman, stableman, ladies' man, weatherman, Telemann, self-made man, jerry can, ferryman, Everyman, exciseman, Turkestan, Kyrgyzstan, Kurdistan, serviceman, turbofan, Peter Pan, spick-and-span, middleman, billycan, minivan, businessman, Hindustan, trimaran, Spiderman, Isle of Man, frying pan, lifeboatman, quarryman, gombeen-man, *coq au vin*, also-ran, slaughterman, courtesan, Moynihan, open-plan, overran, overman, bogeyman, muscleman, Ku Klux Klan, superman, Superman, Houlihan, * extractor fan, Afghanistan, orang-utan, bipartisan, nonpartisan, remainderman, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, committeeman, Baluchistan, * flash in the pan, carry the can, catamaran, cameraman, cavalryman, infantryman, newspaperman, angry young man

**Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.**

NURSERY RHYME

1.25 ankh, bank, blank, clank, crank, dank, drank, flank, franc, Franck, frank, Frank, hank, Hank, lank, Planck, plank, prank, rank, Rank, sank, shank, shrank, spank, stank, swank, tank, thank, wank, yank, Yank, * embank, outflank, outrank, point-blank, * sandbank, gangplank, redshank, sheepshank, Millbank, think-tank, Clydebank, mudbank, Cruikshank, Ewbank, * antitank, data bank, interbank, riverbank, piggy bank, Girobank, Jodrell Bank, mountebank, Bundesbank

1.26 banks, Banks, blanks, cranks, flanks, francs, Frank's, Hanks, Lancs, Manx, pranks, ranks, tanks, thanks, Yanks, * sandbanks, phalanx, Fairbanks, * spindleshanks, piggy banks, mountebanks, etc.

1.27 banked, clanked, flanked, ranked, spanked, thanked, yanked, * unfranked, unthanked, outflanked, outranked, * sacrosanct, etc.

1.28 and, band, banned, bland, brand, canned, fanned, gland, grand, hand, land, Land, manned, panned, rand, sand, spanned, stand, strand, Strand, tanned, * unhand, unmanned, unplanned, crash-land, rebrand, disband, expand, withstand, offhand, * hatband, jazz band, bandstand, grandstand, handstand, backhand, Lapland, adland, gangland, armband, chargehand, parkland, heartland, farmland, grassland, waistband, waveband, stagehand, Lakeland, wasteland, neckband, headband, sweatband, headstand, freehand, Queensland, wristband, kickstand, inkstand, inland, quicksand, firebrand, Thailand, Rhineland, watchband, washstand, longhand, dockland, broadband, forehand, shorthand, browband, cowhand, noseband, homeland, own brand, suntanned, clubland, scrubland, newsstand, * behindhand, beforehand, * sarabande, Samarkand, ampersand, Talleyrand, graduand, hand-to-hand, fatherland, Swaziland, fairyland, Maryland, tableland, lend a hand, second-hand, bellyband, Ferdinand, Rio Grande, timberland, hinterland, Kristiansand, Disneyland, Dixieland, Hildebrand, sleight of hand, contraband, borderland, overhand, Oberland, overland, overmanned, no man's land, Togoland, understand, underhand, wonderland, motherland, one-night stand, Krugerrand, Newfoundland, * Somaliland, Sudetenland, Van Diemen's Land, Witwatersrand, misunderstand, cloud-cuckoo-land

**The stately homes of England,
How beautiful they stand!
Amidst their tall ancestral trees
O'er all the pleasant land.**

FELICIA HEMANS

1.29 bang, Chang, clang, dang, fang, gang, hang, Lang, pang, prang, rang, sang, slang, sprang, tang, Tang, twang, vang, whang, Yang, * harangue, meringue, slap-bang, Shenyang, rehang, shebang, Penang, Pyongyang, * gangbang, headbang, press gang, mustang, Wolfgang, * charabanc, *Sturm und Drang*, overhang, boomerang, * orang-utang

1.30 Ange, flange, * Falange, phalange

1.31 Hans, Hanse, manse, stance, Vance, * askance, Penzance, expanse, finance, romance, * happenstance, Langerhans, circumstance

1.32 Gdansk, Murmansk

1.33 ant, Brandt, cant, Kant, pant, rant, scant, * Brabant, gallant, decant, recant, descant, extant, Levant, Besant, enceinte, U Thant, * descant, Rembrandt, * gallivant, sycophant, hierophant, commandant, confidant, confidante

1.34 ants, Franz, Hants, Kant's, pants, rants, * decants, recants, Northants, * gallivants, smarty-pants, sycophants, Rosencrantz, underpants, etc.

1.35 tragacanth, amaranth, coelacanth

1.36 Anne's, banns, bans, Cannes, cans, clans, Dan's, fans, glans, Hans, Jan's, pans, plans,

Stan's, tans, vans, * kaftans, Ray-Bans®, brain scans, bedpans, oilcans, * caravans, Callaghan's, Marianne's, artisans, Prestonpans, jerry cans, * Lytham Saint Anne's, catamarans, etc.

1.37 bap, cap, chap, clap, crap, dap, flap, gap, Gap, hap, Jap, knap, Knapp, lap, Lapp, map, nap, pap, rap, sap, scrap, slap, snap, strap, tap, trap, WAP, wrap, yap, zap, * uncap, unwrap, unstrap, recap, rewrap, enwrap, entrap, * blackcap, madcap, claptrap, mantrap, catnap, mayhap, redcap, death trap, earflap, kneecap, recap, heeltap, mishap, giftwrap, chinstrap, bitmap, kidnap, wiretap, firetrap, nightcap, whitecap, icecap, flytrap, mobcap, stopgap, jockstrap, watchstrap, mousetrap, snowcap, toecap, hubcap, skullcap, mudflap, suntrap, foolscap, dewlap, bootstrap, * rattletrap, Andy Capp, handicap, take the rap, Tonle Sap, overlap, thunderclap, honeytrap, booby trap

1.38 apse, caps, chaps, claps, craps, daps, flaps, gaps, lapse, maps, raps, schnapps, scraps, straps, taps, traps, wraps, yaps, zaps, * perhaps, collapse, unwraps, elapse, relapse, * earflaps, kneecaps, toecaps, prolapse, hubcaps, mudflaps, bootstraps, etc.

1.39 apt, chapped, clapped, flapped, knapped, rapt, strapped, wrapped, * adapt, untapped, unwrapped, unmapped, enwrapped, inapt, * catnapped, kidnapped, snowcapped, * handicapped, readapt, overlapped, etc.

1.40 ass, bass, crass, gas, lass, mass, Mass, sass, strass, TASS, wrasse, vas, * alas, harass, morass, Madras, Patras, amass, Laplace, Alsace, degas, kick ass, crevasse, cuirass, volte-face, en masse, * jackass, badass, Hamas, landmass, Sampras, ACAS, Esdras, tear gas, Mithras, tightass, Ofgas, groundmass, * Calor gas®, sassafras, Candlemas, palliasse, Adidas®, Badedas®, gravitas, Martinmas, Quatermass, demitasse, Pythias, hippocras, Caiaphas, biogas, biomass, Fortinbras, Hudibras, * Tiberias, Leonidas, Herodias, Asturias, * Ozymandias, Herod Antipas, * *in vino Veritas*, materfamilias, paterfamilias

1.41 asp, hasp

1.42 bast, massed, gassed, hast, * lambast, harassed, amassed, degassed, * bombast, * pederast, cineaste, chloroplast, scholiast, * iconoclast, Elastoplast®, enthusiast

1.43 ash, ASH, Ashe, bash, brash, cache, cash, clash, crash, dash, flash, gash, gnash, hash, lash, mash, MASH, Nash, pash, plash, rash, sash, slash, smash, splash, stash, tache, thrash, trash, * abash, unlash, panache, rehash, encash, * slapdash, backlash, gatecrash, rehash, whiplash, mishmash, earbash, eyelash, potash, Saltash, goulash, newsflash, * have a bash, calabash, pebbledash, Johnny Cash, balderdash, water brash, succotash

1.44 bashed, cashed, crashed, flashed, gashed, mashed, smashed, splashed, thrashed, trashed, * abashed, rehashed, * unabashed, etc.

1.45 at, bat, brat, cat, chat, drat, fat, flat, GATT, gnat, hat, mat, matt, Matt, Nat, pat, Pat, plait, plat, prat, Pratt, rat, sat, scat, shat, skat, slat, spat, splat, sprat, tat, that, twat, vat, VAT, * Sadat, cravat, fat cat, rat-tat, Passat®, hard hat, thereat, whereat, expat, Fermat, hereat, begat, resat, howzat, * backchat, hellcat, hepcat, Zermatt, meerkat, brickbat, dingbat, tipcat, Kit Kat®, diktat, Brinks-Mat, chitchat, whinchat, wildcat, combat, wombat, bobcat, tomcat, top hat, doormat, format, cowpat, Croat, polecat, stonechat, numbat, mudcat, Muscat, sunhat, mud flat, muskrat, * concordat, reformat, * acrobat, rat-a-tat, Ararat, caveat, Kattegat, habitat, marrow fat, aerostat, scaredy-cat, baby-sat, Cheshire cat, democrat, Democrat, technocrat, thermostat, rheostat, pitapat, tit-for-tat, ziggurat, Symonds Yat, diplomat, aegrotat, Montserrat, monocrat, copycat, autocrat, automat, Laundromat®, bureaucrat, Eurocrat, Postman Pat, Photostat®, butterfat, pussycat, plutocrat, Rubáiyát, * Jehoshaphat, Magnificat, * aristocrat, requiescat

But thousands die, without or this or that,

Die, and endow a college, or a cat.

ALEXANDER POPE

1.46 bats, brats, cats, chats, flats, gnats, hats, Katz, mats, Matt's, Pat's, plaits, rats, SATs, * cravats, congrats, fat cats, expats, * ersatz, dingbats, cowpats, mud flats, etc.

1.47 Cath, Gath, hath, lath, Plath, * aftermath, telepath, psychopath, polymath, * naturopath, osteopath, homeopath, sociopath

1.48 Cath's, laths, maths, * telepaths, psychopaths, polymaths, etc.

1.49 chav, have, lav, * satnav, Olav

1.50 as, Baz, Chas, Daz®, Gaz, has, jazz, * La Paz, whereas, Shiraz, pizzazz, * Boaz, topaz, * razzmatazz, Alcatraz

2.1 abbey, Abby, cabbie, crabby, flabby, Gaby, gabby, grabby, Rabbie, scabby, shabby, tabby, yabby, Bambi, can be, Ashby, chappie, crappy, flappy, gappy, happy, nappy, pappy, sappy, scrappy, snappy, strappy, yappy, zappy, scampi, * unhappy, * slaphappy, * Newtownabbey, namby-pamby, happy-clappy

2.2 baccy, Bacchae, Blackie, cacky, Jackie, lackey, Mackie, raki, sake, tacky, wacky, cranky, Frankie, hanky, lanky, manky, Sankey, swanky, Yankee, ASCII, Askey, Laski, Spassky, Aggie, baggy, craggy, daggy, draggy, jaggy, Maggie, quaggy, ragi, saggy, scraggy, shaggy, * Iraqi, Baisakhi, Polanski, * Nagasaki, Kawasaki, Yamasaki, teriyaki, sukiyaki, catananche, hanky-panky, Killiecrankie, Widow Twankey, Stanislavsky

2.3 Addy, baddie, caddie, caddy, daddy, faddy, gladdie, had he, laddie, Maddy, paddy, Paddy, Andy, bandy, brandy, candy, dandy, *Dandy*, Gandhi, handy, Mandy, randy, sandy, shandy, Tandy, batty, catty, chatty, fatty, flattie, Hattie, natty, Patti, patty, ratty, Satie, scatty, Tati, tattie, tatty, ante, anti, Dante, scanty, shanty, Asti, pasty, * Vivaldi, unhandy, chapati, Hanratty, Scarlatti, Bugatti, bacchante, Ashanti, Ferranti, Chianti, Durante, * granddaddy, * finnan haddie, Fittipaldi, Andy Pandey, Rio Grande, Tonypandy, Kiribati, Cincinnati, Alicante, in flagrante, dilettante, vigilante, rhinoplasty, * Asti spumante, * modus operandi

2.4 café, daffy, NAAFI, Taffy, Malfi, navvy, savvy, Canvey, Cathy, Xanthe, * Gaddafi, Amalfi, * cybercafé, lolanthe

2.5 Ali, alley, Ally, bally, dally, galley, Halley, pally, Raleigh, rally, sally, Sally, scally, tally, valley, Chablis, brambly, haply, amply, blackly, crackly, frankly, Shankly, straggly, waggly, gangly, badly, Bradley, gladly, Hadleigh, madly, sadly, grandly, Attlee, Batley, flatly, rattly, aptly, Bramley, family, Hanley, Manley, manly, Stanley, Langley, Ashley, rashly, Barrie, Barry, Carrie, carry, Cary, Clarrie, Gary, harry, Harry, Larry, marry, parry, Parry, tarry, blackberry, cranberry, lamprey, angry, Crabtree, gantry, pantry, Langtry, * McNally, Aunt Sally, reveille, O'Malley, doolally, exactly, unmanly, Winstanley, Osmanli, glengarry, remarry, miscarry, du Barry, Deganwy, Myfanwy, * peely-wally, Tin Pan Alley, dilly-dally, shillyshally, intermarry, etc.

Of all the girls that are so smart

There's none like pretty Sally,

She is the darling of my heart,

And she lives in our alley.

HENRY CAREY

2.6 chamois, clammy, gammy, Grammy, hammy, jammy, mammy, ramie, Sammy, shammy, tammy, Tammy, whammy, acme, Lakshmi, Annie, can he, canny, cranny, Danny, fanny, Fanny, granny, nanny, trannie, acne, Hackney, Cagney, Daphne, slangy, tangy, * Miami, uncanny, Giovanni, Evadne, * double whammy, hootenanny, Ariadne, * damn me, sack me, etc.

2.7 Bassey, brassie, Cassie, chassis, gassy, lassie, Lassie, Massey, Plassey, massy, sassy, jacksie, Laxey, maxi, taxi, waxy, Patsy, antsy, Yangtze, Clancy, fancy, Nancy, has he, jazzy, snazzy, Ramsay, Ramsey, pansy, tansy, ashy, flashy, mashie, splashy, trashy, catchy, patchy, scratchy, snatchy, hajji, algae, Algy, Angie, * Manasseh, Apache, Hitachi, Comanche, * Malagasy, Tallahassee, paparazzi, cartomancy, necromancy, * Haile Selassie

2.8 Abba, blabber, crabber, dabber, drabber, grabber, jabber, amber, camber, clamber, mamba, samba, timbre, clapper, crapper, dapper, flapper, grappa, kappa, mapper, nappa, napper, rapper, sapper, scrapper, slapper, snapper, strapper, tapper, trapper, wrapper, yapper,

Zappa, zipper, scalper, camper, clamper, damper, hamper, pamper, scamper, stamper, Tampa, tamper, Caspar, jasper, Jasper, * kidnapper, * liquidambar, handicapper, whippersnapper, * viola da gamba, * grab her, trap her, etc.

2.9 backer, blacker, clacker, cracker, Dakar, Dhaka, hacker, knacker, lacker, lacquer, nutcracker, *Nutcracker*, packer, sacker, slacker, smacker, stacker, tacker, tracker, wacker, Kafka, anchor, banker, canker, chancre, danker, flanker, franker, hanker, rancour, ranker, spanker, tanker, wanker, blagger, bragger, dagger, flagger, gagger, Jagger, lagger, nagger, quagga, ragga, stagger, swagger, alga, anger, Bangor, clangour, kanga, Kanga, languor, manga, * unpacker, attacker, Malacca, maraca, alpaca, Kamchatka, Bianca, Sri Lanka, Alaska, Nebraska, Trafalgar, realgar, Kananga, Northanger, * backpacker, safecracker, shelf-stacker, firecracker, hijacker, skyjacker, wisecracker, bushwhacker, Schumacher, * illywhacker, Casablanca, lingua franca, supertanker, Madagascar, Athabaska, carpetbagger, cloak-and-dagger, * thank her, nag her, etc.

This particularly rapid, unintelligible patter

Isn't generally heard, and if it is it doesn't matter.

W. S. GILBERT

2.10 adder, bladder, Claddagh, ladder, madder, sadder, lambda, LAMDA, Banda, blander, candour, dander, gander, grander, panda, pander, sander, stander, Asda, Mazda, attar, batter, chatter, clatter, fatter, flatter, hatter, latter, matter, natter, patter, platter, ratter, satyr, scatter, shatter, spatter, splatter, tatter, ABTA, captor, chapter, raptor, actor, factor, tractor, BAFTA, Yalta, banter, canter, Fanta®, Granta, manta, plantar, ranter, Santa, aster, Astor, pasta, Rasta, raster, Baxter, hamster, gangsta, gangster, * veranda, Amanda, germander, pomander, Menander, backhander, left-hander, Leander, meander, expander, philander, Miranda, right-hander, Lysander, Luanda, Rwanda, Uganda, Buganda, Luganda, two-hander, goosander, ciabatta, Al Fatah, Mad Hatter, Kenyatta, bespatter, regatta, adaptor, protractor, contractor, reactor, detractor, retractor, extractor, refractor, Atlanta, decanter, Vedanta, infant, levanter, trochanter, cadaster, piastre, pilaster, canasta, Jocasta, * Tadcaster, Lancaster, Doncaster, * stepladder, Laplander, Queenslander, bystander, Icelander, * Esmeralda, jacaranda, salamander, Afrikander, Netherlander, memoranda, chest-expander, gerrymander, propaganda, oleander, coriander, Parramatta, antimatter, pitter-patter, overmatter, malefactor, benefactor, chiropractor, subcontractor, Atalanta, tam-o'-shanter, alabaster, poetaster, Zoroaster, * Anaximander, velociraptor, cotoneaster, * virgo intacta, * forbade her, sacked her, etc.

2.11 chaffer, gaffer, Jaffa, Shaffer, Staffa, Agfa, alpha, Balfour, camphor, chamfer, slaver, salver, salvor, naphtha, anther, panther, blather, gather, lather, Mather, * alfalfa, cadaver, Samantha, ingather, foregather, * Luftwaffe, quacksalver, * pyracantha, * chaff her, have her, etc.

2.12 Allah, Bala, Calor®, pallor, valour, babbler, dabbler, gabbler, ambler, Ambler, gambler, rambler, scrambler, trampler, cackler, haggler, straggler, angler, strangler, wrangler, Adler, paddler, saddler, Sadler, handler, battler, prattler, rattler, *Tatler*, tattler, antler, dazzler, ashlar, Barra, Farrah, para, Varah, Vanbrugh, chakra, bhangra, Sandra, Tantra, mantra, Aphra, camera, CAMRA, Basra, aqua, stature, Anya, Vanya, * Valhalla, Alhambra, podagra, pellagra, Niagara, Viagra®, Cassandra, Biafra, subaqua, Managua, lasagne, Britannia, * Alexandra, Cleopatra, * Caracalla, bobby-dazzler, Nicaragua, * abracadabra, etc.

2.13 clamour, crammer, gamma, glamour, grammar, hammer, jammer, mamma, rammer, scammer, shammer, slammer, stammer, yammer, drachma, agma, magma, asthma, Alma, halma, Palma, palmar, Cranmer, plasma, Anna, banner, Branagh, canner, Hanna, Hannah, manna, manner, manor, nana, planner, scanner, spanner, tanner, Abner, Wagner, Radnor, Patna, Ratner, Shatner, banger, clanger, clangour, ganger, hangar, hanger, Langer, Sanger, *

enamour, syntagma, Mahatma, miasma, Havana, Kavanagh, savanna, Savannah, Alannah, Fermanagh, bandanna, Diana, Guiana, Guyana, Montana, goanna, Joanna, hosanna, Susanna, Stavanger, haranguer, * sledgehammer, windjammer, programmer, straphanger, head-banger, cliffhanger, * Alabama, yellowhammer, Santa Ana, caravanner, Indiana, Pollyanna, paperhanger, doppelgänger, * Louisiana, * ipecacuanha, * damn her, outran her, etc.

It's awf'ly bad luck on Diana,

Her ponies have swallowed their bits;

She fished down their throats with a spanner

And frightened them all into fits.

JOHN BETJEMAN

2.14 gasser, NASA, Nasser, Yasser, lapser, Saxa, taxer, waxer, Khalsa, salsa, cancer, Cancer, Hansa, Gazza, Lanza, panzer, stanza, azure, Asher, dasher, flasher, gnasher, Jascha, lasher, masher, pasha, rasher, Sacha, slasher, smasher, thrasher, Hampshire, catcher, dacha, Hatcher, patcher, scratcher, snatcher, stature, thatcher, Thatcher, capture, rapture, fracture, badger, cadger, Alger, ganja, grandeur, * amasser, madrasah, Nyasa, Mombasa, relapser, relaxer, piazza, merganser, romancer, Balthazar, Belshazzar, Braganza, bonanza, organza, Natasha, focaccia, dispatcher, recapture, enrapture, contracture, gastralgia, myalgia, nostalgia, neuralgia, phalanger, * gate-crasher, rat-catcher, backscratcher, flycatcher, spycatcher, cowcatcher, * necromancer, Salmanazar, haberdasher, cradle snatcher, oystercatcher, manufacture, * extravaganza, * antimacassar, * splash her, scratch her, etc.

2.15 Arab, carob, scarab

2.16 Braddock, Craddock, haddock, Madoc, paddock, shaddock, mattock, havoc, arrack, barrack, carrack, hammock, bannock, Cannock, Lanark, Rannoch, Zanuck, cassock, hassock, * Caradoc, Portmadoc

cage me and i d go frantic

my life is so romantic

capricious and corybantic

DON MARQUIS

2.17 aspic, Bacchic, asdic, attic, Attic, batik, static, lactic, tactic, antic, frantic, mantic, drastic, mastic, plastic, spastic, crabstick, chapstick, slapstick, matchstick, * syllabic, iambic, stomachic, sporadic, nomadic, heraldic, Icelandic, aquatic, chromatic, dramatic, fanatic, pragmatic, asthmatic, Carnatic, phlegmatic, spermatic, schematic, thematic, hepatic, ecstatic, emphatic, lymphatic, erratic, stigmatic, prismatic, schismatic, sciatic, climatic, Socratic, quadratic, dogmatic, traumatic, somatic, pneumatic, rheumatic, galactic, syntactic, didactic, climactic, Atlantic, romantic, pedantic, Vedantic, semantic, gigantic, scholastic, monastic, shagstastic, fantastic, sarcastic, aplastic, elastic, dynastic, gymnastic, bombastic, * dissyllabic, trisyllabic, dithyrambic, acrobatic, aromatic, achromatic, pancreatic, Hanseatic, antistatic, astigmatic, charismatic, Adriatic, Asiatic, democratic, emblematic, enigmatic, enzymatic, thermostatic, symptomatic, systematic, cinematic, diplomatic, Hippocratic, hierocratic, operatic, problematic, autocratic, automatic, morganatic, bureaucratic, programmatic, subaquatic, plutocratic, chiropractic, prophylactic, transatlantic, necromantic, sycophantic, Corybantic, unromantic, periphrastic, thermoplastic, inelastic, orgiastic, hudibrastic, * polysyllabic, monosyllabic, aristocratic, meritocratic, undemocratic, semiaquatic, anagrammatic, axiomatic, asymptomatic, melodramatic, telegrammatic, idiomatic, diagrammatic, psychosomatic, undiplomatic, paradigmatic, intergalactic, anaphylactic, anticlimactic, iconoclastic, ecclesiastic, enthusiastic, * semiautomatic, idiosyncratic, unenthusiastic, * overenthusiastic

2.18 graphic, maffick, traffic, Sapphic, * seraphic, empathic, * tachygraphic, calligraphic, cartographic, reprographic, demographic, stenographic, ethnographic, epigraphic, telegraphic, xerographic, geographic, cryptographic, pictographic, lithographic, biographic, typographic,

hydrographic, seismographic, topographic, holographic, homographic, polygraphic, autographic, orthographic, pornographic, photographic, phonographic, psychopathic, telepathic, * hagiographic, radiographic, palaeographic, cardiographic, stereographic, lexicographic, bibliographic, choreographic, naturopathic, osteopathic, homeopathic, sociopathic, * cinematographic, photolithographic

2.19 Alec, Gaelic, Gallic, phallic, baric, Garrick, Tariq, fabric, cambric, Patrick, hat trick, gastric, Chadwick, Gatwick, * smart aleck, italic, metallic, cephalic, oxalic, vocalic, Uralic, Amharic, barbaric, tartaric, Pindaric, Kirkpatrick, theatric, Fitzpatrick, Downpatrick, * bimetallic, nonmetallic, Balearic, geriatric, paediatric, psychiatric, nasogastric

2.20 Alnwick, manic, panic, stannic, tannic, * Islamic, ceramic, dynamic, balsamic, ophthalmic, phantasmic, miasmatic, orgasmic, botanic, satanic, tetanic, galvanic, Germanic, tympanic, Hispanic, mechanic, Britannic, titanic, *Titanic*, volcanic, organic, Koranic, * panoramic, dioramic, ectoplasmic, cytoplasmic, protoplasmic, Magellanic, talismanic, messianic, inorganic, oceanic, * aerodynamic, thermodynamic, transoceanic

2.21 classic, Grassic, dabchick, magic, tragic, * boracic, Jurassic, thoracic, Triassic, pelagic, myalgic, nostalgic, neuralgic, * apparatchik, haemorrhagic

2.22 Maddox, paddocks, hallux, barracks, hammocks, bannocks, cassocks, Hassocks, * Appomattox, etc.

2.23 attics, tactics, antics, plastics, matchsticks, affix, graphics, Alec's, Alex, fabrics, Patrick's, classics, * aquatics, dramatics, pneumatics, rheumatics, semantics, gymnastics, theatrics, ceramics, dynamics, mechanics, * acrobatics, aerobatics, mathematics, informatics, numismatics, demographics, geriatrics, paediatrics, * aerodynamics, thermodynamics, etc.

2.24 crabbed, rabid, rapid, vapid, jagged, ragged, caddied, bandied, candid, candied, avid, gravid, dallied, pallid, rallied, tallied, valid, arid, carried, married, tarried, acrid, Astrid, Alfred, languid, hackneyed, acid, flaccid, placid, fancied, rancid, * invalid, unmarried, remarried, miscarried, Mohammed, arachnid, antacid, * caryatid, dilly-dallied, shillyshallied, semiarid, intermarried, etc.

When the lamp is shattered

The light in the dust lies dead –

When the cloud is scattered

The rainbow's glory is shed.

PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

2.25 jabbered, scabbard, tabard, halberd, knackered, lacquered, hankered, tankard, blackguard, haggard, Haggard, laggard, staggered, swaggered, angered, added, laddered, padded, branded, landed, standard, stranded, battered, dratted, fatted, matted, plaited, scattered, shattered, tattered, Apted, acted, bastard, dastard, Stafford, Strafford, Trafford, Bradford, Radford, Blandford, Catford, Ashford, ballad, salad, farad, Garrard, Harrod, backward, landward, galliard, halyard, lanyard, Spaniard, clamoured, Talmud, mannered, hazard, Hazzard, captured, fractured, * substandard, unbranded, backhanded, cack-handed, crash-landed, barehanded, red-handed, left-handed, disbanded, expanded, philandered, high-handed, right-handed, nonstandard, offhanded, forehanded, short-handed, two-handed, adapted, compacted, protracted, abstracted, reacted, impacted, distracted, extracted, decanted, Angharad, Muhammad, enamoured, unmannered, haphazard, * empty-handed, heavy-handed, even-handed, single-handed, underhanded, unadapted, subcontracted, etc.

2.26 scabbards, tankards, blackguards, bastards, ballads, salads, Harrods, backwards, landwards, Spaniards, hazards, etc.

2.27 Babbage, cabbage, package, baggage, adage, bandage, lavage, ravage, savage, Savage, salvage, carriage, garage, Harwich, marriage, sandwich, Sandwich, language, damage, manage, passage, * repackage, disparage, miscarriage, mismanage, stage-manage, * intermarriage,

undercarriage

**For you dream you are crossing the Channel, and tossing about in a steamer from Harwich –
Which is something between a large bathing machine and a very small second-class carriage.**

W. S. GILBERT

2.28 babble, dabble, Drabble, gabble, rabble, scrabble, Scrabble®, amble, bramble, Campbell, gamble, gambol, ramble, scramble, shamble, apple, chapel, Chappell, dapple, grapple, scrapple, scalpel, ample, trample, Aspel, cackle, crackle, grackle, hackle, jackal, mackle, shackle, tackle, ankle, rankle, Wankel, Gaskell, paschal, gaggle, haggie, straggle, waggle, algal, angle, bangle, dangle, jangle, mangel, mangle, spangle, strangle, tangle, wangle, wrangle, addle, paddle, raddle, saddle, staddle, straddle, candle, dandle, Handel, handle, Randall, sandal, scandal, vandal, battle, Battle, cattle, chattel, prattle, rattle, tattle, dactyl, fractal, mantle, pastel, pastille, baffle, raffle, snaffle, yaffle, thankful, tactful, manful, bashful, Cavell, gavel, gravel, ravel, Savile, travel, Athol, Aral, barrel, carol, Carol, carrel, Carroll, Darrell, Farrell, gambrel, mackerel, mandrel, lateral, astral, Avril, tranquil, Maxwell, Daniel, spaniel, camel, Hamill, mammal, Tamil, trammel, annal, channel, Channel, flannel, panel, grapnel, shrapnel, Bracknell, cracknel, Bagnell, Cassell, hassle, tassel, vassal, axle, cancel, Hansel, Mansell, basil, Basil, dazzle, frazzle, razzle, damsel, satchel, Tatchell, * unscramble, preamble, Whitechapel, pineapple, unshackle, bedraggle, untangle, entangle, astraddle, unsaddle, skedaddle, mishandle, Seattle, embattle, dismantle, unravel, apparel, collateral, bilateral, trilateral, Nathaniel, enamel, phantasmal, empanel, Newcastle, bedazzle, substantial, financial, Tintagel, * ramshackle, rectangle, pentangle, triangle, right angle, quadrangle, packsaddle, side-saddle, manhandle, panhandle, Fremantle, * technobabble, psychobabble, tabernacle, raggle-taggle, disentangle, fiddle-faddle, Coromandel, pterodactyl, tittle-tattle, consonantal, covenantal, equilateral, quadrilateral, multilateral, unilateral, multichannel, Newport Pagnell, razzle-dazzle, antidazzle, circumstantial, insubstantial, * Quetzalcoatl

On the coast of Coromandel

Dance they to the tunes of Handel.

OSBERT SITWELL

2.29 dappled, trampled, rankled, mangled, spangled, tangled, addled, handled, baffled, travelled, Harold, Jarrod, panelled, dazzled, * bedraggled, entangled, embattled, dismantled, newfangled, unravelled, untravelled, well-travelled, untrammelled, etc.

2.30 brambles, shambles, apples, hackles, shackles, ankles, paddles, sandals, vandals, baffles, Raffles, barrels, carols, Darrell's, Daniels, spaniels, mammals, trammels, annals, panels, * at right angles, * Feast of Tabernacles, etc.

2.31 Antrim, passim, maxim, Maxim, * smacks him, catch him, etc.

2.32 Brabham, album, Clapham, Rackham, Malcolm, talcum, Adam, madam, random, tandem, atom, Chatham, sanctum, bantam, phantom, anthem, Grantham, fathom, alum, Balham, Calum, Malham, carom, marram, antrum, tantrum, angstrom, ashram, stannum, magnum, sphagnum, gladsome, handsome, hansom, ransom, Ransome, transom, chasm, spasm, Masham, * amalgam, macadam, McCallum, alarum, panjandrum, per annum, phantasm, * sarcasm, orgasm, * memorandum, cataplasm, ectoplasm, neoplasm, pleonasm, cytoplasm, protoplasm, * nil desperandum, iconoclasm, enthusiasm, * grab 'em, had 'em, etc.

2.33 albums, Adams, Addams, atoms, fathoms, Calum's, tantrums, spasms, etc.

2.34 cabin, hatpin, backspin, napkin, Atkin, catkin, Slatkin, lambkin, Rankin, lambskin, stand-in, Latin, satin, captain, plantain, Baffin, Gavin, Alvin, Calvin, chaplain, Chaplin, Jacklin, Franklin, Shanklin, javelin, Hamelin, Hamlyn, aspirin, chagrin, Kathryn, Brangwyn, sanguine, Chatwin, famine, gamin, admin, jasmine, Yasmin, tannin, * grimalkin, Aladdin, Prestatyn, prolactin, examine, assassin, imagine, * Portakabin®, alexandrine, re-examine, cross-examine, * grabbin', slackin', etc.

2.35 cap'n, happen, crampon, dampen, aspen, blacken, bracken, clachan, slacken, Strachan, Gascon, dragon, flagon, wagon, bad 'un, gladden, madden, sadden, Camden, Hampden, Brandon, Landon, Ramsden, baton, batten, fatten, flatten, Grattan, Hatton, patten, pattern, Patton, platen, Saturn, slattern, Staten, Tatton, Clapton, Hampton, Acton, Clacton, plankton, Lambton, canton, lantern, Langton, Aston, pastern, capstan, Caxton, Paxton, Gladstone, Branston, Ashton, Cavan, cavern, raven, tavern, Alan, Allen, Callan, Fallon, gallon, talon, raglan, Raglan, Scanlon, Aran, Arran, Arun, baron, barren, Darren, Karen, marron, Sharon, saffron, scallion, stallion, banyan, canyon, Ammon, gammon, mammon, salmon, shaman, cabman, chapman, Chapman, Hackman, bagman, flagman, ragman, swagman, adman, Bradman, Caedmon, madman, batman, hangman, axeman, cracksman, Flaxman, Paxman, Manxman, batsman, Tasman, bandsman, clansman, Flashman, cannon, canon, Shannon, Casson, Masson, flaxen, Jackson, klaxon, Saxon, waxen, Datsun, Samson, Branson, Jansen, Manson, Nansen, damson, Kansan, ashen, fashion, passion, ration, caption, action, faction, fraction, traction, sanction, mansion, scansion, stanchion, * Sri Lankan, Alaskan, Nebraskan, Pendragon, Abaddon, McFadden, abandon, Rwandan, Ugandan, Manhattan, harmattan, Mountbatten, Rockhampton, Northampton, Southampton, Okehampton, Hunstanton, Craigavon, Van Allen, decathlon, heptathlon, pentathlon, biathlon, triathlon, McLaren, Biafran, battalion, rapscallion, medallion, Italian, companion, d'Artagnan, Cro-Magnon, colcannon, Dungannon, Clackmannan, Guianan, Guyanan, Rhiannon, Montanan, Buchanan, compassion, refashion, impassion, dispassion, contraption, compaction, attraction, protraction, subtraction, contraction, abstraction, transaction, reaction, impaction, detraction, retraction, distraction, extraction, diffraction, refraction, infraction, inaction, exaction, olfaction, proaction, expansion, * snapdragon, bandwagon, backgammon, * Madagascan, Littlehampton, Wolverhampton, jack-o'-lantern, parrot-fashion, abreaction, satisfaction, rarefaction, petrification, benefaction, retroaction, interaction, liquefaction, counteraction, stupefaction, putrefaction, * self-satisfaction, dissatisfaction, counterattraction, overreaction, overexpansion

I can't get no satisfaction

I can't get no girl reaction.

MICK JAGGER & KEITH RICHARDS

2.36 happened, blackened, maddened, saddened, flattened, patterned, Langland, gangland, Hammond, dachshund, rationed, sanctioned, * impassioned, old-fashioned, unsanctioned, etc.

2.37 calends, badlands, dachshunds

2.38 cabins, hatpins, Atkins, catkins, matins, satins, captains, aspirins, Kathryn's, * examines, assassins, etc.

2.39 dragons, flagons, wagons, battens, patterns, lanterns, caverns, taverns, Athens, gallons, talons, barons, Saxons, damsons, fashions, passions, rations, actions, factions, fractions, sanctions, mansions, etc.

2.40 lambent, rampant, bacchant, hadn't, patent, Havant, haven't, savant, advent, Advent, gallant, talent, arrant, Lamont, fragment, catchment, hatchment, stagnant, nascent, passant, absent, accent, hasn't, pageant, plangent, tangent, * attractant, surfactant, reactant, apparent, transparent, entrapment, encampment, embankment, enactment, abashment, encashment, attachment, detachment, renascent, relaxant, cotangent, * re-enactment

2.41 savants, balance, valance, talents, Clarence, fragments, nascence, absence, accents, pageants, * reactance, unbalance, imbalance, off-balance, outbalance, transparence, embankments, renaissance, * counterbalance, overbalance, etc.

2.42 grabbing, stabbing, capping, clapping, flapping, mapping, napping, rapping, slapping, strapping, tapping, trapping, wrapping, yapping, scalping, camping, cramping, stamping, tramping, backing, blacking, cracking, hacking, lacking, packing, racking, sacking, slacking, smacking, stacking, tacking, tracking, whacking, banking, clanking, flanking, planking, ranking,

spanking, thanking, bragging, dragging, flagging, gagging, lagging, nagging, sagging, wagging, adding, cladding, madding, padding, banding, landing, sanding, standing, batting, chatting, Gating, matting, plaiting, ratting, tatting, acting, Banting, panting, ranting, chaffing, faffing, having, babbling, dabbling, brambling, gambling, rambling, grappling, sapling, crackling, tackling, angling, gangling, strangling, wrangling, handling, Gatling, rattling, baffling, handspring, hamstring, lapwing, waxwing, batwing, cramming, damming, jamming, lambing, shamming, banning, canning, Canning, Channing, manning, Manning, planning, tanning, banging, clanging, hanging, slanging, gassing, massing, lapsing, taxing, waxing, bashing, crashing, dashing, flashing, gnashing, lashing, mashing, slashing, smashing, thrashing, catching, matching, snatching, scratching, thatching, cadging, * unwrapping, decamping, revamping, unpacking, attacking, outranking, unflagging, debuggling, upstanding, freestanding, outstanding, adapting, attracting, contracting, distracting, exacting, decanting, haranguing, relaxing, financing, * handclapping, backslapping, catnapping, kneecapping, kidnapping, phone-tapping, backpacking, nerve-racking, hijacking, formatting, play-acting, programming, cliffhanging, square-bashing, gate-crashing, tongue-lashing, backscratching, * understanding, notwithstanding, subcontracting, photographing, undermanning, overhanging, * misunderstanding, etc.

**While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,
As of someone gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.**

EDGAR ALLAN POE

2.43 scavenge, challenge

2.44 gallop, Gallup, Salop, scallop

2.45 haggis, caddis, Gladys, brattice, gratis, lattice, practice, practise, mantis, Travis, Alice, chalice, Challis, malice, palace, Sallis, Tallis, Clarice, Harris, Paris, Janice, Daphnis, axis, praxis, taxis, * malpractice, Atlantis, oxalis, Beaumaris, Onassis, * praying mantis, prophylaxis, peristalsis, * anaphylaxis, * *mutatis mutandis*

**They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace –
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.**

A. A. MILNE

2.46 Abbas, tapas, Malpas, campus, grampus, pampas, Bacchus, Gracchus, Angus, cactus, Sanctus, cantus, canvas, canvass, apthous, Callas, callous, callus, Dallas, Pallas, phallus, thallus, hapless, strapless, backless, trackless, thankless, landless, atlas, Atlas, hatless, tactless, cashless, matchless, arras, Arras, harass, mattress, Patras, actress, Lammas, stannous, drabness, dampness, blackness, slackness, frankness, Agnes, Magnus, badness, gladness, madness, sadness, blandness, grandness, flatness, aptness, rashness, Crassus, Lassus, lapsus, Kansas, captious, factious, fractious, anxious, * Barabbas, Cerne Abbas, Caracas, Damascus, acanthus, dianthus, embarrass, St Pancras, Las Palmas, marasmus, Erasmus, chiasmus, McManus, Manassas, Parnassus, * hippocampus, Diophantus, agapanthus, Rhadamanthus, Erymanthus, helianthus, polyanthus, disembarrass, benefactress, overanxious, * Grammaticus, * Halicarnassus, * track us, splash us, etc.

2.47 Trappist, Baptist, practised, blacklist, fascist, * unpractised, * Anabaptist

2.48 drabbest, dampest, blackest, slackest, dankest, rankest, maddest, saddest, damndest, blandest, grandest, fattest, canvassed, ballast, harassed, * embarrassed, * unembarrassed, etc.

2.49 Lappish, snappish, blackish, brackish, Frankish, waggish, caddish, laddish, radish, Standish, blandish, brandish, flattish, catfish, flatfish, lavish, ravish, parish, vanquish, anguish, languish, Amish, famish, Spanish, banish, clannish, mannish, vanish, hashish, * outlandish, establish, McTavish, * horseradish, * disestablish

2.50 abbot, Abbott, Cabot, Albert, Lambert, Ascot, mascot, agate, braggart, faggot, maggot, Taggart, Calvert, ballot, palate, Barrett, carat, caret, carrot, claret, garret, Garrett, Jarrett,

parrot, gamut, cannot, magnate, * Newton Abbott

2.51 Babbitt, habit, rabbet, rabbit, ambit, gambit, lappet, tappet, sandpit, bracket, jacket, packet, placket, racket, blanket, gasket, bandit, pandit, pamphlet, davit, mallet, palette, pallet, valet, tablet, applet, caplet, chaplet, lamplit, backlit, anklet, flatlet, hamlet, Hamlet, Hazlitt, Sanskrit, banquet, dammit, Hammett, gannet, granite, Janet, planet, Thanet, magnet, asset, basset, facet, tacit, transit, Cratchit, Datchet, hatchet, Pratchett, ratchet, gadget, Paget, * inhabit, cohabit, Hugh Capet, in transit, * pay packet, straitjacket, * leatherjacket, lumberjacket, underblanket, Shepton Mallet, pomegranate, Narragansett, * electromagnet, * had it, catch it, etc.

2.52 sabbath, Lambeth, Gareth, Brandreth, Dankworth, Tamworth, mammoth, Falmouth

2.53 captive, active, massive, passive, * adaptive, attractive, subtractive, reactive, refractive, inactive, proactive, substantive, impassive, * maladaptive, interactive, hyperactive, overactive, underactive, unattractive, unreactive, * radioactive

2.54 abbeys, cabbies, nappies, lackeys, hankies, Yankees, baddies, caddies, Andes, candies, patties, panties, pasties, cafés, navvies, alleys, galleys, rallies, valleys, families, taxis, pansies, Ganges, * Cervantes, * vigilantes, Happy Families, * Ecclesiastes, etc.

2.55 clappers, sappers, champers, Pampers®, crackers, daggers, staggers, tatters, Danvers, rambler, stragglers, anglers, Stranglers, antlers, Hannah's, manners, planners, lasses, masses, ashes, Ashes, flashes, sashes, patches, scratches, * maracas, molasses, * eyelashes, * carpetbaggers, etc.

Billy, in one of his nice new sashes,

Fell in the fire and was burnt to ashes.

HARRY GRAHAM

2.56 Jacobi, Appleby, canopy, Malachy, anarchy, Saturday, malady, parody, rhapsody, maggoty, Rafferty, carrot, faculty, atrophy, anchovy, apathy, Chatterley, latterly, Natalie, thankfully, tactfully, bashfully, gravelly, mannerly, palpably, affably, damnably, panoply, dastardly, gallantly, valiantly, randomly, handsomely, callously, tactlessly, anxiously, Hattersley, blackberry, Bradbury, Cadbury, Banbury, cranberry, Lansbury, hackery, quackery, Thackeray, Zachary, Calgary, battery, cattery, flattery, Slattery, factory, Calvary, calorie, gallery, Malory, salary, Valerie, saddlery, mammary, cannery, granary, stannary, tannery, brasserie, lingerie, Canterbury, Glastonbury, mandatory, lavatory, amatory, Daventry, gallantry, pageantry, cavalry, cannonry, canonry, alchemy, blasphemy, Laramie, balcony, Gascony, agony, Anthony, Antony, barony, Chamonix, scammony, Tammany, Saxony, calumny, abbacy, Battersea, fallacy, fantasy, bankruptcy, galaxy, Anglesey, allergy, * philanthropy, misanthropy, lycanthropy, O'Flaherty, catastrophe, philately, diastole, unmannerly, substantially, financially, infallibly, haphazardly, apparently, phylactery, refractory, olfactory, menagerie, preparatory, declaratory, retaliatory, defamatory, declamatory, exclamatory, inflammatory, explanatory, reactionary, academy, anatomy, transparency, analogy, metallurgy, tetralogy, * unilaterally, understandably, satisfactory, intercalary, haberdashery, self-explanatory, genealogy, mineralogy, * unsatisfactory, etc.

Oh, dear, what can the matter be?

Three old ladies locked in the lavatory,

They were there from Monday to Saturday,

Nobody knew they were there.

CHILDREN'S RHYME

2.57 plasticky, panicky, raggedy, Cassidy, tragedy, sanctity, chastity, cavity, gravity, suavity, charity, clarity, parity, amity, sanity, vanity, laxity, travesty, sacristy, amnesty, majesty, salsify, * rheumatically, smart-alecky, Macavity, depravity, concavity, fatality, morality, banality, mentality, centrality, reality, legality, vitality, finality, formality, normality, mortality, causality,

plurality, locality, modality, sodality, totality, tonality, duality, frugality, brutality, neutrality, vulgarity, polarity, barbarity, disparity, hilarity, alacrity, calamity, profanity, urbanity, inanity, insanity, humanity, capacity, rapacity, sagacity, voracity, pugnacity, mendacity, veracity, edacity, vivacity, tenacity, loquacity, audacity, opacity, fugacity, * nationality, rationality, practicality, abnormality, actuality, partiality, temporality, generality, bestiality, speciality, technicality, sensuality, sexuality, personality, verticality, geniality, liberality, literality, immorality, triviality, principality, physicality, whimsicality, illegality, criminality, immortality, informality, topicality, logicity, hospitality, cordiality, joviality, functionality, punctuality, mutuality, capillarity, regularity, circularity, similarity, singularity, insularity, solidarity, Solidarity, popularity, jocularly, Christianity, inhumanity, perspicacity, pertinacity, incapacity, * irrationality, impracticality, impartiality, conventionality, potentiality, eventuality, materiality, ethereality, congeniality, conviviality, municipality, originality, illogicality, irregularity, subsidiarity, familiarity, dissimilarity, particularity, unpopularity, peculiarity, overcapacity, undercapacity, * sentimentality, instrumentality, universality, horizontality, spirituality, * confidentiality, homosexuality, artificiality, superficiality, individuality, territoriality, unfamiliarity, perpendicularity, * heterosexuality

O wearisome condition of humanity!

Born under one law, to another bound;

Vainly begot, and yet forbidden vanity;

Created sick, commanded to be sound.

FULKE GREVILLE

2.58 shabbily, happily, scrappily, handily, chattily, nattily, scantily, angrily, family, cannily, flashily, radically, practically, tactically, frantically, drastically, classically, magically, tragically, rapidly, candidly, avidly, languidly, placidly, fancifully, actively, massively, passively, dazzlingly, lavishly, savagely, Valkyrie, category, allegory, banditry, planetary, sanitary, transitory, gadgetry, tapestry, baptistry, ancestry, sanguinary, savagery, sashimi, satiny, captaincy, chaplaincy, cabbagy, strategy, * unhappily, uncannily, sporadically, dramatically, grammatically, fanatically, pragmatically, ecstatically, emphatically, erratically, dogmatically, traumatically, romantically, fantastically, sarcastically, theatrically, nostalgically, attractively, substantively, impassively, outstandingly, subcategory, insanitary, imaginary, * sal volatile, satisfactorily, mathematically, democratically, thermostatically, systematically, diplomatically, automatically, unromantically, geographically, biographically, photographically, telepathically, interplanetary, * enthusiastically, * melodramatically, idiomatically, etc.

2.59 thankfully, tactfully, bashfully, annually, manually, casually, actually, factually, gradually, strangury, January, actuary, sanctuary, statutory, salutary, * contractually, etc.

2.60 galloper, massacre, Málaga, Canada, Agutter, amateur, shamateur, baluster, Pavlova, Agatha, Gallagher, mandala, traveller, caroller, Pamela, bachelor, Angela, Flamborough, Canberra, Ankara, agora, swaggerer, batterer, chatterer, flatterer, amphora, gatherer, camera, hammerer, stammerer, wagoner, flattener, Kavanagh, Tavener, Taverner, canvasser, balancer, Lancashire, Staffordshire, aperture, tablature, tanager, calibre, calliper, Attica, trafficker, Africa, Anrika, brassica, Candida, lavender, calendar, calender, Lampeter, traditor, taffeta, catheter, janitor, ammeter, character, Alistair, barrister, banister, Bannister, canister, ancestor, Manchester, aquifer, Tabitha, algebra, Fatima, Latimer, maxima, patina, mariner, lamina, stamina, practiser, ravisher, vanquisher, packager, salvager, manager, scavenger, challenger, Salinger, Massinger, passenger, Slazenger, Papua, vacua, jaguar, Mantua, Padua, valuer, tabular, scapula, Dracula, macula, vascular, angular, glandular, spatula, blastula, valvular, annular, granular, * ambassador, parabola, enameller, Diaspora, mandragora, Niagara, philanderer, cataphora, anaphora, in camera, Te Kanawa, Northamptonshire, entablature, Excalibur, sciatica, cohabiter, per capita, parameter, pentameter, hexameter, diameter,

voltmeter, capacitor, submariner, examiner, Gargantua, coadjutor, oracular, vernacular, spectacular, rectangular, triangular, tarantula, campanula, * Addis Ababa, manufacturer, incunabula, unspectacular, * *deus ex machina*, cardiovascular

2.61 Gambia, Zambia, flabbier, shabbier, happier, scrappier, tackier, wackier, Saskia, baggier, shaggier, faddier, handier, randier, chattier, fattier, nattier, rattier, tattier, scantier, Mafia, raffia, clavier, Xavier, Latvia, salvia, Anthea, dallier, rallier, Anglia, ganglia, barrier, carrier, farrier, harrier, Harrier, tarrier, Cambria, angrier, sangria, Andrea, kalmia, cannier, pannier, daphnia, cassia, gassier, glacier, fancier, Lancia, brassiere, snazzier, catchier, * unhappier, Slovakia, souvlakia, *Finlandia*, agraphia, dysgraphia, espalier, ophthalmia, Britannia, Hispania, eclampsia, ataxia, apraxia, dystaxia, dyspraxia, estancia, financier, * chocolatier, Alitalia, Alexandria, pre-eclampsia, * Czechoslovakia, etc.

2.62 canopied, parodied, atrophied, galleried, salaried

2.63 balloted, patented, talented, rabbited, jacketed, blanketed, faceted, * untalented, inhabited, cohabited, * uninhabited, multifaceted

2.64 mappable, palpable, placable, sackable, stackable, bankable, tractable, affable, fallible, arable, parable, sparable, flammable, scannable, damnable, taxable, cashable, catchable, matchable, frangible, tangible, manacle, Arundel, palatal, mackerel, admiral, lateral, natural, caramel, bacchanal, national, rational, factional, fractional, prandial, axial, mandible, cannibal, Hannibal, maniple, manciple, radical, practical, tactical, canticle, graphical, clavicle, classical, fascicle, magical, tragical, madrigal, capital, Capitol, marital, sagittal, fanciful, lacrimal, animal, maximal, paginal, Samuel, annual, manual, casual, actual, factual, tactual, gradual, valuable, Hasdrubal, chasuble, * unflappable, impalpable, implacable, compatible, get-at-able, adaptable, contactable, intractable, infallible, inflammable, nonflammable, programmable, irascible, impassible, collapsible, nontaxable, unmatchable, detachable, intangible, collateral, bilateral, trilateral, Canaveral, bicameral, unnatural, diaconal, decagonal, heptagonal, pentagonal, hexagonal, diagonal, octagonal, irrational, transactional, preprandial, postprandial, coaxial, sabbatical, grammatical, fanatical, piratical, unpractical, impractical, fantastical, theatrical, botanical, mechanical, tyrannical, pyramidal, premarital, extramarital, Emmanuel, biannual, contractual, invaluable, * understandable, incompatible, un-get-at-able, equilateral, quadrilateral, multilateral, unilateral, unicameral, preternatural, supernatural, international, multinational, mathematical, ungrammatical, geographical, biographical, typographical, puritanical, neoclassical, * ecclesiastical, * archidiaconal, lexicographical, * autobiographical

Rhyme

The rhymes in this book are based on the standard pronunciation of British English, that is, the way words are spoken in southern England by people who do not have a regional accent. Different rhymes are possible in other parts of the English-speaking world. In northern Britain, for example, words such as class, glass and grass rhyme with gas and lass rather than farce. And in the USA, missile rhymes with whistle, and fertile with turtle, as in the following rhyme:

The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks

Which practically conceal its sex.

I think it clever of the turtle

In such a fix to be so fertile.

OGDEN NASH

2.65 Absalom, Dagenham, Faversham, Amersham, cambium, allium, gallium, thallium, Valium®, capsicum, maximum, platinum, Sandringham, alyssum, stratagem, pabulum, * chrysanthemum, potassium, * mesembryanthemum

2.66 Aragon, paragon, tarragon, Flanagan, mastodon, Clarendon, Sarandon, Chatterton, Atherton, Allerton, Appleton, Shackleton, Athelstan, marathon, Marathon, Callaghan,

Hanrahan, Cameron, Lateran, dragoman, abdomen, Andaman, Bannerman, cattleman, Algernon, Andersen, Anderson, Patterson, Saracen, Mackeson, Amundsen, Adamson, Amazon, habergeon, pathogen, allergen, halogen, androgen, Albion, Gambian, Zambian, champion, Campion, champion, Grampian, rampion, tampion, Andean, Scandian, Dantean, Kantian, bastion, Latvian, Pantheon, galleon, scallion, stallion, Anglian, ganglion, carrion, clarion, Darien, Marian, Marion, Cambrian, Bactrian, amnion, halcyon, Vatican, Anglican, African, Rattigan, harridan, Macedon, Chalcedon, Abingdon, Farringdon, Hamilton, badminton, Badminton, Babington, Addington, Paddington, Allington, Barrington, Carrington, Harrington, Accrington, lamington, Galveston, sacristan, antiphon, tallyman, Harriman, talisman, Addison, Madison, Grandison, Salvesen, Mathieson, Alison, malison, garrison, Harrison, Acheson, Atkinson, antigen, Papuan, Paduan, albumen, acumen, * *Decameron*, Sanatogen®, Slovakian, Atlantean, Sebastian, battalion, rapscallion, medallion, Italian, Heraklion, Calabrian, Cantabrian, Lancastrian, Parnassian, Circassian, South African, Penhaligon, Mohammedan, Samaritan, Saskatchewan, caparison, comparison, gargantuan, * Tetragrammaton, Trinidadian, Alexandrian, Zoroastrian, * Czechoslovakian

2.67 battalions, Italians, shenanigans, Samaritans, comparisons, etc.

2.68 arrogant, afferent, adamant, sacrament, battlement, bafflement, harassment, assonant, ambient, sapient, valiant, transient, applicant, accident, habitant, palpitant, aspirant, aliment, blandishment, ravishment, banishment, management, abstinent, adjutant, adjuvant, ambulant, flatulent, * extravagant, entanglement, abandonment, embarrassment, inhabitant, cohabitant, recalcitrant, aggrandizement, enfranchisement, establishment, Establishment, disparagement, mismanagement, contaminant, intransigent, coadjutant, coagulant, * self-aggrandizement, disenfranchisement, * anticoagulant

2.69 arrogance, transference, sacraments, battlements, assonance, ambience, sapience, dalliance, transience, applicants, accidents, appetite, blandishments, abstinence, affluence, ambulance, flatulence, * extravagance, mésalliance, inhabitants, inappetence, capacitance, recalcitrance, intransigence, etc.

2.70 galloping, à la king, barracking, scaffolding, travelling, atheling, jabbering, scampering, tampering, hankering, battering, flattering, nattering, scattering, shattering, smattering, gathering, clamouring, hammering, stammering, Angmering, happening, maddening, fattening, ravening, rationing, canvassing, balancing, Mafeking, trafficking, panicking, practising, brandishing, ravishing, packaging, savaging, managing, scavenging, challenging, * enamelling, meandering, unflattering, embarrassing, etc.

2.71 Antrobus, abacus, hazardous, scandalous, tantalus, Tantalus, talentless, fathomless, cankerous, rancorous, clangorous, languorous, valorous, amorous, clamorous, glamorous, cancerous, Lazarus, rapturous, blasphemous, thalamus, cavernous, ravenous, backwardness, bashfulness, barrenness, callousness, Thaddeus, Marius, pancreas, aqueous, Cassius, gaseous, platypus, varicose, Tacitus, acetous, Angelus, Stanislas, animus, flabbiness, shabbiness, happiness, cattiness, chattiness, tattiness, gangrenous, vacuous, fatuous, garrulous, fabulous, calculus, valueless, annulus, * Caratacus, Galapagos, analogous, asparagus, cantankerous, Pythagoras, Protagoras, unglamorous, ambadress, diaphanous, left-handedness, right-handedness, Germanicus, Britannicus, calamitous, magnanimous, unanimous, unhappiness, gelatinous, attractiveness, miraculous, * hypothalamus, pusillanimous, Circus Maximus, cartilaginous, oleaginous, Anaxagoras, mucilaginous, ignis fatuus, * Ecclesiasticus, etc.

2.72 flabbiest, shabbiest, happiest, scrappiest, tackiest, wackiest, baggiest, shaggiest, faddiest, handiest, randiest, chattiest, fattiest, nattiest, rattiest, tattiest, scantiest, angriest, canniest, gassiest, fanciest, snazziest, catchiest, * unhappiest, etc.

2.73 anarchist, masochist, dramatist, pragmatist, catalyst, analyst, panellist, Accurist®, mannerist, alchemist, agonist, Jansenist, allergist, pantheist, pacifist, amethyst, activist, satirist,

animist, Calvinist, classicist, strategist, altruist, * philanthropist, philatelist, tobacconist, antagonist, protagonist, metallurgist, evangelist, romanticist, somnambulist, * sadomasochist, psychoanalyst, televangelist, genealogist, mineralogist, neoclassicist

2.74 parapet, advocate, accurate, baronet, passionate, chariot, Harriet, lariat, Marriott, Marryat, patriot, halibut, aggregate, candidate, aspirate, adequate, animate, cabinet, laminate, graduate, Capulet, amulet, * elaborate, inaccurate, diaconate, permanganate, compassionate, dispassionate, Plantagenet, Iscariot, compatriot, expatriate, inadequate, inanimate, Palatinate, postgraduate, ejaculate, immaculate, * undergraduate, * overelaborate

2.75 Nazareth, azimuth

2.76 palaces, radishes, cabbages, packages, bandages, savages, carriages, Claridge's, garages, languages, challenges, etc.

2.77 faculties, blackberries, cranberries, calories, Stannaries, lavatories, fantasies, allergies, cavities, charities, tapestries, * profanities, * similarities, * peculiarities, etc.

2.78 admiralty, casualty, naturally, nationally, rationally, gradually, actually, factually, annually, manually, casually, lamentably, fashionably, amicably, charitably, admirably, accurately, passionately, adequately, maddeningly, amorously, glamorously, ravenously, Canterbury, Glastonbury, adversary, farriery, January, statuary, actuary, sanctuary, cabinetry, casuistry, sanctimony, antimony, alimony, palimony, acrimony, matrimony, patrimony, advocacy, accuracy, magistracy, adequacy, baronetcy, * unnaturally, diagonally, irrationally, spectacularly, uncharitably, inaccurately, compassionately, dispassionately, inadequately, contractually, immaculately, comparatively, embarrassingly, disparagingly, magnanimously, unanimously, miraculously, constabulary, vocabulary, inadequacy, inaccuracy, * supernaturally, internationally, unimaginably

2.79 palatable, lamentable, admirable, fathomable, fashionable, malleable, fanciable, practicable, amicable, navigable, habitable, charitable, salvageable, marriageable, damageable, manageable, valuable, calculable, * unpalatable, unfathomable, companionable, unfashionable, eradicable, impracticable, uncharitable, imaginable, unsalvageable, unmanageable, invaluable, incalculable, * ineradicable, indefatigable, uninhabitable, unimaginable

-ah-

The rhymes in this section have the 'ah' sound of half and larder as their main or final vowel sound

3.1 ah, are, baa, bah, bar, Barr, *barre*, Blois, bra, car, Carr, char, fa, far, Fra, gar, ha, haar, jar, la, lar, Loire, ma, mar, moire, noir, pa, pah, par, parr, Parr, pas, qua, R, Ra, Saar, Sarre, scar, schwa, shah, ska, spa, Spa, spar, star, Starr, ta, tar, tsar, yah, * Dunbar, papa, catarrh, afar, Navarre, galah, hurrah, Accra, mama, hussar, bazaar, ajar, Qatar, ta-ta, Stranraer, aha, ha-ha, tra-la, foie gras, sang-froid, François, Armagh, Lehár, *bête noire*, Del Mar, ER, PR, debar, disbar, cigar, guitar, sitar, film noir, bizarre, OR, faux pas, beaux-arts, * kasbah, grandpa, Caspar, fracas, tramcar, ashlar, fatwa, patois, Valois, chamois, Magyar, grandma, gaga, Dada, ha-ha, La-La, rah-rah, wah-wah, Zsa Zsa, railcar, agar, Degas, radar, daystar, Braemar, Tamar, quasar, feldspar, Redcar, Elgar, Telstar, Kevlar®, memoir, Renoir, earthstar, heel bar, streetcar, dinar, kiblah, Ingmar, sidecar, Weimar, nightjar, crossbar, stock car, boxcar, sol-fa, Colmar, bourgeois, crowbar, towbar, rollbar, co-star, lodestar, Omagh, Omar, sonar, pulsar, toolbar, oompah, nougat, doodah, Utah, Pooh-Bah, hoo-ha, hoopla, boudoir, Dumas, * rum baba, * Calabar, Malabar, handlebar, grandpapa, advocaat, avatar, baklava, samovar, Kandahar, Yamaha, baccarat, abattoir, jacamar, Palomar, grandmama, Panama, Balthazar, caviar, Zanzibar, Hamilcar, iechyd da, Shangri-la, Cantuar., armoured car, R&R, Amen-Ra, langue de chat, entrechat, cha-cha-cha, la-di-da, Mardi Gras, cable car, steak tartare, *aide-mémoire*, APR, megastar, Hezbollah, repertoire, reservoir, SLR, Peckinpah, registrar, petit pois, escritoire, seminar, deodar, Nicobar, cinnabar, millibar, minibar, isobar, Myanmar, Bogotá, waratah, *objet d'art*, Bolivar, Lochinvar, commissar, touring car, Eurostar, motor car, Omaha, *au revoir*, under par, um and ah, cultivar, Buddh Gaya, coolabah, superstar, brouhaha, coup d'état, rouge et noir, Cooch Behar, * conservatoire, * Leamington Spa, kala-azar, *ménage à trois*, *je ne sais quoi*, budgerigar, avoirdupois

Man's heart expands to tinker with his car

For this is Sunday morning, Fate's great bazaar.

LOUIS MACNEICE

3.2 barb, carb, garb, Saab, sahib, * nawab, Punjab, memsahib, * bicarb, rhubarb

3.3 arc, ark, Bach, bark, Braque, Clark, Clarke, clerk, dark, hark, Jacques, lark, marc, Marc, mark, Mark, marque, narc, nark, park, Park, plaque, quark, Sark, shark, snark, spark, Spark, stark, Stark, * macaque, Kazakh, Lamarck, black mark, debark, embark, Iraq, remark, Remarque, Hyde Park, * bank clerk, landmark, car park, aardvark, waymark, trademark, Petrarch, tetrarch, Denmark, benchmark, birthmark, earmark, skid mark, Widmark, Bismarck, hierarch, tyre mark, skylark, tidemark, Reichsmark, pockmark, ballpark, hallmark, Deutschmark, postmark, loan shark, mudlark, brushmark, woodlark, bookmark, footmark, Plutarch, * matriarch, patriarch, telemark, meadowlark, Regent's Park, re-embark, in the dark, fingermark, disembark, Offenbach, oligarch, watermark, Joan of Arc, double-park, Cutty Sark

3.4 arcs, Bach's, Berks, clerks, larks, Marks, Mark's, Marx, parks, Parkes, sharks, sparks, * landmarks, benchmarks, stretchmarks, pockmarks, brushmarks, footmarks, etc.

3.5 barked, marked, parked, * unmarked, embarked, infarct, remarked, * waymarked, earmarked, pockmarked, hallmarked, postmarked, bookmarked, * disembarked, unremarked, double-parked, etc.

3.6 arch, larch, march, March, parch, starch, * frogmarch, cornstarch, routemarch, * overarch

3.7 arched, marched, parched, starched, * unstarched, * frogmarched, routemarched, * overarched

3.8 baaed, bard, barred, card, chard, charred, Dard, guard, hard, jarred, lard, marred, pard, Sade, sard, shard, scarred, sparred, starred, tarred, yard, Yard, * charade, façade, saccade, estrade, debarred, disbarred, discard, regard, petard, retard, ill-starred, jihad, glissade,

bombard, *en garde*, rock-hard, pomade, roulade, * Jacquard, placard, scratchcard, vanguard, Ballard, mallard, Garrard, back yard, canard, Hansard, mansard, smart card, farmyard, barnyard, railcard, racecard, safeguard, graveyard, kaleyard, Maynard, Gerard, churchyard, rearguard, steelyard, Rickard, Liskeard, Fishguard, shipyard, brickyard, vineyard, Izzard, wild card, lifeguard, diehard, spikenard, fireguard, Lombard, Stoppard, Goddard, bollard, Lollard, Pollard, dockyard, stockyard, scorecard, courtyard, postcard, phonecard, Bogarde, coastguard, boatyard, boneyard, mudguard, junkyard, Coulthard, foulard, schoolyard, Cunard, * battle-scarred, Abelard, avant-garde, Savoyard, Everard, esplanade, credit card, self-regard, birthday card, Kierkegaard, greetings card, leotard, zindabad, Isambard, interlard, timberyard, Hilliard, milliard, disregard, Scotland Yard, promenade, bodyguard, Communard, boulevard, * Islamabad, * Allahabad, Faisalabad, Hyderabad, camelopard, fanfaronade, Marquis de Sade, rodomontade

No memory of having starred

Atones for later disregard,

Or keeps the end from being hard.

ROBERT FROST

3.9 barf, calf, chaff, graph, half, laugh, quaff, scarf, Scarfe, staff, strafe, * carafe, behalf, giraffe, Clontarf, * flagstaff, Metcalfe, headscarf, distaff, tipstaff, pikestaff, digraph, Falstaff, mooncalf, * tachograph, Van de Graaff, barograph, paragraph, shadowgraph, Cenotaph, stenograph, epitaph, epigraph, telegraph, Dictograph®, pictograph, lithograph, spirograph, micrograph, seismograph, Chinagraph®, logograph, holograph, homograph, chronograph, monograph, polygraph, quarterstaff, autograph, photograph, phonograph, * cardiograph, radiograph, ideograph, Mimeograph®, choreograph, * encephalograph

3.10 aft, barfed, chaffed, craft, daft, draft, draught, graft, haft, Kraft, laughed, quaffed, raft, shaft, staffed, waft, * abaft, unstaffed, redraft, engraft, * handcraft, crankshaft, camshaft, aircraft, statecraft, spacecraft, stagecraft, fieldcraft, priestcraft, lift shaft, kingcraft, witchcraft, drive shaft, mine shaft, swordcraft, draught, updraught, woodcraft, bushcraft, * handicraft, needlecraft, hovercraft, watercraft, overstaffed, photographed, overdraft, understaffed, Wollstonecraft

3.11 blague, Prague, * Camargue, Den Haag, * Reichstag, * Bundestag

3.12 barge, charge, hajj, large, marg, marge, raj, sarge, Taj, targe, * the Raj, recharge, enlarge, in charge, discharge, * surcharge, discharge, * turbocharge, countercharge, overlarge, overcharge, undercharge, supercharge

3.13 plage, raj, * the Raj, ménage, sondage, frottage, potage, montage, collage, corsage, * barrage, garage, massage, dressage, mirage, triage, * badinage, cabotage, sabotage, camouflage, arbitrage, décolletage, decoupage, reportage, persiflage, bricolage, bon voyage, entourage, curettage, fuselage, * espionage, photomontage, * counterespionage

3.14 Arles, Baal, Basle, Carl, Dahl, dhal, gnarl, Karl, kraal, marl, snarl, toile, * Natal, corral, morale, Jamal, Kemal, banal, unsnarl, timbale, halal, Chantal, Vidal, chorale, Bhopal, locale, * Transvaal, Stendahl, mistral, * *femme fatale*, pastorale, Albemarle, rationale, Parsifal, Taj Mahal, Heyerdahl, Emmenthal, Provençal, Provençale, * Neanderthal, Massif Central, Escorial, * Internationale, *succès de scandale*, entente cordiale

3.15 Arles, Charles, Karl's, snarls, etc.

3.16 arm, balm, barm, calm, charm, farm, Guam, harm, ma'am, palm, psalm, qualm, smarm, * madame, alarm, salaam, unarm, rearm, embalm, becalm, imam, disarm, forearm, * yardarm, gendarme, napalm, wind farm, Islam, firearm, forearm, schoolmarm, * Notre Dame, overarm, underarm, * Dar es Salaam, Omar Khayyám

3.17 armed, calmed, charmed, farmed, harmed, * unarmed, unharmed, alarmed, rearmed, embalmed, becalmed, disarmed, forearmed

3.18 alms, arms, Brahms, farms, Glamis, palms, Psalms, qualms, * alarms, salaams, rearms, embalms, becalms, * gendarmes, wind farms, firearms, etc.

Ben Battle was a soldier bold,

And used to war's alarms:

But a canon-ball took off his legs,

So he laid down his arms!

THOMAS HOOD

3.19 Arne, barn, darn, Hahn, Juan, khan, Khan, Marne, naan, Sian, tarn, yarn, * Pathan, pavane, Amman, McMahan, Hassan, Kazan, Aswan, Antoine, Tehran, élan, Vientiane, Tzigane, Iran, Gibran, Sichuan, Dayan, Taiwan, Koran, Don Juan, Osman, Oran, Oman, Qumran, Cwmbran, lucarne, Sudan, Bhutan, * astrakhan, Astrakhan, Abadan, Ramadan, Karajan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Dagestan, macedoine, Abidjan, Bantustan, Aga Khan, Rajasthan, Shah Jahan, Genghis Khan, Turkestan, Kyrgyzstan, Kurdistan, Isfahan, Christiaan, Lindisfarne, Hindustan, t'ai chi ch'uan, Omdurman, autobahn, Yucatán, Suleiman, Kublai Khan, * Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Baluchistan

3.20 blanch, Blanche, branch, ranch, stanch, tranche, * carte blanche, * avalanche

3.21 darned, * command, demand, remand, * reprimand, countermand

3.22 chance, dance, France, glance, lance, prance, stance, trance, Vance, aunts, chants, grants, plants, * askance, Provence, advance, perchance, enhance, entrance, mischance, faïence, * seance, freelance, off-chance, mumchance, nuance, * happenstance, ambience, Afrikaans, renaissance, Renaissance, circumstance, contredanse, * *par excellence*, * *pièce de résistance*

O body swayed to music, O brightening glance,

How can we know the dancer from the dance?

W. B. YEATS

3.23 aren't, aunt, can't, chant, grant, Grant, Nantes, plant, shan't, slant, * supplant, aslant, transplant, détente, replant, implant, enchant, * transplant, ashplant, plainchant, eggplant, implant, house plant, * debutante, disenchant, commandant, confidente

3.24 Barnes, barns, darns, naans, Sian's, tarns, yarns, * Afrikaans, Genghis Khan's, etc.

3.25 Arp, carp, harp, scarp, sharp, Sharpe, tarp, * cardsharp, * razor-sharp, Polycarp

3.26 arse, baas, brass, class, farce, glass, grass, Mass, pass, sparse, * surpass, Madras, stained glass, third-class, first-class, volte-face, outclass, * impasse, smartarse, bypass, eyeglass, spyglass, wineglass, Snodgrass, knotgrass, hourglass, subclass, bluegrass, goosegrass, * gravitas, Stallybrass, galloglass, sparrowgrass, masterclass, second-class, Plexiglas®, working-class, middle-class, Khyber Pass, fibreglass, isinglass, overpass, underpass, upper-class, underclass, superclass, supergrass, *coup de grâce*, * snake in the grass

3.27 ask, bask, basque, Basque, cask, casque, flask, mask, masque, task, * unmask, * Monégasque, overtask, multitask

The trivial round, the common task,

Would furnish all we ought to ask.

JOHN KEBLE

3.28 asked, basked, masked, * unmasked, unasked, etc.

3.29 clasp, gasp, grasp, hasp, rasp, * unclasp

3.30 arsed, blast, cast, caste, classed, fast, grassed, karst, last, mast, passed, past, vast, * surpassed, aghast, avast, contrast, half-mast, recast, repast, miscast, dismast, outclassed, outlast, * rat-arsed, sandblast, mainmast, webcast, steadfast, Belfast, wormcast, precast, bypassed, flypast, typecast, contrast, topmast, forecast, broadcast, sportscast, foremost, outcast, downcast, stonecast, holdfast, roughcast, Buckfast, newscast, * flabbergast, narrowcast, hard and fast, Prendergast, telecast, simulcast, mizzenmast, Gormenghast, counterblast, overcast, opencast, unsurpassed, colourfast, * Elastoplast®

**Love in a palace is perhaps at last
More grievous torment than a hermit's fast.**

JOHN KEATS

3.31 harsh, marsh, * moustache, panache, *démarche*, gouache, * Titchmarsh

3.32 art, Bart, Barthes, cart, chart, dart, fart, hart, Hart, Harte, heart, kart, mart, part, Scart, smart, start, tart, * apart, spare part, Descartes, restart, depart, impart, stop-start, outsmart, * rampart, handcart, Cathcart, Earhart, redstart, Bernhardt, teacart, restart, sweetheart, Britart, kick-start, Reinhardt, op art, dogcart, Lockhart, forepart, mouthpart, Hobart, go-kart, Bogart, Mozart, flow chart, dustcart, upstart, pushcart, Stuttgart, * applear, à la carte, heart-to-heart, counterpart, D'Oyly Carte, Bonaparte, underpart, Bundesrat, Gujarat, * state-of-the-art

**Words may be false and full of art,
Sighs are the natural language of the heart.**

THOMAS SHADWELL

3.33 arts, Bart's, carts, charts, clarts, darts, farts, hearts, Herts, karts, parts, smarts, starts, tarts, * ramparts, handcarts, sweethearts, foreparts, mouthparts, Mozart's, * underparts, etc.

3.34 bath, Bath, Ba'th, garth, Garth, hearth, lath, path, * birdbath, eyebath, warpath, towpath, Hogarth, bloodbath, mudbath, footpath, * aftermath

3.35 calve, carve, grave, Graves, halve, Slav, starve, suave, varve, * Algarve, Gustave, Zouave, * Yugoslav

3.36 calves, halves, scarves, * headscarves, mooncalves

3.37 bars, cars, jars, Lars, Mars, parse, SARS, scars, stars, vase, * hussars, bazaars, Shiraz, three Rs, cigars, guitars, * memoirs, Renoir's, co-stars, Gauloise, * handlebars, grandpapa's, seminars, vichyssoise, * salade niçoise, etc.

**Have you heard it's in the stars,
Next July we collide with Mars?**

COLE PORTER

4.1 Barbie®, Darby, Derby, harpy, * kohlrabi, Punjabi, Mugabe, okapi, * Hammurabi, Abu Dhabi

4.2 khaki, larky, narky, parky, sake, Saki, sarky, sparky, Starkey, * malarkey, menarche, Iraqi, * hierarchy, squirearchy, autarky, * Nagasaki, Kawasaki, Yamasaki, teriyaki, matriarchy, patriarchy, oligarchy, sukiyaki

4.3 cardie, hardy, Hardie, Hardy, lardy, Mahdi, mardy, tardy, Yardie, arty, clarty, hearty, party, Smartie, smarty, crafty, draughty, auntie, nasty, * Bacardi®, Lombardi, Coolgardie, chapati, karate, Frascati, Astarte, coati, * foolhardy, * Maserati, charterparty, arty-farty, digerati, glitterati, literati, Moriarty, Gujarati, arty-crafty, * Laurel and Hardy, illuminati

**And he chirped and sang, and skipped about, and laughed with laughter hearty –
He was wonderfully active for so very stout a party.**

W. S. GILBERT

4.4 ave, Garvey, Harvey, jarvey, larvae, Ravi, * Gaddafi, agave, peccavi, Mojave, McCarthy, * Rikki-Tikki-Tavi

4.5 Ali, Bali, barley, Carly, charlie, Charlie, Dali, Farley, gnarly, Harley, Kali, Mali, Marley, parley, Raleigh, snarly, sharply, Barclay, Berkeley, clerkly, darkly, sparkly, starkly, hardly, Yardley, Hartley, partly, smartly, ghastly, lastly, vastly, suavely, calmly, Darnley, parsley, sparsely, Barnsley, harshly, archly, largely, Marie, sari, starry, tarry, raspberry, * tamale, Svengali, Diwali, finale, bizarrely, Somali, safari, Polari, Ferrari, Harare, Vasari, Campari®, Qatari, Cagliari, curare, Scutari, Malawi, Mascagni, * Muhammad Ali, Ras Tafari, Kalahari, calamari, Stradivari, Mata Hari, Carbonari, charivari, etc.

4.6 army, balmy, barmy, palmy, smarmy, swami, Arnie, barney, Barney, blarney, Carney, rani, sarnie, Varney, * salami, pastrami, gourami, tsunami, Afghani, Galvani, Armani, Killarney, Giovanni, Omani, McCartney, * origami, Mantovani, maharani, Rafsanjani, frangipani, Pakistani,

Mastroianni, biryani, Hindustani, Modigliani, * Azerbaijani, chilli con carne, * debar me, harm me, etc.

4.7 brassy, classy, Darcy, Farsi, glassy, grassy, Nazi, chancy, khazi, quasi, Stasi, Swazi, malmsey, marshy, Archie, starchy, bhaji, * Nastase, Benghazi, Givenchy, Karachi, hibachi, * Ashkenazi, Ashkenazy, kamikaze, Esterházy, mariachi, Liberace, Fibonacci, argy-bargy

4.8 arbour, barber, Barber, Barbour®, harbour, Saba, carper, Harper, scarper, sharper, gasper, grasper, * macabre, Ann Arbor, Pearl Harbor, rum baba, * Ali Baba, etc.

4.9 Barker, darker, Farquhar, marker, markka, parka, Parker, starker, Tarka, asker, masker, Aga®, laager, lager, raga, saga, * Osaka, moussaka, Lusaka, * backmarker, waymarker, * Titicaca, nosy parker, Aga saga, * Hamilcar Barca, * nark her, ask her, etc.

It is no time for mirth and laughter,

The cold, grey dawn of the morning after.

GEORGE ADE

4.10 ardour, Bader, cadre, carder, Garda, harder, Lada®, larder, RADA, Pravda, slander, barter, charter, carter, Carter, darter, data, garter, Garter, martyr, sartor, smarter, Sparta, starter, strata, tartar, Tartar, after, dafter, grafter, laughter, rafter, chanter, Granta, grantor, planter, blaster, caster, castor, Castor, faster, master, pastor, plaster, * Haggadah, Granada, lambada, armada, cicada, retarder, Nevada, commander, Jakarta, toccata, sonata, substrata, cassata, passata, cantata, self-starter, Inkatha, Siddhartha, frittata, errata, stigmata, Renata, nonstarter, pro rata, thereafter, whereafter, hereafter, Vedanta, headmaster, disaster, old master, * sought-after, bandmaster, grandmaster, taskmaster, paymaster, webmaster, ringmaster, quizmaster, choirmaster, forecaster, broadcaster, scoutmaster, housemaster, postmaster, toastmaster, newscaster, schoolmaster, * enchilada, Eid-ul-Adha, *intifada*, promenader, Torquemada, Alexander, Magna Carta, alma mater, Stabat Mater, chipolata, protomartyr, thereinafter, hereinafter, alabaster, harbour master, stationmaster, ghetto blaster, burgomaster, concertmaster, quartermaster, * piña colada, inamorata, *La Traviata*, desiderata, *persona grata*, * *persona non grata*, * taramasalata, Río de la Plata, * medulla oblongata, * guard her, outsmart her, etc.

See-saw, Margery Daw,

Jacky shall have a new master;

Jacky shall have but a penny a day,

Because he can't work any faster.

NURSERY RHYME

4.11 laughter, staffer, carver, Carver, fava, guava, Java, larva, lava, laver, Arthur, Martha, farther, father, lather, rather, * Mustapha, cadaver, palaver, cassava, MacArthur, * grandfather, stepfather, godfather, forefather, * balaclava, Balaklava, Bratislava, Costa Brava, * bath her, starve her, etc.

4.12 Carla, gala, Mahler, parlour, snarler, sampler, sparkler, chandler, Chandler, Clara, Lara, Sara, Tara, Zara, Barbara, Sandra, Chartres, Sartre, genre, Farquhar, * cabbala, masala, Kampala, La Scala, Marsala, impala, koala, Uppsala, Sahara, Carrara, Ferrara, Tamara, cascara, mascara, tiara, O'Hara, O'Mara, macabre, Cassandra, Sinatra, Montmartre, Sumatra, Le Havre, Chihuahua, Campagna, * Guatemala, McNamara, capybara, carbonara, Che Guevara, Connemara, candelabra, Alexandra, Okinawa, Kurosawa, * Guadalajara, double entendre, * Emilia-Romagna, etc.

4.13 amah, armour, Balmer, Brahma, calmer, charmer, dharma, drama, farmer, Kama, karma, lama, llama, Palmer, Parma, Rama, Schama, bwana, Dana, darner, garner, Garner, Ghana, Lana, Marner, nana, Wagner, gardener, Gardner, Lardner, pardner, partner, * embalmer, Osama, cabana, sultana, banana, *mañana*, Svetlana, nirvana, Tijuana, Guiana, Guyana, liana, gymkhana, piranha, Tirana, iguana, Fontana, Montana, Botswana, * snake charmer, * Atacama,

panorama, Dalai Lama, melodrama, Cinerama®, diorama, cyclorama, psychodrama, docudrama, Yokohama, Tatiana, Mariana, Africana, Afrikaner, marijuana, Santayana, Pax Romana, Mahayana, Ikebana, Indiana, Lipizzaner, Weimaraner, Silas Marner, Rosh Hashanah, vox humana, Gloriana, rusticana, Juliana, Ljubljana, * Australiana, Americana, Shakespeareana, Louisiana, Victoriana, Edwardiana, * Vasco da Gama, *Fata Morgana*, Bophuthatswana, * Carmina Burana, * ipecacuanha, * harm her, disarm her, etc.

**There was a young lady of Parma,
Whose conduct grew calmer and calmer.**

EDWARD LEAR

4.14 Lhasa, passer, sparser, answer, chancer, dancer, lancer, prancer, Gaza, parser, plaza, harsher, Marsha, pasha, Berkshire, archer, Archer, marcher, starcher, rancher, pasture, charger, larger, rajah, slàinte, * Kinshasa, advancer, enhancer, departure, recharger, enlarger, discharger, * maharajah, turbocharger, supercharger, * tabula rasa, * entrance her, charge her, etc.

4.15 charlock, Charnock, * Kilmarnock

4.16 Harpic®, bardic, artic, Partick, arctic, Arctic, yardstick, Narvik, Slavic, garlic, Harlech, Hardwick, karmic, arsenic, carsick, heartsick, Tajik, * anarchic, hierarchic, monarchic, Sephardic, cathartic, subarctic, Antarctic, lethargic, * subantarctic

4.17 harboured, larboard, starboard, scarpered, guarded, charted, chartered, martyred, parted, started, drafted, shafted, granted, slanted, bastard, blasted, plastered, Dartford, Hartford, Hertford, Harvard, fathered, armoured, garnered, answered, * unguarded, regarded, retarded, bombarded, uncharted, unchartered, hardhearted, half-hearted, faint-hearted, departed, imparted, big-hearted, kind-hearted, light-hearted, softhearted, warm-hearted, stouthearted, downhearted, wholehearted, enchanted, unanswered, * unregarded, disregarded, tenderhearted, heavy-hearted, brokenhearted, disenchanting, flabbergasted, etc.

4.18 garbage, yardage, vantage, Carthage, carnage, cartridge, partridge, Partridge, * advantage, * disadvantage

4.19 barbel, garble, marble, Schnabel, carpal, carpel, Marple, sample, sparkle, rascal, gargle, startle, stratal, artful, harmful, carvel, larval, Havel, marvel, Marvell, Cherwell, narwhal, Carmel, carnal, charnel, darnel, Parnell, Hartnell, castle, parcel, tarsal, chancel, Basel, marshal, Marshall, martial, Martial, partial, * ensemble, example, debacle, monarchal, catarrhal, impartial, court-martial, * sandcastle, Hardcastle, Newcastle, Boscastle, Oldcastle, * metacarpal, matriarchal, patriarchal, metatarsal

**I'm the king of the castle,
Get down, you dirty rascal.**

CHILDREN'S RHYME

4.20 garbled, marbled, sampled, startled, Arnold, marshalled, * court-martialled, * unexampled, etc.

4.21 marbles, Sharples, samples, castles, parcels, etc.

4.22 Markham, stardom, datum, stratum, Harlem, slalom, Arnhem, Barnum, Farnham, * substratum, erratum, postpartum, alarum, * superstardom, superstratum, candelabrum, * desideratum, * park 'em, guard 'em, etc.

4.23 Larkin, parkin, sharkskin, calfskin, bargain, marten, martin, Martin, Marvin, marlin, Stalin, Darwin, Tarquin, Brahmin, margin, * Gagarin, * markin', starrin', etc.

4.24 carbon, sharpen, Aachen, darken, hearken, kraken, argon, jargon, Arden, Baden, garden, harden, lardon, pardon, Marsden, Aten, Barton, carton, hearten, smarten, Spartan, tartan, Parton, Grafton, Carlton, Charlton, Marston, Charleston, carven, Javan, Marlon, Amen, barman, Brahman, Carmen, Jarman, Rahman, Scarman, marksman, craftsman, draughtsman, guardsman, arson, Carson, fasten, parson, sarsen, Clarkson, Tarzan, Martian, harshen,

stanchion, Farjeon, * Petrarchan, Dumbarton, dishearten, Caernarfon, Carmarthen, Macfarlane, Saharan, Sumatran, unfasten, infarction, * Volkswagen, * hydrocarbon, Interlaken, Copenhagen, Covent Garden, Coloradan, Akhenaten, kindergarten, Sydney Carton, Dolly Parton, Aldermaston, Wilhelmshaven, Guatemalan, Tutankhamen

**The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.**

DOROTHY FRANCES GURNEY

4.25 sharpened, darkened, hardened, pardoned, garland, Garland, parkland, Cartland, marshland, almond, fastened, * disheartened, unfastened, etc.

4.26 bargains, martins, Darwin's, margins, * Doc Martens®, etc.

4.27 ardent, guardant, garment, parchment, argent, sergeant, Sargent, * retardant, disbarment, escarpment, bombardment, commandment, apartment, compartment, department, enchantment, advancement, enhancement, enlargement, * disenchantment, overgarment, undergarment, self-advancement

4.28 parlance, garments, sergeants, * commandments, apartments, compartments, departments, * overgarments, undergarments, etc.

4.29 carping, harping, grasping, rasping, barking, Barking, larking, marking, parking, asking, basking, masking, guarding, Harding, darting, farting, karting, parting, smarting, starting, drafting, grafting, shafting, chanting, planting, blasting, casting, fasting, lasting, laughing, staffing, calving, carving, starving, farthing, Carling, darling, Darling, marling, snarling, starling, marbling, sampling, darkling, sparkling, starveling, barring, marring, scarring, sparring, starring, arming, calming, charming, farming, harming, darning, classing, passing, parsing, dancing, glancing, lancing, prancing, arching, marching, parching, starching, branching, ranching, barging, charging, * embarking, unmasking, discarding, regarding, bombarding, commanding, demanding, departing, transplanting, enchanting, contrasting, alarming, embalming, disarming, surpassing, advancing, entrancing, recharging, enlarging, discharging, * skylarking, safeguarding, broadcasting, woodcarving, co-starring, bypassing, * multitasking, undemanding, everlasting, photographing, penny-farthing, overarching, overcharging, etc.

4.30 markings, castings, carvings, farthings, starlings, heartstrings, etc.

4.31 Sardis, Tardis, Jarvis, parvis, marquess, marquis, Frances, Francis, * quo vadis, Polaris, catharsis, * aurora borealis

4.32 carpus, carcass, Marcus, Argus, Cardus, stratus, braless, Carlos, parlous, starless, artless, chartless, heartless, charmless, harmless, classless, grassless, slanderous, harness, sharpness, darkness, Harkness, starkness, hardness, smartness, tartness, fastness, vastness, calmness, harshness, tarsus, Tarsus, * Hipparchus, regardless, enchantress, disastrous, * steadfastness, * metacarpus, streptocarpus, Aristarchus, apparatus, altostratus, nimbostratus, cirrostratus, Nostradamus, *gaudeamus*, metatarsus, * posse comitatus, * coitus reservatus, * mark us, harm us, etc.

4.33 harpist, artist, Chartist, harvest, tsarist, palmist, psalmist, classist, Marxist, * guitarist, alarmist

4.34 sharpest, darkest, starkest, hardest, darnedest, smartest, daftest, fastest, farthest, calmest, harnessed, sparsest, harshest, etc.

4.35 sharpish, smartish, garfish, starfish, garnish, tarnish, varnish, * schoolmarmish

4.36 garnished, tarnished, varnished, * untarnished, unvarnished

4.37 Tarbert, Charlotte, harlot, Margaret, marmot, * incarnate, * reincarnate

4.38 carpet, armpit, market, basket, casket, target, Parfitt, scarlet, starlet, starlit, varlet, Bartlett, martlet, tartlet, halfwit, Barnet, garnet, Garnett, lancet, *Lancet*, * upmarket, Alf

Garnett, downmarket, * Haymarket, Newmarket, breadbasket, * hypermarket, Common Market, supermarket, * park it, start it, etc.

**An ape's an ape, a varlet's a varlet,
Though they be clad in silk or scarlet.**

SAYING

4.39 Yarmouth, Dartmouth, * Great Yarmouth

4.40 darbies, harpies, parties, Smarties®, Barclays, armies, Nazis, * Pilates, Benares, * *primus inter pares*, etc.

4.41 barbers, Flanders, garters, rafters, casters, masters, Masters, Mahler's, Chalmers, farmers, classes, glasses, passes, answers, chances, glances, marshes, arches, archers, Archers, marches, Marches, branches, * Bahamas, pyjamas, sultanas, * forefathers, eyeglasses, sunglasses, * Alexander's, etc.

**Men seldom make passes
At girls who wear glasses.**

DOROTHY PARKER

4.42 Barnaby, Carnaby, Carnegie, Arcady, bastardy, Flaherty, Tarporley, rascally, masterly, artfully, fatherly, partially, laughably, ardently, guardedly, artlessly, heartlessly, Barbary, raspberry, Shaftesbury, artery, Tartary, mastery, carvery, chandlery, armoury, chancery, archery, Marjorie, harmony, argosy, pharmacy, garlicky, suavity, sparsity, varsity, heartily, craftily, nastily, farcically, markedly, startlingly, charmingly, marquetry, parquetry, basketry, carpentry, artistry, palmistry, larceny, * grandfatherly, impartially, remarkably, half-heartedly, light-heartedly, wholeheartedly, disastrously, self-mastery, gendarmerie, chinoiserie, disharmony, foolhardily, lethargically, alarmingly, disarmingly, * camaraderie, Devanagari, intervarsity, etc.

4.43 Hanukkah, yarmulke, chancellor, Barbara, Scarborough, yarborough, Marlborough, Farnborough, slanderer, barterer, charterer, plasterer, armourer, Marmara, sharpener, bargainer, gardener, Gardiner, hardener, pardoner, almoner, fastener, Hertfordshire, armature, arbiter, Pargiter, carpenter, harvester, harnesser, Derbyshire, varnisher, harbinger, arguer, * Antarctica

4.44 clarkia, hardier, Nadia, heartier, craftier, draughtier, nastier, Parthia, aria, maria, barmier, Chania, Narnia, classier, Marcia, tarsier, chancier, starchier, * La Guardia, gaillardia, Somalia, Titania, intarsia, bilharzia, Abkhazia, * tachycardia, pericardia, Yugoslavia, passacaglia, Christiania, Kristiania, Oceania, Anastasia, etc.

4.45 Castleford, afterward, carpeted, marketed, targeted, harvested, * uncarpeted

4.46 Castleford's, afterwards

4.47 laughable, farmable, passable, chargeable, Barnstaple, barnacle, masterful, pastoral, arsenal, Arsenal, article, particle, farcical, Parsifal, carnival, cardinal, marginal, * remarkable, impassable, rechargeable, anarchical, hierarchical, * unremarkable, unsurpassable, pericardial, myocardial

4.48 barnacled, Archibald, articulated

4.49 martyrdom, marjoram, cardamom, * pericardium, myocardium, * started 'em, answer 'em, etc.

4.50 Harpenden, charlatan, Palmerston, Parthenon, Farquharson, Sanderson, guardian, Graafian, Barthian, Parthian, Charmian, Marmion, Marylebone, barbican, Barbican, cardigan, Cardigan, ptarmigan, Arlington, Darlington, harvestman, partisan, Parkinson, * Mozartian, Falstaffian, Hogarthian, Somalian, Zimbabwean

4.51 parliament, armament, argument, rearmament, disarmament

4.52 harbouring, scarpering, bartering, answering, sharpening, darkening, gardening, hardening, heartening, fastening, carpeting, marketing, garnishing, varnishing, * telemarketing,

etc.

4.53 Barnabas, Spartacus, marvellous, fatherless, partnerless, barbarous, slanderous, Tartarus, artfulness, artlessness, heartlessness, arquebus, Artemas, hardiness, tardiness, heartiness, craftiness, nastiness, arduous, * kind-heartedness, light-heartedness, foolhardiness, etc.

4.54 arsonist, pharmacist, Dadaist, Stalinist, Darwinist, narcissist, * Neo-Darwinist

4.55 hardiest, heartiest, craftiest, draughtiest, nastiest, barmiest, classiest, chanciest, starchiest, etc.

4.56 marginally, arguably, chancellery, arbitrary, parsimony

4.57 answerable, pardonable, marketable, arguable, * unanswerable, unpardonable, unmarketable, unarguable

-air-

The rhymes in this section have the 'air' sound of hair and barely as their main or final vowel sound.

5.1 air, Ayr, bare, bear, Blair, blare, br'er, care, chair, Cher, Claire, Clare, dare, e'er, ere, Eyre, fair, fare, fayre, flair, flare, glair, glare, hair, hare, heir, Herr, Khmer, lair, mare, mayor, ne'er, pair, pare, pear, père, prayer, quare, rare, scare, share, snare, spare, square, stair, stare, swear, tare, tear, their, there, they're, ware, wear, where, yeah, * compare, Astaire, affair, unfair, aware, unswear, meunière, Daguerre, Basse-Terre, Sancerre, parterre, éclair, Jane Eyre, elsewhere, whene'er, where'er, Pierre, prepare, repair, impair, despair, midair, Kildare, Hilaire, declare, Sinclair, beware, ensnare, misère, Niger, Voltaire, forbear, forswear, howe'er, coheir, au pair, go spare, O'Hare, Lothair, * ampere, fanfare, flatware, Rambert, hardware, glassware, armchair, haircare, air fare, shareware, daycare, Mayfair, threadbare, hectare, welfare, neckwear, headsquare, set square, menswear, deckchair, Edgware, workfare, workwear, fieldfare, freeware, wheelchair, skincare, slipware, knitwear, swimwear, tinware, childcare, nightwear, nightmare, timeshare, highchair, compère, confrère, software, forebear, warfare, horsehair, foursquare, sportswear, corsair, ploughshare, Flaubert, mohair, nowhere, stoneware, Robespierre, bugbear, funfair, somewhere, footwear, pushchair, groupware, Gruyère, * Camembert, Aberdare, camel hair, cafetière, savoir-faire, aftercare, jardinière, wear and tear, fair and square, maidenhair, tableware, pied-à-terre, Fred Astaire, Delaware, de la Mare, debonair, questionnaire, laissez faire, derrière, première, teddy bear, Medicare, secrétaire, everywhere, anywhere, Burke and Hare, earthenware, legionnaire, silverware, kitchenware, billionaire, millionaire, trillionaire, rivière, disrepair, Finisterre, chinaware, ironware, nom de guerre, Molière, solitaire, doctrinaire, commissaire, rocking chair, hollowware, corsetière, overbear, polar bear, Baudelaire, open-air, *au contraire*, thoroughfare, Tupperware®, underwear, unaware, ovenware, * chemin de fer, concessionaire, the worse for wear, commissionaire, Apollinaire, couturière, * chargé d'affaires, devil-may-care, Folies-Bergère, Vanity Fair, surface-to-air, ready-to-wear, * multimillionaire, Weston-super-Mare, son et lumière

What is this life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.

W. H. DAVIES

5.2 aired, Baird, bared, cared, dared, fared, flared, glared, laird, paired, pared, scared, shared, snared, squared, stared, * compared, prepared, repaired, impaired, despaired, declared, ensnared, * dark-haired, fair-haired, grey-haired, red-haired, long-haired, short-haired, * unprepared, unrepaired, unimpaired, undeclared

5.3 auberge, * concierge

5.4 bairn, cairn, Nairn, * Auvergne, * Fairbairn, Pitcairn

5.5 airs, Ayers, bears, cares, chairs, Claire's, dares, flares, hairs, pairs, pears, prayers, spares, stairs, theirs, wares, * compares, upstairs, affairs, backstairs, repairs, downstairs, * Carstairs, hectares, deckchairs, nightmares, * legionnaire's, unawares, etc.

Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares!

Christopher Robin is saying his prayers.

A. A. MILNE

6.1 Verdi, barely, Fairlie, fairly, rarely, sparely, squarely, scarcely, airy, Carey, chary, Clary, dairy, fairy, hairy, lairy, Mary, nary, prairie, scary, vary, wary, Airdrie, carefree, * unfairly, contrary, unwary, canary, * Monteverdi, cassowary, Salieri, Alighieri, airy-fairy, Tipperary, Inveraray, Miserere, Nyerere, *condottiere*, * *carabiniere*, *arrivederci*, * Dante Alighieri, etc.

6.2 airer, bearer, carer, Clara, Eire, fairer, parer, rarer, Sarah, scarer, sharer, starrer, swearer, tearer, wearer, Ayrshire, * caldera, Sierra, preparer, repairer, declarer, * macebearer,

talebearer, wayfarer, seafarer, swordbearer, pallbearer, torchbearer, cupbearer, * de Valera, demerara, Riviera, cordillera, * dare her, scare her, etc.

6.3 varied, * unvaried

6.4 careful, prayerful, mayoral

6.5 arum, Fareham, harem, Sarum, Wareham, heirdom, * harum-scarum, * wear 'em, shared 'em, etc.

6.6 hairpin, bearskin, Erin, * carin', wearin', etc.

6.7 Ayrton, Aaron, Charon, airman, chairman

6.8 parent, * transparent, impairment, ensnarement, * grandparent, step-parent, godparent

6.9 parents, * transparence, impairments, forbearance, * grandparents, step-parents, godparents

6.10 airing, baring, bearing, blaring, caring, daring, fairing, glaring, pairing, paring, raring, sharing, sparing, staring, swearing, tearing, Waring, wearing, * comparing, unsparing, hard-wearing, preparing, repairing, despairing, forbearing, ball bearing, * cheeseparing, seafaring, childbearing, time-sharing, * overbearing, etc.

Like whatever they say has no bearing,

It's so scary in a house that allows no swearing

To see him walking around with his headphones blaring.

EMINEM

6.11 airless, careless, hairless, bareness, fairness, * Carreras, unfairness, awareness, * self-awareness, * scare us, prepare us, etc.

6.12 bearish, fairish, garish, squarish, * nightmarish

6.13 rarebit, bear pit, * swear it, tear it, etc.

6.14 Aries, dairies, fairies, prairies, varies, * Canaries, etc.

6.15 carefully, carelessly, rarity, scarcity, airily, warily, daringly, glaringly, sparingly, garishly, * unbearably, transparency, overbearingly, etc.

6.16 airier, area, hairier, scarier, warier, * Bulgaria, Bavaria, malaria, aquaria, Samaria, herbaria, filaria, solaria, * Carpentaria, Berengaria, cineraria, Gran Canaria, oceanaria, urticaria, planetaria, araucaria, * calceolaria, etc.

6.17 bearable, tearable, wearable, aerial, Ariel, * unbearable, unwearable, repairable, malarial, bursarial, filarial, * unrepairable, adversarial, secretarial, actuarial, estuarial, * antimalarial

6.18 barium, * aquarium, samarium, herbarium, vivarium, solarium, rosarium, sudarium, * honorarium, oceanarium, planetarium, sanitarium, dolphinarium

6.19 Arian, Arien, Aryan, Darien, dairyman, * Bulgarian, vulgarian, Hungarian, Bavarian, valerian, Valerian, agrarian, Aquarian, grammarian, barbarian, sectarian, Caesarean, Nigerien, riparian, librarian, Voltairean, Ontarian, Rotarian, ovarian, fruitarian, Sumerian, * Sabbatarian, libertarian, Rastafarian, prelapsarian, nonsectarian, Sagittarian, vegetarian, Trinitarian, proletarian, Unitarian, antiquarian, centenarian, seminarian, millenarian, Gibraltarian, * infralapsarian, supralapsarian, parliamentarian, abecedarian, egalitarian, totalitarian, humanitarian, utilitarian, authoritarian, veterinarian, sexagenarian, octogenarian, nonagenarian, premillenarian, disciplinarian, * establishmentarian, * latitudinarian, valetudinarian, septuagenarian

6.20 variant, * invariant

6.21 parenting, dairying, varying, * unvarying, etc.

6.22 parentless, carefulness, carelessness, Arius, carious, Darius, Marius, various, airiness, chariness, wariness, * Aquarius, calcareous, burglarious, precarious, vicarious, gregarious, nefarious, hilarious, denarius, * Sagittarius, multifarious, Stradivarius, etc.

6.23 secretariat, proletariat, commissariat

6.24 variable, * invariable

-ay-

The rhymes in this section have the 'ay' sound of same and waiting as their main or final vowel sound.

7.1 a, A, ay, bay, brae, bray, cay, Chay, Che, clay, day, dray, eh, fay, Fay, fey, flay, fray, gay, Gay, Gray, grey, hay, hey, J, jay, Jay, K, Kay, Kray, lay, lei, ley, may, May, nay, née, neigh, pay, play, pray, prey, ray, Ray, re, Re, say, slay, sleigh, spay, Spey, splay, spray, stay, stray, sway, Tay, they, trait, tray, trey, vlei, way, weigh, whey, yea

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silv'ry Tay!

Alas, I am very sorry to say

That ninety lives have been taken away

On the last Sabbath day of 1879.

WILLIAM MCGONAGALL

7.2 today, jeté, convey, allay, Malay, aley, unlay, array, astray, affray, away, aweigh, René, assay, unsay, strathspey, Cathay, pince-nez, dragée, Shar Pei, parfait, halfway, Niamey, Marseilles, daresay, AA, waylay, gainsay, FA, LA, MA, purvey, survey, Earl Grey, per se, BA, PA, prepay, repay, replay, decay, piquet, midday, inveigh, belay, delay, relay, display, misplay, inlay, mislay, betray, distraît, defray, midway, dismay, Taipei, Bombay, Torbay, Corday, portray, outstay, outplay, foul play, downplay, outweigh, obey, okay, Tokay, *au fait, au lait*, olé, noway, oyez, O'Shea, José, feng shui, hooray, bouquet, UK, du Pré, Dounreay, touché, * auto-da-fé, Morgan le Fay, cabriolet, Dorian Gray, out-of-the-way, Appian Way, bioassay, YMCA, Botany Bay, Fotheringay, *café au lait*, ukiyo-e

7.3 frappé, latte, maté, pâté, satay, Dante, backstay, jackstay, café, Pathé, ballet, Calais, chalet, Hallé, palais, valet, barré, laptray, ashtray, tramway, gangway, hatchway, Manet, assay, chassé, glacé, passé, cachet, sachet, sashay, flambé, parquet, *manqué*, margay, ave, Soave, vale, Arblay, Franglais, mare, moiré, soiree, chambré, André, entrée, Yahweh, parkway, partway, pathway, archway, lamé, carnet, blasé, airplay, hairspray, airway, fairway, stairway, heyday, mayday, May Day, payday, mainstay, gameplay, Maigret, gateway, Safeway, railway, épée, reggae, levee, Pelé, melee, endplay, Nestlé, beret, X-ray, segue, headway, Medway, essay, workday, birthday, Thursday, survey, wordplay, ciré, clearway, hearsay, plié, piqué, bidet, vide, weekday, relay, replay, screenplay, respray, Tigré, freeway, leeway, seaway, speedway, lycée, plissé, Bizet, frisé, cliché, guichet, DJ, sickbay, Biscay, risqué, filet, gilet, Millais, Millet, inlay, stingray, in-tray, slipway, ridgeway, Friday, child's play, pipeclay, byway, highway, tideway, driveway, Steinway®, washday, bobsleigh, foray, moray, Conway, Monet, Roget, sorbet, forte, forestay, foreplay, swordplay, horseplay, Fauré, doorway, Norway, walkway, Broadway, Galway, hallway, causeway, gourmet, bourrée, curé, purée, outlay, out-tray, croquet, nose-gay, sauté, roadway, rosé, crochet, Loveday, someday, Monday, sundae, Sunday, gunplay, subway, runway, buffet, footway, Douai, roué, coupé, toupee, noonday, Tuesday, doomsday, cuvée, duvet, bouclé, soufflé, outré, soothsay, Suchet, * andante, Le Carré, attaché, écarté, Pasquale, cor anglais, Zimbabwe, Mallarmé, macramé, fiancé, fiancée, vivace, recherché, awayday, *al dente*, expressway, Desirée, appliqué, Enrique, Kol Nidrei, décolleté, consommé, Dubonnet®, cloisonné, de jure, cum laude, *démodé*, Obote, exposé, Le Touquet, *il Duce*, retroussé, * cybercafé, *marron glacé*, papier-mâché, Alicante, diamanté, Tio Pepe®, *nota bene*, action replay, Champs Elysées, bichon frise, superhighway, Don Quixote, paso doble

I've lived a life that's full, I've travelled each and ev'ry highway

And more, much more than this. I did it my way.

PAUL ANKA

7.4 St Tropez, canapé, latter-day, Saturday, Faraday, Santa Fe, Rabelais, Mandalay, Charolais, cabaret, Thackeray, Ballantrae, Hathaway, Galloway, caraway, Massenet, Fabergé, Chabrier,

alleyway, Haringey, carriageway, passageway, Poitiers, matinée, San Jose, cassoulet, Castlereagh, faraway, Chardonnay, castaway, Cartier, tearaway, day-to-day, breakaway, takeaway, straightaway, take-home pay, yesterday, present-day, Wednesday, Chevrolet, getaway, well away, Nescafé®, métier, Perrier®, denier, vérité, Eriskay, everyday, émigré, anyway, Hemingway, negligee, *crème brûlée*, résumé, workaday, steerageway, seize the day, Greenaway, Pinochet, DNA, ETA, PTA, CIA, disobey, interlay, interplay, disarray, giveaway, fricassee, *inter se*, ricochet, virelay, Milky Way, light of day, flyaway, hideaway, bridleway, IRA, Monterey, Holloway, Hogmanay, fromage frais, dossier, holiday, Doris Day, protégé, protégée, popinjay, Stornoway, waterway, Fourier, tourniquet, roundelay, overpay, overstay, overlay, overplay, go away, stowaway, throwaway, soakaway, foldaway, motorway, Beaujolais, Beaumarchais, sobriquet, Hudson Bay, underpay, Muscadet, underlay, underclay, underplay, cutaway, colourway, runaway, sommelier, USA, crudités, * alackaday, companionway, Sabatier, espalier, Chevalier, Lavoisier, Courvoisier®, boulevardier, Grand Marnier®, Prince Rainier, red-letter day, atelier, Montpellier, Tortelier, hotelier, Olivier, habitué, Escoffier, Montgolfier, Du Maurier, couturier, communiqué, * Le Corbusier

7.5 Abe, babe, * McCabe, * astrolabe

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves

Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;

All mimsy were the borogoves

And the mome raths outgrabe.

LEWIS CARROLL

7.6 ache, bake, Blake, brake, break, cake, crake, drake, Drake, fake, flake, hake, Jake, lake, make, quake, rake, sake, shake, sheikh, slake, snake, spake, stake, steak, strake, take, wake, * opaque, awake, unmake, forsake, partake, retake, remake, betake, mistake, * clambake, backache, pancake, handbrake, mandrake, handshake, heartache, heartbreak, daybreak, jailbreak, namesake, headache, sheldrake, wordbreak, earthquake, earache, teacake, seedcake, beefcake, cream cake, cheesecake, beefsteak, sweepstake, remake, keepsake, fish cake, intake, windbreak, firebreak, rock cake, hot cake, stocktake, shortcake, cornflake, corncrake, outtake, outbreak, Hoylake, oatcake, snowflake, sunbake, cupcake, uptake, grubstake, muckrake, fruitcake, toothache, moonquake, * rattlesnake, bellyache, griddlecake, give-and-take, kittiwake, wide awake, overtake, stomachache, undertake

7.7 baked, braked, caked, faked, flaked, quaked, raked, slaked, staked, * unbaked, unslaked, half-baked, * sunbaked

7.8 aid, aide, bade, bayed, blade, braid, brayed, clade, fade, flayed, frayed, glade, grade, jade, Jade, lade, laid, made, maid, neighed, paid, played, prayed, preyed, raid, shade, Slade, spade, spayed, splayed, staid, stayed, strayed, suede, swayed, they'd, trade, wade, Wade, weighed, * forbade, unpaid, brocade, pervade, surveyed, conveyed, arrayed, parade, abrade, upbraid, upgrade, afraid, unweighed, persuade, pomade, unmade, cascade, handmade, man-made, arcade, waylaid, well-paid, Belgrade, self-made, well-made, first aid, prepaid, repaid, relaid, replayed, remade, decayed, brigade, evade, invade, delayed, displayed, inlaid, mislaid, degrade, betrayed, dismayed, grenade, Sinead, dissuade, tirade, blockade, cockade, stockade, portrayed, downgrade, obeyed, home-made, new-laid, crusade, * Band Aid, ram raid, lampshade, barmaid, decade, mermaid, nursemaid, Teasmade®, switchblade, milkmaid, Whipnade, Live Aid, limeade, bridesmaid, eyeshade, nightshade, comrade, Noraid, housemaid, sunshade, * cavalcade, accolade, Adelaide, masquerade, balustrade, cannonade, barricade, marinade, palisade, marmalade, parlourmaid, carbonade, dairymaid, razor blade, make the grade, chambermaid, tailor-made, escapade, escalade, esplanade, serenade, lemonade, Medicaid, renegade, centigrade, ready-made, retrograde, Biggleswade, colonnade, stock-in-trade, orangeade, overpaid, motorcade, overlaid, Rollerblade®, overplayed, underpaid, underlaid,

underplayed, unafraid, custom-made, undismayed, Lucozade®, fusillade, * nurserymaid, harlequinade, etc.

A man must serve his time to every trade

Save censure – critics all are ready made.

LORD BYRON

7.9 aids, AIDS, blades, grades, maids, raids, shades, spades, trades, * mermaids, nursemaids, bridesmaids, comrades, * accolades, barricades, palisades, escapades, Everglades, etc.

7.10 chafe, safe, strafe, waif, * unsafe, vouchsafe

7.11 Craig, Hague, Haig, plague, vague, * The Hague, Mallaig, renege

Don't be vague, ask for Haig.

ADVERTISING SLOGAN

7.12 age, cage, gage, gauge, mage, page, Paige, phage, rage, sage, stage, swage, wage, * front page, upstage, assuage, rampage, backstage, restage, encage, engage, enrage, presage, offstage, downstage, Osage, * rampage, rain gauge, space age, birdcage, greengage, teenage, ribcage, tyre gauge, Bronze Age, outrage, road rage, Stone Age, school-age, * macrophage, saxifrage, disengage, Iron Age, overage, underage, multistage

7.13 aged, caged, gauged, paged, raged, staged, * uncaged, unwaged, assuaged, engaged, enraged, * teenaged, school-aged, etc.

7.14 beige, greige, * manège, Liège, cortege

7.15 ail, ale, bail, bale, Braille, dale, Dale, fail, flail, frail, Gael, Gail, gale, Grail, hail, hale, Hale, jail, kale, mail, male, nail, pail, pale, quail, Quayle, rail, sail, sale, Sale, scale, shale, snail, stale, Swale, tail, tale, they'll, Thrale, trail, vale, veil, wail, wale, whale, Yale, * percale, McPhail, avail, unveil, assail, exhale, curtail, descale, regale, impale, entail, prevail, inhale, derail, bewail, full-scale, * wagtail, travail, fantail, rat's-tail, handrail, taffrail, blackmail, hangnail, abseil, gaffsail, Arndale, guardrail, Airedale, airmail, Swaledale, snail mail, facemail, staysail, mainsail, telltale, checkrail, bedrail, headrail, headsail, shirt-tail, sperm whale, seakale, Bleasdale, Ruisdael, detail, e-tail, retail, e-mail, female, treenail, greenmail, resale, Windscale, pigtail, ringtail, fishtail, spritsail, timescale, Drysdale, Clydesdale, hightail, Mondale, Rochdale, Lonsdale, bobtail, cocktail, foxtail, oxtail, hobnail, topsail, horsetail, doornail, foresail, mousetail, toenail, wholesale, dovetail, junk mail, thumbnail, * tattletale, Passchendaele, Abigail, galingale, martingale, farthingale, Armidale, fairy tale, Maida Vale, Skelmersdale, Wensleydale, Ebbw Vale, Richter scale, Chippendale, ginger ale, fingernail, bristletail, disentail, nightingale, Nightingale, cottontail, nonpareil, monorail, swallowtail, Calderdale, countervail, ponytail, Holy Grail, tooth and nail, * Fort Lauderdale

7.16 ailed, bailed, failed, flailed, hailed, jailed, mailed, nailed, quailed, railed, sailed, scaled, tailed, veiled, wailed, * unveiled, assailed, curtailed, entailed, prevailed, derailed, bewailed, * draggletailed, etc.

7.17 ails, ales, Dales, fails, Gaels, Gail's, gales, nails, rails, sails, scales, sales, tales, veils, Wales, * entrails, details, pigtails, cocktails, toenails, * telesales, fingernails, Bloomingdale's, New South Wales, * cat-o'-nine-tails, etc.

7.18 aim, blame, came, claim, dame, Dame, fame, flame, frame, game, hame, lame, maim, name, same, shame, tame, Thame, * acclaim, proclaim, aflame, reframe, rename, became, defame, declaim, reclaim, disclaim, exclaim, inflame, old flame, * mainframe, surname, first name, quitclaim, nickname, endgame, selfsame, filename, doorframe, forename, * maiden name, Christian name, window frame, what's-her-name, what's-his-name, counterclaim, overcame

For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name,

He writes – not that you won or lost – but how you played the game.

GRANTLAND RICE.

7.19 aimed, blamed, claimed, framed, maimed, named, shamed, * untamed, acclaimed, proclaimed, unclaimed, unnamed, ashamed, renamed, reclaimed, exclaimed, inflamed, * unashamed, etc.

7.20 aims, claims, flames, games, James, names, * Jesse James, Christian names, * Olympic Games, etc.

7.21 bane, brain, Braine, Cain, cane, chain, crane, Dane, deign, drain, Duane, fain, feign, Frayn, gain, grain, Jain, Jane, lain, lane, main, Maine, mane, pain, Paine, pane, Payne, plain, plane, rain, reign, rein, sane, Seine, Shane, skein, slain, Spain, sprain, stain, strain, swain, ta'en, thane, thegn, train, twain, Twain, vain, vane, vein, wain, wane, Wayne, Zane, * cocaine, McCain, again, mundane, attain, pertain, obtain, contain, sustain, profane, Dunblane, Maclean, complain, arraign, Lorraine, terrain, constrain, domain, Pomagne®, McShane, unchain, campaign, champagne, abstain, arcane, Bahrain, Mark Twain, Charmaine, Great Dane, maintain, urbane, Germaine, germane, deplane, detrain, retrain, chicane, disdain, regain, detain, retain, Sinn Fein, Elaine, Spillane, emplane, explain, Igraine, ingrain, entrain, distraint, restrain, refrain, demesne, remain, inane, insane, vicereine, Cockaigne, Fonteyn, moraine, Coltrane, John Wayne, ordain, chow mein, Coleraine, romaine, Hussein, Ukraine, humane, * ratsbane, plantain, crackbrain, Gawain, airplane, pearmain, sailplane, tailplane, lamebrain, haywain, henbane, Beltane, membrane, vervain, birdbrain, fleabane, ethane, methane, seaplane, migraine, chilblain, midbrain, biplane, triplane, hindbrain, eyestrain, dogbane, octane, warplane, forebrain, propane, grosgrain, wholegrain, ptomaine, bloodstain, wolfsbane, butane, * appertain, ascertain, halothane, chatelain, chatelaine, Tamerlane, aquaplane, scatterbrain, Alamein, Aquitaine, Charlemagne, aeroplane, entertain, Cellophane®, weather vane, featherbrain, preordain, Cleo Laine, windowpane, inhumane, Michael Caine, gyroplane, hydroplane, right as rain, monoplane, foreordain, urethane, counterpane, counterstain, down the drain, Novocaine®, overlain, underlain, hurricane, Dunsinane, sugar cane, Tubal-cain, suzerain, * Citizen Kane, legerdemain, varicose vein, * polyurethane

The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain.

ALAN JAY LERNER

7.22 caned, chained, deigned, drained, feigned, gained, pained, rained, reigned, sprained, stained, strained, trained, veined, * obtained, contained, sustained, unstained, complained, untrained, constrained, unstrained, unchained, detained, retained, ingrained, restrained, remained, ordained, close-grained, * crackbrained, harebrained, bird-brained, tear-stained, bloodstained, * ascertained, scatterbrained, entertained, self-contained, preordained, foreordained, unconstrained, unexplained, unrestrained, etc.

7.23 change, grange, mange, range, strange, * arrange, free-range, derange, estrange, exchange, long-range, short-range, short-change, * part exchange, prearrange, rearrange, disarrange, interchange, chop and change, stock exchange

do you think that i would change

my present freedom to range

for a castle or moated grange

DON MARQUIS

7.24 changed, ranged, * arranged, unchanged, deranged, estranged, exchanged, * prearranged, rearranged, etc.

7.25 ain't, faint, feint, mayn't, paint, plaint, quaint, saint, taint, * attain, complaint, constraint, acquaint, repaint, distraint, restraint, * greasepaint, warpaint, * self-restraint, reacquaint, overpaint, unconstraint, unrestraint

7.26 Baines, brains, chains, Danes, drains, gains, Haynes, Jane's, Keynes, mains, pains, plains, rains, reins, Staines, stains, trains, veins, Wayne's, * pertains, obtains, Elaine's, remains, * chilblains, bloodstains, * afterpains, windowpanes, etc.

7.27 ape, cape, Cape, crepe, drape, gape, grape, jape, nape, rape, scrape, shape, tape, * agape, reshape, escape, * landscape, nametape, seascape, shipshape, misshape, moonscape, cloudscape, * masking tape, Sellotape®, ticker tape, out of shape

7.28 apes, drapes, gapes, grapes, scrapes, shapes, traipse, * reshapes, escapes, sour grapes, * jackanapes, etc.

7.29 aped, draped, gaped, raped, scraped, shaped, taped, * pear-shaped, wedge-shaped, V-shaped, U-shaped, etc.

7.30 ace, base, bass, brace, case, chase, dace, face, grace, Grace, lace, mace, Mace®, pace, place, plaice, race, space, Thrace, trace, Wace, * abase, apace, unlace, debase, encase, deface, efface, replace, displace, misplace, enlace, embrace, disgrace, retrace, grimace, outpace, outface, * fanbase, backspace, crankcase, blackface, landrace, airspace, staircase, wheyface, paleface, mainbrace, scapegrace, tailrace, workplace, birthplace, headcase, headrace, wheelbase, seedcase, briefcase, slipcase, millrace, fireplace, typecase, typeface, braaiivleis, watchcase, chalkface, showcase, notecase, boldface, coalface, showplace, nutcase, Lovelace, someplace, bookcase, suitcase, shoelace, bootlace, * carapace, Samothrace, marketplace, aerospace, database, waste of space, paper chase, face-to-face, steeplechase, breathing space, interspace, interface, interlace, in-your-face, pillowcase, cyberspace, hyperspace, hiding place, wild-goose chase, contrabass, commonplace, Boniface, lower-case, poker face, outer space, upper-case, pull a face

The rabbit has a charming face

Its private life is a disgrace.

ANONYMOUS

7.31 based, baste, chased, chaste, haste, laced, mayst, paced, paste, placed, raced, spaced, taste, traced, waist, waste, * unlaced, unplaced, lambaste, straight-faced, strait-laced, debased, encased, distaste, defaced, replaced, displaced, misplaced, enlaced, embraced, disgraced, posthaste, * barefaced, shamefaced, shore-based, foretaste, po-faced, toothpaste, * pantywaist, aftertaste, baby-faced, interlaced, poker-faced, cut and paste, etc.

7.32 ate, bait, bate, crate, date, eight, fate, fête, freight, gait, gate, grate, great, hate, Kate, late, mate, pate, plate, prate, rate, sate, skate, slate, spate, state, straight, strait, Tate, Thwaite, trait, wait, Waite, weight

I get too hungry for dinner at eight.

I like the theatre, but never come late.

I never bother with people I hate.

That's why the lady is a tramp.

LORENZ HART

7.33 abate, placate, truncate, update, upstate, collate, conflate, narrate, uprate, frustrate, await, pulsate, palpate, backdate, translate, castrate, stagnate, aerate, vacate, spectate, estate, gestate, fellate, third-rate, first-rate, create, predate, restate, reflate, debate, negate, sedate, dictate, misstate, elate, relate, deflate, inflate, berate, filtrate, equate, cremate, innate, fixate, blind date, dilate, gyrate, irate, vibrate, migrate, hydrate, prostrate, orate, ornate, outdate, locate, postdate, notate, rotate, prorate, donate, pupate, mutate, Kuwait, * alienate, seventy-eight, peregrinate, interrelate, oxygenate, orientate, * deteriorate, ameliorate, deoxygenate, disorientate

7.34 Ramsgate, mandate, flatmate, palmate, magnate, Margate, classmate, tartrate, jailbait, tailgate, nameplate, chainplate, faceplate, makeweight, Braithwaite, playmate, stalemate, dentate, testate, stellate, endplate, breastplate, template, checkmate, helpmate, messmate, sensate, workmate, birth rate, rebate, cheapskate, team-mate, Lydgate, Wingate, lych gate, dictate, ingrate, citrate, filtrate, shipmate, inmate, whitebait, ice-skate, Highgate, Reigate, hydrate, nitrate, titrate, flyweight, lightweight, primate, lock gate, prostate, phosphate,

hotplate, prostrate, cognate, chlorate, quorate, portrait, groundbait, housemate, probate, Colgate®, tollgate, ovate, soul mate, floodgate, Vulgate, update, sulphate, substrate, bookplate, footplate, Newgate, sluicagate, schoolmate, roommate, * incarnate, intestate, insensate, apostate, inquorate, self-portrait, inchoate, * carbohydrate

7.35 masturbate, advocate, allocate, arrogate, Harrogate, abrogate, annotate, aggravate, flagellate, lacerate, macerate, saturate, adumbrate, Bassenthwaite, bantamweight, palliate, abdicate, masticate, fabricate, castigate, navigate, aggregate, abnegate, candidate, antedate, validate, palpitate, gravitate, acetate, agitate, captivate, activate, salivate, vacillate, aspirate, calibrate, magistrate, animate, Latinate, marinate, laminate, fascinate, vaccinate, machinate, paginate, transmigrate, graduate, actuate, amputate, tabulate, adulate, calculate, strangulate, granulate, * exacerbate, extrapolate, collaborate, elaborate, evaporate, exasperate, exaggerate, amalgamate, diaconate, permanganate, Italianate, retaliate, repatriate, expatriate, substantiate, emancipate, eradicate, elasticate, prevaricate, prefabricate, invalidate, decapitate, capacitate, deactivate, reactivate, inactivate, reanimate, concatenate, procrastinate, decaffeinate, desalinate, contaminate, delaminate, assassinate, invaginate, evacuate, infatuate, evaluate, confabulate, perambulate, somnambulate, ejaculate, recalculate, miscalculate, emasculate, coagulate, triangulate, encapsulate, congratulate, * transubstantiate, consubstantiate, circumstantiate, circumnavigate, incapacitate, decontaminate

7.36 carbonate, arbitrate, * bicarbonate, incarcerate, * polycarbonate

7.37 paperweight, alienate, tête-à-tête, radiate, eighty-eight, glaciare, satiate, caliphate, * irradiate, emaciate, expatiate, ingratiare

7.38 reprobate, expurgate, derogate, devastate, excavate, enervate, renovate, decollate, escalate, tessellate, separate, decorate, federate, perorate, generate, venerate, second-rate, demonstrate, remonstrate, welterweight, featherweight, detonate, emanate, resonate, welfare state, extirpate, expiate, twenty-eight, dedicate, medicate, predicate, defecate, replicate, explicate, deprecate, metricate, extricate, desiccate, vesicate, delegate, relegate, segregate, meditate, levitate, hesitate, vegetate, elevate, depilate, ventilate, legislate, celebrate, desecrate, execrate, emigrate, denigrate, penetrate, heavyweight, estimate, guesstimate, decimate, designate, sell-by date, Menai Strait, exculpate, educate, exudate, menstruate, peculate, speculate, emulate, regulate, * interrogate, de-escalate, electroplate, redecorate, confederate, expectorate, coelenterate, asseverate, accelerate, decelerate, commemorate, degenerate, regenerate, potentiate, authenticate, domesticate, investigate, desegregate, premeditate, necessitate, disseminate, inseminate, attenuate, extenuate, perpetuate, effectuate, accentuate, eventuate, deregulate, * supererogate, differentiate, overestimate, underestimate

7.39 percolate, perforate, personate, thirty-eight, permeate, germinate, terminate, perpetrate, circulate, * intercalate, interpolate, reverberate, impersonate, regurgitate, exterminate

7.40 demarcate, mediate, deviate, re-create, reinstate, dehydrate, elongate, relocate, neonate, * ameliorate, alleviate, abbreviate, inebriate, appreciate, depreciate

7.41 syncope, dislocate, Bishopsgate, inundate, interstate, innervate, innovate, immolate, River Plate, liberate, iterate, micturate, illustrate, winterweight, middleweight, cyclamate, impregnate, fifty-eight, sixty-eight, vitiate, dissipate, indicate, syndicate, vindicate, silicate, triplicate, implicate, litigate, mitigate, instigate, irrigate, Billingsgate, liquidate, militate, irritate, imitate, titivate, titillate, scintillate, integrate, immigrate, intimate, inculcate, situate, incubate, stipulate, simulate, stimulate, insulate, * episcopate, equivocate, reciprocate, deliberate, invigorate, alliterate, obliterate, transliterate, reiterate, proliferate, vociferate, exhilarate, incinerate, eviscerate, refrigerate, commiserate, tergiversate, affiliate, humiliate, conciliate, delineate, asphyxiate, officiate, propitiate, initiate, anticipate, participate, pontificate, intimidate, precipitate, habilitate, facilitate, debilitate, felicitate, assimilate, invigilate,

equilibrate, reintegrate, disintegrate, administrate, legitimate, eliminate, recriminate, incriminate, discriminate, originate, habituate, insinuate, manipulate, articulate, gesticulate, matriculate, acidulate, capitulate, dissimulate, * reinvigorate, disaffiliate, rehabilitate, recapitulate

7.42 bifurcate, divagate, violate, isolate, hibernate, hyphenate, ideate, ninety-eight, * annihilate

7.43 altercate, collocate, coruscate, propagate, corrugate, objurgate, promulgate, commentate, correlate, copperplate, contemplate, operate, moderate, tolerate, concentrate, Postlethwaite, consummate, alternate, compensate, obviate, constipate, complicate, confiscate, obligate, congregate, cogitate, solid-state, oscillate, consecrate, pollinate, dominate, nominate, obfuscate, conjugate, copulate, populate, flocculate, osculate, modulate, postulate, ovulate, * homologate, accommodate, corroborate, cooperate, preponderate, agglomerate, conglomerate, exonerate, prognosticate, intoxicate, consolidate, deconsecrate, approximate, abominate, predominate, denominate, indoctrinate, hydrogenate, depopulate, repopulate, inoculate, absquatulate, expostulate, * overcompensate, discombobulate

7.44 altercate, Watergate, automate, alternate, forty-eight, nauseate, fornicate, fornicate, orchestrate, chlorinate, formulate, * incorporate, subordinate, coordinate, reformulate, inaugurate

7.45 fluoridate, fluorinate, urinate, * infuriate, luxuriate

7.46 out-of-date, counterweight

7.47 roller-skate, potentate, overstate, overate, overrate, overweight, procreate, roseate, motivate, * appropriate, expropriate, negotiate, associate, dissociate, * misappropriate, renegotiate, disassociate

7.48 suffocate, surrogate, up-to-date, understate, numberplate, ulcerate, underrate, underweight, summerweight, hundredweight, sultanate, rusticate, supplicate, cultivate, sublimate, culminate, fulminate, fluctuate, punctuate, subjugate, undulate, pullulate, ululate, suppurate, * adulterate, calumniate, denunciate, enunciate, resuscitate

7.49 superstate, cruiserweight, glutamate, lubricate, duplicate, fumigate, Unigate, mutilate, ruminant, use-by date, cumulate, * recuperate, vituperate, enumerate, remunerate, rejuvenate, repudiate, excruciate, adjudicate, centuplicate, reduplicate, quintuplicate, quadruplicate, communicate, elucidate, agglutinate, illuminate, hallucinate, accumulate, * excommunicate, * intercommunicate

7.50 Bates, crates, dates, Fates, gates, Greats, Kate's, mates, plates, rates, skates, States, straits, weights, Yeats, * flatmates, playmates, inmates, ice skates, nitrates, phosphates, soul mates, floodgates, * awaits, pet hates, Bill Gates, dire straits, vibrates, mutates, * paperweights, roller skates, * United States, etc.

7.51 faith, saithe, wraith, * Galbraith

7.52 bathe, lathe, scathe, spathe, swathe, * enswathe, * sunbathe

7.53 bathed, swathed, * unscathed, enswathed, * sunbathed

7.54 brave, cave, crave, Dave, fave, gave, grave, knave, Maeve, nave, pave, rave, save, shave, slave, stave, they've, waive, wave, * concave, forgave, behave, enslave, deprave, engrave, outbrave, * landgrave, margrave, brainwave, enclave, exclave, Redgrave, heat wave, crimewave, conclave, Palgrave, spokeshave, * rant and rave, aftershave, architrave, misbehave, microwave, tidal wave, biconcave, autoclave

'Tis the star-spangled banner; O long may it wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

7.55 caves, craves, Dave's, graves, Graves, knaves, raves, saves, shaves, slaves, staves, waves, * airwaves, Bygraves, * misbehaves, microwaves, etc.

7.56 baize, bays, blaze, braise, braze, chaise, craze, days, daze, faze, frays, gaze, glaze, graze, Hayes, haze, Jeyes, Kay's, laze, maize, May's, maze, Naze, neighs, phase, phrase, praise, raise, rays, raze, stays, strays, ways, * Gervaise, allays, malaise, ablaze, emblaze, appraise, upraise, amaze, self-praise, liaise, decays, deglaze, rephrase, erase, dispraise, bouquets, * ashtrays, catchphrase, stargaze, pathways, railways, Strangeways, X-rays, endways, breadthways, lengthways, edgeways, essays, weekdays, leastways, clichés, widthways, byways, highways, sideways, longways, crossways, mores, always, Mondays, Sundays, fundraise, toupees, schooldays, duvets, * canapés, paraphrase, passageways, castaways, Marseillaise, waifs and strays, Béarnaise, mayonnaise, reappraise, hollandaise, Bolognese, polonaise, holidays, waterways, cornerways, nowadays, overglaze, overgraze, stowaways, underglaze, colourways, multiphase, etc.

Nothing so soon the drooping spirits can raise

As praises from the men, whom all men praise.

ABRAHAM COWLEY

7.57 blazed, braised, crazed, dazed, fazed, gazed, glazed, grazed, lazed, phrased, praised, raised, * unfazed, appraised, amazed, liaised, rephrased, erased, * reappraised, overgrazed, double-glazed, etc.

8.1 baby, maybe, Catesby, Naseby, crepy, grapey, kepi, scrapie, achy, flaky, quaky, reiki, shaky, snaky, Craigie, plaguy, Adie, Brady, lady, Sadie, shady, eighty, Haiti, Katie, matey, slaty, weighty, safety, frailty, dainty, hasty, pasty, tasty, cave, cavy, Davy, gravy, navy, wavy, bailey, Bailey, ceilidh, daily, Daley, gaily, Haley, Hayley, Kayleigh, Rayleigh, scaly, shaly, ably, shapely, vaguely, Madeley, lately, stately, faintly, saintly, bravely, gravely, gamely, lamely, namely, tamely, mainly, plainly, vainly, paisley, Paisley, Ainsley, strangely, debris, Aintree, Braintree, pastry, clayey, Amy, gamey, Jamie, Mamie, pay me, samey, brainy, Cheney, grainy, Janie, rainy, veiny, zany, ha'penny, Basie, Casey, Gracie, lacy, pace, pacey, precis, racy, spacey, Spacey, Stacy, Tracy, crazy, daisy, hazy, lazy, Maisie, mazy, Strachey, cagey, stagey, mangy, rangy, * Carnegie, milady, O'Grady, Kuwaiti, agave, shillelagh, Disraeli, Israeli, sedately, innately, ungainly, inanely, insanely, humanely, Pompeii, Bahraini, Delaney, Khomeini, Eugénie, shove-ha'penny, O'Casey, Scorsese, * crybaby, bushbaby, headachy, landlady, * wakey-wakey, capercaillie, ukulele, Agnus Dei, cockamamie, Allegheny, Museveni, Sulawesi, calabrese, Bel Paese, upsy-daisy, Buthelezi, prima facie, * Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, etc.

Our honeymoon started so blithely and gaily

But dreams I was dreaming were suddenly wrecked

For she broke my front tooth with her father's shillelagh

Which wasn't what I had been led to expect.

NOËL COWARD

8.2 Bayer, Freya, gayer, Heyer, Mayer, kea, layer, payer, player, prayer, sayer, sprayer, stayer, weigher, * obeyer, conveyor, Malaya, assayer, Marbella, mens rea, purveyor, surveyor, delayer, betrayer, * taxpayer, ratepayer, bricklayer, minelayer, soothsayer, * Eritrea, tennis player, record player, Himalaya, * pay her, betray her, etc.

8.3 caber, labour, neighbour, sabre, tabor, Weber, chamber, caper, draper, Draper, gaper, paper, scraper, shaper, taper, tapir, vapour, * belabour, repaper, escaper, * gas chamber, bedchamber, sandpaper, glasspaper, wastepaper, endpaper, flypaper, skyscraper, wallpaper, notepaper, touchpaper, newspaper, * antechamber, * rape her, shape her, etc.

8.4 acre, baker, Baker, breaker, Dacre, faker, fakir, Laker, maker, nacre, Quaker, raker, shaker, staker, taker, waker, agar, Hagar, Jaeger, Vega, * Jamaica, partaker, cloaca, Zuleika, bodega, Ortega, * backbreaker, matchmaker, heartbreaker, caretaker, safe-breaker, haymaker, rainmaker, pacemaker, dressmaker, peacemaker, piss-taker, film-maker, kingmaker, tiebreaker, strikebreaker, icebreaker, wiseacre, clockmaker, lossmaker, watchmaker, jawbreaker,

lawbreaker, housebreaker, toymaker, homemaker, boneshaker, muckraker, bookmaker, moonraker, shoemaker, toolmaker, * Chandrasekhar, bellyacher, merrymaker, circuit breaker, mischief-maker, wicket-taker, widow-maker, Wanamaker, boilermaker, undertaker, troublemaker, moneymaker, Studebaker, Noriega, rutabaga, * cabinet-maker, holiday-maker, * take her, wake her, etc.

**What is a woman that you forsake her,
And the hearth-fire and the home-acre,
To go with the old grey Widow-maker?**

RUDYARD KIPLING

8.5 Ada, Adur, aider, grader, Nader, raider, Seder, trader, Veda, wader, cater, Chater, crater, data, freighter, gaiter, grater, greater, hater, later, mater, Mehta, pater, plater, raita, skater, slater, Slater, straighter, tater, traitor, waiter, taster, waster, * parader, upgrader, persuader, Darth Vader, Grenada, first-aider, evader, invader, Criseyde, crusader, attainder, remainder, collator, narrator, peseta, translator, spectator, testator, Mercator, creator, debater, Decatur, dictator, equator, vibrator, curator, rotator, * tailgater, ice-skater, dumbwaiter, shirtwaister, * masquerader, serenader, travelator, alma mater, gladiator, trafficator, applicator, alligator, navigator, agitator, activator, aspirator, calibrator, animator, valuator, tabulator, calculator, arbitrator, radiator, aviator, excavator, renovator, escalator, separator, decorator, generator, demonstrator, detonator, resonator, elevator, depilator, epilator, ventilator, legislator, respirator, denigrator, estimator, educator, speculator, regulator, percolator, terminator, perpetrator, mediator, innovator, liberator, illustrator, indicator, instigator, liquidator, imitator, infiltrator, imprimatur, incubator, simulator, insulator, biodata, propagator, commentator, operator, moderator, oscillator, nominator, commutator, procurator, alternator, fornicator, orchestrator, formulator, roller-skater, Rotavator®, procreator, cultivator, numerator, lubricator, duplicator, * collaborator, eradicator, prevaricator, deactivator, procrastinator, perambulator, interrogator, accelerator, investigator, impersonator, exterminator, incinerator, refrigerator, initiator, facilitator, defibrillator, invigilator, administrator, originator, articulator, denominator, coordinator, inaugurator, negotiator, resuscitator, adjudicator, communicator, accumulator, * vasodilator, bronchodilator, totalizator, * circumnavigator, * obeyed her, hate her, etc.

8.6 chafer, safer, wafer, Ava, braver, caver, craver, favour, flavour, graver, haver, Laver, paver, quaver, raver, saver, savour, shaver, slaver, waiver, waver, bather, * UEFA, cadaver, disfavour, engraver, * cockchafer, life-saver, sunbather, * semiquaver, clishmaclaver, * demisemiquaver, * hemidemisemiquaver, * gave her, save her, etc.

**Fair Atalanta, as a favour,
Took the boar's head her hero gave her;**

JOHN GAY

8.7 bailor, baler, hailer, jailer, Leila, mailer, Mailer, nailer, Naylor, paler, sailor, scalar, scaler, staler, tailor, Taylor, trailer, wailer, whaler, abler, stabler, stapler, Daimler, paviour, saviour, Saviour, dahlia, failure, * Akela, Michaela, inhaler, shillelagh, bewailer, loud-hailer, Kumbh Mela, Chichewa, behaviour, deraillieur, * blackmailer, abseiler, retailer, wassailer, boardsailor, wholesaler, * Venezuela, Muzorewa, misbehaviour, * fail her, regale her, etc.

8.8 framer, gamer, Kramer, tamer, Aylmer, Cana, caner, drainer, gainer, Gaynor, plainer, planar, planer, Rayner, scena, stainer, strainer, trainer, vainer, * proclaimer, defamer, reclamer, disclaimer, container, sustainer, complainer, campaigner, abstainer, arcana, Marlene, maintainer, detainer, retainer, explainer, restrainer, no-brainer, * cordwainer, * lion-tamer, Magdalena, entertainer, * blame her, train her, etc.

8.9 acer, baser, bracer, chaser, facer, lacer, pacer, placer, racer, spacer, tracer, Ailsa, blazer, Fraser, gazer, Glaser, glazer, grazer, laser, maser, praiser, raiser, razor, Taser®, azure, Asia,

Brasher, fascia, geisha, nature, gauger, major, Major, pager, stager, wager, changer, danger, Grainger, manger, ranger, stranger, * defacer, embracer, chalaza, appraiser, eraser, erasure, embrasure, Caucasia, Laurasia, Eurasia, acacia, Galatia, Dalmatia, ex gratia, Hypatia, Croatia, rosacea, denature, Alsager, old stager, arranger, endanger, exchanger, hydrangea, * Spätlese, Auslese, stargazer, trailblazer, hell-raiser, fundraiser, teenager, bushranger, * steeplechaser, Australasia, Appalachia, candidature, legislature, sergeant major, Ursa Major, trumpet major, autochanger, moneychanger, * Maria Theresa, * trace her, enrage her, etc.

Poor World (said I) what wilt thou do

To entertain this starry stranger?

Is this the best thou canst bestow?

A cold, and not too cleanly, manger?

RICHARD CRASHAW

8.10 laic, Gaelic, Salic, hayrick, basic, brainsick, trainsick, * Altaic, archaic, Hebraic, voltaic, mosaic, prosaic, Judaic, nucleic, Arcadic, aphasic, dysphasic, * Aramaic, Ptolemaic, algebraic, Pharisic, formulaic, * ribonucleic, * deoxyribonucleic

The emmet is an ant (archaic),

The ant is just a pest (prosaic).

OGDEN NASH

8.11 radix, spadix, calyx, matrix, basics, * mosaics, testatrix, creatrix, * generatrix, aviatrix, dominatrix

8.12 naked, tailskid, aphid, David, aged, * Camp David

8.13 laboured, capered, papered, aided, braided, faded, jaded, shaded, catered, dated, fated, gated, mated, plated, rated, sated, stated, waited, fainted, painted, sainted, tainted, tasted, wasted, favoured, flavoured, savoured, sacred, hatred, Hayward, Haywood, wayward, Aylward, wagered, * upbraided, upgraded, persuaded, unaided, unshaded, invaded, degraded, placated, truncated, updated, undated, unstated, frustrated, translated, serrated, X-rated, created, belated, elated, related, deflated, inflated, cremated, striated, outdated, located, unpainted, untainted, acquainted, hand-painted, untasted, high-waisted, ill-favoured, unflavoured, ill-natured, good-natured, * aggravated, castellated, saturated, antiquated, animated, laminated, vaccinated, calculated, variegated, glaciated, satiated, expurgated, mentholated, separated, decorated, dedicated, desiccated, elevated, celebrated, estimated, decimated, educated, regulated, perforated, herniated, dehydrated, elongated, relocated, syncopated, liberated, illustrated, dissipated, mitigated, irritated, titillated, pixilated, integrated, simulated, stimulated, violated, isolated, hyphenated, corrugated, long-awaited, consummated, constipated, complicated, consecrated, populated, overrated, overstated, unabated, suffocated, understated, untranslated, cultivated, unrelated, unacquainted, lubricated, fumigated, mutilated, * unsaturated, exaggerated, substantiated, emancipated, eradicated, elasticated, dilapidated, decapitated, contaminated, unvaccinated, infatuated, emaciated, unexpurgated, premeditated, uneducated, unregulated, unperforated, exhilarated, refrigerated, opinionated, affiliated, humiliated, sophisticated, unmitigated, corroborated, unconsummated, uncomplicated, unconsecrated, self-pollinated, incorporated, adulterated, uncultivated, communicated, illuminated, accumulated, * unsubstantiated, uncontaminated, superannuated, differentiated, unpremeditated, unappreciated, unaffiliated, unsophisticated, uncorroborated, overpopulated, underpopulated, uncoordinated, unadulterated, * polyunsaturated, monounsaturated, undifferentiated, etc.

Limericks

A limerick is a humorous five-line verse with a characteristic rhyming pattern, as shown in these examples:

There was a young lady named Bright,

**Whose speed was far faster than light;
She set out one day
In a relative way
And returned on the previous night.**

ARTHUR BULLER

**An Anglican curate in want
Of a second-hand portable font
Will exchange for the same
A photo (with frame)
Of the Bishop-Elect of Vermont.**

RONALD KNOX

It is allegedly so called because the line 'Will you come up to Limerick?' (referring to the place of that name in Ireland) was formerly used as a refrain for similar nonsense verses.

8.14 breakage, wastage, weighbridge, Weybridge, Cambridge, Bainbridge, drainage

8.15 Baal, Mayall, Abel, able, Babel, cable, fable, gable, label, Mabel, sable, stable, table, maple, papal, staple, Gaitskell, bagel, Hegel, plagal, Schlegel, cradle, ladle, fatal, natal, ratel, playful, wakeful, fateful, grateful, hateful, tasteful, wasteful, faithful, baleful, shameful, baneful, gainful, painful, graceful, changeful, Flavell, naval, navel, Wavell, April, sacral, wastrel, Bakewell, anal, basal, staysail, mainsail, hazel, Hazel, nasal, phrasal, facial, glacial, racial, spatial, Rachel, angel, * betrayal, defrayal, portrayal, unable, unstable, Clark Gable, relabel, enable, disable, cloacal, inveigle, finagle, prenatal, hiatal, nonfatal, postnatal, ungrateful, distasteful, unfaithful, disdainful, disgraceful, decanal, appraisal, abbatial, palatial, preglacial, biracial, nonracial, postglacial, archangel, * worktable, turntable, timetable, witch hazel, * antenatal, perinatal, neonatal, reappraisal, interracial, multiracial, * maxillofacial

8.16 abled, cabled, fabled, labelled, stapled, cradled, * unlabelled, enabled, disabled, etc.

8.17 gables, labels, tables, Naples, staples, Rachel's, angels, etc.

8.18 paynim, * verbatim, * restrain him, hate him, etc.

8.19 Graham, Grahame, begum, sheikhdom, saintdom, datum, Tatum, Latham, Nahum, Salem, Abram, sacrum, eightsome, Hailsham, * vade mecum, petrolatum, ultimum, simulacrum, * pay 'em, fail 'em, etc.

8.20 weigh-in, Sabin, tailspin, Aitken, snakeskin, Fagin, Palin, * Onegin, * riboflavin, * shapin', misbehavin', etc.

8.21 crayon, rayon, capon, bacon, Bacon, shaken, taken, waken, pagan, Reagan, Aden, Aidan, Blydon, Braden, Gaydon, Haydon, laden, Leyden, maiden, Clayton, Dayton, Deighton, Drayton, greaten, Layton, Paton, Peyton, phaeton, Satan, straighten, straiten, Paignton, Maidstone, Avon, craven, graven, haven, raven, shaven, Nathan, Galen, apron, matron, patron, Bremen, cayman, Cayman, Damon, drayman, Eamon, Hayman, layman, Lehmann, baseman, statesman, tradesman, dalesman, salesman, gamesman, plainsman, Canaan, basin, caisson, chasten, Grayson, hasten, Jason, mason, Mason, Jameson, blazon, brazen, raisin, Asian, suasion, Cajun, Trajan, * Malayan, Ghanaian, Linnean, Pompeian, misshapen, awaken, Jamaican, forsaken, unshaken, partaken, mistaken, Nijmegen, unshaven, O'Faolain, Marquesan, liaison, emblazon, occasion, pervasion, abrasion, persuasion, evasion, invasion, equation, dissuasion, Caucasian, Eurasian, contagion, * handmaiden, Newhaven, handbasin, Freemason, washbasin, stonemason, * Galilean, Eritrean, Himalayan, reawaken, godforsaken, overtaken, unmistakable, Copenhagen, overladen, Milford Haven, Venezuelan, diapason, dermabrasion, Australasian, * Kyrie eleison

8.22 Asian, Haitian, nation, station, Thracian

8.23 probation, gradation, collation, Galatian, conflation, Horatian, narration, serration, natation, lactation, plantation, salvation, stagflation, translation, castration, Dalmatian,

stagnation, damnation, taxation, Alsatian, carnation, tarnation, starvation, aeration, vacation, claymation, temptation, gestation, cessation, vexation, sensation, purgation, flirtation, creation, Creation, deflation, reflation, predation, sedation, cetacean, dictation, legation, negation, elation, relation, inflation, filtration, cremation, fixation, striation, libation, citation, dilation, gyration, vibration, migration, titration, privation, oblation, prostration, oration, formation, causation, duration, foundation, Croatian, location, vocation, rogation, flotation, notation, potation, quotation, rotation, ovation, donation, truncation, crustacean, gustation, slumpflation, frustration, summation, pulsation, pupation, mutation, Eustachian

Praise with elation,

Praise every morning,

God's re-creation

Of the new day.

ELEANOR FARJEON

8.24 approbation, masturbation, avocation, advocacy, allocation, translocation, arrogation, abrogation, annotation, lamentation, fragmentation, aggravation, appellation, Appalachian, cancellation, flagellation, aberration, adoration, laceration, maceration, adumbration, affirmation, acclamation, adaptation, transplantation, affectation, attestation, annexation, palliation, abdication, mastication, application, fabrication, castigation, navigation, allegation, aggregation, abnegation, validation, habitation, capitation, palpitation, gravitation, sanitation, agitation, captivation, activation, salivation, vacillation, aspiration, transpiration, admiration, calibration, animation, marination, lamination, fascination, vaccination, machination, pagination, assignation, affixation, transmigration, transportation, malformation, transformation, blaxploitation, graduation, actuation, valuation, amputation, salutation, transmutation, tabulation, calculation, strangulation, adulation, granulation, maturation, saturation, adjuration, accusation, * exacerbation, extrapolation, collaboration, elaboration, evaporation, exasperation, exaggeration, amalgamation, retaliation, repatriation, expatriation, substantiation, emancipation, eradication, elastication, reapplication, prevarication, prefabrication, dilapidation, invalidation, cohabitation, decapitation, deactivation, reactivation, inactivation, concatenation, procrastination, decaffeination, desalination, contamination, examination, assassination, imagination, evacuation, infatuation, devaluation, evaluation, confabulation, perambulation, ejaculation, recalculation, emasculation, coagulation, triangulation, encapsulation, congratulation, * transubstantiation, consubstantiation, astronavigation, circumnavigation, incapacitation, self-examination, decontamination, cross-examination, superannuation, tintinnabulation, self-congratulation

8.25 carbonation, arbitration, * incarceration

8.26 variation, variegation

8.27 radiation, aviation, glaciation, satiation, * irradiation, emaciation, ingratiating, expatriation

8.28 reprobation, extirpation, defecation, evocation, revocation, embrocation, expurgation, derogation, degradation, exultation, presentation, devastation, excavation, enervation, renovation, preservation, reservation, decollation, escalation, revelation, Revelation, crenellation, desolation, tessellation, exhalation, preparation, reparation, separation, desperation, respiration, decoration, federation, restoration, Restoration, exploration, declaration, peroration, generation, veneration, demonstration, remonstrance, defamation, deformation, reformation, Reformation, declamation, reclamation, exclamation, detonation, explanation, emanation, expectation, segmentation, expiation, recreation, dedication, medication, replication, explication, depreciation, metrication, extrication, desiccation, delegation, relegation, segregation, trepidation, depredation, meditation, levitation, equitation, recitation, excitation, hesitation, vegetation, elevation, derivation, deprivation, depilation, ventilation, legislation, expiration, celebration, cerebration, desecration, execration,

penetration, fenestration, registration, emigration, denigration, estimation, decimation, destination, declination, designation, resignation, exportation, exhortation, exaltation, exploitation, sexploitation, menstruation, education, exudation, deputation, reputation, refutation, speculation, regulation, emulation, exhumation, mensuration, * interrogation, de-escalation, redecoration, confederation, expectoration, asseveration, acceleration, deceleration, commemoration, degeneration, regeneration, premedication, authentication, domestication, investigation, desegregation, premeditation, necessitation, defenestration, predestination, dissemination, insemination, perpetuation, effectuation, accentuation, attenuation, extenuation, coeducation, deregulation, * supererogation, biodegradation, Counter-Reformation, differentiation, reinvestigation, hyperventilation, overestimation, underestimation, higher education, further education

8.29 perturbation, percolation, perforation, personation, fermentation, permeation, perspiration, perpetration, germination, termination, permutation, sternutation, circulation, * interpolation, intercalation, reverberation, impersonation, interpretation, regurgitation, determination, extermination, * reinterpretation, predetermination

8.30 realization, theorization, * idealization

8.31 relocation, denotation, defalcation, recantation, relaxation, debarkation, demarcation, retardation, emendation, delectation, detestation, sequestration, mediation, deviation, recreation, dehydration, elongation, deportation, denudation, * remediation, alleviation, abbreviation, inebriation, appreciation, depreciation

8.32 syncopation, invocation, dislocation, inculcation, inundation, dissertation, innovation, installation, inhalation, immolation, liberation, iteration, illustration, information, disclamation, inflammation, intonation, incantation, mistranslation, implantation, incarnation, indentation, pigmentation, impregnation, indexation, dispensation, dissipation, indication, syndication, vindication, triplication, implication, imprecation, litigation, mitigation, instigation, irrigation, liquidation, invitation, irritation, imitation, limitation, visitation, titivation, distillation, scintillation, titillation, inspiration, integration, immigration, infiltration, ministrations, intimation, divination, inclination, indignation, importation, situation, incubation, disputation, tribulation, stipulation, stridulation, simulation, stimulation, insulation, * equivocation, reciprocation, deliberation, invigoration, consideration, alliteration, obliteration, reiteration, proliferation, exhilaration, incineration, evisceration, commiseration, refrigeration, affiliation, humiliation, conciliation, delineation, asphyxiation, propitiation, officiation, initiation, anticipation, participation, sophistication, pontification, intimidation, precipitation, facilitation, debilitation, felicitation, horripilation, defibrillation, assimilation, invigilation, equilibration, reintegration, disintegration, administration, legitimation, elimination, recrimination, incrimination, discrimination, origination, habituation, continuation, insinuation, manipulation, matriculation, articulation, gesticulation, capitulation, dissimulation, configuration, * reinvigoration, nonproliferation, disaffiliation, reconciliation, contraindication, self-certification, rehabilitation, prestidigitation, individuation, disambiguation, no-win situation, recapitulation

8.33 bifurcation, divagation, dilatation, violation, isolation, hibernation, hyphenation, ideation, * annihilation

8.34 conurbation, altercation, provocation, convocation, collocation, obfuscation, coruscation, propagation, corrugation, promulgation, connotation, consultation, confrontation, conservation, observation, constellation, consolation, contemplation, operation, moderation, alteration, botheration, toleration, conflagration, concentration, confirmation, proclamation, consummation, alternation, consternation, profanation, coronation, conversation, commendation, ostentation, protestation, condemnation, compensation, condensation, obviation, constipation, complication, confiscation, obligation, congregation, oxidation, cogitation, forestation, compilation, correlation, oscillation, consecration, combination,

pollination, domination, nomination, conformation, occupation, conjugation, copulation, population, osculation, modulation, postulation, ovulation, procuration, conjuration, confutation, commutation, computation, * homologation, accommodation, corroboration, cooperation, agglomeration, conglomeration, exoneration, prognostication, intoxication, consolidation, afforestation, deforestation, reforestation, deconsecration, approximation, recombination, indoctrination, abomination, predomination, denomination, preoccupation, depopulation, repopulation, inoculation, demodulation, expostulation, * noncooperation, overcompensation, reafforestation, autocorrelation, overpopulation

8.35 altercation, auscultation, corporation, alteration, automation, alternation, augmentation, claudication, fornication, fornication, orchestration, ordination, chlorination, Aurignacian, formulation, * incorporation, excoriation, subordination, coordination, amortization, reformulation, inauguration, * insubordination

8.36 fluoridation, poor relation, urination, fluorination, * infuriation

8.37 fomentation, molestation, procreation, foliation, spoliation, motivation, prolongation, * defoliation, despoliation, exfoliation, appropriation, expropriation, association, dissociation, negotiation, * radiolocation, misappropriation, disassociation, renegotiation

8.38 suffocation, coloration, ulceration, rustication, publication, supplication, cultivation, sublimation, culmination, fulmination, fluctuation, punctuation, subjugation, undulation, pustulation, suppuration, fulguration, susurration, * adulteration, calumniation, Annunciation, pronunciation, enunciation, denunciation, renunciation, resuscitation, * mispronunciation

8.39 nucleation, duplication, lubrication, fumigation, jubilation, mutilation, ruination, rumination, dubitation, ululation, cumulation, lucubration, * recuperation, vituperation, enumeration, remuneration, rejuvenation, repudiation, adjudication, reduplication, centuplication, communication, elucidation, agglutination, illumination, hallucination, accumulation, * excommunication, * telecommunication, intercommunication

8.40 transfiguration, transliteration, alimentation, manifestation, gratification, ratification, stratification, amplification, clarification, ramification, magnification, classification, standardization, dramatization, glamorization, pasteurization, canonization, magnetization, maximization, anglicization, * syllabification, beatification, declassification, demagnetization, italicization

8.41 aftersensation, argumentation, carbonization, harmonization

8.42 alienation, deification, reification, pale imitation, vaporization, stabilization, * destabilization, containerization

8.43 self-preservation, self-immolation, echolocation, recommendation, sedimentation, regimentation, representation, edification, rectification, verification, gentrification, specification, peregrination, self-pollination, self-mutilation, centralization, generalization, specialization, tenderization, memorization, pressurization, mechanization, westernization, sensitization, sterilization, ghettoization, self-education, centrifugation, * experimentation, misrepresentation, identification, exemplification, electrification, indemnification, intensification, decentralization, extemporization, depressurization, desensitization, collectivization

8.44 tergiversation, certification, versification, verbalization, urbanization, mercerization, fertilization, * desertification, diversification, internalization, externalization, commercialization, suburbanization, self-fertilization, cross-fertilization, deterioration

8.45 reincarnation, prepublication, schematization, legalization, equalization, penalization, etherization, demonization, * amelioration

8.46 disapprobation, disinformation, misinformation, disembarkation, implementation, instrumentation, interrelation, misapplication, prettification, mystification, vilification, simplification, vitrification, signification, Disneyfication, dissimilation, disinclination,

improvisation, crystallization, signalization, winterization, Islamization, synchronization, Christianization, digitization, civilization, victimization, minimization, mythicization, visualization, immunization, miscalculation, * solidification, acidification, humidification, demystification, revivification, initialization, familiarization, legitimization, politicization, * dehumidification, oversimplification

8.47 hyperinflation, hydrogenation, nitrification, privatization, idolization, finalization, itemization, ionization, lionization, hybridization, * acclimatization, revitalization, de-ionization

8.48 complementation, documentation, modification, quantification, jollification, mollification, qualification, ossification, falsification, oxygenation, cross-pollination, novelization, moralization, mongrelization, modernization, colonization, solemnization, oxidization, fossilization, optimization, * disqualification, transmogrification, personification, detoxification, democratization, demoralization, prioritization, homogenization

8.49 orientation, fortification, mortification, glorification, purification, falsification, formalization, normalization, authorization, organization, bowdlerization, * disorientation, immortalization, reorganization, disorganization

8.50 codification, notification, globalization, localization, vocalization, motorization, polarization, mobilization, * deodorization, depolarization, demobilization, immobilization

8.51 yuppification, justification, nullification, uglification, mummification, multiplication, vulgarization, pulverization, customization, vulcanization, * emulsification

8.52 beautification, unification, brutalization, neutralization, unionization, humanization, utilization, unitization, * reunification, dehumanization, computerization

8.53 alphabetization, naturalization, caramelization, nationalization, rationalization, cannibalization, capitalization, categorization, characterization, decimalization, secularization, regularization, personalization, circularization, serialization, regionalization, liberalization, fictionalization, systematization, digitalization, criminalization, militarization, miniaturization, hospitalization, popularization, * denationalization, pedestrianization, Americanization, depersonalization, materialization, demineralization, legitimatization, decriminalization, demilitarization, industrialization, demutualization

8.54 wakened, straightened, straitened, Leyland, Wayland, Lakeland, Maitland, mainland, Raymond, chastened, hastened, stationed, * awakened, emblazoned, etc.

8.55 Asians, Haitians, nations, stations, Thracians, * Galatians, serrations, Dalmatians, damnations, Alsatians, carnations, temptations, relations, cremations, gyrations, vibrations, privations, foundations, quotations, crustaceans, * Lamentations, cancellations, aberrations, lacerations, aspirations, calculations, salutations, conurbations, connotations, operations, alterations, innovations, indentations, indications, implications, invitations, tribulations, stipulations, complications, obligations, oscillations, combinations, nominations, * examinations, congratulations, United Nations, communications, illuminations, hallucinations, * telecommunications, etc.

There's a great text in Galatians

Once you trip on it, entails

Twenty-nine distinct damnations,

One sure, if another fails.

ROBERT BROWNING

8.56 mayn't, vacant, blatant, latent, patent, flagrant, fragrant, vagrant, claimant, payment, raiment, statement, pavement, ailment, bailment, basement, casement, placement, nascent, patient, ancient, agent, * abeyant, assailant, inhalant, prepayment, repayment, defrayment, nonpayment, escapement, abatement, restatement, misstatement, enslavement, curtailment, derailment, entailment, attainment, containment, arraignment, ordainment, abasement, debasement, encasement, replacement, emplacement, displacement, misplacement,

outplacement, amazement, engagement, arrangement, derangement, complainant, complacent, adjacent, renascent, obeisant, complaisant, impatient, reagent, * inpatient, outpatient, newsagent, * overpayment, underpayment, reinstatement, overstatement, understatement, ascertainment, entertainment, edutainment, infotainment, self-abasement, self-effacement, disengagement, prearrangement, rearrangement, liquefacient, stupefacient, * abortifacient

8.57 cadence, patents, valence, fragrance, vagrants, claimants, payments, statements, ailments, nascence, patience, patients, agents, * abeyance, purveyance, conveyance, acquaintance, surveillance, assailants, engagements, arrangements, renaissance, Renaissance, renascence, obeisance, complaisance, impatience, * newsagents, * reacquaintance, entertainments, etc.

8.58 baying, fraying, greying, laying, Maying, neighing, paying, playing, praying, saying, spraying, staying, swaying, weighing, * conveying, surveying, decaying, delaying, betraying, nonpaying, nonplaying, * taxpaying, bricklaying, crocheting, etc.

Then while time serves, and we are but decaying;

Come, my Corinna, come, let's go a-Maying.

ROBERT HERRICK

8.59 gaping, scraping, shaping, aching, baking, breaking, faking, making, quaking, raking, shaking, taking, waking, plaguing, * escaping, partaking, mistaking, reneging, * backbreaking, matchmaking, heartbreaking, painstaking, haymaking, lacemaking, breathtaking, dressmaking, earthshaking, peacemaking, piss-taking, strikebreaking, winemaking, stocktaking, lossmaking, housebreaking, homemaking, lovemaking, shoemaking, * bellyaching, merrymaking, undertaking, moneymaking, etc.

And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,

And a grey mist on the sea's face and a grey dawn breaking.

JOHN MASEFIELD

8.60 aiding, fading, grading, lading, raiding, shading, trading, baiting, dating, grating, hating, mating, plating, rating, skating, slating, waiting, weighting, fainting, painting, tainting, basting, pasting, tasting, wasting, * unfading, pervading, parading, persuading, cascading, degrading, crusading, updating, frustrating, pulsating, translating, spectating, debating, relating, gyrating, rotating, donating, repainting, * ice-skating, wine-tasting, * aggravating, lacerating, captivating, fascinating, calculating, devastating, enervating, decorating, resonating, medicating, hesitating, emigrating, penetrating, circulating, liberating, vindicating, irritating, titillating, scintillating, stimulating, insulating, isolating, hibernating, operating, concentrating, cogitating, copulating, ovulating, alternating, nauseating, roller-skating, motivating, suffocating, supplicating, culminating, fluctuating, undulating, lubricating, duplicating, * exasperating, self-deprecating, unhesitating, exhilarating, participating, debilitating, incriminating, discriminating, accommodating, intoxicating, subordinating, infuriating, negotiating, excruciating, communicating, illuminating, etc.

8.61 chafing, caving, craving, paving, raving, saving, shaving, slaving, waving, plaything, bathing, scathing, swathing, * behaving, engraving, * time-saving, sunbathing, * labour-saving, misbehaving, etc.

8.62 ailing, failing, grayling, Hayling, mailing, nailing, paling, railing, sailing, trailing, veiling, wailing, whaling, cabling, stabling, stapling, cradling, ladling, shaveling, changeling, dayspring, mainspring, lacewing, * unfailing, availing, unveiling, prevailing, bewailing, * blackmailing, abseiling, retailing, e-mailing, boardsailing, * parasailing, unavailing, etc.

8.63 aiming, blaming, flaming, framing, gaming, maiming, naming, shaming, taming, caning, draining, feigning, gaining, raining, reigning, staining, training, waning, * defaming, reclaiming, exclaiming, pertaining, complaining, campaigning, abstaining, retraining, explaining, remaining,

* entertaining, self-sustaining, uncomplaining, etc.

8.64 bracing, casing, facing, lacing, pacing, placing, racing, spacing, tracing, blazing, gazing, glazing, grazing, phasing, phrasing, praising, raising, ageing, gauging, paging, raging, staging, changing, ranging, * replacing, embracing, amazing, self-raising, rampaging, engaging, arranging, unchanging, * stargazing, trailblazing, hell-raising, * self-effacing, steeplechasing, interfacing, etc.

There on golden sunsets blazing,

Every evening found him gazing,

Singing, 'Orb! you're quite amazing!'

EDWARD LEAR

8.65 sayings, scrapings, makings, ratings, paintings, Hastings, playthings, mailings, railings, * wine-tastings, * undertakings, etc.

8.66 dais, Thaïs, aphis, Avis, Davis, Mavis, Bayliss, Amis, basis, stasis, * clematis, physalis, oasis, Oasis®, * rara avis, digitalis, * *semper fidelis*

8.67 magus, Magus, Tagus, vagus, Vegas, flatus, status, stratus, Dreyfus, rayless, talus, shapeless, dateless, stateless, weightless, tasteless, faithless, nailless, tailless, aimless, blameless, nameless, shameless, brainless, painless, stainless, baseless, faceless, graceless, placeless, ageless, changeless, glabrous, scabrous, waitress, famous, Seamus, shamus, squamous, anus, greyness, heinous, Janus, vagueness, greatness, lateness, straightness, faintness, quaintness, safeness, braveness, paleness, staleness, lameness, sameness, tameness, strangeness, gracious, spacious, * Andreas, Piraeus, Emmaus, Linnaeus, Priapus, Las Vegas, meatus, hiatus, quietus, Pharsalus, mandamus, Uranus, Marquesas, capacious, rapacious, sagacious, fallacious, salacious, ungracious, pugnacious, mendacious, veracious, vexatious, herbaceous, flirtatious, curvaceous, sebaceous, edacious, predacious, Cretaceous, vivacious, tenacious, Ignatius, voracious, loquacious, audacious, mordacious, bodacious, rosaceous, fugacious, contagious, courageous, rampageous, outrageous, umbrageous, * San Andreas, Menelaus, apparatus, altostratus, nimbostratus, cirrostratus, ignoramus, farinaceous, efficacious, ericaceous, perspicacious, pertinacious, liliaceous, disputatious, ostentatious, contumacious, advantageous, * inefficacious, disadvantageous, * Coriolanus, * plague us, blame us, etc.

8.68 papist, rapist, sadist, playlist, racist, bassist, ageist, * escapist, * landscapist

8.69 gayest, mayest, greatest, latest, straightest, faintest, safest, bravest, gravest, palest, stalest, stablest, tamest, plainest, vainest, basest, strangest, etc.

8.70 greyish, rakish, crayfish, knavish, slavish, palish, Hamish, Danish, * old-maidish

8.71 playlet, platelet, bracelet, * affidavit, * fail it, save it, etc.

8.72 ha'p'orth, Hayworth

8.73 dative, native, plaintive, * creative, pervasive, abrasive, persuasive, evasive, invasive, * innovative, contemplative, noninvasive

8.74 babies, rabies, scabies, Hades, ladies, eighties, frailties, Baileys®, dailies, pastries, Amies, daisies, * Mercedes, Euphrates, Israelis, oases, etc.

They cannot scare me with their empty spaces

Between stars – on stars where no human race is.

ROBERT FROST

8.75 players, Sayers, labours, chambers, Chambers, capers, papers, vapours, bakers, breakers, Quakers, shakers, Shakers, takers, traders, waders, taters, flavours, Havers, quavers, sailors, trainers, aces, braces, graces, Graces, laces, places, races, spaces, traces, aitches, ages, pages, stages, wages, dangers, strangers, * spectators, campaigners, * fundraisers, teenagers, * Himalayas, etc.

8.76 Lazenby, neighbourly, fatally, painterly, playfully, gratefully, tastefully, faithfully, gainfully,

painfully, gracefully, nasally, facially, racially, favourably, vacantly, blatantly, flagrantly, patiently, matronly, aimlessly, shamelessly, painlessly, famously, graciously, Avebury, Aylesbury, Sainsbury, apery, creperie, drapery, japery, papery, bakery, fakery, vagary, Avery, knavery, quavery, savory, savoury, slavery, raillery, apiary, aviary, Amory, tracery, masonry, blazonry, stationary, stationery, Naomi, papacy, vacancy, valency, flagrancy, vagrancy, agency, gaiety, laity, deity, shakily, daintily, hastily, crazily, lazily, basically, plaintively, scathingly, papistry, * ungratefully, unfaithfully, disdainfully, disgracefully, unfavourably, insatiably, belatedly, good-naturedly, impatiently, mistakenly, voraciously, audaciously, courageously, outrageously, placatory, gyratory, vibratory, migratory, unsavoury, proslavery, chicanery, Freemasonry, probationary, deflationary, inflationary, complacency, ashamedly, restrainedly, prosaically, persuasively, evasively, amazingly, * unmistakably, ostentatiously, approbatory, ambulatory, adulatory, accusatory, revelatory, dedicatory, deprecatory, celebratory, commendatory, condemnatory, compensatory, antislavery, spontaneity, unashamedly, unrestrainedly, uncomplainingly, * congratulatory, anticipatory, participatory, hallucinatory, * justificatory, improvisatory, simultaneity, etc.

8.77 labeller, labourer, Gainsborough, paperer, caterer, waverer, straightener, stationer, Baedeker, Cambridgeshire, * probationer, vacationer, conveyancer

8.78 labia, Swabia, Napier, rapier, flakier, shakier, Nadia, shadier, stadia, weightier, daintier, hastier, tastier, Flavia, Xavier, dahlia, lamia, brainier, crania, mania, rainier, zanier, glacier, racier, brazier, crazier, Frasier, glazier, grazier, hazier, lazier, fascia, mangier, * Arabia, Walachia, Arcadia, Batavia, Belgravia, Moldavia, Octavia, Moravia, azalea, Westphalia, regalia, Australia, Albania, Tasmania, Titania, Mount Rainier, Romania, aphasia, Malaysia, fantasia, dysphasia, gymnasia, Caucasia, * Bessarabia, Scandinavia, Lupercalia, *inter alia*, bacchanalia, Saturnalia, genitalia, penetralia, marginalia, kitchenalia, echolalia, coprolalia, macadamia, miscellanea, Pomerania, Anglomania, kleptomania, necromania, egomania, nymphomania, dipsomania, hypermania, hypomania, pyromania, monomania, collectanea, Oceania, Aquitania, Mauretania, Mauritania, Ruritania, Lusitania, Transylvania, Pennsylvania, Lithuania, Anastasia, Australasia, euthanasia, Appalachia, * Saudi Arabia, paraphernalia, Mesopotamia, epithalamia, megalomania, bibliomania, balletomania, erotomania, etc.

Oh, life is a glorious cycle of song,

A medley of extemporanea;

And love is a thing that can never go wrong;

And I am Marie of Roumania.

DOROTHY PARKER

8.79 payable, playable, capable, breakable, gradable, datable, ratable, paintable, tastable, mailable, salable, saleable, scalable, favourable, blamable, tamable, traceable, satiable, changeable, flavourful, labial, brachial, radial, Balliol, Gabriel, atrial, patial, cranial, glacial, laical, apical, * unplayable, incapable, escapable, unbreakable, unshakable, mistakable, persuadable, degradable, translatable, debatable, inflatable, available, assailable, unsalable, unsaleable, unfavourable, unnamable, untamable, reclaimable, attainable, obtainable, sustainable, maintainable, explainable, untraceable, replaceable, insatiable, unchangeable, exchangeable, behavioural, occasional, sensational, relational, vocational, bilabial, biradial, preglacial, postglacial, * inescapable, unmistakable, untranslatable, microwavable, unavailable, unassailable, irreclaimable, unattainable, unobtainable, unsustainable, unexplainable, ineffaceable, irreplaceable, interchangeable, transformational, navigational, aspirational, recreational, educational, inspirational, situational, confrontational, operational, conversational, Congregational, occupational, motivational, lackadaisical, * denominational, * biodegradable, representational, nonoperational, organizational, co-educational, * nondenominational, * interdenominational

8.80 Caterham, flavoursome, radium, stadium, atrium, natrium, cranium, * palladium, Palladium, vanadium, geranium, germanium, titanium, uranium, gymnasium, contagium, * Verulamium, Herculaneum, * epithalamium

8.81 Stapleton, Phaethon, Jacobson, railwayman, Fabian, gabion, Swabian, Hadean, radian, avian, Flavian, Shavian, alien, Adrian, Hadrian, Damian, Samian, Gratian, Haitian, Thracian, Davison, Jamieson, Davidson, * Arabian, Walachian, Palladian, Canadian, Grenadian, Barbadian, Arcadian, circadian, Orcadian, Batavian, Moldavian, Octavian, Moravian, mammalian, Westphalian, Hegelian, Pygmalion, Australian, Deucalion, Bahamian, Albanian, Tasmanian, Iranian, Jordanian, Romanian, Ukrainian, Malaysian, Vespasian, Caucasian, pelagian, Pelagian, * Trinidadian, Scandinavian, bacchanalian, prothalamion, Pomeranian, subterranean, Panamanian, Mauritanian, Ruritanian, Transylvanian, Pennsylvanian, Lithuanian, Rabelaisian, Australasian, Athanasian, Appalachian, * Episcopalian, tatterdemalion, Mesopotamian, Mediterranean

8.82 gradient, radiant, salient, * liquefacient, stupefacient, * abortifacient

8.83 gradients, radiance, salience, maintenance, etc.

8.84 labelling, layering, neighbouring, tapering, catering, favouring, flavouring, Havering, quavering, wavering, crayoning, * unwavering, self-catering, awakening, conveyancing, etc.

8.85 paperless, flavourless, vaporous, traitorous, dangerous, waywardness, playfulness, faithfulness, weightlessness, scabious, radius, Flavius, aqueous, caseous, gaseous, alias, shakiness, weightiness, daintiness, shapeliness, laziness, nakedness, * Sibelius, extraneous, spontaneous, cutaneous, * simultaneous, instantaneous, miscellaneous, subcutaneous, Athanasius, * contemporaneous, extemporaneous, etc.

8.86 flakiest, shakiest, shadiest, weightiest, daintiest, hastiest, tastiest, brainiest, rainiest, zaniest, raciast, craziest, haziest, laziest, mangiest, etc.

8.87 ableist, fatalist, racialist, naturist, plagiarist, Satanist, atheist, * behaviourist, salvationist, * conservationist, isolationist, educationist

8.88 favourable, amiable, * unfavourable, inalienable

The rhymes in this section have the 'e' sound of pen and ready as their main or final vowel sound.

9.1 bleb, deb, ebb, neb, pleb, Seb, web, Webb, * celeb, * Maghreb, Zagreb, Caleb, cobweb, * World Wide Web, Aurangzeb

9.2 beck, check, cheque, Czech, Dec, deck, Eck, feck, fleck, heck, Lech, lek, neck, peck, rec, reck, sec, spec, speck, tech, trek, wreck, * V-neck, recheck, Quebec, bedeck, hi-tech, spot-check, crosscheck, low-tech, * Caltech, Aztec, Dalek, fartlek, parsec, háček, breakneck, paycheque, namecheck, henpeck, redneck, Purbeck, Birkbeck, Seebeck, rebeck, xebec, pinchbeck, shipwreck, Steinbeck, flyspeck, wryneck, cromlech, Warbeck, foredeck, kopeck, OPEC, codec, rollneck, sun deck, roughneck, Uzbek, Dubček, Lübeck, gooseneck, * Zapotec, Janáček, Chiang Kai-shek, afterdeck, neck-and-neck, leatherneck, demi-sec, turtleneck, nervous wreck, discotheque, Beiderbecke, biotech, bottleneck, bodycheck, quarterdeck, halterneck, Eurocheque, polo neck, rubberneck, double-check, * Melchizedek, Toulouse-Lautrec

The boy stood on the burning deck

Whence all but he had fled;

The flame that lit the battle's wreck

Shone round him o'er the dead.

FELICIA HEMANS

9.3 checks, cheques, decks, ex, Exe, flecks, flex, hex, kecks, lex, necks, pecks, pecks, Rex, sex, specs, specks, Tex, vex, wrecks, X, * convex, perplex, annex, desex, rechecks, bedecks, * Amex, annex, Artex®, Daleks, apex, APEX, latex, Playtex®, Hedex®, Semtex, Tex-Mex, rednecks, Perspex®, vertex, reflex, Kleenex®, Tipp-Ex®, index, triplex, simplex, NIREX, Pyrex®, ibex, ilex, silex, Timex®, complex, Optrex®, cortex, Gore-Tex®, vortex, Durex®, Lurex®, kopecks, Rolex®, duplex, suplex, * retroflex, circumflex, intersex, Middlesex, cybersex, biconvex, Copydex®, pontifex, multiplex, googolplex, Moulinex®, unisex, * traveller's cheques, *Oedipus Rex*, etc.

9.4 flexed, next, sexed, text, vexed, * perplexed, annexed, * pretext, context, subtext, * teletext, hypertext, oversexed, undersexed

9.5 Brecht, checked, decked, flecked, necked, pecked, sect, Sekt, specked, trekked, wrecked, * prospect, suspect, protect, affect, perfect, collect, correct, connect, unchecked, project, object, subject, transect, V-necked, rechecked, respect, expect, inspect, bedecked, detect, defect, effect, infect, elect, select, deflect, reflect, inflect, neglect, erect, deject, eject, reject, inject, direct, bisect, dissect, trisect, spot-checked, crosschecked, * aspect, Albrecht, abject, henpecked, defect, prefect, reject, shipwrecked, insect, prospect, collect, project, suspect, bull-necked, Utrecht, * architect, retrospect, resurrect, recollect, self-respect, genuflect, circumspect, reconnect, reinfect, reelect, deselect, reselect, reinspect, redirect, introspect, disaffect, intellect, incorrect, disconnect, intersect, interject, disrespect, disinfect, vivisection, indirect, misdirect, dialect, side effect, rubbernecked, double-checked, * aftereffect, idiolect, interconnect, hypercorrect, knock-on effect, overprotect

Never will I give advice

Till you please to ask me thrice;

Which, if you in scorn reject,

'Twill be just as I expect.

JONATHAN SWIFT

9.6 etch, fetch, fletch, ketch, kvetch, lech, retch, sketch, stretch, vetch, wretch, * outstretch, * overstretch

9.7 etched, fetched, retched, sketched, stretched, * unstretched, far-fetched, outstretched, * overstretched

9.8 bed, bled, bread, bred, cred, dead, dread, ed, Ed, fed, Fed, fled, Fred, head, ked, lead, led,

Med, Ned, pled, read, red, said, shed, shred, sled, sped, spread, stead, ted, Ted, thread, tread, wed, Z, zed, * abed, ahead, undead, unread, unthread, unwed, unsaid, gainsaid, well-fed, well-read, well-bred, Enzed, embed, reread, see red, premed, instead, behead, misled, misread, ill-bred, inbred, sliced bread, drop dead, force-fed, outspread, co-ed, stone-dead, lowbred, * Hampstead, Stansted, slaphead, blackhead, crackhead, smackhead, fathead, blacklead, Manfred, packthread, farmstead, masthead, Ahmed, air bed, airhead, stairhead, day bed, pay bed, braindead, Gateshead, deathbed, bedstead, breast-fed, egghead, deadhead, redhead, wellhead, bedspread, spearhead, seabed, reed bed, seedbed, beachhead, sweetbread, street cred, retread, sickbed, dickhead, thickhead, bighead, pithead, Spithead, pinhead, skinhead, bridgehead, crispbread, Whitbread, wingspread, childbed, biped, Minehead, Brideshead, widespread, hotbed, Ofsted, blockhead, Godhead, hothead, pothead, hogshead, bobsled, dogsled, crossbred, force-fed, forehead, warhead, shortbread, foresaid, Muirhead, purebred, Roundhead, cowshed, flowerbed, Stourhead, Go-Ped®, moped, roadstead, homestead, bonehead, sun bed, Plumstead, bulkhead, drumhead, bloodshed, woodshed, woolshed, spoonfed, proofread, toolshed, * aforesaid, * hammerhead, acidhead, arrowhead, Samoyed, maidenhead, Maidenhead, feather bed, letterhead, Leatherhead, petrolhead, centre spread, Ethelred, Birkenhead, Peterhead, streets ahead, sleepyhead, Beachy Head, river bed, figurehead, in the red, infrared, pitta bread, interbred, gingerbread, bottle-fed, Holyhead, Holinshed, quadruped, watershed, Portishead, fountainhead, sofa bed, go-ahead, overfed, overhead, soda bread, slugabed, underfed, dunderhead, knucklehead, shovelhead, muttonhead, thoroughbred, newlywed

When I am dead, I hope it may be said:

'His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.'

HILAIRE BELLOC

9.9 beds, dreads, Ed's, Fred's, heads, sheds, shreds, spreads, threads, treads, * blackheads, eggheads, skinheads, warheads, flowerbeds, * arrowheads, petrolheads, loggerheads, sofa beds, overheads, newlyweds, etc.

9.10 chef, clef, deaf, def, eff, F, Geoff, Jeff, Neff, ref, * stone-deaf, tone-deaf, * ASLEF, Brezhnev, Kiev, Josef, * RAF, treble clef, VHF, IVF, Nureyev, UNICEF, * Diaghilev, Prokofiev

9.11 cleft, deft, Dreft®, eft, heft, left, theft, weft, * bereft

9.12 beg, Clegg, egg, Eigg, Greg, Greig, keg, leg, Meg, peg, sleg, teg, * unpeg, * blackleg, JPEG, gate-leg, tent peg, nest egg, peg leg, redleg, dogleg, foreleg, clothes peg, nutmeg, bootleg, * Scanderbeg, break a leg, Winnipeg, filibeg

Fain would I kiss my Julia's dainty leg,

Which is as white and hairless as an egg.

ROBERT HERRICK

9.13 begs, eggs, dregs, legs, Meg's, * tent pegs, sheerlegs, forelegs, * daddy-long-legs, etc.

9.14 dredge, edge, fledge, hedge, kedge, ledge, pledge, Reg, sedge, sledge, veg, wedge, * allege, on edge

9.15 dredged, edged, fledged, hedged, pledged, wedged, * alleged, unfledged, * gilt-edged, * double-edged, fully fledged

9.16 bel, bell, Bell, belle, Brel, cel, cell, Del, dell, Dell, dwell, ell, fell, gel, hell, jell, knell, L, Mel, Nell, quell, sell, shell, smell, Snell, spell, swell, tell, well, yell, * lapel, propel, compel, Raquel, Adele, Badel, Patel, unwell, Chanel, quenelle, gazelle, rappel, Ravel, Manuel, Danielle, mademoiselle, cartel, Martel, Carmel, Parnell, Marcel, farewell, Snaefell, pell-mell, Dalziel, respell, retell, presell, resell, rebel, repel, impel, dispel, misspell, expel, Miguel, Fidel, Estelle, befell, indwell, excel, Giselle, Michelle, morel, Morrell, Rochelle, Courtelle®, foretell, Scaffell, outsell, Noël, Nobel, boatel, hotel, motel, Moselle, Brunel, * handbell, Maxwell, clamshell, barbell, Cherwell, Harwell, Chartwell, harebell, stairwell, Bakewell, Thelwell, Tencel®, eggshell,

speedwell, seashell, inkwell, Bridewell, Sizewell, Oftel, Fontwell, Cromwell, Boswell, bombshell, doorbell, Orwell, Caldwell, Cornwell, cowbell, groundswell, dumbbell, nutshell, bluebell, * Annabel, asphodel, bagatelle, caravel, parallel, aquarelle, Camberwell, caramel, carousel, Appenzell, Gabrielle, chanterelle, ne'er-do-well, béchamel, razor shell, Jezebel, Becquerel, demoiselle, decibel, personnel, clientele, Tinkerbelle, Christabel, mirabelle, Isabel, citadel, Zinfandel, William Tell, kiss and tell, Philomel, pimpernel, villanelle, infidel, pipistrelle, wishing well, immortelle, fontanelle, tortoiseshell, cockleshell, bodyshell, Duracell®, go to hell, oversell, photocell, muscatel, Motherwell, undersell, * eau de Javelle, crème caramel, crime passionnel, Aix-la-Chapelle, Mont-Saint-Michel, maître d'hôtel, *au naturel*

The danger chiefly lies in acting well;

No crime's so great as daring to excel.

CHARLES CHURCHILL

9.17 elk, whelk

9.18 belch, squelch

9.19 geld, held, meld, quelled, swelled, weld, yelled, * propelled, compelled, upheld, rebelled, repelled, dispelled, expelled, beheld, withheld, excelled, * Danegeld, Ziegfeld, * jet-propelled, single-celled, * unparalleled, etc.

9.20 elf, Guelph, pelf, self, shelf, * herself, themselves, oneself, itself, himself, myself, yourself, ourself

Man hands on misery to man.

It deepens like a coastal shelf.

Get out as early as you can,

And don't have any kids yourself.

PHILIP LARKIN

9.21 elm, helm, realm, * Anselm, Wilhelm, * overwhelm, underwhelm

9.22 help, kelp, whelp, yelp

9.23 belt, Celt, dealt, dwelt, felt, gelt, knelt, melt, pelt, Scheldt, smelt, spelt, svelte, veld, welt, * unbelt, misspelt, * fan belt, heartfelt, seat belt, green belt, life belt, Roosevelt, * safety belt, Bible Belt, Weidenfeld, underfelt, * conveyor belt, Magherafelt

9.24 health, stealth, wealth, twelfth, * Commonwealth

9.25 delve, helve, shelve, twelve

9.26 delves, elves, helves, selves, shelves, twelves, * themselves, yourselves, ourselves

9.27 bells, cells, Del's, dwells, Kwell's®, Mel's, sells, shells, smells, tells, Welles, Wells, yells, * lapels, Raquel's, farewells, Seychelles, rebels, excels, hotels, * Dardanelles, infidels, Tunbridge Wells, Book of Kells, etc.

'What is a church?' – Our honest sexton tells,

"Tis a tall building, with a tower and bells.'

GEORGE CRABBE

9.28 Clem, crème, em, *femme*, gem, hem, M, phlegm, REM, Shem, stem, them, * condemn, contemn, ahem, *ad rem*, a.m., FM, GM, p.m., PM, Yquem, Lib Dem, pro tem, suprême, * brainstem, mayhem, xylem, Ofgem, phloem, modem, apophthegm, *La Bohème*, ATM, AGM, requiem, Bethlehem, Eminem, chernozem, diadem, IBM, * *carpe diem*

9.29 hemp, Kemp, temp

9.30 dreamt, kempt, tempt, * unkempt, attempt, contempt, undreamt, pre-empt, exempt

9.31 gems, Ems, hems, stems, Thames, etc.

9.32 Aisne, Ben, Benn, Bren, den, en, Den, fen, gen, glen, Glenn, Gwen, hen, ken, Ken, Len, men, N, pen, Penn, Rennes, Seine, Taine, ten, then, wen, when, wren, Wren, yen, Zen, * again, Loren, Ardennes, amen, cayenne, Chechen, *kaizen*, doyenne, Phnom Penh, UN, Duchenne, * admen, playpen, stamen, apemen, cavemen, spacemen, chessmen, pressmen, peahen, he-men,

pigpen, binmen, hymen, dolmen, con men, moorhen, nomen, snowmen, stuntmen, rumen, newsmen, * pathogen, allergen, halogen, Adrienne, antigen, acumen, weathermen, regimen, excisemen, *mise en scène*, histogen, businessmen, Ogaden, born-again, Nurofen®, fountain pen, musclemen, Sun Yatsen, julienne, * cameramen, newspapermen, angry young men, carcinogen, Valenciennes, equestrienne, comedienne, tragedienne, ibuprofen, *absit omen*, * hallucinogen

Why are the needle and the pen

Thought incompatible by men?

ESTHER LEWIS

9.33 bench, blench, clench, Dench, drench, French, quench, stench, tench, trench, wench, wrench, * retrench, entrench

9.34 blenched, clenched, drenched, quenched, wrenched, * unquenched, retrenched, entrenched, * sundrenched

9.35 bend, blend, Bridgend, end, fend, friend, lend, mend, penned, rend, send, spend, tend, trend, vend, wend, * unbend, append, upend, suspend, unkened, attend, subtend, contend, offend, amend, commend, ascend, transcend, tail end, Gravesend, depend, impend, dispend, misspend, expend, pretend, intend, distend, extend, defend, befriend, emend, descend, Ostend, portend, fend, Southend, * fag end, pen friend, girlfriend, weekend, pitchblende, bin end, stipend, godsend, hornblende, boyfriend, bookend, U-bend, * parascend, apprehend, recommend, reprehend, bitter end, dividend, on the mend, comprehend, condescend, round the bend, overspend, underspend, * superintend, overextend, misapprehend

Hopeless hope hopes on and meets no end,

Wastes without springs and homes without a friend.

JOHN CLARE

9.36 ginseng, Kaifeng, Boateng, * Mafikeng, * nasi goreng

9.37 length, strength, * wavelength, calf-length, knee-length

9.38 henge, Penge, * avenge, revenge, Stonehenge

9.39 cense, dense, fence, flense, hence, pence, sense, Spence, tense, thence, whence, cents, dents, gents, scents, tents, vents, * suspense, condense, offence, commence, laments, dispense, expense, pretence, intense, defence, events, ring-fence, immense, incense, Hortense, * frankincense, recompense, recommence, self-defence, common sense

Immodest words admit of no defence,

For want of decency is want of sense.

WENTWORTH DILLON

9.40 fenced, tensed, * against, condensed, unfenced, commenced, dispensed, ring-fenced, incensed, * recompensed, recommenced

9.41 bent, Brent, cent, dent, gent, Ghent, Gwent, Kent, leant, lent, Lent, meant, pent, rent, scent, sent, spent, stent, tent, Trent, vent, went, * unbent, unspent, content, ferment, lament, unmeant, ascent, assent, per cent, consent, Tashkent, fragment, absent, accent, hellbent, segment, frequent, repent, misspent, indent, intent, extent, event, prevent, invent, relent, cement, descent, dissent, present, resent, forewent, forwent, torment, augment, foment, * advent, Advent, ferment, indent, content, Broadbent, portent, torment, * malcontent, Steradent®, heaven-sent, regiment, represent, circumvent, reinvent, represent, discontent, implement, nonevent, complement, compliment, document, ornament, orient, overspent, Stoke-on-Trent, underspent, underwent, supplement, * experiment, misrepresent, reorient, disorient

And sigh that one thing only has been lent

To youth and age in common – discontent.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

9.42 nth, tenth

9.43 Ben's, Benz, cleanse, Fens, gens, glens, Gwen's, hens, Ken's, lens, pens, TENS, Wrens, * impatiens, Mercedes-Benz, vas deferens, * *Homo sapiens*, * delirium tremens, etc.

9.44 cep, Depp, hep, pep, PEP, prep, rep, schlep, step, steppe, yep, * unstep, Dieppe, * quickstep, instep, sidestep, doorstep, footstep, goosestep, * step-by-step, overstep

9.45 ceps, crêpes, reps, Schweppes®, steps, Steppes, * sidesteps, biceps, triceps, forceps, footsteps, * quadriceps, etc.

My mother groaned, my father wept.

Into the dangerous world I leapt.

WILLIAM BLAKE

9.46 crept, kept, leapt, sept, slept, stepped, swept, wept, * adept, unstepped, unwept, unswept, accept, backswept, well-kept, yclept, inept, except, * transept, percept, precept, windswept, sidestepped, concept, goosestepped, * intercept, overslept, overstepped

9.47 Bess, bless, cress, chess, cress, dress, guess, Hess, Hesse, Jess, less, mess, ness, press, S, stress, Tess, tress, yes, * profess, confess, unless, caress, oppress, suppress, compress, aggress, progress, address, undress, assess, process, obsess, success, possess, chapess, bad press, transgress, largesse, heiress, mayoress, Caithness, Skegness, SS, peeress, Sheerness, PS, priestess, re-dress, depress, repress, impress, express, regress, distress, redress, liquesce, finesse, recess, excess, princess, digress, stop press, Loch Ness, duress, fluoresce, Foulness, hostess, noblesse, US, Jewess, * abbess, abscess, access, headdress, excess, egress, Negress, recess, prioress, winepress, tigress, nightdress, goddess, compress, congress, Congress, laundress, prowess, countess, ogress, progress, process, sundress, * battledress, baroness, acquiesce, marchioness, patroness, second-guess, shepherdess, effervesce, effloresce, letterpress, retrogress, SAS, NHS, deliquesce, SOS, murderess, bouillabaisse, decompress, readdress, deaconess, evanesce, reassess, prepossess, repossess, Inverness, dispossess, incandesce, minidress, intumesce, lioness, Lyonesse, pythonesse, convalesce, obsolesce, phosphoresce, prophetess, politesse, authoress, sorceress, watercress, trouser press, coalesce, opalesce, overdress, poetess, nonetheless, governess, Dungeness, stewardess, luminesce, * nevertheless, manageress, couldn't-care-less, Shoeburyness

9.48 desk, * burlesque, grotesque, * Kafkaesque, arabesque, statuesque, picaresque, picturesque, Romanesque, humoresque, Junoesque, Pythonesque

9.49 best, blessed, blest, breast, Brest, chest, crest, dressed, fest, guessed, guest, hest, jest, lest, messed, nest, pest, pressed, quest, rest, stressed, test, vest, west, wrest, zest, * attest, protest, contest, professed, confessed, molest, unblest, arrest, caressed, abreast, oppressed, suppressed, compressed, progressed, addressed, undressed, unstressed, unrest, obsessed, possessed, suggest, congest, NatWest, hard-pressed, Mae West, well-dressed, Trieste, retest, prestressed, egest, *id est*, detest, infest, invest, behest, celeste, depressed, repressed, impressed, distressed, bequest, liquesced, request, Midwest, ingest, divest, digest, George Best, northwest, southwest, * gabfest, backrest, armrest, redbreast, headrest, retest, bitchfest, inquest, incest, digest, contest, songfest, conquest, house guest, protest, road test, goldcrest, processed, love nest, footrest, * acquiesced, manifest, Sackville-West, palimpsest, paying guest, second-best, self-confessed, effervesced, self-possessed, readdressed, repossessed, reinvest, rinderpest, interest, disinfect, disinvest, chimney breast, coalesced, overdressed, undervest, unaddressed, underdressed, Sunday best, unimpressed, unexpressed, Bucharest, Budapest, * Haverfordwest, *chanson de geste*, *Marie Celeste*, etc.

One flew east and one flew west,

And one flew over the cuckoo's nest.

NURSERY RHYME

9.50 crèche, flesh, fresh, mesh, nesh, thresh, * afresh, crème fraîche, refresh, enmesh, *

horseflesh, gooseflesh, * Marrakech, Bangladesh, Gilgamesh, synchromesh, * Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh

9.51 ate, bet, Brett, debt, fret, get, het, jet, let, Lett, met, net, pet, Rhett, set, sett, stet, sweat, threat, vet, wet, whet, yet, * abet, forget, cadet, Chevette®, Colette, sublet, arête, barrette, Debrett, Annette, Jeanette, Nanette, cassette, upset, gazette, Capet, hackette, banquette, baguette, ladette, toilette, noisette, aigrette, layette, septet, sextet, curvet, Burnett, revet, preset, reset, Tibet, pipette, briquette, piquet, diskette, beget, quintet, nymphet, Yvette, Gillette, regret, vignette, Lynette, spinet, Wynette, beset, dinette, coquette, croquette, moquette, octet, nonet, offset, brochette, Claudette, quartet, corvette, Paulette, laundrette, lorgnette, courgette, georgette, Georgette, curette, Tourette, Odette, motet, rosette, duet, Phuket, roulette, Brunette, Suzette, couchette, * dragnet, handset, Fastnet, hairnet, headset, tea set, inlet, kismet, fishnet, quickset, thickset, film set, inset, twinset, typeset, mind-set, offset, onset, outset, subset, upset, sunset, * alphabet, parapet, baronet, flannelette, avocet, Antoinette, satinet, clarinet, bassinet, statuette, marmoset, martinet, Lafayette, majorette, bayonet, maisonette, crêpe suzette, leatherette, epaulette, Letraset®, etiquette, netiquette, epithet, Exocet®, Bernadette, serviette, turbojet, cigarette, minaret, spinneret, Internet, intranet, winceyette, vinaigrette, kitchenette, silhouette, pirouette, minuet, cyberpet, scilicet, novelette, stockinet, overate, photoset, usherette, Mummerset, Somerset, suffragette, Juliet, oubliette, * marionette, *eau de toilette*

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,

Lest we forget – lest we forget!

RUDYARD KIPLING

9.52 bets, Brett's, debts, let's, Metz, pets, sweats, threats, * cadets, Annette's, Donets, cassettes, courgettes, brunettes, * salopettes, pantalettes, castanets, clarinets, majorettes, serviettes, cigarettes, suffragettes, etc.

9.53 breadth, * handbreadth

9.54 Beth, breath, death, saith, Seth, * Macbeth, * shibboleth

9.55 Beth's, deaths, meths, Seth's, etc.

9.56 Bev, rev, * maglev, Brezhnev, Kiev, * Nureyev, * Diaghilev, Prokofiev

9.57 fez, Kez, Les, says, * des res, Montez, Cortez, oyez, * Baez, Lopez, Gomez, * Fernandez, Rodriguez

10.1 Debbie, plebby, webby, Selby, Denbigh, Denby, Tenby, peppy, preppy, Sheppey, kelpie, tempi, * Giuseppe, Gillespie, Entebbe, * cobwebby, * Tio Pepe®

10.2 Becky, brekky, leccy, recce, techie, Nevski, pesky, eggy, leggy, Peggy, dengue, * kromesky, Radetzky, * Paderewski, Dostoevsky

10.3 eddy, Eddy, Freddy, heady, Neddy, ready, steady, teddy, Teddy, thready, bendy, trendy, Wendy, Bette, Betty, Getty, Hettie, jetty, petty, sweaty, yeti, empty, hefty, lefty, sheltie, Welty, plenty, twenty, chesty, testy, * unsteady, unready, already, Allende, effendi, crescendi, spaghetti, confetti, machete, Andretti, Rossetti, aplenty, * rough-and-ready, oven-ready, amoretti, Serengeti, Olivetti, Donizetti, cognoscenti, * modus vivendi, *Deo volente, festina lente*

10.4 Effie, Delphi, bevvly, bevy, Chevy, heavy, levee, levy, envy, breathy, healthy, stealthy, wealthy, lengthy, * Adelphi, top-heavy, unhealthy, * Abernethy

Drove my Chevy to the levee

But the levee was dry.

DON MCLEAN

10.5 belly, Delhi, deli, Ellie, jelly, Kelly, Melly, Nellie, nelly, Shelley, shelly, smelly, telly, welly, pebbly, trebly, Wembley, freckly, deadly, Hedley, medley, Smedley, friendly, Tetley, wetly, deftly, Bentley, gently, deathly, cleanly, Henley, Bexley, densely, tensely, Lesley, Leslie, Presley,

Wesley, fleshly, freshly, Bletchley, Sketchley, beret, berry, Berry, bury, Bury, cherry, Ceri, Derry, ferry, Gerry, jerry, Jerry, Kerry, merry, perry, Perry, sherry, terry, Terry, very, wherry, debris, Hendry, entry, gentry, sentry, vestry, Elstree, Geoffrey, belfry, every, Henry, Dewi, * Grappelli, Clovelly, Corelli, Minnelli, Pwllheli, assembly, grotesquely, unfriendly, correctly, directly, intently, Llanelli, expressly, immensely, intensely, equerry, re-entry, * Leadbelly, potbelly, car ferry, Queensferry, knobkerrie, Horseferry, ancestry, * tagliatelle, Schiaparelli, Gabrieli, self-assembly, Zeffirelli, yellow-belly, vermicelli, incorrectly, indirectly, Botticelli, Torricelli, underbelly, user-friendly, elderberry, beriberi, necessary, whortleberry, serviceberry, Roddenberry, Pondicherry, boysenberry, loganberry, huckleberry, Huckleberry, Londonderry, * unnecessary, * Machiavelli, etc.

**As o'er my latest book I pored,
Enjoying it immensely,
I suddenly exclaimed 'Good Lord!'
And gripped the volume tensely.**

P. G. WODEHOUSE

10.6 Clemmie, Emmy, jemmy, lemme, phlegmy, semi, Esme, any, Benny, blenny, Denny, Glennie, Jenny, Kenny, Lenny, many, penne, penny, Penny, Rennie, Stepney, Chesney, * antennae, Kilkenny, * spinning jenny, two-a-penny, * Abergavenny, * condemn me, etc.

10.7 Bessie, Crécy, dressy, Jesse, Jessie, messy, Nessie, Plessey, Pepsi®, Dempsey, sexy, Betsy, tsetse, Chelsea, Elsie, Selsey, pressie, frenzy, fleshy, sketchy, stretchy, tetchy, squelchy, Frenchy, edgy, veggie, * in esse, Mackenzie, * catalepsy, narcolepsy, epilepsy, apoplexy, cataplexy, Montmorency, Bangladeshi, Comaneci

10.8 Webber, Elba, Elbe, Melba, ember, member, leper, pepper, stepper, helper, yelper, temper, Vespa®, vesper, * Lloyd Webber, September, remember, dismember, December, November, distemper, * sidestepper, Culpeper, * misremember, * help her, etc.

**Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.**

TRADITIONAL RHYME

10.9 Becker, checker, Decca, decker, Dekker, Mecca, pecker, Secker, trekker, wrecker, Wesker, beggar, Gregor, mega, Edgar, Helga, * Quebecker, Rebecca, exchequer, Francesca, McGregor, * Baedeker, spellchecker, oxpecker, Voortrekker, woodpecker, Heidegger, bootlegger, * double-decker, * peck her, beg her, etc.

10.10 bedder, Cheddar, Edda, header, Jedda, redder, shedder, shredder, spreader, tedder, threader, treader, elder, welder, Zelda, bender, blender, Brenda, fender, gender, Glenda, lender, mender, render, sender, slender, spender, Spender, splendour, tender, vendor, better, debtor, ETA, feta, fetter, getter, Greta, letter, setter, sweater, wetter, sceptre, tempter, hector, Hector, nectar, rector, sector, Spector, spectre, vector, EFTA, belter, delta, melter, Shelta, shelter, smelter, swelter, welter, centre, enter, renter, tenter, venter, Chester, cresta, ester, Esther, fester, Hester, jester, Leicester, Lester, Nesta, nester, pester, tester, Vesta, wester, zester, Webster, Dempster, Dexter, texter, Leominster, Leinster, * Griselda, suspender, addenda, attender, contender, offender, surrender, ascender, agenda, transgender, weekender, East Ender, pretender, extender, defender, descender, engender, pudenda, Bethesda, abetter, unfetter, Valletta, Loretta, Gambetta, Lambretta®, pancetta, vendetta, begetter, biretta, Rosetta, bruschetta, acceptor, preceptor, receptor, prospector, protector, Protector, convector, collector, connector, projector, objector, respecter, inspector, detector, defector, elector, selector, reflector, erector, ejector, rejector, director, bisector, dissector, lamenter, assentor, placenta, magenta, re-enter, preventer, inventor, frequenter, precentor, presenter, tormentor, Rowenta, polenta, protester, Avesta, molester, arrester, fiesta, siesta, Sylvester, investor, celesta, sequester, semester, trimester, digester, nor'wester, northwester,

sou'wester, southwest, * homesteader, bartender, pacesetter, Leadbetter, trendsetter, typesetter, go-getter, bonesetter, newsletter, daycentre, Jobcentre, ancestor, * van de Velde, parascender, hacienda, referenda, recommender, corrigenda, moneylender, carburettor, Henrietta, operetta, interceptor, helter-skelter, epicentre, empty-nester, Cirencester, polyester, * sinfonietta, impedimenta, experimenter, * send her, let her, etc.

10.11 deafer, heifer, zephyr, clever, ever, never, sever, Trevor, delver, elver, selva, shelver, Denver, Jephthah, blether, feather, heather, Heather, leather, nether, tether, weather, wether, whether, * forever, wherever, whenever, endeavour, whichever, whatever, however, whoever, whomever, together, * Fairweather, bellwether, shoe leather, * wheresoever, never-never, whensoever, Micheldever, whatsoever, howsoever, whosoever, whomsoever, hell for leather, altogether

The glass is falling hour by hour, the glass will fall for ever,

But if you break the bloody glass you won't hold up the weather.

LOUIS MACNEICE

10.12 Bella, cellar, Della, dweller, Ella, fella, fellah, feller, Heller, Keller, Mellor, Pella, seller, smeller, speller, Stella, stellar, teller, Weller, Puebla, trembler, Kepler, Templar, heckler, Spengler, meddler, medlar, peddler, pedlar, fettler, settler, gentler, wrestler, error, Ferrar, terror, Deborah, zebra, Petra, plectra, spectra, extra, Defra, Sèvres, Ezra, Quechua, Kenya, Lenya, tenure, * propeller, McKellar, patella, novella, umbrella, lamella, candela, Mandela, Marcella, bestseller, reseller, repeller, impeller, dispeller, expeller, Estella, Fenella, Kinsella, paella, Viyella®, Nigella, foreteller, Floella, Louella, rubella, Prunella, assembler, exemplar, embezzler, belles-lettres, et cetera, Electra, * tale-teller, cave-dweller, bierkeller, saltcellar, bookseller, knee-trembler, * Arabella, Annabella, a cappella, panatella, tarantella, salmonella, varicella, cerebellar, legionella, Isabella, interstellar, Cinderella, villanella, citronella, Rockefeller, mozzarella, storyteller, *fin de siècle*, cause célèbre, *raison d'être*, Clytemnestra, * Valpolicella, * sell her, tell her, etc.

10.13 Emma, Gemma, hemmer, lemma, stemma, tremor, smegma, Elmer, Selma, Thelma, Mesmer, henna, Jenna, Jenner, penna, senna, Senna, tenner, tenor, Edna, Etna, Gretna, Ventnor, Bremner, Cessna, * ack-emma, pip-emma, dilemma, McKenna, Ravenna, antenna, Siena, sienna, Vienna, Gehenna, Morwenna, duenna, * condemn her, etc.

10.14 dresser, guesser, Hesse, lesser, lessor, stressor, Tessa, TESSA, flexor, sexer, vexer, Elsa, censor, censor, ENSA, fencer, Mensa, sensor, spencer, Spencer, Spenser, tenser, tensor, cleanser, leisure, measure, pleasure, treasure, Cheshire, Escher, flesher, fresher, pressure, thresher, censure, betcha, etcher, fetcher, fletcher, Fletcher, lecher, sketcher, stretcher, lecture, belcher, squelcher, bencher, denture, quencher, trencher, venture, gesture, texture, dredger, edger, hedger, ledger, pledger, * suppressor, compressor, aggressor, addresser, professor, confessor, Vanessa, assessor, successor, possessor, depressor, repressor, Odessa, Alexa, condenser, Walesa, dispenser, extensor, Demelza, cadenza, credenza, displeasure, refresher, dementia, conjecture, adventure, backbencher, debenture, indenture, frontbencher, St Leger, avenger, * hairdresser, processor, indexer, prefecture, thirst-quencher, * decompressor, reposessor, predecessor, Alka-Seltzer®, influenza, made-to-measure, countermeasure, acupressure, architecture, peradventure, misadventure, Bonaventure, * Nebuchadnezzar, * microprocessor, * assess her, refresh her, etc.

Now hatred is by far the longest pleasure;

Men love in haste, but they detest at leisure.

LORD BYRON

10.15 epic, Vedic, medic, Celtic, peptic, sceptic, septic, hectic, Delphic, Elphick, pelvic, ethic, Smethwick, relic, Berwick, cleric, Derek, derrick, Eric, ferric, Herrick, Merrick, redbrick, Cedric, Ettrick, metric, Prestwick, Sedgewick, Fenwick, Chetnik, ethnic, Selznick, Beswick, Keswick,

Belgic, * alembic, prophetic, bathetic, pathetic, balletic, phonetic, acetic, ascetic, athletic, magnetic, Helvetic, hermetic, aesthetic, synthetic, emetic, mimetic, frenetic, genetic, kinetic, splenic, pyretic, prosthetic, cosmetic, poetic, aseptic, dyspeptic, eupeptic, eclectic, dyslectic, authentic, domestic, majestic, malefic, benefic, angelic, Goidelic, enteric, mesmeric, hysteric, generic, chimeric, Homeric, numeric, symmetric, obstetric, electric, concentric, eccentric, Scalextric®, polemic, alchemic, pandemic, endemic, systemic, totemic, transgenic, Hellenic, irenic, eugenic, dyslexic, pyrexia, forensic, * paramedic, alphabetic, apathetic, parenthetic, Masoretic, anaesthetic, arithmetic, empathetic, energetic, theoretic, sympathetic, synergetic, kinaesthetic, synaesthetic, diabetic, diuretic, cybernetic, dietetic, copacetic, cataleptic, analeptic, antiseptic, narcoleptic, epileptic, neuroleptic, Euro-sceptic, apopleptic, anorectic, dialectic, psychedelic, evangelic, stratospheric, atmospheric, exoteric, hemispheric, esoteric, climacteric, isomeric, tachometric, barometric, parametric, asymmetric, hexametric, telemetric, thermometric, geometric, kilometric, biometric, diametric, psychometric, isometric, dielectric, bisymmetric, optometric, chronometric, volumetric, photometric, ethnocentric, geocentric, egocentric, Eurocentric, academic, epidemic, pathogenic, allergenic, callisthenic, telegenic, oestrogenic, schizophrenic, cryogenic, psychogenic, oncogenic, autogenic, neurasthenic, photogenic, mutagenic, pyrotechnic, polytechnic, geodesic, anorexic, * apologetic, * peripatetic, antipathetic, unsympathetic, diaphoretic, antimagnetic, ferromagnetic, photosynthetic, antiemetic, telekinetic, psychokinetic, antipyretic, alphanumeric, anthropometric, trigonometric, sociometric, hydroelectric, photoelectric, nonacademic, radiogenic, carcinogenic, mediagenic, * electromagnetic, hallucinogenic

10.16 medics, sceptics, ethics, relics, clerics, Derek's, Eric's, Hendrix, Essex, Wessex, * appendix, phonetics, ascetics, athletics, magnetics, aesthetics, synthetics, emetics, genetics, kinetics, prosthetics, cosmetics, poetics, domestics, hysterics, obstetrics, electrics, directrix, polemics, eugenics, * paramedics, anaesthetics, diabetics, diuretics, Callanetics, cybernetics, dietetics, homiletics, epileptics, Euro-sceptics, dialectics, atmospherics, biometrics, psychometrics, isometrics, academics, cryogenics, callisthenics, pyrotechnics, polytechnics, etc.

10.17 tepid, eddied, steadied, splendid, fetid, emptied, levied, envied, bellied, gelid, jellied, buried, ferried, serried, jemmied, blessed, frenzied, wretched, * intrepid, three-legged, long-legged, cross-legged, bow-legged, unenvied, potbellied, unburied, * yellow-bellied, etc.

10.18 leopard, peppered, shepherd, Shepard, headed, leaded, shredded, wedded, blended, ended, mended, tended, betted, bettered, fretted, lettered, fettered, sweated, tempted, sheltered, sweltered, centred, dented, entered, scented, festered, pestered, rested, tested, vested, Bedford, Redford, Deptford, Stretford, Telford, Wexford, Chelmsford, severed, method, tethered, weathered, Herod, Edward, westward, tenured, Leonard, Reynard, censored, leisured, measured, treasured, censured, Trenchard, ventured, * remembered, unleaded, hard-headed, bareheaded, red-headed, clear-headed, three-headed, beheaded, bigheaded, pigheaded, light-headed, hot-headed, baldheaded, two-headed, attended, untended, amended, commended, unmended, ascended, pretended, intended, distended, extended, defended, befriended, descended, unfettered, unlettered, indebted, accepted, excepted, attempted, suspected, protected, affected, collected, corrected, connected, expected, detected, infected, elected, reflected, dejected, directed, dissected, undented, contented, fermented, lamented, consented, unscented, accented, self-centred, repented, invented, demented, augmented, attested, contested, untested, molested, congested, flat-chested, invested, requested, sequestered, digested, eisteddfod, unsevered, untethered, northwestward, southwestward, uncensored, unmeasured, uncensored, * level-headed, empty-headed, muddleheaded, recommended, unattended, unintended, undefended, undescended, apprehended, unaccepted, unattempted, disaffected, disconnected, unsuspected, unprotected, unaffected, uncollected, uncorrected, unconnected, unexpected,

undetected, uninfected, unelected, unreflected, uninflected, undirected, regimented, represented, discontented, documented, ornamented, unfermented, unlamented, unaccented, unfrequented, redigested, single-breasted, unattested, uncontested, unmolested, double-breasted, uncongested, unrequested, undigested, * unprecedented, unrepresented, undocumented, etc.

**A little still she strove, and much repented,
And whispering 'I will ne'er consent' – consented.**

LORD BYRON

10.19 leopards, shepherds, Edwards, Leonard's, westwards, * northwestwards, southwestwards, etc.

10.20 wreckage, tentage, vestige, selvedge, Redbridge, Bembridge, Selfridge, ennage, Greenwich, message, presage, * appendage, curettage, percentage, assemblage

10.21 pebble, rebel, treble, Kemble, tremble, Keppel, sepal, Semple, temple, deckle, freckle, heckle, Jekyll, shekel, speckle, medal, meddle, pedal, peddle, reddle, treadle, Weddell, Grendel, Kendal, Lendl, Mendel, Pendle, Rendell, Wendell, fettle, Gretel, kettle, metal, mettle, nettle, petal, settle, septal, rectal, dental, gentle, lentil, mental, rental, festal, vestal, TEFL, helpful, dreadful, fretful, restful, healthful, Grenfell, stressful, vengeful, bevel, devil, level, Neville, revel, Bethel, Ethel, ethyl, methyl, Errol, beryl, Beryl, Cheryl, feral, ferrule, Meryl, peril, federal, tendril, petrel, petrol, spectral, central, ventral, kestrel, dextral, several, general, fennel, kennel, regnal, Cecil, Chessell, nestle, pestle, TESL, trestle, vessel, wrestle, Edsel, pretzel, quetzal, pencil, stencil, bezel, Denzil, special, * assemble, disassemble, resemble, backpedal, prebendal, pudendal, unsettle, resettle, parental, placental, judgmental, unhelpful, forgetful, regretful, respectful, neglectful, eventful, resentful, successful, revengeful, bedevil, split-level, dishevel, imperil, integral, campestral, ancestral, sylvestral, orchestral, commensal, utensil, embezzle, especial, potential, torrential, tangential, credential, sequential, essential, prudential, * gunmetal, daredevil, she-devil, eyelevel, * reassemble, disassemble, sacramental, transcendental, accidental, temperamental, sentimental, elemental, detrimental, regimental, departmental, interdental, instrumental, incidental, incremental, compartmental, Oriental, Occidental, continental, nonjudgmental, monumental, ornamental, fundamental, governmental, supplemental, disrespectful, uneventful, unsuccessful, deferential, preferential, referential, reverential, exponential, evidential, presidential, residential, penitential, existential, pestilential, differential, inferential, quintessential, inessential, influential, confidential, providential, consequential, nonessential, * transcontinental, coincidental, experimental, environmental, nonaccidental, nongovernmental, unsentimental, subcontinental, nonresidential, experiential, inconsequential, * Popocatépetl, interdepartmental, intercontinental, intergovernmental

**Tender-handed stroke a nettle,
And it stings you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of mettle,
And it soft as silk remains.**

AARON HILL

10.22 freckled, heckled, metalled, nettled, settled, nestled, wrestled, Gerald, herald, * assembled, unsettled, bedevilled, Fitzgerald, embezzled, etc.

10.23 pebbles, Eccles, freckles, speckles, Engels, medals, pedals, nettles, petals, lentils, kennels, pencils, * utensils, credentials, essentials, etc.

10.24 Blenheim, denim, * defend him, lent him, etc.

10.25 Beckham, Peckham, Shechem, welcome, Wellcome, Egham, seldom, Streatham, septum, rectum, Eltham, Feltham, Trentham, Bentham, Pelham, vellum, emblem, peplum, bedlam, Meldrum, plectrum, spectrum, Denham, venom, Epsom, Wrexham, jetsam, Chesham, Gresham,

Belgium, * unwelcome, addendum, agendum, pudendum, momentum, flagellum, post-bellum, exemplum, electrum, evenom, * referendum, corrigendum, antebellum, cerebellum, interregnum, * send 'em, wrecked 'em, etc.

10.26 Pepin, tenpin, Elgin, cretin, pecten, pectin, Quentin, destine, elfin, Bevin, Kevin, Previn, Levin, Kelvin, Melvin, Welwyn, Devlin, Emlyn, gremlin, Kremlin, Erin, Perrin, Sherrin, eccrine, penguin, Edwin, Selwyn, Lenin, rennin, venom, pepsin, Yeltsin, resin, engine, * Potemkin, San Quentin, progestin, clandestine, predestine, intestine, Helvellyn, Fluellen, Llewellyn, muezzin, * gibberellin, antivenin, vasopressin, Taliesin, * settin', dressin', etc.

10.27 ebon, Melbourne, weapon, hempen, beckon, Brecon, Deccan, reckon, Mencken, Megan, deaden, leaden, redden, Seddon, Sneddon, Hebdon, Sheldon, Weldon, Brendan, Hendon, tendon, Dresden, Breton, jetton, threaten, Repton, lectern, Elton, Melton, Skelton, Benton, Denton, Fenton, Kenton, lentin, Trenton, Preston, western, Weston, sextan, sexton, deafen, Stéphane, Bevan, Devon, Evan, heaven, leaven, seven, Severn, Bethan, lengthen, strengthen, leathern, Ellen, felon, Helen, melon, Declan, heron, veteran, chevron, brethren, Kenyan, Kenyon, Emmen, Lemmon, lemon, Yemen, Helpmann, headman, Steadman, Feldman, bellman, Hellman, penman, chessman, desman, pressman, helmsman, freshman, Welshman, Frenchman, henchman, Brennan, Lennon, pennon, tenon, * Tibetan, Avestan, Midwestern, eleven, McKellen, Magellan, rebellion, Trevelyan, * muskmelon, * Armageddon, pademelon, watermelon, philodendron, rhododendron, Agamemnon

**And bound on that journey you find your attorney (who started that morning from Devon);
He's a bit undersized, and you don't feel surprised when he tells you he's only eleven.**

W. S. GILBERT

10.28 Essen, lessen, lesson, Wesson, Epsom, Texan, Stetson®, Belsen, Nelson, Benson, ensign, Jensen, cession, freshen, session, section, flexion, gentian, mention, pension, tension, question, Belgian, * half-nelson, full nelson, profession, confession, oppression, suppression, compression, aggression, progression, procession, obsession, succession, concession, possession, transgression, accession, depression, Depression, repression, impression, expression, discretion, regression, precession, recession, secession, digression, perception, conception, deception, reception, inception, exception, preemption, redemption, exemption, protection, affection, perfection, confection, convection, collection, complexion, correction, connection, projection, subsection, objection, subjection, inspection, detection, defection, refectio, infection, election, selection, deflection, reflection, inflection, erection, resection, dejection, ejection, rejection, injection, direction, bisection, dissection, cross-section, suspension, attention, contention, subvention, convention, ascension, Ascension, abstention, detention, pretension, retention, intention, distension, extension, prevention, invention, declension, dissension, dimension, Laurentian, Lawrentian, suggestion, congestion, ingestion, digestion, * self-possession, self-expression, decompression, prepossession, repossession, intercession, dispossession, indiscretion, nonaggression, apperception, self-deception, preconception, interception, misconception, contraception, retrospection, self-protection, retroflexion, recollection, resurrection, Resurrection, self-selection, genuflection, circumspection, reconnection, reinfection, pre-election, re-election, deselection, reselection, redirection, predilection, introspection, imperfection, disaffection, insurrection, disconnection, intersection, interjection, disinfection, vivisection, by-election, apprehension, reprehension, circumvention, reinvention, inattention, intervention, hypertension, hypotension, contravention, comprehension, condescension, self-suggestion, indigestion, * delicatessen, hypercorrection, misapprehension, incomprehension, nonintervention, autosuggestion, * immunosuppression, antivivisection

10.29 beckoned, fecund, reckoned, second, threatened, deafened, leavened, Cleland, Welland, headland, Shetland, wetland, Westland, errand, gerund, reverend, Reverend, Edmund,

Redmond, Esmond, Desmond, lessened, freshened, mentioned, questioned, legend, * split-second, unleavened, unmentioned, unquestioned, * aforementioned, * nanosecond, millisecond, microsecond, well-intentioned, undermentioned, etc.

George the First was always reckoned

Vile, but viler George the Second.

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

10.30 seconds, Shetlands, wetlands, errands, Edmonds, legends, * Bury St Edmunds, etc.

10.31 tenpins, Jenkins, Emlyn's, gremlins, penguins, Edwin's, * intestines, etc.

10.32 weapons, reckons, Megan's, tendons, Evans, heavens, sevens, melons, lemons, lessons, sessions, Sessions, sections, pensions, questions, * elevens, good heavens, St Helens, rebellions, professions, processions, concessions, possessions, exceptions, connections, objections, reflections, conventions, abstentions, intentions, suggestions, etc.

10.33 peccant, pedant, pendant, pendent, extant, sextant, errant, gerent, entrant, segment, vestment, clement, Clement, pennant, tenant, Tennant, pregnant, regnant, remnant, Besant, Cheshunt, crescent, peasant, pheasant, pleasant, present, sentient, trenchant, * attendant, ascendant, transcendent, dependant, dependent, defendant, intendant, resplendent, descendant, expectant, repentant, contestant, appellant, propellant, flagellant, repellent, expellant, aberrant, deterrent, inherent, knight-errant, vicegerent, re-entrant, inclement, amendment, abetment, revetment, curettement, contentment, resentment, investment, assessment, commencement, refreshment, retrenchment, entrenchment, subtenant, lieutenant, confessant, suppressant, pearlescent, quiescent, depressant, excrescent, senescent, incessant, fluorescent, pubescent, putrescent, unpleasant, consentient, presentient, dissentient, insentient, * independent, disinfectant, unrepentant, decongestant, interpellant, reinvestment, reassessment, sublieutenant, adolescent, acquiescent, effervescent, deliquescent, evanescent, prepubescent, recrudescant, incandescent, iridescent, convalescent, obsolescent, phosphorescent, coalescent, opalescent, juvenescent, luminescent, omnipresent, * interdependent, overdependent, superintendent, antidepressant, preadolescent, * immunosuppressant

10.34 pedants, pendants, sentence, semblance, Terence, entrance, deference, preference, reference, reverence, Reverence, severance, vestments, penance, tenants, remnants, essence, peasants, pheasants, Pleasence, presence, presents, sentience, vengeance, * attendance, attendants, transcendence, dependants, dependence, resplendence, acceptance, repentance, contestants, repellence, resemblance, aberrance, deterrence, remembrance, irreverence, amendments, quiescence, quintessence, excrescence, senescence, fluorescence, pubescence, putrescence, insentience, * independence, nonattendance, adolescence, adolescents, acquiescence, effervescence, deliquescence, evanescence, prepubescence, recrudescence, inflorescence, incandescence, iridescence, convalescence, obsolescence, phosphorescence, coalescence, opalescence, juvenescence, luminescence, omnipresence, * interdependence, overdependence, superintendence, antidepressants, preadolescence, etc.

10.35 seventh, * eleventh

10.36 ebbing, webbing, Epping, stepping, helping, yelping, checking, decking, necking, pecking, trekking, begging, legging, pegging, bedding, dreading, heading, leading, Reading, Redding, shredding, spreading, treading, wedding, gelding, welding, bending, blending, ending, mending, pending, spending, tending, letting, netting, setting, wetting, tempting, betting, fretting, netting, setting, sweating, wetting, belting, felting, melting, pelting, smelting, tenting, venting, jesting, nesting, resting, testing, delving, dwelling, felling, selling, smelling, spelling, swelling, telling, yelling, trembling, heckling, meddling, peddling, settling, nestling, wrestling, fledgling, herring, headspring, wellspring, redwing, sweptwing, Fleming, hemming, lemming, stemming, helming, Denning, penning, Steyning, blessing, dressing, guessing, Lessing, pressing, flexing,

vexing, fencing, Tenzing, threshing, etching, fetching, retching, sketching, stretching, belching, squelching, clenching, drenching, quenching, wrenching, dredging, edging, hedging, pledging, sledging, wedging, * bedecking, spot-checking, beheading, unbending, attending, offending, unending, ascending, transcending, impending, pretending, intending, extending, defending, descending, abetting, forgetting, upsetting, besetting, excepting, prospecting, affecting, collecting, connecting, projecting, respecting, expecting, fermenting, lamenting, consenting, repenting, eventing, relenting, dissenting, presenting, tormenting, protesting, molesting, arresting, suggesting, investing, requesting, compelling, reselling, misspelling, excelling, condemning, confessing, caressing, progressing, undressing, depressing, distressing, digressing, commencing, dispensing, refreshing, alleging, avenging, * doorstepping, bootlegging, deadheading, subheading, heart-rending, mind-bending, trendsetting, filmsetting, typesetting, blood-letting, hairdressing, well-dressing, processing, * double-checking, featherbedding, parascending, condescending, overspending, moneylending, thermosetting, stamp-collecting, self-respecting, intersecting, unsuspecting, unrelenting, unprotesting, storytelling, acquiescing, decompressing, prepossessing, repossessing, * uncomprehending, interconnecting, unprepossessing, etc.

10.37 helpings, leggings, headings, weddings, endings, settings, dwellings, spellings, herrings, lemmings, Jennings, blessings, etchings, etc.

10.38 develop, envelop, * redevelop

10.39 Lesseps, * develops, envelops, * redevelops

10.40 developed, enveloped, * redeveloped, * underdeveloped, undeveloped

10.41 Geddes, Lettice, lettuce, Prentiss, testis, Memphis, crevice, Elvis, pelvis, Ellis, trellis, derris, Ferris, Nerys, Emrys, premise, Dennis, Ennis, Glenys, menace, tennis, Venice, sepsis, lexis, * apprentice, Ben Nevis, Llanberis, Alexis, asepsis, * *compos mentis*, antisepsis, * Thomas à Kempis, *non compos mentis*, amanuensis, * *in loco parentis*

Better mention 'The Merchant of Venice'

When her sweet pound o' flesh you would menace.

COLE PORTER

10.42 trespass, preface, Hellas, jealous, zealous, helpless, feckless, necklace, reckless, legless, headless, endless, friendless, restless, selfless, breathless, deathless, stressless, sexless, senseless, ferrous, terrace, empress, Esdras, temptress, sempstress, dextrous, generous, genus, redness, wetness, deftness, deafness, wellness, freshness, nexus, plexus, Texas, census, precious, * horrendous, tremendous, stupendous, prospectus, conspectus, momentous, portentous, asbestos, Marcellus, relentless, defenceless, Mackerras, nonferrous, ungenerous, rebellious, correctness, directness, consensus, infectious, contentious, tendentious, sententious, pretentious, dissentious, licentious, * overzealous, ambidextrous, overgenerous, solar plexus, Paracelsus, semiprecious, conscientious, unpretentious, * expect us, refresh us, etc.

10.43 tempest, trespassed, reddest, eldest, wettest, deafest, prefaced, breakfast, steadfast, gentlest, terraced, tensest, freshest, etc.

10.44 leftist, dentist, cellist, check list, chemist, menaced, sexist, * librettist, cornettist, apprenticed, * clarinettist, irredentist, biochemist, * heterosexist

10.45 peckish, reddish, Lettish, fetish, pettish, Kentish, wreckfish, elfish, selfish, shellfish, hellish, relish, cherish, perish, blemish, Flemish, Rhenish, * coquettish, unselfish, embellish, replenish

10.46 relished, cherished, perished, blemished, * embellished, unblemished, replenished, * unembellished

10.47 Egbert, Prescott, Prescott, legate, effort, Evert, Helot, prelate, zealot, template, desert

10.48 cesspit, respite, debit, Tebbitt, Nesbit, Becket, Beckett, credit, edit, geddit, velvet, pellet,

necklet, ferret, merit, emmet, helmet, pelmet, Bennett, genet, rennet, senate, sennet, tenet, bedsit, exit, Melchett, * decrepit, subedit, accredit, discredit, coedit, demerit, inherit, herb bennet, * disinherit, * check it, said it, etc.

If, with the literate, I am

Impelled to try an epigram,

I never seek to take the credit;

We all assume that Oscar said it.

DOROTHY PARKER

10.49 Elspeth, Hesketh, Knebworth, Hepworth, Petworth, Exmouth, Emsworth, Letchworth, Kenneth

10.50 festive, restive, pensive, * perceptive, deceptive, receptive, pre-emptive, redemptive, perspective, prospective, protective, affective, collective, corrective, connective, objective, subjective, respective, detective, effective, defective, infective, invective, elective, selective, reflective, directive, attentive, retentive, preventive, inventive, incentive, suggestive, digestive, oppressive, aggressive, progressive, obsessive, successive, possessive, depressive, repressive, impressive, expressive, regressive, recessive, excessive, digressive, reflexive, offensive, expensive, intensive, extensive, defensive, * contraceptive, unreceptive, retrospective, irrespectively, ineffective, nonselective, unreflective, inattentive, disincentive, unimpressive, apprehensive, inoffensive, inexpensive, comprehensive, coextensive, * overprotective, counteroffensive

10.51 eddies, readies, teddies, Betty's, empties, lefties, twenties, testes, bevies, heavies, jellies, wellies, berries, cherries, sentries, Jeffreys, Jenny's, pennies, pressies, Menzies, etc.

10.52 members, vespers, checkers, Chequers, beggars, elders, welders, betters, fetters, feathers, leathers, Bella's, Mellors, Sellers, hecklers, settlers, errors, terrors, tremors, Jenna's, tenors, dresses, guesses, Messrs, tresses, senses, sensors, pleasures, treasures, sketches, wretches, edges, hedges, * Rebecca's, suspenders, offenders, *EastEnders*, directors, investors, expenses, adventures, *Avengers*, etc.

10.53 Enderby, Wetherby, therapy, entropy, jeopardy, yesterday, melody, threnody, Wednesday, Hecate, Hegarty, Peggotty, deputy, penalty, specialty, seventy, beggarly, elderly, slenderly, tenderly, mentally, westerly, helpfully, dreadfully, Beverley, cleverly, Everly, centrally, severally, generally, Thessaly, leisurely, specially, terribly, preferably, memorably, sensibly, legibly, westwardly, secondly, separately, desperately, pleasantly, presently, heavenly, jealously, zealously, recklessly, breathlessly, peppery, peccary, beggary, Gregory, rectory, reverie, feathery, heathery, leathery, celery, Ellery, temporary, equerry, vespiary, bestiary, vestiary, breviary, emery, memory, hennery, venery, pessary, sensory, treasury, lechery, treachery, century, elderberry, heraldry, prebendary, secondary, legendary, repertory, predatory, prefatory, helotry, zealotry, desultory, pedantry, sedentary, errantry, peasantry, pleasantry, devilry, revelry, weaponry, heronry, lectionary, Jeremy, Bellamy, enemy, sesame, ebony, betony, tetany, empathy, Stephanie, Bethany, felony, Melanie, lemony, Yemeni, embassy, legacy, ecstasy, jealousy, prelacy, heresy, leprosy, Hennessey, tendency, clemency, tenancy, pregnancy, Pevensy, energy, lethargy, * Penelope, synecdoche, telegraphy, telepathy, northwesterly, southwesterly, unhelpfully, regretfully, respectfully, resentfully, successfully, especially, potentially, essentially, impeccably, incredibly, regrettably, perceptibly, respectably, irreparably, ostensibly, illegibly, contentedly, expectantly, unpleasantly, horrendously, tremendously, relentlessly, extempore, *pro tempore*, grotesquery, peremptory, trajectory, refectory, directory, exemplary, contemporary, extemporary, incendiary, stipendiary, millenary, accessory, dispensary, knight-errantry, concessionary, discretionary, confectionery, mastectomy, vasectomy, lumpectomy, McMenemy, archenemy, chalcedony, Persephone, telephony, miscellany, anemone, Gethsemane, hegemony, intestacy, supremacy,

discrepancy, ascendancy, dependency, expectancy, inclemency, * chemotherapy, hypnotherapy, psychotherapy, hydrotherapy, transcendently, accidentally, temperamentally, sentimentally, departmentally, incidentally, incrementally, monumentally, fundamentally, disrespectfully, uneventfully, unsuccessfully, preferentially, influentially, confidentially, unforgettably, imperceptibly, unexpectedly, exdirectory, alimentary, parliamentary, testamentary, sedimentary, elementary, complementary, complimentary, documentary, supplementary, rudimentary, extrasensory, penitentiary, appendectomy, hysterectomy, tonsillectomy, open sesame, independency, * electrotherapy, aromatherapy, unsentimentally, experimentally, coincidentally, environmentally, * radiotherapy, physiotherapy, unparliamentary, uncomplimentary, plenipotentiary, etc.

10.54 recipe, remedy, Kennedy, entity, brevity, levity, velvety, verity, equity, Equity, enmity, lenity, density, readily, steadily, heavily, healthily, stealthily, merrily, verily, Emily, Cecily, messily, sketchily, tetchily, medically, sceptically, ethically, chemically, technically, ethnically, splendidly, pensively, temptingly, selfishly, pellitory, territory, secretary, cemetery, presbytery, dentistry, chemistry, registry, veterinary, seminary, destiny, Medici, effigy, elegy, * heredity, identity, nonentity, longevity, fidelity, asperity, dexterity, severity, celerity, temerity, sincerity, prosperity, austerity, posterity, celebrity, integrity, inequity, unsteadily, primarily, prophetically, pathetically, phonetically, magnetically, hermetically, aesthetically, synthetically, frenetically, genetically, poetically, identically, authentically, majestically, angelically, hysterically, generically, numerically, symmetrically, electrically, eccentrically, nonsensically, confessedly, professedly, allegedly, deceptively, protectively, collectively, objectively, subjectively, respectively, effectively, attentively, oppressively, aggressively, progressively, successively, impressively, excessively, offensively, intensively, extensively, defensively, depressingly, distressingly, refreshingly, unselfishly, hereditary, telemetry, extremity, Yosemite, serenity, obscenity, solemnity, indemnity, necessity, convexity, perplexity, complexity, propensity, intensity, immensity, * infidelity, insincerity, necessarily, voluntarily, ordinarily, momentarily, alphabetically, apathetically, parenthetically, arithmetically, energetically, theoretically, sympathetically, hypothetically, geometrically, diametrically, academically, retrospectively, apprehensively, inoffensively, comprehensively, unsuspectingly, overwhelmingly, undersecretary, biochemistry, * unnecessarily, involuntarily, unsympathetically, apologetically, etc.

10.55 deputy, helpfully, dreadfully, sexually, sensually, February, estuary, penury, * unhelpfully, regretfully, respectfully, resentfully, successfully, perpetually, conceptually, effectually, eventually, * disrespectfully, uneventfully, unsuccessfully, ineffectually, intellectually, etc.

10.56 djellaba, sepulchre, seconder, Shetlander, predator, senator, metaphor, helluva, leveller, reveller, Deborah, emperor, Klemperer, tempera, tempura, plethora, genera, tessera, treasurer, lecturer, reckoner, Smetana, threatener, westerner, Eleanor, Helena, pensioner, questioner, trespasser, Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, premature, sepulture, replica, erica, Erica, Seneca, Jessica, Cressida, reseda, presbyter, creditor, editor, heritor, genitor, Exeter, register, Pettifer, Jennifer, Hegira, enema, Bessemer, eczema, retina, Elinor, perisher, temperature, messenger, Schlesinger, rescuer, Hecuba, nebula, fecula, secular, regular, scheduler, cellular, * developer, telegrapher, et cetera, ephemera, confectioner, remembrancer, nomenclature, angelica, America, subeditor, competitor, inheritor, non sequitur, progenitor, deregister, umbellifer, expenditure, investiture, divestiture, progeniture, executor, molecular, Benbecula, Vulpecula, irregular, * ready-reckoner, primogenitor, Quadragesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima, primogeniture, * Septuagesima,

10.57 peskier, readier, steadier, trendier, pettier, sweatier, emptier, heavier, healthier, wealthier, smellier, deadlier, friendlier, burier, Ferrier, merrier, terrier, premier, denier,

Chechnya, dressier, messier, sexier, sketchier, * compendia, Ossetia, poinsettia, unhealthier, Saint Helier, sommelier, hotelier, millennia, dyspepsia, eupepsia, alexia, dyslexia, pyrexia, Valencia, * *in absentia*, Philadelphia, psychedelia, anorexia, * intelligentsia, etc.

10.58 shepherded, heralded, heavenward, debited, credited, edited, merited, exited, registered, Hereford, Beresford, Hereward, * unheralded, untenanted, unedited, unmerited, unregistered

10.59 heavenwards, Hereward's

It is not that I am not sensible

To merits in themselves ostensible.

LORD BYRON

10.60 beddable, credible, edible, spreadable, bendable, mendable, sendable, spendable, vendible, gettable, wettable, rentable, vegetable, effable, sellable, terrible, reparable, separable, preferable, memorable, equable, tenable, pregnable, guessable, flexible, sensible, legible, spectacle, pentacle, tentacle, temporal, federal, pectoral, femoral, general, textural, sectional, bestial, burial, Meriel, Tenniel, medical, pedicle, sceptical, testicle, ethical, helical, pellicle, clerical, spherical, metrical, ventricle, chemical, technical, vesicle, lexical, skeletal, genital, vegetal, pedestal, plentiful, aestival, festival, cerebral, decimal, retinal, sentinel, seminal, Lemuel, menstrual, sexual, sensual, textual, * impeccable, incredible, inedible, commendable, dependable, expendable, extendable, defendable, forgettable, regrettable, perceptible, susceptible, acceptable, contemptible, perfectible, collectable, respectable, detectable, delectable, electable, injectable, lamentable, preventable, presentable, contestable, arrestable, comestible, suggestible, detestable, digestible, ineffable, unsellable, indelible, irreparable, inseparable, unmemorable, inequable, untenable, impregnable, impressionable, addressable, accessible, expressible, inflexible, dispensable, defensible, insensible, ostensible, unquenchable, receptacle, electoral, ephemeral, outgeneral, conjectural, professional, confessional, congressional, processional, obsessional, recessionary, exceptional, directional, conventional, intentional, celestial, terrestrial, bimestrial, perennial, centennial, millennial, quinquennial, decennial, biennial, triennial, quadrennial, heretical, poetical, conventicle, identical, unethical, hysterical, chimerical, numerical, symmetrical, obstetrical, calendrical, electrical, polemical, arsenical, nontechnical, nonsensical, congenital, centesimal, millesimal, intestinal, trigeminal, premenstrual, transsexual, asexual, bisexual, consensual, perpetual, conceptual, perceptual, aspectual, effectual, eventual, contextual, * unforgettable, imperceptible, unacceptable, undetectable, unelectable, unpreventable, incontestable, indigestible, inaccessible, irrepressible, inexpressible, reprehensible, indispensable, indefensible, comprehensible, architectural, unprofessional, unexceptional, three-dimensional, unconventional, unintentional, two-dimensional, premillennial, quincennial, bicentennial, tricentennial, postmillennial, alphabetical, antithetical, arithmetical, theoretical, hypothetical, evangelical, anticlerical, hemispherical, asymmetrical, geometrical, biometrical, diametrical, academical, agrochemical, petrochemical, biochemical, photochemical, ecumenical, hexadecimal, duodecimal, homosexual, ineffectual, intellectual, * incomprehensible, semiprofessional, omnidirectional, unidirectional, extraterrestrial, infinitesimal, gastrointestinal, heterosexual

So please grip this fact with your cerebral tentacle

The doll and its maker are never identical.

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

10.61 spectacled, tentacled, emerald, Reginald, * bespectacled

10.62 Venables, spectacles, tentacles, chemicals, decimals, etc.

10.63 Debenham, Cheltenham, venturesome, meddlesome, mettlesome, speculum, pendulum, * compendium, millennium

10.64 decagon, heptagon, pentagon, Pentagon, hexagon, Tenterdon, Benenden, Pemberton, Chesterton, Everton, Sheraton, Templeton, Pendleton, Edmonton, Edgbaston, Featherstone, veteran, Telamon, Betjeman, trencherman, gentleman, Perelman, Lebanon, Henderson, Jefferson, Emerson, Edmondson, Mendelssohn, lesbian, Thespian, Delphian, hessian, Helicon, pelican, pemmican, lexicon, Mexican, Heligan, Crediton, skeleton, Benetton, Ecclestone, Eddington, Teddington, Hetherington, Ellington, wellington, Wellington, Remington, Lexington, Kensington, Eddystone, ferryman, Edison, medicine, jettison, benison, venison, Tennyson, Ericsson, netizen, denizen, Methuen, * dodecagon, progestogen, Gulbenkian, Ossetian, rebellion, Cromwellian, Boswellian, Orwellian, Portmeirion, pedestrian, equestrian, Dickensian, American, pantehnicon, * Christadelphian, Philadelphian, un-American, endoskeleton, exoskeleton, * Machiavellian

Oh, a wondrous bird is the pelican!

His bill will hold more than his belican.

He can take in his beak

Enough food for a week

But I'm damned if I see how the helican.

DIXON LANIER MERRITT

10.65 Westmorland, reverend, Reverend, jettisoned

10.66 Netherlands, Reverend's

10.67 decadent, redolent, prevalent, excellent, deferent, efferent, referent, reverent, eloquent, betterment, testament, temperament, tenement, measurement, settlement, devilment, resonant, sentient, prescient, exeunt, mendicant, desiccant, elegant, evident, precedent, president, resident, penitent, hesitant, elephant, relevant, pestilent, celebrant, emigrant, pediment, sediment, sentiment, element, merriment, decrement, excrement, Egremont, detriment, regiment, revenant, eminent, reticent, negligent, exigent, effluent, petulant, tegument, * malevolent, benevolent, expectorant, irreverent, accelerant, Old Testament, New Testament, development, resettlement, dishevelment, embezzlement, consentient, presentient, dissentient, insentient, inelegant, self-evident, nonresident, impenitent, irrelevant, impediment, presentiment, experiment, embellishment, replenishment, pre-eminent, maleficent, beneficent, intelligent, integument, * redevelopment, unintelligent

10.68 decadence, redolence, prevalence, excellence, temperance, deference, preference, reference, reverence, Reverence, severance, eloquence, measurements, resonance, sentience, prescience, mendicants, elegance, evidence, precedence, residence, residents, penitence, hesitance, elephants, relevance, pestilence, emigrants, sentiments, elements, eminence, reticence, negligence, effluence, petulance, * malevolence, benevolence, intemperance, irreverence, developments, insentience, inelegance, inheritance, impenitence, irrelevance, impediments, experiments, pre-eminence, maleficence, beneficence, intelligence, * disinheritance, * counterintelligence, etc.

10.69 peppering, rendering, tendering, Kettering, lettering, sheltering, sweltering, mentoring, feathering, weathering, censoring, measuring, welcoming, reckoning, threatening, deafening, lessening, questioning, trespassing, editing, everything, anything, * unquestioning, etc.

10.70 exodus, Exodus, embolus, memberless, measureless, effortless, weaponless, Hesperus, decorous, generous, lecherous, treacherous, venturous, venomous, slenderness, tenderness, tetanus, cleverness, membranous, pleasantness, gentleness, helpfulness, helplessness, fecklessness, recklessness, restlessness, selflessness, breathlessness, Pegasus, Ephesus, plenteous, envious, Celsius, crepitus, perilous, penniless, Wenceslas, Septimus, readiness, steadiness, cretinous, pettiness, sweatiness, emptiness, heaviness, friendliness, cleanliness, dressiness, resinous, edginess, wretchedness, selfishness, strenuous, tenuous, sensuous, nebulous, Regulus, credulous, sedulous, pendulous, querulous, emulous, tremulous, *

Telemachus, acephalous, Bucephalus, expressionless, indecorous, ungenerous, adventurous, togetherness, light-headedness, indebtedness, unpleasantness, forgetfulness, pretentiousness, compendious, rebellious, emeritus, necessitous, unfriendliness, effectiveness, inventiveness, unselfishness, impetuous, contemptuous, tempestuous, incestuous, ingenuous, incredulous, * antitetanus, hydrocephalus, overgenerous, unadventurous, disingenuous, etc.

10.71 Everest, peskiest, readiest, steadiest, trendiest, pettiest, sweatiest, emptiest, heaviest, healthiest, wealthiest, smelliest, deadliest, friendliest, merriest, dressiest, messiest, sexiest, sketchiest, * unhealthiest, etc.

10.72 therapist, Methodist, medallist, specialist, terrorist, hedonist, essayist, pessimist, feminist, Leninist, fetishist, exorcist, prejudiced, * nonspecialist, detectorist, adventurist, telephonist, impressionist, expressionist, receptionist, protectionist, perfectionist, projectionist, postfeminist, geneticist, unprejudiced, * hypnotherapist, psychotherapist, instrumentalist, existentialist, sentimentalist, antiterrorist, eco-terrorist, postimpressionist, resurrectionist, vivisectionist, interventionist, * radiotherapist, physiotherapist, * aromatherapist, environmentalist, * antivivisectionist

10.73 desolate, separate, temperate, desperate, Everett, leveret, delegate, sextuplet, * intemperate, confederate, inveterate, protectorate, inspectorate, electorate, directorate, coelenterate, degenerate, regenerate, commensurate, affectionate, Connecticut, indelicate, effeminate, * unregenerate, overestimate, underestimate

10.74 Cheviot, Eliot, Herriot, definite, * licentiate, indefinite

10.75 twentieth, pennyworth, Kenilworth

10.76 trespasses, terraces, lettuces, crevices, premises, blemishes, vestiges, * apprentices, etc.

10.77 melodies, penalties, seventies, memories, pleasantries, enemies, recipes, remedies, * contemporaries, accessories, arch-enemies, discrepancies, elevenses, celebrities, extremities, obscenities, complexities, etc.

**For myself, I'm relied on by friends in extremities,
And I don't mind so much if a comfort to them it is.**

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

10.78 melancholy, sexually, sensually, regularly, temporarily, memorably, pleurably, questionably, enviably, veritably, negligibly, delicately, definitely, infinitely, eloquently, elegantly, evidently, hesitantly, eminently, petulantly, tentatively, relatively, sensitively, gentlemanly, genuinely, welcomingly, threateningly, deafeningly, questioningly, menacingly, effortlessly, decorously, generously, treacherously, enviously, strenuously, temporary, emissary, necessary, February, estuary, respiratory, testimony, ceremony, celibacy, efficacy, delicacy, Excellency, presidency, residency, hesitancy, * ephemerally, professionally, exceptionally, intentionally, conventionally, congenitally, perpetually, conceptually, effectually, eventually, irregularly, irrevocably, unquestionably, immeasurably, inevitably, intelligibly, affectionately, indefinitely, irreverently, competitively, insensitively, consecutively, ungentlemanly, adventurously, rebelliously, impetuously, contemptuously, contemporary, extemporary, unnecessary, investigatory, confederacy, degeneracy, inefficacy, indelicacy, effeminacy, * architecturally, unintentionally, ineffectually, intellectually, unintelligibly, * infinitesimally, etc.

10.79 revocable, memorable, venerable, measurable, pleasurable, mentionable, questionable, expiable, enviable, creditable, heritable, veritable, equitable, execrable, penetrable, estimable, perishable, eligible, negligible, educable, reputable, refutable, * irrevocable, unmemorable, inexorable, immeasurable, commensurable, impressionable, exceptionable, objectionable, unmentionable, unquestionable, inexpiable, unenviable, hereditable, discreditable, inevitable, inheritable, inequitable, impenetrable, inestimable, imperishable, intelligible, ineligible, ineducable, disreputable, irrefutable, * unexceptionable, unintelligible

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The rhymes in this section have the 'er' sound of her and working as their main or final vowel sound.

11.1 blur, br'er, burr, cur, duh, er, err, fir, Fleur, fur, her, Kerr, knur, myrrh, per, purr, shirr, sir, Sir, slur, spur, stir, 'twere, Ur, were, whir, * occur, concur, astir, confer, aver, adieu, monsieur, Pasteur, transfer, chasseur, masseur, coiffeur, voyeur, seigneur, deburr, prie-dieu, milieu, recur, incur, deter, inter, bestir, defer, prefer, refer, infer, demur, longueur, Montreux, auteur, hauteur, chauffeur, poseur, douceur, * transfer, larkspur, cockspur, Hotspur, * saboteur, amateur, shamateur, raconteur, rapporteur, pas de deux, *de rigueur*, Périgueux, reoccur, cri de coeur, Richelieu, disinter, connoisseur, *bon viveur*, force majeure, cordon bleu, butterbur, underfur, * restaurateur, entrepreneur, folie à deux, arbitrageur, droit du seigneur, * *agent provocateur*

11.2 blurb, curb, herb, kerb, Serb, verb, * perturb, disturb, superb, * adverb, EPIRB, proverb, potherb, suburb, * willowherb

**The cars and the lorries run over the kerb,
And the villagers put up a notice: road closed –
So that nothing untoward may chance to disturb
Deuteronomy's rest when he feels so disposed.**

T. S. ELIOT

11.3 curbed, * perturbed, disturbed, * unperturbed, undisturbed

11.4 berk, Burke, Chirk, cirque, dirk, Dirk, erk, irk, jerk, kirk, Kirk, lurk, murk, perk, quirk, Quirke, shirk, smirk, stirk, Turk, work, * Dunkirk, de Klerk, McGurk, berserk, rework, * hackwork, handwork, waxwork, patchwork, artwork, part work, craftwork, glasswork, spadework, paintwork, framework, brainwork, casework, lacework, Selkirk, legwork, headwork, fretwork, network, breastwork, guesswork, earthwork, beadwork, fieldwork, teamwork, piecework, brickwork, shiftwork, bridgework, firework, wirework, brightwork, timework, clockwork, Falkirk, Ormskirk, coursework, groundwork, outwork, housework, coachwork, scrollwork, homework, stonework, brushwork, woodwork, footwork, * Atatürk, handiwork, latticework, masterwork, basketwork, paperwork, metalwork, trelliswork, needlework, timberwork, wickerwork, ironwork, donkey work, bodywork, pokerwork, overwork, openwork, * cabinetwork

11.5 circs, irks, jerks, perks, quirks, works, * gasworks, waxworks, glassworks, steelworks, fireworks, wireworks, saltworks, roadworks, * ironworks, waterworks, etc.

11.6 birch, church, lurch, perch, search, smirch, * besmirch, research, * Fenchurch, wordsearch, research, Whitchurch, Christchurch, * silver birch

11.7 bird, blurred, Byrd, curd, erred, furred, gird, heard, herd, Kurd, nerd, purred, sherd, shirred, slurred, spurred, stirred, surd, third, turd, whirred, word, * occurred, concurred, unstirred, conferred, averred, unheard, absurd, Cape Verde, reword, recurred, begird, deferred, referred, preferred, inferred, misheard, * blackbird, catchword, yardbird, password, swearword, jailbird, game bird, cage bird, headword, f-word, sea bird, keyword, firebird, lyrebird, swineherd, byword, songbird, crossword, watchword, potsherd, shore bird, foreword, cowherd, bowerbird, goatherd, codeword, loan word, lovebird, buzz word, bluebird, * afterword, ladybird, word for word, early bird, whirlybird, weaverbird, reoccurred, dickybird, wattlebird, mockingbird, water bird, overheard, undergird, Douglas Hurd, hummingbird, undeterred, * Richard the Third, four-letter word, etc.

**And what mortal ever heard
Any good of George the Third?**

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

11.8 scurf, serf, Smurf, surf, turf, * windsurf, * AstroTurf®

11.9 berg, Berg, erg, * Hamburg, Hapsburg, Strasbourg, Salzburg, Marburg, Carlsberg, Schoenberg, Sternberg, Lindbergh, Strindberg, Pittsburgh, Spielberg, Freiburg, iceberg, homburg, Coburg, Joburg, Newburg, * Brandenburg, Battenburg, Gettysburg, Württemberg, Königsberg, Hindenburg, Heidelberg, Gothenburg, Nuremberg, Luxembourg, Gutenberg, * Johannesburg, Saint Petersburg

11.10 dirge, merge, purge, scourge, serge, Serge, splurge, spurge, surge, urge, verge, * converge, submerge, demerge, emerge, diverge, * upsurge, * dramaturge, demiurge, thaumaturge

11.11 churl, curl, earl, furl, girl, hurl, knurl, Merle, pearl, Pearl, purl, Searle, skirl, swirl, twirl, whirl, whorl, * uncurl, unfurl, * ball girl, call girl, cowgirl, showgirl, schoolgirl

11.12 curled, furred, hurled, knurled, swirled, twirled, whirled, world, * uncurled, unfurled, * afterworld, underworld

Proud Wellington, with eagle beak so curled,

That nose, the hook where he suspends the world!

LORD BYRON

11.13 firm, germ, Herm, perm, sperm, squirm, term, therm, worm, * affirm, confirm, half term, preterm, midterm, infirm, * ragworm, sandworm, flatworm, tapeworm, threadworm, earthworm, wheatgerm, eelworm, mealworm, silkworm, pinworm, ringworm, inchworm, wireworm, blindworm, roundworm, glow-worm, slowworm, lugworm, bookworm, hookworm, woodworm, * pachyderm, endoderm, ectoderm, reaffirm, gymnosperm, isotherm

11.14 permed, squirmed, wormed, * affirmed, confirmed, * unconfirmed, reaffirmed

11.15 Bern, burn, Byrne, CERN, churn, earn, Ern, erne, fern, föhn, girn, kern, Kern, learn, quern, spurn, stern, Sterne, tern, turn, urn, Verne, yearn, * astern, Ahern, Traherne, unlearn, concern, adjourn, relearn, epergne, return, intern, inurn, discern, Sauternes, Auvergne, Jules Verne, lucerne, Lucerne, * Blackburn, pastern, heartburn, Braeburn, Raeburn, Hepburn, lectern, extern, Redfern, windburn, Swinburne, bittern, intern, Tyburn, wyvern, nocturne, sojourn, downturn, Woburn, Cockburn, sunburn, upturn, Crewkerne, U-turn, * Bannockburn, taciturn, three-point turn, Comintern, nonreturn, overturn, unconcern, * pay-as-you-earn

11.16 burned, earned, learned, spurned, turned, yearned, * unburned, upturned, unturned, unlearned, unearned, concerned, adjourned, hard-earned, well-earned, returned, interned, discerned, downturned, * overturned, unconcerned, etc.

11.17 burnt, learnt, weren't, * unburnt, unlearnt, * sunburnt

11.18 Burns, churns, earns, Ern's, ferns, learns, turns, urns, years, * concerns, returns, * sideburns, etc.

11.19 burp, chirp, slurp, twerp, * usurp, * Antwerp, * Wyatt Earp

11.20 burps, chirps, SERPS, slurps, stirps, turps, * usurps, * Wyatt Earp's

11.21 burped, chirped, slurped, * usurped, * excerpt

11.22 curse, Erse, hearse, nurse, purse, terse, verse, worse, * asperse, averse, perverse, traverse, adverse, converse, submerge, transverse, disburse, disperse, reverse, inverse, rehearse, immerse, diverse, coerce, * adverse, wet nurse, inverse, obverse, converse, commerce, cutpurse, * reimburse, intersperse, universe

An open foe may prove a curse,

But a pretended friend is worse.

JOHN GAY

11.23 burst, cursed, durst, first, Hearst, Hirst, Hurst, nursed, pursed, thirst, versed, worst, wurst, * accursed, traversed, conversed, submersed, headfirst, well-versed, disbursed, dispersed, reversed, rehearsed, immersed, coerced, * Pankhurst, Sandhurst, knackwurst, bratwurst, starburst, cloudburst, outburst, Dewhurst, * safety first, twenty-first, reimbursed, interspersed, liverwurst, unrehearsed

11.24 Bert, blurt, Burt, cert, curt, dirt, flirt, girt, hurt, Kurt, pert, shirt, skirt, spurt, squirt, wert, wort, * avert, pervert, subvert, advert, convert, unhurt, alert, assert, concert, revert, invert, inert, insert, desert, dessert, exert, divert, obvert, overt, * Frankfurt, advert, ragwort, Blackshirt, hair shirt, expert, sexpert, sweatshirt, pervert, sneezewort, T-shirt, ribwort, milkwort, figwort, stitchwort, insert, nightshirt, convert, outsert, overt, lungwort, woundwort, * malapert, bladderwort, Engelbert, Ethelbert, extrovert, pennywort, reconvert, feverwort, reassert, reinsert, introvert, slipperwort, liverwort, disconcert, inexpert, miniskirt, controvert, overskirt, underskirt, undershirt, * overexert

11.25 Bert's, flirts, hertz, Hertz, hurts, shirts, skirts, squirts, * adverts, experts, *Weltschmerz*, T-shirts, converts, outskirts, * extroverts, megahertz, introverts, gigahertz, kilohertz, underskirts, just deserts, etc.

11.26 berth, birth, dearth, earth, firth, girth, mirth, Perth, worth, * unearth, self-worth, rebirth, * Dankworth, Tamworth, Hayworth, Knebworth, Hepworth, Petworth, Emsworth, Letchworth, Wordsworth, stillbirth, childbirth, Bosworth, jobsworth, Wandsworth, Duckworth, Lulworth, Woolworth, * afterbirth, pennyworth, Kenilworth, Middle-earth, Illingworth, Solway Firth, down-to-earth, Butterworth, Shuttleworth

One for sorrow, two for mirth.

Three for a wedding, four for a birth.

TRADITIONAL RHYME

11.27 curve, derv, Merv, nerve, perv, serve, swerve, verve, * unnerve, Deneuve, subserve, conserve, observe, deserve, preserve, reserve, hors d'oeuvre

11.28 curved, served, swerved, * unnerved, conserved, observed, deserved, preserved, reserved, * well-preserved, unobserved, undeserved, unreserved

11.29 blurs, errs, firs, furs, furze, hers, Meuse, purrs, Sirs, spurs, stirs, * occurs, masseuse, chanteuse, coiffeuse, chartreuse, recurs, prefers, * saboteurs, amateurs, secateurs, Betelgeuse, connoisseurs, etc.

12.1 Furby®, Herbie, herby, Kirby, Kirkby, chirpy, jerky, murky, perky, quirky, turkey, Turkey, Fergie, lurgy, birdie, nerdy, Purdy, sturdy, wordy, Thursday, Bertie, dirty, flirty, Gertie, qwerty, shirty, thirty, Kirsty, thirsty, furphy, Murphy, scurfy, surfie, turfy, curvy, nervy, scurvy, Turvey, earthy, worthy, Berlei, Burghley, burly, curly, early, girlie, Hurley, pearly, Shirley, surly, twirly, thirdly, worldly, curtly, firstly, earthly, firmly, Burnley, sternly, tersely, blurry, firry, furry, Vyrnwy, Fermi, wormy, Burney, Ernie, ferny, Gurney, journey, Kearney, Circe, mercy, Percy, Chertsey, curtsy, furzy, jersey, Jersey, kersey, Mersey, Guernsey, Hershey, clergy, * Euterpe, unworthy, superbly, absurdly, unworldly, overtly, unearthly, perversely, adversely, conversely, attorney, * bloodthirsty, airworthy, blameworthy, praiseworthy, seaworthy, Galsworthy, roadworthy, noteworthy, trustworthy, newsworthy, * untrustworthy, * Albuquerque, hurdy-gurdy, vinho verde, olde worlde, topsyturvy, creditworthy, taxidermy, diathermy, arsy-versy, controversy, dramaturgy, metallurgy, hurly-burly, Curly Wurly, otherworldly, etc.

I'm Burlington Bertie, I rise at ten-thirty.

WILLIAM HARGREAVES

12.2 Berber, Thurber, chirper, Sherpa, burka, circa, Gurkha, lurker, shirker, smirker, worker, burger, burgher, birder, Gerda, girder, herder, murder, purdah, Schroeder, curter, Goethe, perter, squirter, surfer, fervour, server, swerver, Bertha, Eartha, further, murther, curler, pearler, purler, twirler, whirler, burglar, gurgler, hurdler, Koestler, stirrer, oeuvre, verdure, Burma, firmer, Irma, Sturmer, murmur, wormer, burner, earner, learner, Lerner, Myrna, Smyrna, sterner, turner, Turner, Verner, Werner, yearner, bursa, cursor, bursar, mercer, Mercer, purser, Ursa, Persia, lurcher, nurture, percher, searcher, merger, perjure, purger, scourger, urger, verger, * usurper, mazurka, Roberta, perverter, subverter, converter, McWhirter, asserter, Alberta, inverter, deserter, observer, Minerva, deserver, preserver,

transferor, *chef-d'oeuvre*, deferrer, referrer, hors d'oeuvre, taverna, returner, precursor, disperser, rehearser, immerser, vice versa, coercer, inertia, researcher, demerger, * networker, tear-jerker, field worker, steelworker, mill worker, outworker, homemaker, woodworker, hamburger, Pressburger, beefburger, cheeseburger, Limburger, frankfurter, windsurfer, timeserver, * metalworker, ironworker, Ethelburga, vegeburger, Luxembourger, terra firma, Annapurna, afterburner, gutta-percha, * hurt her, serve her, etc.

12.3 Turkic, Lerwick, * acerbic, allergic, synergic, lysergic, * hypodermic, taxidermic, metallurgic, * poikilothermic, homiothermic

12.4 turbid, dirtied, fervid, learned, cursed, curtsied, * perfervid, accursed

12.5 herded, murdered, worded, spurted, squirted, Burford, furthered, earthward, murmured, Bernard, gurnard, nurtured, * averted, perverted, converted, concerted, inverted, inserted, deserted, diverted, * extroverted, introverted, disconcerted, unconverted, etc.

12.6 earthwards, Bernard's

12.7 Burbage, herbage, wordage

12.8 burble, gerbil, Froebel, herbal, verbal, purple, circle, burgle, Fergal, gurgle, curdle, girdle, hurdle, dirndl, hurtle, kirtle, myrtle, Myrtle, turtle, hurtful, chervil, serval, dermal, thermal, colonel, journal, kernel, sternal, vernal, Hirsal, Persil®, Purcell, tercel, kursaal, Herschel, tertial, Virgil, * nonverbal, encircle, transferral, deferral, referral, fraternal, maternal, paternal, eternal, internal, external, infernal, diurnal, hibernal, nocturnal, succursal, transversal, dispersal, reversal, rehearsal, commercial, inertial, * Bracegirdle, * semicircle, panty girdle, epidermal, geothermal, sempiternal, coeternal, universal, mangelwurzle, infomercial, controversial, noncommercial, * uncontroversial

12.9 burbles, gerbils, Goebbels, circles, hurdles, thermals, * rehearsals, commercials, etc.

12.10 serfdom, earldom, Bertram, Burnham, sternum, irksome, * laburnum, viburnum, nasturtium, * reductio ad absurdum, * heard 'em, learn 'em, etc.

12.11 Turpin, firkin, gherkin, jerkin, Perkin, Irvine, Mervyn, Merlin, Irwin, Gershwin, ermine, Jermyn, vermin, urchin, virgin, * Dick Turpin, Dunfermline, determine, * predetermine, * workin', learnin', etc.

12.12 bourbon, Durban, turban, urban, Bergen, Jürgen, burden, guerdon, Burton, certain, curtain, Girton, Merton, Kirsten, earthen, burthen, Kirwan, Burman, german, German, Herman, Hermon, sermon, Sherman, workman, Bergman, Perlman, herdsman, churchman, Vernon, person, worsen, Curzon, Persian, tertian, version, burgeon, Spurgeon, sturgeon, surgeon, * suburban, unburden, disburden, uncertain, Albertan, Macpherson, aspersion, aversion, perversion, subversion, conversion, submersion, assertion, dispersion, recursion, incursion, excursion, Cistercian, reversion, inversion, immersion, insertion, desertion, exertion, diversion, coercion, * Spitsbergen, barperson, chairperson, layperson, salesperson, sportsperson, spokesperson, unperson, * Ardnamurchan, overburden, retroversion, extroversion, self-assertion, reconversion, interspersion, introversion, * animadversion, overexertion

Like the ancient Medes and Persians,

Always by his own exertions

He subsisted on those hills.

EDWARD LEAR

12.13 burdened, curtained, Bertrand, * unburdened, * overburdened, etc.

12.14 serpent, verdant, fervent, servant, Derwent, versant, merchant, Merchant, urgent, * advertent, observant, conferment, deferment, preferment, interment, adjournment, internment, discernment, disbursement, conversant, dispersant, convergent, resurgent, detergent, emergent, insurgent, divergent, * maidservant, manservant, * inadvertent, unobservant, reimbursement

12.15 serpents, servants, merchants, * observance, detergents, convergence, emergence,

resurgence, insurgence, insurgents, divergence, * inadvertence, re-emergence, etc.

12.16 curbing, burping, chirping, kerbing, jerking, lurking, shirking, working, erlking, herding, wording, flirting, hurting, shirting, skirting, squirting, bursting, thirsting, surfing, curving, Irving, serving, swerving, berthing, birthing, Worthing, curling, hurling, sterling, Stirling, swirling, whirling, circling, gurgling, hurdling, earthling, nursling, erring, Goering, purring, shirring, stirring, whirring, squirming, Groening, burning, churning, earning, kerning, learning, turning, yearning, cursing, nursing, Pershing, birching, churching, lurching, searching, merging, purging, surging, urging, verging, * perturbing, disturbing, usurping, hard-working, nonworking, converting, deserting, unswerving, unnerving, observing, self-serving, deserving, preserving, unearthing, encircling, occurring, conferring, unerring, recurring, inferring, confirming, concerning, returning, discerning, conversing, dispersing, rehearsing, converging, emerging, * networking, tear-jerking, woodworking, windsurfing, kitesurfing, timeserving, heart-searching, * metalworking, teleworking, disconcerting, undeserving, etc.

Keep the home-fires burning,

While your hearts are yearning.

LENA GUILBERT FORD

12.17 workings, servings, earthlings, purse-strings, earnings, yearnings, etc.

12.18 Curtis, surface, Jervis, Purves, service, surplice, dermis, kermis, furnace, Furness, burgess, Burgess, purchase, * resurface, self-service, disservice, repurchase, * epidermis

12.19 purpose, circus, Fergus, nervous, surplus, workless, wordless, mirthless, worthless, Thermos®, curtness, pertness, firmness, terseness, versus, Tertius, * Lycurgus, alertness, Propertius, * multipurpose, Carrickfergus, * hurt us, curse us, etc.

12.20 curtest, pertest, furthest, firmest, earnest, Ernest, sternest, etc.

Life is real! Life is earnest!

And the grave is not its goal;

Dust thou art, to dust returnest,

Was not spoken of the soul.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

12.21 surfaced, serviced, * resurfaced, reservist, repurchased, * taxidermist

12.22 furbish, Kurdish, Turkish, dervish, churlish, girlish, skirmish, burnish, furnish, * refurbish

12.23 burnished, furnished, * refurbished, unfurnished

12.24 burbot, Herbert, sherbet, turbot, Urquhart, ergot, Dermot, * alternate

12.25 turnspit, Burkitt, circuit, surfeit, vervet, circler, hermit, Kermit, permit, Burnett, * short-circuit, interpret, * reinterpret, misinterpret, * work it, turn it, etc.

12.26 Wordsworth, vermouth

12.27 furtive, cursive, * assertive, subversive, discursive, coercive

12.28 herpes, turkeys, birdies, certes, Surtees, thirties, worthies, Hermes, journeys, mercies, Xerxes, * Laertes, etc.

12.29 Burgundy, certainty, verbally, personally, fervently, urgently, earnestly, certainly, purposely, nervously, Burberry®, servery, burglary, mercury, Mercury, wormery, fernery, ternary, turnery, bursary, cursory, mercery, nursery, tertiary, perjury, surgery, purgatory, Germany, fervency, urgency, Bermondsey, perfidy, firmity, chirpily, sturdily, dirtily, worthily, vertically, surgically, perfectly, mercifully, furtively, churlishly, girlishly, circuitry, mercenary, courtesy, virtually, * uncertainty, hyperbole, maternally, paternally, eternally, internally, externally, infernally, nocturnally, impersonally, commercially, alternately, uncertainly, infirmary, quaternary, precursory, conservatory, observatory, confirmatory, diversionary, conservancy, emergency, insurgency, acerbity, absurdity, infirmity, fraternity, maternity, paternity, eternity, modernity, perversity, adversity, diversity, unworthily, deservedly, reservedly, concernedly, accursedly, unmercifully, assertively, unnervingly, unerringly,

discourtesy, * universally, controversially, inadvertently, anniversary, microsurgery, neurosurgery, taciturnity, university, undeservedly, unreservedly, unconcernedly, disconcertingly, * counterinsurgency, biodiversity, etc.

12.30 pergola, Berbera, gerbera, murderer, murmurer, nurturer, perjurer, surfacer, purchaser, curvature, nervature, worshipper, Guernica, Perdita, servitor, vertebra, Wurlitzer®, furnisher, furniture, circular, Ursula, * conservator, hyperbola, interpreter, determiner, tubercular, * semicircular

12.31 Serbia, chirpier, murkier, perkier, quirlier, sturdier, dirtier, thirstier, worthier, curlier, earlier, surlier, Hermia, hernia, vernier, Mercia, * suburbia, Calpurnia, Hibernia, inertia, * hyperthermia, hypothermia, etc.

12.32 workable, learnable, searchable, personal, vertical, cervical, versicle, surgical, merciful, worshipful, Percival, vertebral, germinal, terminal, virginal, virtual, * unworkable, convertible, observable, transferable, returnable, discernible, submersible, reversible, puerperal, impersonal, adverbial, proverbial, liturgical, unmerciful, * imperturbable, controvertible, indiscernible, nonreturnable, irreversible, intervertebral, interpersonal, metallurgical, * incontrovertible, entrepreneurial

12.33 Pergamum, burdensome, erbium, terbium, Birmingham, * ytterbium, operculum

12.34 Turkoman, Pergamon, Ferguson, Serbian, Permian, Surbiton, Workington, Worthington, Burlington, journeyman, clergyman, Murchison, * Gilbertian, quaternion, Saturnian, Melburnian, Hibernian, Copernican

12.35 termagant, firmament, permanent, pertinent, turbulent, * reverberant, impermanent, subservient, advertisement, refurbishment, appurtenant, impertinent, determinant, * antiperspirant

12.36 furtherance, permanence, pertinence, turbulence, * impermanence, subservience, advertisements, appurtenance, impertinence, etc.

12.37 purposeless, Cerberus, murderess, murderous, hurtfulness, nervousness, worthlessness, courteous, pervious, Perseus, merciless, murkiness, sturdiness, dirtiness, worthiness, earliness, terminus, verminous, earnestness, virtuous, * discourteous, impervious, Copernicus, assertiveness, superfluous, tuberculous, * airworthiness, seaworthiness, roadworthiness, etc.

12.38 herbalist, journalist, * determinist

12.39 chirpiest, murkiest, perkier, quirkiest, sturdiest, dirtiest, thirstiest, worthiest, curliest, earliest, surliest, etc.

12.40 perforate, vertebrate, * imperforate, invertebrate, determinate, * indeterminate

12.41 merchantable, personable, permeable, terminable, serviceable, * impermeable, determinable, interminable, unserviceable, * semipermeable, indeterminate

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13.1 beer, bier, blear, cere, cheer, clear, dear, deer, drear, ear, fear, gear, Greer, hear, here, jeer, kir, leer, Lear, mere, Mir, near, peer, pier, queer, rear, sear, sere, shear, sheer, smear, sneer, spear, sphere, steer, stere, tear, tier, Trier, veer, Wear, we're, weir, Weir, year, * appear, frontier, De Vere, adhere, unclear, career, uprear, veneer, Kashmir, apnoea, Tangier, cashier, emir, Vermeer, endear, revere, revers, severe, inhere, mishear, King Lear, midyear, besmear, Kinnear, sincere, vizier, Zaire, idea, austere, chorea, all-clear, cohere, Hosea, * Tranmere, Tangmere, cashmere, Hampshire, Grasmere, Berkshire, Ayrshire, tapir, Shakespeare, fakir, nadir, reindeer, headgear, Ellesmere, Cheshire, wheatear, switchgear, Kingswear, Wiltshire, compeer, Shropshire, Yorkshire, roe deer, Goodyear, * halberdier, Agadir, balladeer, pamphleteer, gazetteer, stratosphere, atmosphere, bandolier, chandelier, cavalier, Cavalier, cameleer, gasolier, Lancashire, Staffordshire, racketeer, gadgeteer, bathysphere, Vladimir, Casimir, Aboukir, Hertfordshire, marketeer, Chanticleer, Derbyshire, Haslemere, Cambridgeshire, belvedere, grenadier, megathere, seborrhoea, yesteryear, Delamere, Benazir, Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, hemisphere, Bedivere, Elzevir, engineer, technofear, persevere, reappear, ecosphere, disappear, ginger beer, brigadier, interfere, lithosphere, crystal-clear, Windermere, cuirassier, Lincolnshire, Guinevere, insincere, privateer, biosphere, diarrhoea, pyorrhoea, Tyne and Wear, pioneer, bombardier, commandeer, volunteer, troposphere, gondolier, logorrhoea, gonorrhoea, Rothermere, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Conybeare, rocketeer, profiteer, sonneteer, domineer, Warwickshire, auctioneer, corsetier, Paul Revere, mountaineer, oversteer, overhear, sloganeer, understeer, Buttermere, buccaneer, puppeteer, musketeer, Worcestershire, souvenir, muleteer, fusilier, mutineer, scrutineer, * titanother, Northamptonshire, electioneer, ionosphere, ozonosphere, * chariotteer, orienteer, amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, adipocere, Nottinghamshire, Buckinghamshire, Golda Meir, Guadalquivir, carabineer

Damn with faint praise, assent with civil leer,

And without sneering, teach the rest to sneer.

ALEXANDER POPE

13.2 beard, cheered, cleared, eared, jeered, leered, peered, reared, smeared, sneered, speared, steered, tiered, veered, weird, * appeared, afeard, adhered, careered, veneered, revered, * Blackbeard, bat-eared, lop-eared, goatsbeard, Bluebeard, * engineered, disappeared, pioneered, domineered, etc.

13.3 real, * surreal, unreal, ideal, * gonorrhoeal

13.4 Bierce, fierce, Pearse, pierce, Pierce, tierce

13.5 beers, cheers, ears, fears, gears, hears, jeers, peers, Piers, Sears, shears, sneers, spears, Spears, Squeers, tears, tiers, years, * appears, arrears, careers, Algiers, Tangiers, in tears, ideas, all ears, * Cavaliers, engineers, etc.

Mademoiselle from Armenteers,

Hasn't been kissed for forty years.

Military song

14.1 realty, Brearley, clearly, dearly, merely, nearly, queerly, really, yearly, weirdly, fiercely, Beardsley, beery, bleary, cheery, Cleary, dearie, dreary, eerie, Erie, eyrie, Leary, leery, Neary, Peary, peri, query, smeary, sneery, teary, theory, weary, Deirdre, Tierney, * unclearly, surreally, severely, sincerely, ideally, Dun Laoghaire, Valkyrie, Kashmiri, O'Leary, * insincerely

14.2 weirder, theatre, era, clearer, dearer, hearer, Hera, lira, nearer, queerer, rearer, sclera, sera, shearer, smearer, sneerer, steerer, Vera, fiercer, piercer, * Madeira, Utsire, Elvira, sincerer, chimera, coherer, * sheepshearer, * amphitheatre, rangatira, lavatera, antisera, aloe

vera, D'Oliviera, * reared her, cheer her, etc.

14.3 bearded, rearward

14.4 queried, wearied, * unwearied

14.5 peerage, steerage, * arrearage

14.6 cheerful, fearful, tearful, feral, scleral, spherical, Pearsall, tiercel

14.7 serum, theorem, fearsome, meerschaum, * antiserum, * fear 'em, hear 'em, etc.

14.8 deerskin, Erin, * jeerin', piercin', etc.

14.9 Reardon, Kieran, Viren, spearman, steersman, Pearson, * Madeiran, frontiersman

14.10 cerement, vehement, * adherent, inherent, coherent, endearment, * incoherent

14.11 clearance, vehemence, * appearance, adherence, adherents, coherence, endearments, * perseverance, reappearance, interference, incoherence, nonappearance

14.12 shearling, yearling, cheering, clearing, earring, gearing, hearing, jeering, rearing, searing, shearing, sneering, steering, piercing, * appearing, veneering, endearing, revering, * sheep-shearing, child-rearing, God-fearing, * engineering, persevering, disappearing, interfering, pioneering, profiteering, domineering, auctioneering, mountaineering, scrutineering, * electioneering, * orienteering, * bioengineering, etc.

14.13 peeress, Beatrice

14.14 cheerless, earless, fearless, peerless, beardless, sclerous, serous, clearness, dearness, nearness, weirdness, fierceness, * Severus, * Algeciras, * Ahasuerus, * hear us, feared us, etc.

14.15 realist, theorist, pianist, * surrealist, idealist, careerist

14.16 weirdest, clearest, dearest, nearest, queerest, fiercest, * sincerest, etc.

14.17 Kyrgyz, queries, series, theories, wearies, Deirdre's, * miniseries, etc.

14.18 cheerier, drearier, eerier, wearier, * bacteria, anterior, Algeria, exterior, interior, listeria, wisteria, hysteria, inferior, diphtheria, Iberia, Liberia, Siberia, Nigeria, posterior, ulterior, superior, * cafeteria, sansevieria, Lake Superior, etc.

14.19 hearable, steerable, cereal, ferial, serial, Cheeryble, * material, bacterial, arterial, imperial, Imperial, ethereal, venereal, sidereal, funereal, * immaterial, monasterial, managerial, magisterial, ministerial, * antibacterial

14.20 cerium, * bacterium, imperium, deuterium, * magisterium

14.21 Pierian, * Adlerian, Kashmirian, Cancerian, Algerian, Wagnerian, Shakespearean, Spenserian, Zaïrian, Iberian, Liberian, Siberian, Hyperion, criterion, Nigerian, Chaucerian, Mousterial, Sumerian, * Hanoverian, Presbyterian, trans-Siberian

14.22 experience, * inexperience

14.23 cheerfulness, fearlessness, serious, dreariness, weariness, * imperious, mysterious, Tiberias, Tiberius, * Desiderius, deleterious, etc.

For the writing of verse is a struggle mysterious

And the gayest of rhymes is a matter that's serious.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

The rhymes in this section have the 'ee' sound of breed and teacher as their main or final vowel sound. You can also rhyme some of these words with words ending in -y (e.g. happily, telepathy, capability), which you will find in other sections.

15.1 B, be, Bea, bee, Brie, C, Cree, D, Dee, E, fee, flea, flee, free, G, gee, ghee, glee, he, key, knee, lea, lee, Lee, Leigh, me, mi, P, pea, pee, plea, quay, re, sea, scree, see, she, ski, spree, T, te, tea, tee, the, thee, three, tree, Tree, twee, V, we, wee, whee, ye, Z

Stands the church clock at ten to three?

And is there honey still for tea?

RUPERT BROOKE

15.2 McGee, Dundee, suttee, trustee, McPhee, alee, Tralee, Cherie, Marie, sirree, Capri, agree, buckshee, maquis, grandee, standee, tax-free, banshee, marquee, marquis, draftee, grantee, Grand Prix, Parsee, bargee, payee, JP, HP, AD, bailee, trainee, NB, LP, MP, vendee, settee, esprit, rent-free, étui, ME, lessee, MC, PE, CB, GB, TB, GP, CD, three-D, VD, ET, PT, TT, CV, TV, tee-hee, BC, cc, PC, e.g., yippee, decree, degree, jinni, i.e., ID, IT, Tiree, lychee, t'ai chi, off-key, scot-free, Torquay, Pawnee, Shawnee, foresee, low-key, OD, goatee, toll-free, whoopee, cooee, rupee, bootee, tutee, UV, QC, * mother-to-be, Trincomalee, fiddle-de-dee, bouquet garni, GCSE, RSVP, PAYE, interviewee, on the q.t., WC, * Muhammad Ali

15.3 Bacchae, Yankee, latchkey, Atlee, Crabtree, algae, passkey, larvae, carefree, pear tree, Aintree, Braintree, precis, debris, Elstree, turnkey, fir tree, tepee, kiwi, pewee, gee-gee, squeegee, Frisbee®, pritheo, Nike, psyche, pine tree, sightsee, spondee, coffee, toffee, crosstree, Rowntree, Toynbee, trochee, ogee, puttee, bungee, look-see, bootee, shoetree, * antennae, Mycenae, committee, banoffee, Milwaukee, alumnae, Grand Coulee, * Tallahassee, prima facie, subcommittee, Murrumbidgee

15.4 manatee, guarantee, absentee, jamboree, transferee, Anne-Marie, *bain-marie*, axletree, ratatouille, apogee, Chatterjee, après-ski, addressee, Galilee, Pharisee, appointee, amputee, jalousie, Sadducee, R&B, R&D, Marshalsea, RAC, RIP, maître d', A&E, HRT, c'est la vie, KGB, ABC, eighty-three, HIV, Cherokee, legatee, devotee, referee, kedgerie, repartee, SAE, escapee, LSD, MSc, MBE, MEP, LED, LCD, Zebedee, Gemini, pedigree, twenty-three, Tennessee, perigee, debauchee, employee, SOB, epopee, MOD, MOT, refugee, fleur-de-lys, verdigris, thirty-three, B&B, Tweedledee, C of E, Peterlee, vis-à-vis, CJD, PhD, VAT, detainee, ESP, CND, GMT, PMT, TNT, BSE, CFC, plc, TLC, BSc, DVD, BBC, PVC, VIP, CID, deportee, TUC, chickadee, disagree, swingletree, fricassee, Winchelsea, chimpanzee, returnee, interneer, filigree, fifty-three, sixty-three, retiree, divorcee, inductee, bride-to-be, licensee, Zuider Zee, ITV, Waikiki, ninety-three, wannabe, warrantee, bonhomie, nominee, monoski, water-ski, forty-three, mortgagee, formulae, bourgeoisie, oversea, oversee, OAP, OBE, OTT, Rosie Lee, bumblebee, dungaree, trouble-free, undersea, honeybee, sugar-free, USP, QED, jubilee, dutyfree, * abandonee, examinee, evacuee, chinoiserie, Thermopylae, minutiae

There was an old lady of Winchelsea,

Who said, 'If you needle or pin shall see,

On the floor of my room,

Sweep it up with the broom!'

That exhaustive old lady of Winchelsea!

EDWARD LEAR

15.5 Beeb, dweeb, glebe, grebe, * Delibes, Antibes

15.6 dweeb, grebes, Thebes

15.7 beak, bleak, cheek, chic, clique, creak, creek, eek, eke, freak, geek, Greek, leak, leek, meek, peak, Peake, peek, peke, pique, reek, seek, shriek, Sikh, sleek, sneak, speak, Speke, squeak, streak, teak, tweak, weak, week, wreak, * unspeak, oblique, batik, pratique, antique,

Lalique, Tajik, technique, bespeak, critique, triptyque, mystique, midweek, bezique, physique, off-peak, boutique, Mustique, unique, * speedfreak, pipsqueak, forepeak, houseleek, newspeak, * Martinique, Chesapeake, fenugreek, stickybeak, hide-and-seek, Dominique, ortanique, Mozambique, tongue-in-cheek, * téléphérique

And I seem to find the happiness I seek

When we're out together dancing cheek-to-cheek.

IRVING BERLIN

15.8 beaks, breeks, cheeks, freaks, shrieks, speaks, Weekes, weeks, * *idée fixe*, * Macgillicuddy's Reeks, etc.

15.9 beach, beech, bleach, breach, breech, each, leach, Leach, leech, peach, pleach, preach, reach, screech, speech, teach, * unteach, impeach, beseach, * Wisbech, horseleech, outreach, * overreach

Shall I part my hair behind? Do I dare to eat a peach?

I shall wear white flannel trousers, and walk upon the beach.

T. S. ELIOT

15.10 beached, bleached, preached, reached, * unbleached, impeached, beseached, etc.

15.11 bead, Bede, bleed, breed, cede, creed, deed, Eid, feed, freed, Gide, greed, he'd, heed, knead, lead, lied, mead, Meade, Mede, need, plead, read, Reade, reed, Reed, Reid, screed, seed, she'd, skied, speed, steed, swede, Swede, tweed, Tweed, we'd, weed, * agreed, proceed, succeed, concede, stampede, accede, Rashid, Candide, reread, impede, indeed, misdeed, mislead, inbreed, misread, precede, recede, secede, exceed, high-speed, Godspeed, outbreed, OD'd, * Flamsteed, handfeed, knapweed, ragweed, flaxseed, airspeed, fairlead, hayseed, rapeseed, breast-feed, birdseed, Siegfried, seaweed, weak-kneed, drip-feed, lip-read, chickweed, linseed, mind-read, sight-read, bindweed, Lockheed, crossbreed, hogweed, pondweed, knotweed, knock-kneed, force-feed, groundspeed, oilseed, nosebleed, duckweed, spoonfeed, proofread, * guaranteed, Ganymede, antecede, aniseed, refereed, centipede, retrocede, invalid, interbreed, intercede, millipede, chicken feed, bottle-feed, cottonseed, waterweed, overfeed, underfeed, tumbleweed, Runnymede, bugleweed, supersede, * velocipede

Who to himself is law, no law doth need,

Offends no law, and is a king indeed.

GEORGE CHAPMAN

15.12 beads, breeds, deeds, Leeds, needs, reeds, tweeds, weeds, * succeeds, misdeeds, * nosebleeds, proceeds, * centipedes, invalids, etc.

15.13 beef, brief, chief, fief, grief, leaf, reef, sheaf, thief, * Sharif, massif, debrief, belief, relief, naïf, corned beef, roast beef, O'Keefe, motif, * kerchief, sneak thief, tea leaf, wheatsheaf, fig leaf, flyleaf, * handkerchief, bas-relief, Tenerife, neckerchief, interleaf, disbelief, misbelief, leitmotif, overleaf, cloverleaf, unbelief, * apéritif

15.14 gigue, Grieg, league, * fatigue, intrigue, renege, * blitzkrieg, sitzkrieg, colleague

15.15 liege, siege, * besiege

15.16 prestige, * noblesse oblige

15.17 Beale, creel, deal, Deal, eel, feel, he'll, heal, heel, keel, Keele, Kiel, kneel, Lille, meal, Neil, peal, peel, Peel, reel, seal, she'll, spiel, squeal, steal, steel, Steel, Steele, stele, teal, veal, we'll, weal, wheal, wheel, zeal, * appeal, allele, Camille, schlemiel, anneal, chenille, conceal, unseal, congeal, Bastille, Castile, square deal, genteel, Emil, Cecile, reseal, repeal, misdeal, reveal, ordeal, O'Neill, Lucille, * cartwheel, selfheal, treadwheel, gearwheel, freewheel, sweetmeal, wheatmeal, piecemeal, printwheel, millwheel, pinwheel, fishmeal, flywheel, cogwheel, allheal, Mobile, oatmeal, wholemeal, bonemeal, newsreel, * blastocoel, deshabelle, stainless steel, daisywheel, rectocele, Ferris wheel, Estoril, three-course meal, cystocele, imbecile,

glockenspiel, cockatiel, commonweal, cochineal, Dormobile®, snowmobile, Popemobile, underseal, * Achilles heel, * automobile

15.18 field, Field, healed, heeled, kneeled, pealed, peeled, reeled, sealed, shield, squealed, Weald, wheeled, wield, yield, * appealed, afield, unhealed, annealed, concealed, unsealed, congealed, well-heeled, three-wheeled, resealed, repealed, revealed, high-heeled, four-wheeled, low-heeled, two-wheeled, * Hatfield, Anfield, Cranfield, Mansfield, airfield, hayfield, Wakefield, Masefield, Sheffield, Enfield, greenfield, midfield, infield, Winfield, Springfield, Lichfield, windshield, minefield, cornfield, outfield, brownfield, oilfield, Schofield, snowfield, Oldfield, coalfield, Nuffield, gumshield, * battlefield, Macclesfield, Dangerfield, chesterfield, Chesterfield, Sellafeld, Beaconsfield, Petersfield, ill-concealed, Copperfield, Butterfield, Somerfield, Huddersfield, unconcealed, unrevealed, * Sutton Coldfield

15.19 deals, eels, feels, heels, meals, Neil's, seals, wheels, * appeals, conceals, congeals, reveals, * Galashiels, jellied eels, meals on wheels, imbeciles, etc.

When love congeals

It soon reveals

The faint aroma of performing seals,

The double crossing of a pair of heels.

LORENZ HART

15.20 beam, bream, Bream, Cheam, cream, deem, dream, gleam, Nîmes, ream, scheme, scream, seam, seem, steam, stream, team, teem, theme, * abeam, agleam, Karim, upstream, raceme, blaspheme, regime, redeem, esteem, extreme, midstream, ice cream, onstream, downstream, supreme, * centime, harem, airstream, daydream, mainstream, jetstream, Brylcreem®, slipstream, millstream, whitebeam, bireme, trireme, crossbeam, hornbeam, morpheme, Coldstream, phoneme, sunbeam, bloodstream, Gulf Stream, moonbeam, * academe, self-esteem, Ibrahim, single cream, disesteem, quinquereame, kibbutzim, clotted cream, monotreme, double cream

But what is man in his own proud esteem?

Hear him, himself the poet and the theme.

WILLIAM COWPER

15.21 beamed, dreamed, gleamed, screamed, seemed, steamed, streamed, teemed, * undreamed, unstreamed, blasphemed, redeemed, esteemed, * unredeemed, etc.

15.22 beams, dreams, reams, Rheims, schemes, seams, teams, etc.

15.23 bean, been, clean, dean, Dean, e'en, gean, gene, Gene, glean, green, Greene, Jean, Kean, keen, lean, mean, mien, Nene, peen, preen, queen, Queen, scene, screen, seen, sheen, Sheene, skean, spleen, teen, wean, zine

Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been?

I've been to London to see the Queen.

NURSERY RHYME

15.24 lateen, umpteen, Devine, Levine, ravine, subvene, convene, baleen, unclean, careen, marine, tureen, latrine, McQueen, Janine, obscene, unseen, machine, Rabin, nankeen, sateen, canteen, shagreen, Racine, Maxine, Harbin, sardine, Martine, Amin, Nadine, James Dean, eighteen, jade green, Céline, French bean, terrine, Benin, thirteen, preteen, shebeen, beguine, fifteen, sixteen, trephine, spring-clean, serene, big screen, between, demean, cuisine, nineteen, dry-clean, widescreen, poteen, broad bean, fourteen, small screen, foreseen, Slovene, Justine, routine, * mujaheddin, aquamarine, ultramarine, vending machine, knitting machine, washing machine, sewing machine, *nouvelle cuisine*, Palaeocene, Oligocene

15.25 has-been, caffeine, Kathleen, gangrene, gamine, vaccine, fanzine, Charlene, Marlene, guanine, Aileen, scalene, dentine, Hellene, Essene, benzene, benzine, theine, Christine, pristine, Sistine, Springsteen, Crimplene®, windscreen, quinine, strychnine, Eileen, Irene, styrene,

flyscreen, glycine, lysine, Nicene, hygiene, Tolkien, tontine, colleen, Colleen, morphine, Pauline, chlorine, Doreen, Maureen, Noreen, fluorine, purine, soybean, codeine, Roedean, protein, smokescreen, bromine, sunscreen, butene, Lutine, * epinephrine, Benedictine, polystyrene, diamorphine, * norepinephrine

15.26 atropine, carrageen, Aberdeen, gabardine, carotene, galantine, trampoline, Jacqueline, Magdalene, naphthalene, gasoline, Vaseline®, tambourine, saccharine, Gadarene, Nazarene, tangerine, Dramamine®, anthracene, Damascene, magazine, Balanchine, aniline, Trasimene, Plasticine®, Halloween, mangosteen, Argentine, margarine, tartrazine, langoustine, crepe de Chine, grenadine, Geraldine, gelatine, seventeen, eglantine, clementine, mescaline, nectarine, pelerine, evergreen, Gretna Green, Bethnal Green, melamine, mezzanine, kerosene, phenazine, fedayeen, Bellarmine, jellybean, pethidine, velveteen, ethylene, methylene, Terylene®, Emmeline, ephedrine, Benzedrine®, epicene, Bernardine, Germolene®, creatine, reconvene, neoprene, Eocene, libertine, nicotine, guillotine, brigantine, brilliantine, Byzantine, intervene, Cymbeline, Windolene®, figurine, Listerine®, glycerine, Hippocrene, silver screen, wintergreen, histamine, limousine, kidney bean, Philippine, Ghibelline, village green, in-between, indigene, iodine, thiamine, tyrosine, isoprene, Miocene, Pliocene, Pleistocene, Constantine, Florentine, quarantine, Josephine, contravene, bottle green, bombazine, olivine, polythene, propylene, olive green, Holocene, oncogene, toluene, tourmaline, soya bean, Ovaltine®, dopamine, overseen, aubergine, bowling green, go-between, *haute cuisine*, butter bean, runner bean, submarine, putting green, unforeseen, subroutine, wolverine, fullerene, supervene, glutamine, * papaverine, amphetamine, adenosine, promethazine, acetylene, methionine, scopolamine, glucosamine, * betacarotene, polyethylene, antihistamine, nitroglycerine, dryopithecine, catecholamine, polypropylene, antisubmarine, * benzodiazepine, oxyacetylene, australopithecine, trinitrotoluene, buckminsterfullerene, * polytetrafluoroethylene

15.27 cleaned, fiend, gleaned, preened, screened, weaned, * unscreened, unweaned, machined, etc.

15.28 umpteenth, eighteenth, thirteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, nineteenth, fourteenth, * seventeenth

15.29 beans, Dean's, greens, jeans, Jean's, Keynes, means, queens, Queens, scenes, screens, teens, * latrines, sardines, baked beans, Justine's, * Grenadines, clementines, Milton Keynes, smithereens, limousines, Philippines, aubergines, full of beans, New Orleans, * amphetamines, * antihistamines, etc.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

ROBERT FROST

15.30 beep, bleep, cheap, cheep, creep, deep, heap, Jeep®, keep, leap, neap, neep, peep, reap, seep, sheep, sleep, steep, Streep, sweep, veep, weep, * asleep, équipe, knee-deep, bo-peep, * scrapheap, slagheap, upkeep, upsweep, * chimney sweep, oversleep, * Uriah Heep

15.31 beeps, bleeps, creeps, heaps, neaps, neeps, Pepys, sweeps, weeps, etc.

15.32 cease, crease, *file*, fleece, geese, grease, Greece, lease, Nice, niece, peace, piece, Rees, Rhys, * apiece, Matisse, police, sublease, cerise, caprice, Dumfries, De Vries, Denise, MacNeice, pastis, cassis, pelisse, Bernice, surcease, degrease, release, decrease, increase, decease, obese, Cochise, coulisse, * hairpiece, Makepeace, tailpiece, neckpiece, headpiece, set piece, chesspiece, workpiece, earpiece, Greenpeace, eyepiece, timepiece, codpiece, crosspiece, showpiece, mouthpiece, * mantelpiece, ambergris, masterpiece, centrepiece, chersonese, verdigris, re-release, predecease, chimneypiece, altarpiece, *War and Peace*, frontispiece, * Peloponnese, archdiocese

About Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace.

LEIGH HUNT

15.33 beast, ceased, creased, east, feast, Geest, greased, least, piste, priest, yeast, * uncreased, batiste, artiste, Far East, archpriest, Near East, released, decreased, increased, deceased, northeast, southeast, modiste, * beanfeast, * arriviste, hartebeest, re-released, wildebeest, unreleased, etc.

15.34 fiche, leash, niche, quiche, * unleash, pastiche, Dalglish, rime riche, schottische, postiche, corniche, * hashish, baksheesh, * microfiche, nouveau riche

15.35 beat, beet, bleat, cheat, cleat, Crete, eat, feat, feet, fleet, Fleet, gîte, gleet, greet, heat, leat, leet, lied, meat, meet, mete, neat, peat, Pete, pleat, seat, sheet, skeet, sleet, street, suite, sweet, teat, treat, tweet, wheat, * compete, petite, complete, accrete, conceit, unseat, flat feet, Magritte, maltreat, *en suite*, dead beat, preheat, reheat, reseal, repeat, defeat, effete, delete, elite, deplete, replete, secrete, discreet, discrete, excrete, retreat, ill-treat, entreat, mistreat, deceit, receipt, gamete, crabmeat, factsheet, heartbeat, mainsheet, deadbeat, Benfleet, helpmeet, spreadsheet, worksheet, aesthete, sweetmeat, freesheet, pigmeat, mincemeat, bystreet, high street, time sheet, offbeat, Longleat, concrete, forefeet, Northfleet, forcemeat, horsemeat, broadsheet, browbeat, downbeat, groundsheet, wholewheat, upbeat, drumbeat, buckwheat, dustsheet, bushmeat, * pentathlete, decathlete, * parakeet, Paraclete, Masorete, marguerite, Marguerite, Harley Street, exegete, meadowsweet, incomplete, bittersweet, indiscreet, indiscrete, trick-or-treat, window seat, spirochaete, driver's seat, obsolete, polychaete, lorikeet, Downing Street, overeat, overheat, sugar beet, superheat, * Carnaby Street, oligochaete

Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet,

Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgement Seat.

RUDYARD KIPLING

15.36 beats, cheats, eats, Keats, Pete's, pleats, seats, sheets, streets, sweets, * athletes, backstreets, heartbeats, sweetmeats, etc.

15.37 heath, Heath, Keith, Leith, Meath, 'neath, Reith, sheath, teeth, wreath, * bequeath, beneath, Monteith, * milk teeth, eyeteeth, buckteeth, * Bexleyheath, Cowdenbeath, underneath, * B'nai B'rith

15.38 breathe, Meath, seethe, sheathe, teethe, wreath, * unsheathe, enwreath, inbreathe, bequeath, * Pontypridd

15.39 breve, cleave, eve, Eve, greave, grieve, heave, leave, Neave, Niamh, peeve, reeve, reive, sheave, sleeve, Steve, thief, vive, we've, weave, Yves, * upheave, aggrieve, perceive, conceive, achieve, Rajiv, French leave, qui vive, khedive, believe, relieve, bereave, reprieve, retrieve, inweave, deceive, receive, naive, * wayleave, shirtsleeve, sick leave, Congreve, * apperceive, make-believe, Tel Aviv, Genevieve, semibreve, preconceive, interleave, interweave, misconceive, disbelieve, oversleeve, undeceive, * recitative, overachieve, underachieve

O what a tangled web we weave,

When first we practise to deceive!

SIR WALTER SCOTT

15.40 grieved, heaved, peevd, thieved, * aggrieved, perceived, conceived, achieved, believed, relieved, bereaved, reprieved, deceived, received, long-sleeved, broad-leaved, short-sleeved, * preconceived, interleaved, misconceived, disbelieved, unrelieved, undeceived, etc.

15.41 beeves, eaves, Eve's, Greaves, grieves, heaves, Jeeves, leaves, Reeves, sheaves, sleeves, thieves, * achieves, believes, deceives, receives, * Hargreaves, shirtsleeves, sneak thieves, tea leaves, Greensleeves, wheatsheaves, fig leaves, flyleaves, * Anne of Cleves, Genevieve's, semibreves, etc.

15.42 bees, bise, breeze, cheese, Cleese, ease, fleas, fees, freeze, frieze, he's, keys, knees, lees,

peas, please, seas, seize, she's, skis, sleaze, sneeze, squeeze, tease, Tees, these, trees, T's, tweeze, wheeze, etc.

He'd fly through the air with the greatest of ease,

A daring young man on the flying trapeze.

GEORGE LEYBOURNE

15.43 appease, trapeze, trustees, Belize, valise, cerise, Marie's, agrees, unfreeze, chemise, Denise, unease, marquise, trainees, MPs, Kirklees, Burmese, CDs, DTs, degrees, refreeze, deepfreeze, striptease, displease, reprise, disseise, disease, Chinese, Maltese, Louise, rupees, * Senegalese, Peloponnese, Dodecanese, Abdul-Aziz, *éminence grise*, GCSEs, etc.

15.44 Andes, axes, Ganges, heartsease, Ares, Aries, caries, lares, pear trees, rabies, scabies, tabs, stapes, Hades, bases, testes, menses, herpes, stirpes, Surtees, fir trees, Hermes, Xerxes, Ceres, series, faeces, theses, species, gee-gees, pine trees, crises, Pisces, * Cervantes, dolmades, penates, Pilates, Antares, Mercedes, Achates, Euphrates, oases, Orestes, Apelles, Waldenses, Laertes, subspecies, committees, Achilles, Antilles, meninges, pyrites, synopses, litotes, psychoses, prognoses, neuroses, * Ecclesiastes, Mithridates, rarae aves, Albigenses, Holofernes, Artaxerxes, Boanerges, miniseries, Archimedes, diabetes, ecospecies, bona fides, diagnoses, etc.

15.45 Maccabees, absentees, Androcles, Damocles, Anne-Marie's, Gabonese, Japanese, manganese, Cantonese, antifreeze, Rameses, Javanese, Balinese, Faeroese, sanies, facies, apices, matrices, Cherokees, expertise, Nepalese, Heracles, Vietnamese, Lebanese, Celebes, Hebrides, Pericles, Héloïse, refugees, journalese, vertices, Hercules, legalese, Viennese, Pekinese, helices, Cyclades, Sinhalese, Milanese, Pyrenees, indices, Hyades, Pleiades, Siamese, Guyanese, Taiwanese, Sporades, Socrates, Congolese, novelese, Sophocles, chalk and cheese, cortices, vortices, Portuguese, gourmandise, vocalise, Togolese, overseas, OAPs, codices, dungarees, Sudanese, Ulysses, * cheval-de-frise, cantharides, Los Angeles, analyses, evacuees, Empedocles, Hesperides, appendices, parentheses, antipodes, officialese, Themistocles, Pheidippides, Euripides, Thucydides, Praxiteles, Xenocrates, Hippocrates, anopheles, isosceles, Xenophanes, Demosthenes, Diogenes, hypotheses, computerese, * Alcibiades, Aristophanes, Mephistopheles, Eratosthenes, etc.

16.1 freebie, hebe, Hebe, Phoebe, creepy, sleepy, tepee, weepy, beaky, cheeky, cliquey, creaky, freaky, geeky, Leakey, leaky, peaky, sneaky, squeaky, streaky, beady, Edie, greedy, needy, reedy, seedy, speedy, tweedy, weedy, wieldy, Beattie, Beatty, meaty, peaty, sleety, sweetie, treaty, fealty, beastie, yeasty, beefy, leafy, Revie, Lethe, Leahy, Ely, freely, Greeley, Healey, Keeley, Lely, mealie, mealy, steely, stele, wheelie, feebly, cheaply, deeply, steeply, bleakly, meekly, treacly, weakly, weekly, neatly, sweetly, Wheatley, beastly, Eastleigh, Priestley, priestly, briefly, chiefly, Keighley, seemly, cleanly, keenly, meanly, queenly, measly, Queensberry, Petrie, kiwi, pewee, beamy, creamy, dreamy, Mimi, preemie, REME, seamy, see me, steamy, beanie, Heaney, genie, Jeannie, meanie, Queenie, Rene, Sweeney, teeny, tweeny, weeny, fleecy, greasy, breezy, cheesy, easy, queasy, sleazy, sneezy, wheezy, teensy, specie, Vichy, peachy, preachy, screechy, Fiji, gee-gee, squeegee, * tzatziki, Kon-Tiki, Malpighi, Carnegie, Respighi, Macready, unwieldy, graffiti, Tahiti, entreaty, Haiti, Donleavy, sapele, Swahili, obliquely, uniquely, naively, serenely, obscenely, routinely, completely, discreetly, unseemly, extremely, supremely, tahini, bambini, tankini, Martini®, Bellini, Cellini, Fellini, Bernini, bikini, Selene, linguine, Irene, Mycenae, Rossini, Orsini, zucchini, Houdini, Puccini, Assisi, Tbilisi, uneasy, Zambezi, Medici, Luigi, * speakeasy, * cock-a-leekie, Nefertiti, Matabele, touchy-feely, Lamborghini, Agostini, Pasolini, Paganini, Cherubini, fettucine, teeny-weeny, Rossellini, Boccherini, Borromini, Toscanini, Mussolini, easy-peasy, teensy-weensy, maharishi, etc.

16.2 Gaea, freer, Leah, Mia, ria, Ria, rhea, Rhea, seer, Shiah, skier, Thea, Zia, * trachea, Korea,

Maria, sharia, Chaldea, sangria, García, Medea, IKEA, spiraea, Crimea, Nicaea, tortilla, cornea, urea, Sofia, Sophia, Euboea, rupiah, Judaea, Lucía, * Landseer, sightseer, * Galatea, ratafia, Dorothea, mausolea, trattoria, pizzeria, Caesarea, Cytherea, mamma mia, Tanzania, panacea, Nicosia, overseer, Boadicea, Kampuchea, * Cassiopeia, pharmacopoeia, Arimathea, Tia Maria®, Ave Maria, peripeteia, Laodicea, Andalucía, * onomatopoeia, * free her, see her, etc.

16.3 Sheba, beeper, bleeper, cheaper, creeper, deeper, Dnieper, keeper, leaper, peeper, reaper, sleeper, steeper, sweeper, weeper, * amoeba, Bathsheba, Beersheba, barkeeper, park keeper, gamekeeper, gatekeeper, beekeeper, greenkeeper, peacekeeper, tree creeper, innkeeper, timekeeper, minesweeper, shopkeeper, doorkeeper, scorekeeper, storekeeper, housekeeper, goalkeeper, book-keeper, zoo keeper, * Arequipa, wicketkeeper, * bleep her, keep her, etc.

**When we were a soft amoeba, in ages past and gone,
Ere you were the Queen of Sheba, or I King Solomon.**

ARTHUR SHIPLEY

16.4 beaker, bleaker, leaker, meeker, seeker, sika, sleeker, sneaker, speaker, Speaker, squeaker, streaker, tikka, tweaker, weaker, eager, leaguer, meagre, Riga, Seeger, Vega, * paprika, self-seeker, Guernica, eureka, loudspeaker, Antigua, beleaguer, intriguer, Swarfega®, * Tanganyika, Frederica, Costa Rica, overeager, * seek her, intrigue her, etc.

16.5 bleeder, Breda, breeder, cedar, Creda, feeder, kneader, leader, Leda, lieder, Ouida, pleader, reader, seeder, speeder, weeder, fielder, Kielder, wielder, yielder, beater, beta, cheater, cheetah, Dieter, eater, fetor, greeter, heater, litre, meeter, meter, metre, neater, Peta, Peter, pleater, praetor, Rita, Streeter, sweeter, teeter, theta, tweeter, Vita, zeta, Dniester, Easter, keister, quaestor, deemster, teamster, * succeeder, Aïda, valeta, Anita, granita, Juanita, raita, partita, repeater, Evita, excreta, Demeter, Ryvita, pineta, Lolita, saltpetre, ureter, two-seater, northeaster, southeaster, * bandleader, cheerleader, ringleader, mind-reader, sight-reader, loss leader, stockbreeder, mouthbreeder, proofreader, newsreader, midfielder, infielder, outfielder, anteater, eggbeater, beefeater, windcheater, tripmeter, wattmeter, toadeater, voltmeter, ohmmeter, * al-Qaeda, Etheldreda, interceder, copyreader, altimeter, taximeter, nanometre, arboreta, Margarita, decalitre, decametre, centilitre, decilitre, centimetre, decimetre, señorita, hectolitre, hectometre, Eid-ul-Fitr, kilometre, millilitre, millimetre, micrometre, dolce vita, honey-eater, Sandinista, * follow-my-leader, olla podrida, Bhagavad-Gita, * feed her, meet her, etc.

**Here lies that peerless paper peer Lord Peter,
Who broke the laws of God and man and metre.**

JOHN GIBSON LOCKHART

16.6 briefier, reefer, FIFA, Eva, beaver, Beaver, Cheever, cleaver, diva, fever, griever, Hever, leaver, lever, reiver, Siva, viva, weaver, weever, ether, breather, either, neither, * Recife, perceiver, achiever, transceiver, believer, retriever, Geneva, deceiver, receiver, school-leaver, Aretha, Ibiza, bequeather, * cantilever, basketweaver, disbeliever, nonbeliever, unbeliever, Unilever, * overachiever, under-achiever, * debrief her, leave her, etc.

16.7 dealer, feeler, healer, heeler, Keeler, Keillor, kneeler, Leila, peeler, sealer, selah, Sheila, squealer, stealer, vealer, velar, wheeler, Wheeler, feebler, beagler, Ziegler, Libra, Ypres, Phaedra, Kenya, senior, * appealer, concealer, three-wheeler, tequila, revealer, cathedra, urethra, Monsignor, * wheeler-dealer, Philomela, * *enfant terrible*, ex cathedra, tetrahedra, polyhedra, savoir-vivre, *joie de vivre*, * heal her, steal her, etc.

16.8 beamer, creamer, dreamer, femur, lemur, Lima, reamer, schema, schemer, screamer, seamer, steamer, streamer, Beena, cleaner, Ena, Gina, gleaner, greener, keener, leaner, Lena, meaner, Meena, Nina, screener, Sheena, Tina, weaner, Wiener, Zena, * blasphemer, oedema, redeemer, Redeemer, Robina, subpoena, convener, Athena, tahina, arena, farina, marina,

Marina, Sabrina, Catriona, Katrina, pashmina, Martina, tsarina, Medina, Edwina, Messina, retsina, verbena, Christina, Melina, Selina, Serena, demeanour, hyena, Ribena®, Hygena, Molina, Cortina, Georgina, Rowena, novena, euglena, * daydreamer, pipe cleaner, * emphysema, terza rima, Iwo Jima, Hiroshima, carabiner, Pasadena, cavatina, ballerina, Palestrina, Agrippina, Angelina, Ballymena, casuarina, scarlatina, Argentina, St Helena, semolina, Messalina, intervener, signorina, Philomena, Wilhelmina, Filipina, misdemeanour, concertina, contravener, ocarina, Thomasina, * ottava rima, Gewürztraminer, * Herzegovina, * esteem her, screen her, etc.

16.9 greaser, Lisa, pizza, Caesar, freezer, geezer, geyser, Pisa, pleaser, seizer, sneezer, squeezer, teaser, visa, freesia, seizure, Esher, Beecher, bleacher, creature, feature, Meacher, Nietzsche, preacher, screecher, teacher, * degreaser, releaser, Teresa, Theresa, El Gîza, Malteser, Louisa, amnesia, nemesia, godetia, Belisha, Phoenicia, magnesia, Helvetia, Venetia, montbretia, Ossetia, Portlaoise, aubrietia, Rhodesia, Lucretia, procedure, besieger, * crowd-pleaser, schoolteacher, * Ebenezer, *Mona Lisa*, Melanesia, Indonesia, Micronesia, Austronesia, Polynesia, alopecia, paraplegia, tetraplegia, aquilegia, hemiplegia, quadriplegia, * Hispano-Suiza, * release her, reach her, etc.

16.10 Greenock, Taoiseach

16.11 greenstick, Friedrich, Dietrich, scenic, beatnik, seasick, peachick, * amoebic, comedic, acetic, anaemic, phonemic, ischaemic, glycaemic, toxaemic, irenic, hygienic, amnesic, strategic, * orthopaedic, unhygienic, geodesic, analgesic, nonstrategic, paraplegic, tetraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, * encyclopedic, * hyperglycaemic, hypoglycaemic

16.12 prefix, Felix, helix, Friedrich's, remix, phoenix, beatniks, peachicks, etc.

16.13 fetid, Enid, * Aeneid, bikinied

16.14 beaded, heeded, needed, pleaded, seeded, fielded, shielded, wielded, yielded, cheated, heated, metered, treated, feasted, Seaford, levered, leeward, Leeward, seaward, eastward, featured, * beleaguered, unheeded, unneeded, succeeded, conceded, unseeded, impeded, receded, exceeded, unheated, untreated, conceited, reheated, repeated, defeated, depleted, ill-treated, northeastward, southeastward, * unimpeded, overheated, undefeated, etc.

16.15 seawards, eastwards, * northeastwards, southeastwards

16.16 seepage, leakage, leafage, cleavage

16.17 feeble, Keble, peepul, people, sepal, steeple, faecal, Jekyll, treacle, beagle, eagle, legal, regal, Segal, Spiegl, beadle, Cheadle, needle, wheedle, beetle, betel, fetal, gleeful, heedful, needful, peaceful, evil, shrieval, weevil, lethal, equal, prequel, sequel, penal, renal, venal, diesel, easel, teasel, weasel, * tracheal, pineal, corneal, enfeeble, illegal, spread-eagle, viceregal, Threadneedle, deceitful, medieval, retrieval, primeval, coeval, upheaval, cathedral, unequal, adrenal, * tradespeople, townspeople, porbeagle, * perineal, laryngeal, pharyngeal, meningeal, centripetal, Evel Knievel, tetrahedral, hexahedral, octahedral, polyhedral, duodenal, * oesophageal, Till Eulenspiegel

16.18 Peebles, beagles, eagles, needles, Needles, Beatles, beetles, easels, measles, teasels, weasels, * Gleneagles, * pins and needles, etc.

16.19 prelim, Leitrim, * heal him, meet him, etc.

16.20 geum, Liam, sebum, caecum, Secombe, Edom, freedom, Needham, sedum, fiefdom, Cheetham, coelom, velum, Greenham, plenum, threesome, besom, Heysham, Evesham, Beecham, * Lyceum, museum, pinetum, cerebrum, pyrethrum, * mausoleum, Colosseum, Erechtheum, Atheneum, perineum, propylaeum, coliseum, arboretum, equisetum, duodenum, dirigisme, * peritoneum, * see 'em, teach 'em, etc.

You're the top! You're the Coliseum,

You're the top! You're the Louvre Museum.

COLE PORTER

16.21 wheelspin, Deakin, Wrekin, sheepskin, sealskin, lead-in, Evelyn, sequin, teach-in, * Kosygin, Dunedin, * seekin', readin', etc.

16.22 Behan, eon, lan, Leon, lien, paeon, peon, Theban, cheapen, deepen, steepen, beacon, deacon, pecan, weaken, Egan, Keegan, Regan, vegan, Bredon, Eden, Sweden, Weedon, wealden, Neasden, beaten, Beaton, Beeton, Cretan, eaten, Eaton, Eton, Keaton, neaten, Seaton, Seton, sweeten, wheaten, chieftain, eastern, Easton, even, Leven, Stephen, Ethan, heathen, Whelan, Libran, daemon, demon, freeman, Freeman, Leman, seaman, semen, Eastman, Cheeseman, liegeman, Gleason, Nielsen, Nilsson, Pisan, reason, season, treason, Friesian, lesion, Grecian, legion, region, * plebeian, Korean, Chaldean, Andean, Tarpeian, Circean, Aegean, Fijian, Nemean, Linnean, Piscean, Crimean, Nicaean, Strontian, Orphean, Taurean, Augean, protean, Euboean, Judaeon, archdeacon, mohican, Mohican, Antiguan, unbeaten, uneaten, Nuneaton, Cleckheaton, Genevan, breakeven, Kesteven, Ibizan, Van Diemen, pentstemon, Philemon, policeman, unreason, adhesion, artesian, Cartesian, Ephesian, inhesion, Rhodesian, cohesion, Tahitian, completion, accretion, concretion, Phoenician, Haitian, Helvetian, deletion, depletion, repletion, secretion, excretion, Venetian, Ossetian, collegian, Galwegian, Glaswegian, Norwegian, * browbeaten, * Jacobean, Maccabean, Aramaean, Tanzanian, Atlantean, Caribbean, Manichaeon, Achilleon, Galilean, Kampuchean, Erechtheion, Hebridean, Periclean, empyrean, Herculean, Aeschylean, Tyrolean, Pyrenean, Sisyphian, Mycenaean, Sophoclean, Odyssean, European, Puerto Rican, Costa Rican, Mozambican, cotyledon, weather-beaten, overeaten, Tudorbethan, decahedron, tetrahedron, hexahedron, octahedron, polyhedron, cacodemon, Lacedaemon, Melanesian, Indonesian, Micronesian, Austronesian, Polynesian, Diocletian, * antipodean, Archimedean, Laodicean, epicurean, Epicurean, Terpsichorean, Pythagorean, Elizabethan, dodecahedron

Good King Wenceslas looked out,

On the feast of Stephen;

When the snow lay round about,

Deep and crisp and even.

JOHN MASON NEALE

16.23 cheapened, deepened, fecund, weakened, sweetened, eland, Zealand, Zeeland, Priestland, Cleveland, Greenland, Friesland, Queensland, reasoned, seasoned, weasand, * unsweetened, New Zealand, unseasoned, etc.

16.24 eons, lan's, beacons, deacons, vegans, chieftains, evens, Stephens, heathens, demons, Siemens, reasons, seasons, legions, regions, * plebeians, Koreans, Orleans, Van Diemen's, adhesions, deletions, secretions, * Jacobean, Europeans, New Orleans, etc.

16.25 piquant, secant, needn't, sealant, frequent, treatment, easement, decent, puissant, recent, regent, * cosecant, infrequent, agreement, maltreatment, ill-treatment, achievement, bereavement, concealment, appeasement, impeachment, indecent, impuissant, malfeasant, allegiant, * antecedent, disagreement, * overachievement, underachievement

16.26 credence, grievance, sequence, * impedance, agreements, achievements, malfeasance, allegiance, * antecedence, etc.

Sure, deck your lower limbs in pants;

Yours are the limbs, my sweeting.

You look divine as you advance –

Have you seen yourself retreating?

OGDEN NASH

16.27 being, fleeing, seeing, skiing, beeping, bleeping, creeping, keeping, leaping, peeping, reaping, sleeping, sweeping, weeping, creaking, leaking, reeking, seeking, shrieking, sneaking, speaking, squeaking, streaking, beading, bleeding, breeding, feeding, kneading, leading, pleading, reading, speeding, weeding, Fielding, wielding, yielding, beating, cheating, eating,

fleeting, greeting, heating, Keating, meeting, seating, sheeting, sweeting, bee sting, feasting, briefing, reefing, grieving, heaving, leaving, sleeving, thieving, weaving, breathing, seething, teething, ceiling, dealing, Ealing, feeling, healing, Keeling, kneeling, peeling, sealing, shieling, squealing, stealing, wheeling, weakling, beagling, needling, reedling, seedling, wheedling, Riesling, key ring, G-string, beeswing, beaming, dreaming, gleaming, scheming, screaming, seeming, steaming, streaming, teeming, cleaning, gleaning, keening, leaning, meaning, screening, weaning, evening, ceasing, fleecing, greasing, leasing, freezing, pleasing, seizing, sneezing, squeezing, teasing, wheezing, preaching, reaching, screeching, teaching, * agreeing, unseeing, unsleeping, safekeeping, self-seeking, nonspeaking, fatiguing, intriguing, renegeing, unheeding, proceeding, succeeding, rereading, misleading, inbreeding, preceding, receding, exceeding, unyielding, competing, completing, repeating, defeating, retreating, debriefing, perceiving, achieving, believing, deceiving, receiving, bequeathing, appealing, unfeeling, concealing, congealing, Darjeeling, self-sealing, freewheeling, revealing, redeeming, convening, unmeaning, self-cleaning, spring-cleaning, demeaning, policing, unceasing, decreasing, increasing, unleashing, beseeching, far-reaching, nonteaching, besieging, * wellbeing, sightseeing, peacekeeping, timekeeping, shopkeeping, housekeeping, book-keeping, breastfeeding, lip-reading, mind-reading, sight-reading, stockbreeding, forcefeeding, spoonfeeding, proofreading, * water-skiing, human being, self-defeating, overeating, overheating, unbelieving, wheeler-dealing, unappealing, unrevealing, intervening, overweening, overreaching, * overachieving, underachieving, etc.

I had a dove and the sweet dove died;

And I have thought it died of grieving:

O, what could it grieve for? Its feet were tied,

With a silken thread of my own hand's weaving.

JOHN KEATS

16.28 beings, sweepings, greetings, meetings, beestings, leavings, dealings, feelings, seedlings, gleanings, leanings, meanings, evenings, * proceedings, etc.

16.29 Leavis, penis, thesis, tmesis, aegis, Regis, * kinesis, mimesis, prosthesis, Lyme Regis, * *in extremis*, exegesis, enuresis, diuresis, Bognor Regis, * diaphoresis, telekinesis, * amniocentesis

16.30 Phoebus, rebus, negus, Negus, foetus, grievous, naevus, Stevas, treeless, sleepless, heedless, needless, seedless, weedless, leafless, sleeveless, heelless, wheelless, dreamless, seamless, ceaseless, speechless, oestrus, seamstress, Remus, genus, heinous, venous, Venus, cheapness, steepness, bleakness, meekness, weakness, neatness, sweetness, keenness, greenness, meanness, Croesus, rhesus, Jesus, specious, * Antaeus, Aeneas, Linnaeus, Piraeus, boletus, quietus, Miletus, Malvinas, Silenus, Maecenas, uniqueness, completeness, discreetness, facetious, Lucretius, egregious, * Maccabaeus, Manichaeus, Nicodemus, Polyphemus, polysemous, intravenous, * see us, believe us, etc.

When I talk, and you are heedless,

I will show no anger needless.

JONATHAN SWIFT

16.31 deist, theist, * defeatist, elitist, extremist, machinist, hygienist, * encyclopedist

16.32 freest, cheapest, deepest, steepest, bleakest, meekest, sleekest, weakest, neatest, sweetest, briefest, feeblest, greenest, leanest, meanest, etc.

16.33 cheapish, sheepish, Swedish, fiendish, cliquish, freakish, peevish, squeamish, cleanish, greenish

16.34 fleapit, eaglet, leaflet, secret, egret, peewit, refit, remit, resit, eejit, * albeit, howbeit, so be it, * keep it, clean it, etc.

16.35 expletive, adhesive, cohesive, * self-adhesive

16.36 freebies, Phoebe's, sweeties, treatise, wheelies, weeklies, faeces, theses, species, gee-

gees, * subspecies, * heebie-jeebies, Archimedes, diabetes, ecospecies, etc.

16.37 creepers, jeepers, peepers, sleepers, weepers, beakers, sneakers, speakers, cedars, leaders, fielders, litres, metres, Peters, Rita's, Beavers, cleavers, levers, dealers, peelers, dreamers, cleaners, creases, pieces, tweezers, creatures, features, beaches, peaches, teachers, * loudspeakers, fajitas, repeaters, Evita's, * gamekeepers, goalkeepers, cheerleaders, ringleaders, beefeaters, believers, school-leavers, * nonbelievers, misdemeanours, etc.

Finders keepers, losers weepers.

SAYING

16.38 eagerly, legally, meagrely, regally, easterly, gleefully, peacefully, lethally, equally, weaselly, reasonably, peaceably, feasibly, heatedly, eastwardly, frequently, evenly, grievously, heedlessly, needlessly, ceaselessly, Queensberry, eatery, thievery, sealery, Tuileries, breviary, creamery, beanery, deanery, denary, greenery, plenary, scenery, venery, deaconry, peony, frequency, decency, recency, regency, Regency, deity, creepily, sleepily, cheekily, sneakily, greedily, speedily, dreamily, breezily, easily, secretly, fleetingly, seemingly, pleasingly, sheepishly, fiendishly, peevishly, feverishly, secrecy, * illegally, northeasterly, southeasterly, deceitfully, agreeably, conceivably, unreasonably, appreciably, conceitedly, repeatedly, infrequently, unevenly, facetiously, secretory, excretory, catenary, machinery, centenary, patisserie, rotisserie, archdeaconry, infrequency, indecency, naivety, amenity, hygienically, strategically, misleadingly, exceedingly, appealingly, revealingly, unceasingly, decreasingly, increasingly, obesity, * inconceivably, unbelievably, irretrievably, irredeemably, intermediary, bicentenary, tercentenary, tridentary, spontaneity, * simultaneity, homogeneity, etc.

I like your moral and machinery;

Your plot, too, has such scope for scenery.

LORD BYRON

16.39 Greenlander, schemata, Queenborough, sweetener, easterner, reasoner, * New Zealander

16.40 sepia, creepier, sleepier, weepier, cheekier, sneakier, squeakier, greedier, media, needier, seedier, speedier, weedier, meatier, meteor, beefier, Celia, Delia, creamier, dreamier, seamier, steamier, senior, taenia, greasier, breezier, easier, freesia, * Karelia, Amelia, camellia, Cecilia, Cordelia, Cornelia, lobelia, Ophelia, anaemia, ischaemia, pyaemia, toxaemia, uraemia, Bohemia, leukaemia, proscenia, asthenia, gardenia, Armenia, Slovenia, trapezia, amnesia, Silesia, * cyclopedia, multimedia, psychedelia, academia, septicaemia, myasthenia, neurasthenia, schizophrenia, * encyclopedia, Melanesia, Indonesia, Micronesia, Austronesia, analgesia, paraesthesia, anaesthesia, kinaesthesia, synaesthesia, hypaesthesia, Polynesia, aqua regia, * hyperglycaemia, hypoglycaemia, hyperaesthesia, etc.

16.41 keepable, readable, eatable, beatable, treatable, breathable, cleanable, reasonable, seasonable, peaceable, feasible, freezable, seizable, squeezable, reachable, teachable, seasonal, regional, medial, genial, menial, venial, Oedipal, vehicle, meaningful, * agreeable, foreseeable, unspeakable, unreadable, unbeatable, untreatable, uneatable, repeatable, unbreathable, perceivable, conceivable, achievable, believable, retrievable, receivable, resealable, redeemable, amenable, unreasonable, unseasonable, appreciable, depreciable, unreachable, unteachable, impeachable, procedural, Ezekiel, remedial, congenial, strategic, * disagreeable, unforeseeable, unrepeatable, inconceivable, irretrievable, unachievable, unbelievable, irredeemable, inappreciable, unimpeachable, endometrial, uncongenial

16.42 medium, tedium, Sealyham, helium, premium, rhenium, caesium, * mycelium, nobelium, proscenium, selenium, ruthenium, trapezium, magnesium, technetium, lutetium, collegium, * endothelium, epithelium, florilegium

16.43 Peterman, Peterson, Stephenson, Stevenson, oestrogen, median, Reithian, Delian, Pelion, Fenian, Friesian, Nietzschean, * comedian, tragedian, Promethean, chameleon,

Hegelian, Mendelian, cornelian, Bohemian, Athenian, Armenian, Tyrrhenian, Slovenian, artesian, Cartesian, Silesian, collegian, * Archimedean, Magdalenian, Melanesian, Indonesian, Micronesian, Austronesian, Polynesian, * Aristotelian, Mephistophelean

16.44 mediant, deviant, lenient, * obedient, submediant, expedient, ingredient, convenient, * disobedient, inexpedient, inconvenient

16.45 deviance, deviants, lenience, * obedience, expedience, ingredients, convenience, * disobedience, inexpedience, inconvenience, etc.

16.46 deepening, weakening, sweetening, reasoning, seasoning, * unreasoning, etc.

16.47 Daedalus, leaderless, featureless, eagerness, meagreness, treasonous, feebleness, evenness, tedious, devious, previous, Delius, Peleus, genius, Theseus, Regius, Oedipus, Aeschylus, meaningless, creepiness, sleepiness, greediness, speediness, dreaminess, greasiness, easiness, seasickness, squeamishness, * unevenness, Asclepius, Prometheus, Boethius, Aurelius, Cornelius, obsequious, abstemious, arsenious, ingenious, egregious, uneasiness, * contumelious, homogeneous, * heterogeneous, etc.

16.48 egotist, legalist, re-enlist, egoist, * anaesthetist, medievalist

16.49 creepiest, sleepest, weepiest, cheekiest, sneakiest, squeakiest, greediest, neediest, seediest, speediest, weediest, meatiest, beefiest, creamiest, dreamiest, seamiest, steamiest, greasiest, breeziest, easiest, etc.

16.50 Cheviot, * inebriate, collegiate, * intermediate

16.51 Tuileries, frequencies, decencies, * amenities, etc.

16.52 seasonally, regionally, genially, reasonably, leniently, vehemently, previously, deviancy, leniency, * unreasonably, immediately, obediently, conveniently, obsequiously, immediacy, expediency, * disobediently, inconveniently

16.53 reasonable, seasonable, * unreasonable, unseasonable, remediable, * irremediable

The rhymes in this section have the 'i' sound of sit and whistle as their main or final vowel sound. You will find many words ending with a weak 'i' sound in other sections (e.g. – a – for frantic, – e – for resin, – o – for horrid).

17.1 bib, crib, dib, fib, Gibb, glib, jib, lib, nib, rib, sib, snib, squib, * ad-lib, damp squib, sparerib, * Carib, sahib, midrib, * memsahib, * women's lib, * Sennacherib

17.2 bibs, dibs, dribs, fibs, Gibbs, Hibs, nibs, ribs, * ad-libs, spareribs, his nibs, etc.

17.3 Bic®, brick, chick, click, clique, crick, Crick, dick, Dick, flick, hic, hick, kick, lick, Mick, nick, Nick, pic, pick, prick, quick, rick, Rick, shtick, sic, sick, slick, snick, spick, stick, thick, tic, tick, trick, Vic, Wick, wick, wrick, * unpick, matric, unstick, hand-pick, nonstick, Old Vic, * airsick, gearstick, firebrick, cowlick, joystick, oil slick, * Arabic, candlestick, catholic, Catholic, agaric, Catterick, maverick, Alaric, caloric, Scarisbrick, candlewick, Reykjavik, bailiwick, clever Dick, heretic, Menshevik, Metternich, Frederick, rhetoric, turmeric, Leofric, Evo-stik®, fiddlestick, Giggleswick, limerick, Limerick, bishopric, chivalric, biopic, Broderick, Roderick, choleric, politic, Bolshevik, Dominic, Moby Dick, lunatic, Ludovic, * cadaveric, arithmetic, archbishopric, Theodoric

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,

Jack jump over the candlestick.

NURSERY RHYME

17.4 bricks, chicks, clicks, Dick's, fix, flicks, Hicks, kicks, Mick's, Nick's, mix, nix, pix, pricks, Rick's, six, sticks, Styx, ticks, tricks, Wicks, * unpicks, unsticks, affix, commix, admix, hand-picks, transfix, M6, prefix, remix, * cervix, Beatrix, gearsticks, joysticks, oil slicks, * candlesticks, Catholics, apteryx, Asterix, eighty-six, heretics, twenty-six, MI6, thirty-six, Weetabix®, fiddlesticks, limericks, fifty-six, sixty-six, ninety-six, politics, Dominic's, forty-six, lunatics, crucifix, * executrix, * archaeopteryx, etc.

17.5 fixed, mixed, sixte, 'twixt, * affixed, unmixed, transfixed, betwixt, etc.

17.6 clicked, flicked, kicked, licked, nicked, picked, Pict, pricked, strict, ticked, tricked, * unpicked, addict, convict, afflict, conflict, constrict, hand-picked, depict, predict, evict, inflict, restrict, * addict, panicked, Maastricht, relict, verdict, perfect, edict, mimicked, picnicked, district, frolicked, conflict, object, subject, * word-perfect, imperfect, pluperfect, * Benedict, derelict, derestrict, interdict, contradict, etc.

17.7 bitch, ditch, flitch, glitch, hitch, itch, kitsch, Mitch, niche, pitch, rich, snitch, stitch, switch, titch, twitch, which, witch, * unhitch, unstitch, bewitch, enrich, * Harwich, Magwitch, sandwich, Sandwich, Nantwich, backstitch, Redditch, Prestwich, Greenwich, hemstitch, quidditch, spinach, slipstitch, whipstitch, dip switch, Ipswich, Norwich, Bromwich, topstitch, cross stitch, ostrich, Shoreditch, Aldwych, Northwich, Woolwich, Goodrich, * tsarevitch, Middlewich, * Ivanovich, Milosevic, * Rostropovich, Shostakovich, * son-of-a-bitch

A nasty surprise in a sandwich,

A drawing-pin caught in your sock,

The limpest of shakes from a hand which

You'd thought would be firm as a rock.

JAMES FENTON

17.8 bid, chid, did, fid, grid, hid, id, kid, Kidd, lid, mid, quid, rid, Sid, skid, slid, squid, yid, * forbid, undid, amid, Madrid, El Cid, redid, outbid, * canopied, parodied, atrophied, galleried, salaried, katydid, remedied, tertium quid, liveried, pilloried, Winifred, pyramid, propertied, hominid, overbid, overdid, underbid, mutinied, * accompanied, * unaccompanied

17.9 didst, midst

17.10 biff, Cif®, cliff, Cliff, glyph, Griff, if, Jif®, jiff, kif, miff, niff, quiff, riff, Schiff, skiff, sniff, spliff, stiff, tiff, whiff, * skewwhiff, * Radcliffe, Ratcliffe, tariff, mastiff, plaintiff, bailiff, caliph, Cardiff, serif, sheriff, Pecksniff, Heathcliff, Wycliffe, midriff, pontiff, Joseph, Sutcliffe, * anaglyph,

hippogriff, hieroglyph, undercliff

17.11 biffed, drift, gift, GIFT, grift, lift, miffed, niffed, rift, shift, shrift, sift, sniffed, swift, Swift, thrift, whiffed, * adrift, uplift, red shift, * airlift, chairlift, stairlift, facelift, makeshift, spendthrift, festschrift, ski lift, spindrift, shoplift, snowdrift

Time, the avenger! unto thee I lift

My hands, and eyes, and heart, and crave of thee a gift.

LORD BYRON

17.12 big, brig, cig, dig, fig, frig, gig, jig, lig, MiG, pig, prig, rig, Rigg, sprig, swig, trig, twig, Whig, wig, * unrig, rejig, * Danzig, Schleswig, earwig, shindig, bigwig, Leipzig, oil rig, Grundig, Ludwig, * periwig, whirligig, infra dig, thimblorig, WYSIWYG, * thingumajig

17.13 Biggs, Briggs, digs, figs, gigs, jigs, pigs, rigs, swigs, twigs, Whigs, wigs, * Bay of Pigs, * syrup of figs, etc.

17.14 bridge, fridge, midge, ridge, smidge, * abridge, * vassalage, anchorage, Anchorage, average, sacrilege, patronage, harbourage, Casterbridge, pasturage, parsonage, Armitage, cartilage, parentage, acreage, beverage, Beveridge, haemorrhage, Breckenridge, heritage, personage, verbiage, hermitage, leverage, Stevenage, privilege, vicarage, pilferage, pilgrimage, pilotage, lineage, orphanage, Fordingbridge, sortilege, brokerage, Coleridge, foliage, Muggeridge, coverage, sewerage, pupillage, tutelage, mucilage

He that complies against his will,

Is of his own opinion still.

SAMUEL BUTLER

17.15 bill, Bill, brill, chill, dill, drill, fill, frill, ghyll, gill, Gill, grill, grille, hill, Hill, ill, Jill, kill, krill, Lil, mill, Mill, nil, Phil, pill, quill, Rhyl, rill, shrill, sill, skill, spill, still, swill, thrill, till, trill, twill, 'twill, will, Will, * McGill, until, Seville, uphill, De Mille, brazil, Brazil, Rainhill, Redhill, Bexhill, Edgehill, deskill, refill, freewill, distil, instil, stock-still, quadrille, downhill, fulfil, goodwill, * handbill, waxbill, Shankill, Catskill, dactyl, pastille, standstill, backfill, landfill, Savile, Sackville, anvil, Granville, Nashville, Amphthill, anthill, Avril, tranquil, Hamill, Tamil, Cahill, Scargill, Cargill, playbill, waybill, cranesbill, ethyl, methyl, Melville, Grenville, treadmill, Denzil, chervil, Churchill, Persil®, Virgil, Jekyll, refill, infill, pistil, pigswill, windmill, windchill, vigil, crossbill, Tocqueville, Knoxville, Bovril®, jonquil, hornbill, sawmill, Cornhill, Orville, Torvill, Bournville, Mobil®, roadkill, Yeovil, Oakville, Tocqueville, molehill, Huntsville, Dullsville, Dunhill, dunghill, foothill, cook-chill, shoebill, spoonbill, * daffodil, Baskerville, Mandeville, Jacksonville, razorbill, Rentokil®, Pentonville, espadrille, peppermill, Selsey Bill, Benny Hill, Clearasil®, whippoorwill, Yggdrasil, minipill, windowsill, fibrefill, Fothergill, Goneril, chlorophyll, vaudeville, watermill, overspill, overkill, codicil, Somerville, Louisville, * pterodactyl, Invercargill, Merthyr Tydfil, * run-of-the-mill, over the hill, * Cruella De Vil

17.16 bilk, ilk, milk, silk, * Liebfraumilch, buttermilk

The cow is of the bovine ilk;

One end is moo, the other, milk.

OGDEN NASH

17.17 filch, milch, zilch

17.18 billed, build, chilled, drilled, filled, gild, grilled, guild, killed, milled, pilled, sild, skilled, thrilled, willed, * unskilled, unfilled, unwilled, self-willed, weak-willed, rebuild, refilled, distilled, strong-willed, fulfilled, Brunhild, * jerry-build, semiskilled, overbuild, unfulfilled, etc.

17.19 film, * clingfilm, * microfilm

17.20 kiln, Milne, * limekiln

17.21 built, gilt, guilt, hilt, jilt, kilt, lilt, milt, quilt, silt, spilt, stilt, tilt, wilt, * unbuilt, unspilt, well-built, inbuilt, * Vanderbilt, jerry-built, purpose-built, overbuilt, custom-built

17.22 filth, tilth

17.23 bills, Bill's, drills, fills, frills, gills, hills, ills, kills, Lil's, mills, Mills, Phil's, pills, Pils, skills, spills, thrills, wills, Wills, Will's, * no-frills, * pastilles, windmills, molehills, foothills, * daffodils, espadrilles, * battle of wills, Beverly Hills, etc.

His eye so dim,

So wasted each limb,

That, heedless of grammar, they all cried, 'That's him!'

R. H. BARHAM

17.24 brim, dim, grim, Grimm, gym, him, hymn, Jim, Kim, limb, limn, Lymm, prim, Pimm, Pym, quim, rim, scrim, shim, Sim, skim, slim, swim, Tim, trim, vim, whim, * bedim, * antonym, acronym, cherubim, seraphim, eponym, interim, synonym, hypernym, hyponym, toponym, homonym, Joachim, pseudonym, * heteronym

17.25 dimmed, skimmed, slimmed, trimmed, * undimmed, untrimmed, broad-brimmed, loose-limbed, * semi-skimmed, etc.

17.26 lymph, nymph

17.27 blimp, chimp, crimp, gimp, imp, limp, pimp, primp, scrimp, shrimp, skimp, wimp

17.28 chimps, glimpse,imps, limps, pimps, shrimps, wimps, etc.

On a sofa upholstered in panther skin

Mona did researches in original sin.

WILLIAM PLOMER

17.29 bin, Bryn, chin, din, fin, Finn, Flynn, gin, Glyn, grin, Gwyn, in, inn, jinn, kin, Lynn, min, pin, PIN, quin, Quinn, shin, sin, skin, spin, thin, tin, twin, whin, win, Wyn, yin, * unpin, akin, agin, therein, wherein, Vietminh, Berlin, herein, begin, built-in, within, King's Lynn, Penrhyn, Pinyin, chinchin, Turin, Boleyn, * Jacobin, atropin, paladin, Saladin, Anadin®, paraffin, trampoline, Jacqueline, Madeleine, Magdalene, mandolin, Carolyn, lanolin, saccharin, mandarin, Catherine, Mazarin, ramekin, mannequin, Sanhedrin, masculine, albumen, albumin, capuchin, Capuchin, harlequin, wafer-thin, kaolin, chamberlain, Chamberlain, terrapin, next-of-kin, gelatin, keratin, zeppelin, mescaline, Gwendolen, heparin, nectarine, Benjamin, melanin, Peregrine, specimen, feminine, medicine, heroin, heroine, endocrine, Bedouin, genuine, Menuhin, eosin, litter bin, whipper-in, Ritalin®, crinoline, Michelin®, glycerine, vitamin, histamine, Mickey Finn, discipline, Silvikrin®, insulin, bitumen, Scriabin, violin, thiamine, niacin, myelin, Borodin, Rosalyn, sovereign, moccasin, origin, globulin, formalin, warfarin, porphyrin, Ho Chi Minh, Lohengrin, underpin, onionskin, muscadine, Gunga Din, rub it in, bulletin, * Led Zeppelin, adrenaline, amphetamine, unfeminine, tuberculin, through thick and thin, self-discipline, indiscipline, * nitroglycerine, antihistamine, * immunoglobulin

17.30 blink, brink, chink, clink, dink, drink, fink, Frink, gink, Inc., ink, jink, kink, link, mink, pink, plink, prink, rink, shrink, sink, skink, slink, stink, sync, think, twink, wink, zinc, * unthink, bethink, rethink, * ratfink, rethink, lip-sync, Haitink, ice rink, snowblink, cuff link, hoodwink, * Maeterlinck, skating rink, pen-and-ink, rinky-dink, tiddlywink, hyperlink, bobolink, countersink, out of sync, doublethink

They never taste who always drink;

They always talk, who never think.

MATTHEW PRIOR

17.31 blinks, chinks, clinks, drinks, jinx, Lincs, links, lynx, minx, shrinks, sinks, sphinx, stinks, thinks, winks, * methinks, rethinks, high jinks, * ratfinks, larynx, pharynx, golf links, cuff links, * tiddlywinks, forty winks, etc.

17.32 blinked, clinked, inked, kinked, linked, pinked, prinked, winked, * succinct, distinct, extinct, * precinct, instinct, hoodwinked, * index-linked, indistinct, etc.

17.33 cinch, clinch, finch, flinch, grinch, inch, lynch, Lynch, Minch, pinch, winch, * half-inch, * chaffinch, greenfinch, goldfinch, bullfinch

17.34 finned, grinned, Lind, pinned, Sind, sinned, skinned, tinned, twinned, wind, * unpinned, upwind, dark-skinned, fair-skinned, rescind, thick-skinned, thin-skinned, downwind, * trade wind, tailwind, headwind, Chetwynd, destined, whirlwind, sequined, Rifkind, crosswind, woodwind, ruined, * examined, predestined, determined, * Amerind, tamarind, disciplined, Rosalind, underpinned, wunderkind, double-chinned, * undisciplined, * undetermined

17.35 bing, bling, bring, Byng, Ching, cling, ding, fling, Inge, king, King, ling, Ming, ping, ring, sing, Singh, sling, spring, sting, string, swing, Synge, thing, ting, Ting, Tring, wing, wring, zing, * unsling, unstring, Nanking, Ram Singh, Beijing, left-wing, Peking, I Ching, bling-bling, Taiping, right-wing

A little learning is a dangerous thing;

Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring.

ALEXANDER POPE

17.36 brings, clings, kings, Kings, rings, sings, springs, strings, swings, things, wings, * Palm Springs, * Alice Springs, waterwings, underthings, etc.

17.37 binge, cringe, dinge, fringe, hinge, minge, singe, springe, swinge, whinge, tinge, twinge, * unhinge, impinge, syringe, infringe, * scavenge, challenge, orange, Orange, lozenge

17.38 mince, prince, quince, rinse, since, Vince, wince, * convince, evince, * province, * Port-au-Prince

They dined on mince, and slices of quince,

Which they ate with a runcible spoon.

EDWARD LEAR

17.39 bint, clint, Clint, dint, flint, Flint, glint, hint, lint, mint, print, skint, splint, sprint, squint, stint, tint, * reprint, imprint, * catmint, varmint, spearmint, enprint, reprint, skinflint, imprint, misprint, offprint, voiceprint, thumbprint, footprint, blueprint, newsprint, * aquatint, peppermint, mezzotint, fingerprint, overprint, wunderkind, * Septuagint

17.40 Clint's, flints, glints, hints, chintz, splints, squints, tints, etc.

17.41 plinth, * absinthe, helminth, Corinth, * labyrinth, terebinth, hyacinth

17.42 bins, Binns, chins, fins, Finns, grins, Lynn's, quins, shins, sins, skins, spins, tins, twins, * unpins, begins, * Jacobins, Jacqueline's, Madeleine's, mandolins, Carolyn's, mandarins, Catherine's, ramekins, mannequins, Capuchins, terrapins, nectarines, Benjamin's, medicines, heroines, Bedouins, litter bins, withershins, crinolines, vitamins, violins, moccasins, origins, underpins, bulletins, * amphetamines, etc.

17.43 blip, chip, clip, dip, drip, flip, grip, gyp, hip, kip, lip, nip, pip, Pip, quip, rip, scrip, ship, sip, skip, slip, snip, strip, tip, trip, Tripp, whip, zip, * unhip, unclip, unzip, unship, transship, reship, equip, nonslip, nondrip, round trip, outstrip, * landslip, handgrip, catnip, flagship, parsnip, starship, clerkship, hardship, harelip, hairgrip, airstrip, airship, mayorship, pay slip, day trip, spaceship, felt-tip, headship, friendship, turnip, Worsnip, circlip, worship, sheep-dip, steamship, wing tip, fillip, Philip, gymslip, film strip, kinship, kingship, Ruislip, sideslip, lightship, oxlip, gossip, longship, horsewhip, warship, lordship, wardship, courtship, cowslip, township, rosehip, bunyip, gunship, judgeship, bullwhip, wood chip, julep, tulip, Q-ship, troopship, * trusteeship, * battleship, captainship, Gaza Strip, partnership, marksmanship, craftsmanship, draughtsmanship, chairmanship, paperclip, statesmanship, salesmanship, gamesmanship, ladyship, sailing ship, membership, censorship, lectureship, penmanship, fellowship, bursarship, workmanship, kirby grip, speakership, leadership, readership, dealership, chieftainship, seamanship, re-equip, fingertip, filter tip, brinkmanship, skinny-dip, pillowslip, fibre-tip, biochip, microchip, scholarship, sponsorship, consulship, comradeship, rocket ship, authorship, horsemanship, sportsmanship, swordsmanship, ownership, showmanship, mother ship, toodle-pip, tutorship, viewership, stewardship, studentship, * companionship, commandership, dictatorship, curatorship, relationship, acquaintanceship, electorship, directorship,

professorship, self-censorship, apprenticeship, receivership, musicianship, discipleship, co-ownership, conductorship, instructorship, one-upmanship, * championship, managership, admiralship, magistrateship, landownership, chancellorship, cardinalship, guardianship, partisanship, emperorship, treasurership, generalship, premiership, editorship, presidentship, residentship, deputyship, Möbius strip, ministership, principalship, silicon chip, citizenship, laureateship, Freudian slip, governorship, * ambassadorship, librarianship, executorship, proprietorship, associateship, custodianship, * entrepreneurship, * interrelationship

17.44 chips, clips, Cripps, drips, hips, lips, Phipps, pips, Pip's, quips, ships, sips, snips, strips, thrips, tips, trips, whips, zips, * unclips, unzips, ellipse, eclipse, equips, * Mendips, felt-tips, wing tips, fillips, Philips, Philip's, gymslips, film strips, tin snips, horsewhips, warships, lordships, * amidships, athwartships, * fingertips, filter tips, Mr Chips, fish and chips, pillowslips, scholarships, rocket ships, * relationships, apprenticeships, apocalypse, etc.

17.45 chipped, clipped, crypt, dipped, dripped, flipped, gripped, nipped, ripped, script, shipped, sipped, skipped, slipped, stripped, tipped, whipped, * unclipped, conscript, unzipped, decrypt, encrypt, equipped, outstripped, close-lipped, * transcript, harelipped, prescript, Egypt, typescript, conscript, horsewhipped, cork-tipped, postscript, subscript, * manuscript, well-equipped, filtertipped, ill-equipped, nondescript, unequipped, eucalypt, superscript, etc.

17.46 bliss, Bliss, Chris, diss, Diss, hiss, kiss, kris, miss, Miss, piss, sis, Swiss, this, * abyss, amiss, near miss, dehisce, remiss, dismiss, * cannabis, avarice, ambergris, Salamis, Charteris, armistice, artifice, Artemis, emphasis, precipice, edifice, benefice, reminisce, emesis, Nemesis, genesis, Genesis, berberis, chrysalis, liquorice, clitoris, hit-and-miss, synthesis, prejudice, diocese, cockatrice, orifice, cowardice, * Annapolis, metastasis, catalysis, paralysis, analysis, dialysis, Persepolis, ephemeris, mons veneris, parenthesis, diaeresis, antithesis, psoriasis, archdiocese, Acropolis, necropolis, metropolis, hypothesis, hydrolysis, autolysis, * Minneapolis, sui generis, overemphasis, underemphasis, epididymis, photosynthesis, satyriasis, megalopolis, electrolysis, metamorphosis, * Indianapolis, psychoanalysis, microanalysis, haemodialysis, *annus mirabilis*, parthenogenesis, annus horribilis, elephantiasis

You must remember this,

A kiss is still a kiss.

HERMAN HUPFELD

17.47 bisque, brisk, disc, disk, fisc, frisk, risk, whisk, * asterisk, tamarisk, basilisk, obelisk, compact disc, floppy disk

17.48 crisp, lisp, wisp, * will-o'-the-wisp

17.49 cist, cyst, fist, gist, grist, hissed, hist, kissed, list, Liszt, missed, mist, pissed, schist, tryst, twist, whist, wist, wrist, * unkissed, assist, persist, subsist, consist, delist, demist, enlist, dismissed, encyst, insist, desist, resist, exist, * naturalist, nationalist, rationalist, capitalist, separatist, federalist, negativist, relativist, liberalist, minimalist, militarist, spiritualist, Oliver Twist, positivist, structuralist, monetarist, * sensationalist, materialist, imperialist, traditionalist, industrialist, * conversationalist, Congregationalist, educationalist, individualist, agriculturalist, horticulturalist, etc.

17.50 bish, Bysshe, dish, fish, Frisch, Gish, pish, squish, swish, Trish, wish, * Irish, boyish, * Cavendish, damselfish, angelfish, babyish, jellyfish, feverish, silverfish, gibberish, lickerish, liverish, spinsterish, kittenish, minidish, killifish, tomboyish, butter dish, cuttlefish, womanish, * impoverish

17.51 bit, Brit, chit, fit, flit, git, grit, hit, it, kit, knit, lit, mitt, nit, pit, Pitt, quit, Schmidt, shit, sit, skit, slit, spit, split, Split, squit, tit, twit, whit, Whit, wit, writ, zit, * unfit, alit, unlit, de Witt, acquit, commit, permit, submit, admit, unknit, transmit, refit, keep-fit, relit, resit, benefit, mishit, emit, remit, legit, tight-knit, op. cit., outwit, omit, close-knit, * aquavit, candlelit, apposite, manumit, favourite, baby-sit, megabit, preterite, Messerschmitt, benefit, definite, plebiscite,

deficit, requisite, Jesuit, perquisite, recommit, resubmit, readmit, retransmit, Hindemith, hypocrite, infinite, Inuit, opposite, composite, *floruit*, conduit, Duraglit®, counterfeit, Photofit®, Chuzzlewit, cuckoo spit, * Plantagenet, banana split, Identikit®, indefinite, prerequisite, * lickety-split, overcommit

Do not adultery commit;

Advantage rarely comes of it.

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH

17.52 bits, blitz, Blitz, fits, Fitz, Fritz, glitz, grits, its, it's, mitts, nits, pits, quits, Ritz, Spitz, splits, tits, wits, zits, * St Kitts, submits, admits, Berlitz, Biarritz, befits, emits, * St Moritz, megabits, benefits, Jesuits, slivovitz, hypocrites, Horowitz, opposites, Austerlitz, etc.

17.53 Frith, kith, myth, pith, smith, Smith, with, fifth, * therewith, wherewith, Penrith, herewith, forthwith, outwith, * Asquith, blacksmith, Kenneth, zenith, wordsmith, Edith, Griffith, tinsmith, Gwyneth, Highsmith, Sopwith, locksmith, songsmith, Grossmith, goldsmith, Goldsmith, gunsmith, Judith, tunesmith, * Hammersmith, Arrowsmith, eightieth, Ladysmith, Meredith, megalith, twentieth, thirtieth, Hindemith, silversmith, fiftieth, sixtieth, ninetieth, monolith, coppersmith, fortieth, * Aberystwyth, Merioneth, * seventieth

17.54 div, give, live, sieve, spiv, Viv, * forgive, relive, outlive, * palliative, decorative, meditative, vegetative, legislative, speculative, innovative, figurative, iterative, illustrative, imitative, operative, quantitative, qualitative, nominative, ulcerative, cumulative, * collaborative, imaginative, evaluative, commemorative, degenerative, investigative, deliberative, alliterative, administrative, manipulative, corroborative, inoperative, cooperative, postoperative, authoritative, denominative, vituperative, remunerative, adjudicative, communicative, * unimaginative, uncooperative, unremunerative, uncommunicative

Far and few, far and few,

Are the lands where the Jumblies live;

Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,

And they went to sea in a sieve.

EDWARD LEAR

17.55 ablative, narrative, laxative, additive, transitive, adjective, calmative, negative, sedative, tentative, relative, genitive, sensitive, ergative, purgative, secretive, fricative, privative, fixative, primitive, combative, locative, vocative, cognitive, positive, talkative, formative, normative, causative, curative, putative, lucrative, nutritive, punitive, fugitive, * comparative, declarative, preparative, reparative, intransitive, rebarbative, preventative, correlative, contemplative, imperative, competitive, repetitive, insensitive, consecutive, executive, conservative, Conservative, preservative, superlative, affirmative, alternative, interpretive, appreciative, predicative, indicative, explicative, derivative, initiative, prohibitive, definitive, infinitive, acquisitive, inquisitive, attributive, distributive, diminutive, provocative, evocative, derogative, prerogative, restorative, pejorative, demonstrative, remonstrative, appositive, postpositive, informative, connotative, denotative, consultative, commutative, disputative, accusative, intuitive, * argumentative, representative, noncompetitive, uncompetitive, hypersensitive, photosensitive, nonexecutive, interrogative, undemonstrative, * unrepresentative, ultraconservative

17.56 biz, fizz, frizz, his, is, Ms, Liz, phiz, 'tis, quiz, swizz, tizz, viz, whizz, wiz, zizz, * Cadiz, buck's fizz, gee-whiz

18.1 Libby, Digby, Rigby, VitBe, Whitby, Philby, trilby, will be, NIMBY, Frisbee®, Thisbe, Rigsby, Grimsby, chippy, clippie, dippy, drippy, gippy, grippy, hippy, lippy, nippy, slippery, trippy, zippy, chickpea, impi, skimpy, Wimpey, Wimpy, crispy, wispy, * astilbe, Xanthippe, * Mr Whippy, Mississippi

18.2 bickie, brickie, cliquey, dicky, Dickie, hickey, icky, Mickey, Nicky, picky, quickie, Ricky,

sickie, sticky, thickie, tricky, Vicky, milky, silky, Wilkie, dinky, inky, kinky, minke, pinkie, slinky, stinky, frisky, risky, whiskey, whisky, biggie, ciggy, piggy, twiggy, Twiggy, dinghy, * Helsinki, Stravinsky, Nijinsky, Miss Piggy, * doohickey, * take the mickey, Billericay

18.3 biddy, Bidy, diddy, did he, giddy, kiddy, midi, bhindi, Cindy, Hindi, indie, Indy, Lindy, Mindy, shindy, Sindy, windy, bitty, chitty, city, ditty, gritty, Intercity, kitty, Kitty, pity, pretty, shitty, titty, Whitty, witty, fifty, nifty, shifty, thrifty, guilty, silty, flinty, lenty, minty, shinty, Christie, misty, twisty, sixty, * McVitie, committee, self-pity, McGinty, * chickabiddy, Rawalpindi, intercity, itty-bitty, pretty-pretty, nitty-gritty, Walter Mitty, Salt Lake City, subcommittee, fifty-fifty, pepperminty, Corpus Christi

In Dublin's fair city,

Where the girls are so pretty.

ANONYMOUS

18.4 cliffy, iffy, jiffy, Liffey, miffy, sniffy, squiffy, stiffy, whiffy, chivy, divvy, Livy, privy, skivvy, Sylvie, pithy, filthy, prithe, smithy, withy, * tantivy

18.5 Billy, Chile, chilli, chilly, filly, frilly, gillie, hilly, Jilly, Lillee, lily, Lily, Lyly, Millie, Philly, Scilly, silly, stilly, Tilley, Tilly, will he, Willey, willy, Willy, Dibley, glibly, scribbly, nimbly, Ripley, Shipley, triply, dimply, limply, pimply, simply, crisply, prickly, quickly, sickly, thickly, tickly, crinkly, Hinckley, twinkly, wrinkly, briskly, giggly, niggly, squiggly, wiggly, wriggly, Wrigley, singly, tingly, Zwingli, fiddly, Ridley, Siddeley, tiddly, twiddly, Hindley, spindly, fitly, Whitley, strictly, swiftly, dimly, grimly, primly, Finlay, Linley, thinly, Bingley, kingly, gristly, princely, Bisley, drizzly, grisly, grizzly, Wisley, Tinsley, Kingsley, Critchley, richly, Finchley, Kiri, Pirie, bilberry, indri, wintry, * Chantilly, Caerphilly, Goonhilly, distinctly, McKinley, * hillbilly, * Piccadilly, piccalilli, willy-nilly, willy-willy, indistinctly, rockabilly, Hawker Siddeley, hara-kiri, etc.

But Shakespeare also says, 'tis very silly

'To gild refinèd gold, or paint the lily.'

LORD BYRON

18.6 gimme, Jimmy, shimmy, Timmy, pygmy, Pygmy, filmy, blini, cine, Finney, finny, Ginny, guinea, Guinea, jinni, hinny, Linnhe, mini, Minnie, ninny, pinny, Pliny, skinny, spinney, tinny, Trinny, Vinny, whinny, Winnie, Sidney, Sydney, kidney, Britney, Pitney, Whitney, chimney, Disney, isnae, clingy, dinghy, springy, stringy, swingy, thingy, zingy, * borborygmi, pickaninny, supermini, * give me, kill me, etc.

18.7 Chrissie, Cissie, missy, prissy, sissy, Gypsy, tipsy, Dixie, nixie, pixie, tricksy, Trixie, ditz, glitzy, Mitzi, ritzy, chintzy, wincey, busy, dizzy, fizzy, frizzy, is he, Izzy, Lizzie, tizzy, whizzy, flimsy, mimsy, whimsy, Kinsey, Lindsay, quinsy, dishy, fishy, squishy, swishy, Vichy, bitchy, itchy, pitchy, Richie, titchy, twitchy, Binchy, ridgy, squidgy, dingy, mingy, stingy, * Uffizi, De Quincey, tin lizzie, da Vinci, * kissy-kissy, itsy-bitsy, busy Lizzie, Mitsubishi, Murrumbidgee

18.8 bibber, Cibber, cribber, fibber, gibber, ribber, Wilbur, limber, Simba, timber, timbre, chipper, clipper, dipper, flipper, gripper, kipper, nipper, Pippa, ripper, shipper, skipper, slipper, snipper, stripper, tipper, tripper, whipper, zipper, crimper, shrimper, simper, whimper, crisper, whisper, * marimba, Agrippa, * winebibber, mudskipper, * women's libber, * rib her, tip her, etc.

18.9 bicker, clicker, dicker, flicker, kicker, licker, liquor, nicker, picker, pricker, quicker, sicker, slicker, snicker, sticker, thicker, ticker, tikka, vicar, Whicker, Wicca, wicker, Sitka, milker, Rilke, Simca, blinker, clinker, drinker, Glinka, Inca, linker, minke, sinker, stinker, thinker, tinker, winker, frisker, risker, whisker, bigger, chigger, digger, figure, Frigga, jigger, ligger, nigger, rigger, rigor, rigour, snigger, swigger, trigger, vigour, finger, linger, * Treblinka, freethinker, stotinka, nondrinker, Soyinka, configure, transfigure, square-rigger, prefigure, disfigure, malinger, fishfinger, syringa, * pigsticker, billsticker, bootlicker, headshrinker, grave-digger, outrigger, forefinger, * reconfigure, alcheringa, ladyfinger, * kick her, sink her, etc.

Candy

Is dandy

But liquor

Is quicker.

OGDEN NASH

18.10 bidder, kidder, whydah, builder, gilder, guilder, Hilda, Tilda, tilde, cinder, hinder, Linda, Pindar, tinder, bitter, critter, fitter, flitter, fritter, glitter, gritter, hitter, jitter, knitter, litter, pitta, quitter, Ritter, sitter, skitter, spitter, titter, twitter, witter, scripter, dicta, lictor, Richter, victor, Victor, sphincter, drifter, grifter, lifter, snifter, swifter, filter, kilter, philtre, quilter, tilter, Pinter, printer, sinter, splinter, sprinter, tinter, winter, Bicester, blister, clyster, glister, lister, Lister, mister, Mr, sister, twister, vista, hipster, quipster, tipster, trickster, minster, spinster, * consider, St Kilda, Matilda, bewilder, Belinda, Dorinda, Lucinda, aglitter, committer, transmitter, bedsitter, Birgitta, embitter, emitter, remitter, descriptor, constrictor, predictor, CARIFTA, gefilte, midwinter, transistor, demister, enlister, resistor, * shipbuilder, coach-builder, Fassbinder, outfitter, bullshitter, weightlifter, scene-shifter, shoplifter, half-sister, stepsister, Axminster, Westminster, * reconsider, overbidder, underbidder, body-builder, baby-sitter, counterfeiter, Anaglypta®, Araminta, teleprinter, overwinter, Kidderminster, * neurotransmitter, vasoconstrictor, boa constrictor, * hid her, missed her, etc.

18.11 differ, sniffer, titfer, pilfer, giver, liver, quiver, river, shiver, sliver, silver, sylva, dither, hither, slither, thither, whither, wither, zither, * forgiver, deliver, downriver, upriver, Bat Mitzvah, Bar Mitzvah, * caregiver, lawgiver, quicksilver, * give her, with her, etc.

18.12 chiller, Cilla, driller, filler, griller, Hiller, killer, miller, Miller, pillar, Schiller, Scylla, shriller, spiller, stiller, thriller, tiller, villa, Willa, dribbler, nibbler, quibbler, scribbler, nimbler, tippler, simpler, pickler, stickler, tickler, sprinkler, twinkler, giggler, wriggler, mingler, Swinger, diddler, fiddler, tiddler, swindler, Hitler, littler, whittler, riffler, whiffler, sniveller, Himmler, Simla, whistler, Whistler, Rizla®, sizzler, mirror, sirrah, Libra, Libya, * papilla, megillah, Attila, flotilla, gorilla, guerrilla, zorilla, Camilla, mamilla, manila, Manila, vanilla, mantilla, Aquila, Anguilla, axilla, maxilla, cedilla, scintilla, distiller, instiller, Priscilla, chinchilla, Godzilla, fulfiller, Ludmilla, Drusilla, belittler, * painkiller, weedkiller, * caterpillar, manzanilla, sarsaparilla, lady-killer, Polyfilla®, potentilla, pulsatilla, aspidistra, * kill her, thrill her, etc.

18.13 dimmer, glimmer, grimmer, Rimmer, shimmer, simmer, skimmer, slimmer, Strimmer®, swimmer, trimmer, Zimmer®, sigma, stigma, Wilma, Brynner, Cinna, dinner, grinner, inner, Jinnah, pinna, Pinner, sinner, skinner, Skinner, spinner, thinner, tinner, winner, Dymphna, Kilner, Milner, Pilsner, Krishna, bringer, clinger, dinger, pinger, ringer, singer, Singer, springer, stinger, stringer, swinger, winger, wringer, * aglimmer, nonswimmer, enigma, charisma, Berliner, beginner, echidna, humdinger, * breadwinner, prizewinner, bell-ringer, Schrödinger, klipspringer, mudslinger, gunslinger, * Hare Krishna, mastersinger, Minnesinger, Meistersinger, * win her, bring her, etc.

But, by Jove, your hair is thinner, since you came to us in Pinner,

And you're fatter now, I'm certain. What you need is country air.

JOHN BETJEMAN

18.14 kisser, pissier, fixer, mixer, sixer, bitser, spritzer, Switzer, mincer, pincer, fizzer, quizzer, scissor, Windsor, fisher, Fischer, fissure, Trisha, Wiltshire, wisher, ditcher, hitcher, pitcher, richer, stitcher, twitcher, scripture, picture, stricture, cincture, tincture, filcher, clincher, lyncher, pincher, wincher, fixture, mixture, Bridger, cringer, ginger, injure, ninja, whinger, * Clarissa, Larisa, mantissa, abscissa, Melissa, elixir, Amritsar, Patricia, Phoenicia, Letitia, militia, admixture, abridger, infringer, * well-wisher, kingfisher, * reminiscer, * Doberman pinscher, * miss her, convince her, etc.

18.15 hillock, pillock, Dimmock, Dymock, Kinnock

18.16 limbic, nitpick, Indic, syndic, critic, cryptic, diptych, glyptic, styptic, triptych, cystic, mystic, dipstick, lipstick, civic, Britvic®, mythic, Killick, niblick, skin flick, lyric, Pyrrhic, pinprick, citric, Cymric, Pickwick, gimmick, mimic, rhythmic, filmic, clinic, cynic, picnic, strychnic, Chiswick, physis, * philippic, Olympic, acidic, Glenfiddich, bromidic, Druidic, graphitic, Hamitic, granitic, arthritic, mephitic, Semitic, bronchitic, Cushitic, elliptic, ecliptic, sadistic, statistic, patristic, sophistic, ballistic, fascistic, logistic, artistic, realistic, simplistic, linguistic, stylistic, autistic, heuristic, juristic, puristic, touristic, holistic, prolific, horrific, terrific, pacific, Pacific, specific, deific, pontific, omnific, morbific, Trevithick, dactylic, acrylic, basilic, exilic, sibyllic, idyllic, Cyrillic, vampiric, satiric, satyric, empiric, bulimic, eurhythmic, rabbinic, actinic, intrinsic, extrinsic, * genotypic, ecotypic, biotypic, prototypic, Paralympic, stalactitic, saprophytic, Glagolitic, catalytic, paralytic, analytic, stalagmitic, parasitic, anthracitic, thermolytic, neophytic, haemolytic, sybaritic, lymphocytic, syphilitic, dialytic, diacritic, troglodytic, coprolitic, dolomitic, oolitic, leucocytic, masochistic, atavistic, aphoristic, agonistic, pantheistic, altruistic, voyeuristic, narcissistic, fatalistic, plagiaristic, atheistic, mechanistic, hedonistic, pessimistic, journalistic, egotistic, legalistic, egoistic, syllogistic, inartistic, jingoistic, idealistic, nihilistic, novelistic, moralistic, modernistic, optimistic, polycystic, solecistic, formalistic, pluralistic, socialistic, chauvinistic, surrealist, unrealistic, humoristic, futuristic, humanistic, euphemistic, calorific, transpacific, beatific, hieroglyphic, scientific, soporific, honorific, nonspecific, unspecific, megalithic, Eolithic, Neolithic, Mesolithic, microlithic, monolithic, Anglophilic, carboxylic, necrophilic, haemophilic, imbecilic, panegyric, pantomimic, matronymic, patronymic, metonymic, homonymic, algorithmic, logarithmic, cataclysmic, nicotinic, * encephalitic, electrolytic, erythrocytic, apocalyptic, antagonistic, evangelistic, behaviouristic, impressionistic, expressionistic, paternalistic, neologistic, * naturalistic, nationalistic, antiballistic, cannibalistic, minimalistic, ritualistic, hypocoristic, characteristic, negativistic, relativistic, metalinguistic, opportunistic, nonscientific, unscientific, Palaeolithic, * semiparasitic, psychoanalytic, microanalytic, osteoarthritic, sadomasochistic, overoptimistic, pseudoscientific, * uncharacteristic, materialistic, imperialistic

18.17 critics, mystics, gimmicks, mimics, clinics, cynics, physics, * Olympics, cladistics, statistics, ballistics, logistics, linguistics, stylistics, heuristics, eurythmics, * Paralympics, hieroglyphics, astrophysics, metaphysics, geophysics, biophysics, * characteristics, etc.

18.18 lipid, limpid, wicked, whizz-kid, pitied, triffid, divvied, livid, vivid, skidlid, Ingrid, Wilfred, liquid, timid, whinnied, winged, viscid, busied, Brigid, frigid, rigid, * insipid, * glycolipid, semirigid, etc.

On murder in the first degree

The Law, I knew, is rigid:

Its attitude, if A kills B,

To A is always frigid.

P. G. WODEHOUSE

18.19 tribade, timbered, kippered, whispered, bickered, figured, jiggered, niggard, sniggered, lingered, gilded, hindered, fitted, glittered, knitted, littered, tittered, scripted, gifted, lifted, shifted, filtered, stilted, hinted, minted, printed, tinted, listed, twisted, Clifford, differed, Pickford, Mitford, Guildford, Milford, quivered, shivered, dithered, withered, Mildred, kindred, inward, windward, vineyard, glimmered, simmered, synod, blizzard, gizzard, lizzard, lizard, Lizard, wizard, Pritchard, Richard, pilchard, injured, * half-timbered, bewhiskered, disfigured, considered, unhindered, unfitted, committed, admitted, half-witted, quick-witted, unscripted, addicted, convicted, constricted, predicted, evicted, restricted, unprinted, reprinted, imprinted, unlisted, assisted, enlisted, limp-wristed, resisted, existed, tightfisted, delivered, uninjured, * unconsidered, uncommitted, self-inflicted, unpredicted, unrestricted, unassisted, lily-livered, undelivered, etc.

18.20 niggards, Clifford's, inwards, billiards, innards, blizzards, lizards, wizards, Richards, pilchards, etc.

18.21 cribbage, slippage, linkage, shrinkage, sinkage, windage, mintage, vintage, pillage, spillage, tillage, village, image, scrimmage, Greenwich, spinach, visage, * nonvintage, self-image, envisage, * afterimage

18.22 dibble, dribble, fribble, kibble, nibble, quibble, Ribble, scribble, sibyl, Sybil, cymbal, gimbal, nimble, symbol, thimble, timbal, Trimble, wimble, cripple, nipple, ripple, stipple, tipple, triple, dimple, pimple, simple, wimple, chicle, fickle, mickle, nickel, Nicol, pickle, prickle, sickle, tickle, trickle, crinkle, sprinkle, tinkle, twinkle, winkle, wrinkle, Driscoll, fiscal, giggle, jiggle, niggle, squiggle, wiggle, wriggle, cringle, dingle, Fingal, ingle, jingle, mingle, Pringle, shingle, single, tingle, Biddle, diddle, fiddle, griddle, idyll, Liddell, middle, piddle, Riddell, riddle, twiddle, widdle, brindle, dwindle, Hindle, kindle, spindle, swindle, Tyndale, brittle, it'll, little, skittle, Spital, spittle, tittle, victual, whittle, Whittle, lintel, quintal, Bristol, crystal, distal, pistil, pistol, piffle, riffle, skiffle, sniffle, whiffle, fitful, wistful, skilful, wilful, sinful, blissful, wishful, civil, drivel, frivol, shrivel, snivel, swivel, Cyril, squirrel, Tyrol, Tyrrell, Wirral, liberal, Liberal, timbrel, whimbrel, literal, mistral, minstrel, mineral, Chigwell, lingual, Sitwell, dismal, Richmal, signal, hymnal, simnel, Bissell, bristle, Cecil, gristle, missal, mistle, thistle, whistle, pixel, schnitzel, plimsoll, tinsel, chisel, drizzle, fizzle, frizzle, grizzle, mizzle, pizzle, sizzle, swizzle, Mitchell, vigil, brinjal, * Dalrymple, besprinkle, commingle, Kriss Kringle, Christingle, rekindle, acquittal, committal, belittle, unskilful, uncivil, magistral, bilingual, trilingual, abysmal, baptismal, abyssal, epistle, dismissal, official, initial, solstitial, judicial, provincial, vestigial, * Doolittle, lickspittle, Birtwistle, * Abu Simbel, pumpernickel, cupronickel, periwinkle, Rip Van Winkle, intermingle, paradiddle, tarradiddle, noncommittal, monolingual, multilingual, cacomistle, Oswaldtwistle, paroxysmal, sacrificial, artificial, beneficial, prejudicial, interstitial, unofficial, superficial

Hey diddle diddle,

The cat and the fiddle.

NURSERY RHYME

18.23 dribbled, kibbled, nibbled, ribald, scribbled, gimballed, crippled, rippled, pickled, tickled, sprinkled, wrinkled, mingled, tingled, fiddled, swindled, whittled, shrivelled, swivelled, Tynwald, whistled, chiselled, drizzled, grizzled, sizzled, * rekindled, unmingled, etc.

18.24 cymbals, gimbals, thimbles, nipples, ripples, dimples, pimples, Nichols, Pickles, prickles, tickles, winkles, Biggles, giggles, squiggles, Fingal's, shingles, singles, fiddles, riddles, Tiddles, skittles, victuals, bristols, crystals, pistols, thistles, plimsolls, * epistles, initials, etc.

18.25 Shittim, victim, pilgrim, minim, * hit him, kicked him, etc.

18.26 Shippam, Wickham, Wykeham, dinkum, income, Brigham, Wyndham, kingdom, princedom, wisdom, symptom, dictum, system, Lytham, rhythm, Willem, siglum, Whitlam, Ingram, Tristram, William, Bingham, gingham, Ingham, jissom, lissom, gypsum, Brixham, winsome, Grisham, Mitchum, * High Wycombe, Fitzwilliam, Fort William, * Wiveliscombe, ecosystem, solar system, algorithm, biorhythm, logarithm, polyrhythm, * pick 'em, missed 'em, etc.

18.27 Chisholm, chrism, ism, prism, schism, * abysm, * baptism, Sapphism, fascism, Chartism, classism, Marxism, Nazism, papism, sadism, racism, ageism, sexism, realism, verism, deism, theism, Sikhism, Grecism, Jainism, sophism, autism, dwarfism, purism, tourism, Maoism, Taoism, tropism, Fauvism, Gaullism, holism, Buddhism, truism, cubism, mutism, * alarmism, escapism, transvestism, voyeurism, surrealism, idealism, careerism, defeatism, elitism, extremism, * vigilantism, ethnocentrism, egocentrism, Eurocentrism, photorealism, absenteeism, metamorphism, geotropism, opportunism, * heterosexism

18.28 masochism, pragmatism, atavism, vandalism, cataclysm, aphorism, aneurysm, mannerism, Thatcherism, laconism, galvanism, Rachmanism, Jansenism, paroxysm, pantheism,

catechism, magnetism, pacifism, activism, animism, albinism, Latinism, Calvinism, Atticism, Gallicism, Anglicism, classicism, vampirism, altruism, barbarism, Dadaism, archaism, Stalinism, Darwinism, narcissism, ableism, fatalism, racialism, naturism, plagiarism, paganism, Platonism, Satanism, atheism, Methodism, nepotism, despotism, embolism, centralism, specialism, terrorism, mesmerism, mechanism, hedonism, westernism, melanism, Pelmanism, pessimism, cretinism, Hellenism, feminism, Leninism, scepticism, Celticism, fetishism, exorcism, echoism, heroism, ergotism, verbalism, journalism, egotism, legalism, veganism, heathenism, demonism, speciesism, Hebraism, egoism, sinapism, tribadism, stigmatism, hypnotism, symbolism, syllogism, nimbyism, Briticism, criticism, witticism, mysticism, lyricism, cynicism, Yiddishism, jingoism, Hinduism, priapism, gigantism, tribalism, dynamism, Zionism, pietism, nihilism, Irishism, microprism, mongolism, modernism, ostracism, Trotskyism, cockneyism, Bolshevism, optimism, Scotticism, Gnosticism, solecism, occultism, populism, botulism, communism, traumatism, formalism, organism, daltonism, pluralism, bowdlerism, loyalism, pointillism, localism, vocalism, socialism, tokenism, onanism, cronyism, chauvinism, stoicism, vulgarity, rheumatism, dualism, feudalism, spoonerism, futurism, Teutonism, unionism, humanism, Judaism, pugilism, euphemism, euphuism, * metabolism, antagonism, anachronism, Italianism, expansionism, infantilism, evangelism, fanaticism, romanticism, scholasticism, monasticism, Hispanicism, somnambulism, McCarthyism, behaviourism, creationism, adventurism, impressionism, expressionism, protectionism, perfectionism, collectivism, athleticism, asceticism, eclecticism, Conservatism, paternalism, commercialism, determinism, medievalism, astigmatism, initialism, provincialism, ventriloquism, revisionism, recidivism, descriptivism, prescriptivism, empiricism, revivalism, automatism, neologism, eroticism, agnosticism, Catholicism, Micawberism, teetotalism, reductionism, consumerism, Confucianism, illusionism, * sadomasochism, televangelism, neoclassicism, Neo-Darwinism, Neo-Platonism, isolationism, fundamentalism, instrumentalism, departmentalism, transcendentalism, Orientalism, existentialism, sentimentalism, eco-terrorism, counterterrorism, servomechanism, postimpressionism, resurrectionism, photojournalism, universalism, abolitionism, exhibitionism, hypercriticism, hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, overoptimism, microorganism, * experimentalism, environmentalism, homoeroticism, autoeroticism

18.29 naturalism, nationalism, rationalism, patriotism, cannibalism, radicalism, capitalism, animalism, Anglicanism, Africanism, parallelism, parasitism, malapropism, alcoholism, absolutism, Parkinsonism, Fabianism, favouritism, separatism, federalism, lesbianism, clericalism, secularism, negativism, relativism, serialism, regionalism, liberalism, literalism, idiotism, syndicalism, digitalism, minimalism, militarism, ritualism, nicotinism, primitivism, Philistinism, spiritualism, Protestantism, popularism, Bonapartism, polytheism, monotheism, positivism, structuralism, functionalism, monetarism, hooliganism, mutualism, * Mohammedanism, Tractarianism, sensationalism, Canadianism, Australianism, Pelagianism, professionalism, conventionalism, incendiarism, pedestrianism, equestrianism, Americanism, transsexualism, materialism, imperialism, traditionalism, colloquialism, colonialism, poststructuralism, industrialism, republicanism, * internationalism, Zoroastrianism, Rastafarianism, vegetarianism, Unitarianism, millenarianism, Congregationalism, intellectualism, Presbyterianism, individualism, multiculturalism, institutionalism, * parliamentarianism, egalitarianism, totalitarianism, humanitarianism, utilitarianism, authoritarianism, neocolonialism

Rhymes

Many rhymes have different spellings (e.g. mane/reign/vein/plain/Wayne or new/through/blue/coo/do), and many words with the same ending do not rhyme (e.g. bear/fear or mint/pint). When the latter are used in poetry, the result is called an eye rhyme or sight rhyme. Here are some examples:

**Come live with me, and be my love,
And we will all the pleasures prove.**

CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE

**You beat your pate, and fancy wit will come:
Knock as you please, there's nobody at home.**

ALEXANDER POPE

**Goosey goosey gander,
Whither shall I wander?**

NURSERY RHYME

18.30 diddums, kingdoms, symptoms, Ingrams, Williams, isms, etc.

18.31 Philbin, sin bin, swing bin, pippin, Gilpin, kingpin, Crispin, linchpin, chicken, pigskin, kidskin, sit-in, Quintin, Tintin, griffin, Griffin, tiffin, Swithin, fibrin, Disprin®, women, linen, trypsin, Hitchin, Itchen, kitchen, lichen, pidgin, * un-lived-in, * clanswomen, charwomen, craftswomen, cavewomen, saleswomen, Welshwomen, churchwomen, kinswomen, Scotswomen, yachtswomen, horsewomen, sportswomen, townswomen, * policewomen, * Rumpelstiltskin, Enniskillen, penicillin, gentlewomen, clergywomen, needlewomen, businesswomen, Englishwomen, Irishwomen, washerwomen, noblewomen, underlinen, Solzhenitsyn, * skippin', knittin', etc.

18.32 gibbon, Gibbon, ribbon, Brisbane, Lisbon, Crippen, Ripon, Rippon, Dickon, quicken, sicken, stricken, thicken, Wiccan, silken, Incan, Lincoln, big 'un, Wigan, bidden, hidden, midden, ridden, stridden, Cliveden, Findon, linden, Swindon, Wisden, bitten, bittern, Britain, Briton, Britten, kitten, Lytton, mitten, smitten, twitten, written, Lipton, Shipton, Skipton, Shrimpton, Clifton, Chiltern, Hilton, Milton, Stilton, Wilton, Clinton, Hinton, Minton, quintan, Tintern, Winton, cistern, piston, Tristan, Whiston, Wytan, Princeton, Winston, Kingston, griffon, gryphon, stiffen, driven, given, Niven, riven, shriven, sylvan, Dillon, Dylan, villain, villein, little 'un, Mirren, Libran, children, Citroën, citron, Libyan, billion, million, pillion, trillion, zillion, Binyon, minion, pinion, Lipman, Shipman, Hickman, milkman, Pitman, Whitman, kinsman, finnan, Bingen, * Fitzgibbon, Franciscan, forbidden, unbidden, unhidden, unriden, unwritten, phlogiston, forgiven, unshriven, Macmillan, pavilion, carillon, vermilion, Brazilian, Castilian, Quintilian, civilian, Trevelyan, Sicilian, postilion, tourbillion, dominion, opinion, persimmon, McKinnon, Dunsinane, * awestricken, hagridden, bedridden, handwritten, typewritten, frostbitten, festschriften, grandchildren, godchildren, schoolchildren, * San Franciscan, overridden, Hohenlinden, overwritten, underwritten, Bulwer-Lytton, unforgiven, Abbevillian, Maximilian, rack-and-pinion, * Unter den Linden

Nature's decorations glisten

Far above their usual trim;

Birds on box and laurels listen,

As so near the cherubs hymn.

CHRISTOPHER SMART

18.33 christen, glisten, listen, Nissen, Ibsen, Gibson, Simpson, Timpson, Blixen, Dixon, Hickson, Nixon, vixen, Whitsun, Smithson, Stillson, Wilson, Stimson, mizzen, prison, risen, wizen, Pilsen, crimson, Frisian, vision, fission, mission, scission, Titian, diction, fiction, friction, Christian, pigeon, wigeon, smidgen, Injun, St John, * arisen, imprison, provision, collision, concision, division, revision, prevision, envision, elision, derision, decision, precisian, precision, incision, excision, suspicion, addition, perdition, tradition, condition, volition, Mauritian, attrition, patrician, contrition, commission, Domitian, omission, permission, submission, admission, monition, position, logician, magician, tactician, ambition, transmission, transition, partition, rendition, dentition, technician, edition, sedition, petition, detrition, demission, emission, remission, clinician, ignition, physician, optician, cognition, audition, mortician, coition, fruition,

tuition, beautician, nutrition, munition, musician, ascription, subscription, conscription, connotation, transcription, decryption, encryption, description, prescription, inscription, Egyptian, proscription, addiction, conviction, affliction, constriction, depiction, prediction, eviction, infliction, restriction, nonfiction, distinction, extinction, unchristian, religion, * television, circumcision, indecision, imprecision, Eurovision, tunnel vision, subdivision, supervision, abolition, apparition, admonition, apposition, transposition, statistician, acquisition, malnutrition, manumission, ammunition, parturition, extradition, ebullition, demolition, rhetorician, mechanic, premonition, recognition, preposition, exposition, exhibition, expedition, repetition, electrician, definition, requisition, erudition, theoretician, precondition, recondition, decommission, readmission, deposition, reposition, aesthetician, mint condition, micturition, intermission, inanition, imposition, disposition, inhibition, inquisition, Inquisition, disquisition, intuition, dietician, opposition, proposition, composition, obstetrician, competition, politician, cosmetician, coalition, prohibition, Prohibition, phonetician, supposition, superstition, circumscription, superscription, malediction, valediction, dereliction, benediction, derestriction, interdiction, contradiction, jurisdiction, crucifixion, Crucifixion, irreligion, * mathematician, academician, metaphysician, geometrician, derequisition, paediatrician, predisposition, decomposition, presupposition, interposition, indisposition, diagnostician, nonrecognition, overambition, juxtaposition, contradistinction

Thou shalt not covet; but tradition

Approves all forms of competition.

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH

18.34 riband, sickened, thickened, brigand, England, midland, Finland, inland, Crimond, Grimoned, Sigmund, Richmond, christened, glistened, listened, wizened, * beribboned, conditioned, commissioned, positioned, * noncommissioned, etc.

18.35 brigands, Midlands, Symonds, Sigmund's, etc.

18.36 Crispin's, chickens, dickens, Dickens, Wilkins, Higgins, Swithin's, kitchens, etc.

18.37 Gibbons, ribbons, Siddons, Britons, kittens, mittens, pistons, Tristan's, villains, millions, minions, Simmons, glistens, listens, Sissons, missions, Titian's, Christians, pigeons, * civilians, Fitzsimmons, provisions, divisions, decisions, suspicions, ambitions, editions, beauticians, munitions, musicians, etc.

Three little kittens they lost their mittens.

NURSERY RHYME

18.38 flippant, didn't, distant, instant, infant, brilliant, different, shipment, figment, pigment, fitment, Vincent, isn't, stringent, * remittent, assistant, persistent, subsistent, consistent, insistent, resistant, existent, indifferent, delinquent, equipment, commitment, enlistment, fulfilment, enrichment, abridgment, infringement, malignant, indignant, benignant, dehiscent, proficient, sufficient, deficient, efficient, astringent, contingent, refringent, * intermittent, equidistant, inconsistent, nonexistent, coexistent, re-enlistment, non-malignant, reminiscent, indehiscent, self-sufficient, insufficient, inefficient, coefficient

18.39 sixpence, riddance, pittance, quittance, distance, instance, instants, infants, hindrance, difference, brilliance, fitments, * acquittance, admittance, transmittance, remittance, assistance, assistants, persistence, subsistence, insistence, resistance, Resistance, existence, outdistance, indifference, deliverance, delinquents, commitments, dehiscence, * readmittance, intermittence, equidistance, nonexistence, coexistence, reminiscence, indehiscence, etc.

Friday's child is loving and giving,

Saturday's child works hard for his living.

TRADITIONAL RHYME

18.40 cribbing, fibbing, ribbing, chipping, clipping, dipping, dripping, flipping, gripping, nipping, ripping, shipping, skipping, slipping, stripping, tipping, whipping, crimping, limping, scrimping,

shrimping, lipping, licking, kicking, picking, sticking, ticking, bilking, milking, blinking, chinking, drinking, linking, pinking, shrinking, sinking, stinking, thinking, winking, frisking, risking, whisking, digging, frigging, jiggling, rigging, swigging, wigging, bidding, kidding, skidding, building, gilding, wingding, fitting, gritting, hitting, knitting, quitting, sitting, spitting, splitting, witting, kiltering, liltering, quilting, tilting, wilting, printing, listing, misting, twisting, biffing, spiffing, giving, living, sieving, billing, chilling, drilling, filling, grilling, killing, milling, pilling, schilling, shilling, spilling, thrilling, willing, dribbling, nibbling, scribbling, sibling, Kipling, crippling, rippling, stripling, pickling, trickling, inkling, sprinkling, tinkling, twinkling, wrinkling, giggling, niggling, wriggling, jingling, tingling, fiddling, middling, piddling, twiddling, kindling, whittling, piffing, brisling, bristling, whistling, quisling, sizzling, brimming, dimming, skimming, slimming, swimming, trimming, grinning, inning, pinning, sinning, skinning, spinning, thinning, twinning, winning, bringing, clinging, ringing, singing, springing, stinging, swinging, wringing, Gissing, hissing, kissing, missing, pissing, glimpsing, fixing, mixing, mincing, fizzing, quizzing, whizzing, bitching, hitching, itching, stitching, twitching, witching, clinching, inching, lynching, pinching, bridging, cringing, hinging, swingeing, whingeing, * unpicking, unblinking, unthinking, unwinking, right-thinking, forbidding, rebuilding, unwitting, admitting, transmitting, befitting, emitting, afflicting, conflicting, constricting, predicting, restricting, uplifting, unstinting, reprinting, imprinting, assisting, persisting, enlisting, resisting, existing, forgiving, thanksgiving, misgiving, unwilling, deskilling, distilling, fulfilling, beginning, dismissing, convincing, bewitching, enriching, unflinching, abridging, * earwiggling, freethinking, shipbuilding, outbuilding, hairsplitting, ear-splitting, sidesplitting, shopfitting, weightlifting, shoplifting, downshifting, painkilling, prizewinning, bell-ringing, mudslinging, gunslinging, upbringing, * scavenging, challenging, * bodybuilding, baby-sitting, unbecoming, unremitting, unresisting, forward-thinking, unforgiving, Inniskilling, multitasking, self-fulfilling, unfulfilling, underpinning, moneyspinning, unconvincing, penny-pinching, etc.

18.41 clippings, pickings, buildings, sittings, fillings, killings, shillings, siblings, trimmings, innings, winnings, * beginnings, * underpinnings, etc.

18.42 chirrup, stirrup, syrup, piss-up, mix-up, bishop, * archbishop

A youth who bore mid snow and ice

A bird that wouldn't chirrup,

And a banner with the strange device –

'Mrs Winslow's soothing syrup.'

A. E. HOUSMAN

18.43 Dilys, Phyllis, Willis, finis, Glynis, Guinness, Innes, Menzies, missus, * Charybdis, ex libris, McGuinness, ellipsis, * Nunc Dimittis, amaryllis, Amaryllis, Cader Idris

18.44 gibbous, nimbus, incus, discus, viscous, Findus, Indus, ictus, rictus, linctus, cistus, Sixtus, villus, Nicklaus, lidless, windlass, windless, witless, shiftless, thriftless, guiltless, listless, limbless, rimless, chinless, sinless, skinless, stringless, wingless, cirrus, Pyrrhus, citrus, mistress, grimace, litmus, Titmus, Christmas, isthmus, pinnace, glibness, crispness, sickness, thickness, briskness, Widnes, fitness, witness, strictness, swiftness, stiffness, illness, stillness, dimness, grimness, slimmness, business, richness, vicious, * hibiscus, meniscus, Aer Lingus, bacillus, headmistress, strabismus, unfitness, succinctness, forgiveness, narcissus, Narcissus, propitious, suspicious, officious, malicious, Mauritius, capricious, pernicious, flagitious, ambitious, factitious, seditious, fictitious, delicious, auspicious, judicious, lubricious, nutritious, prodigious, prestigious, litigious, religious, * housemistress, postmistress, schoolmistress, eyewitness, * Aristippus, eohippus, cunnilingus, eucalyptus, Benedictus, Trismegistus, avaricious, adventitious, Aloysius, expeditious, repetitious, meretricious, inauspicious, injudicious, surreptitious, suppositious, unambitious, unsuspecting, superstitious, sacrilegious, irreligious, nonreligious, * cumulonimbus, lactobacillus, overambitious, * picked us, kill us, etc.

But the apes – though not so vicious

To begin with – were ambitious.

CLARENCE DAY

18.45 wish list, linguist, * violinist

18.46 crispest, quickest, sickest, slickest, thickest, biggest, fittest, shrillest, stillest, nimblest, simplest, littlest, interest, dimmest, grimmest, slimmest, dynast, thinnest, witnessed, richest, * self-interest, disinterest, etc.

18.47 impish, wimpish, pinkish, biggish, priggish, Yiddish, British, skittish, ticklish, English, Finnish, finish, * un-British, relinquish, distinguish, extinguish, diminish

18.48 finished, * relinquished, distinguished, extinguished, unfinished, diminished, * undistinguished, undiminished

18.49 Dilbert, filbert, Gilbert, Didcot, bigot, frigate, Piggott, spigot, ingot, divot, pivot, * Don Quixote

18.50 pipit, sippet, snippet, tippet, Tippett, whippet, limpet, gibbet, titbit, cricket, picket, snicket, thicket, ticket, wicket, trinket, biscuit, brisket, Chindit, ringgit, Tlingit, Kwik-Fit, misfit, civet, privet, rivet, trivet, with-it, billet, fillet, millet, skillet, ripplet, triplet, piglet, singlet, gimlet, kinglet, ringlet, winglet, spirit, nitwit, dimwit, limit, innit, linnet, minute, spinet, cygnet, signet, licit, Tilsit, visit, Pritchett, Bridget, digit, fidget, midget, widget, * prohibit, inhibit, exhibit, Glenlivet, dispiret, delimit, solicit, elicit, illicit, implicit, explicit, revisit, exquisite, * flibbertigibbet, * win it, is it, etc.

Off went the cart with the home packed in it,

I walked behind with my old cock linnet.

CHARLES COLLINS

18.51 snippets, whippets, titbits, pickets, rickets, tickets, wickets, biscuits, giblets, triplets, limits, Bridget's, digits, etc.

18.52 Plymouth, Sidmouth, Lynmouth, Teignmouth, bismuth, Gwyneth

18.53 fictive, missive, * addictive, predictive, vindictive, descriptive, prescriptive, restrictive, distinctive, instinctive, assistive, resistive, permissive, submissive, dismissive, * nonaddictive, nonrestrictive

18.54 hippies, kiddies, Indies, Windies, cities, ditties, fifties, Christie's, sixties, civvies, skivvies, Billy's, lilies, Scillies, willies, wrinklies, guineas, kidneys, chimneys, Gypsies, pixies, * West Indies, East Indies, committees, Achilles, Antilles, * hillbillies, etc.

A fine romance, with no kisses!

A fine romance, my friend, this is!

DOROTHY FIELDS

18.55 timbers, clippers, flippers, kippers, nippers, slippers, trippers, whispers, knickers, pickers, Vickers, tinkers, whiskers, Whiskas®, figures, sniggers, fingers, bidders, builders, cinders, Flinders, Linda's, critters, jitters, printers, splinters, winters, Winters, sisters, Chivers, rivers, Rivers, slivers, Smithers, withers, killers, pillars, slimmers, swimmers, dinners, sinners, winners, kisses, misses, missus, Mrs, pincers, princes, scissors, breeches, riches, stitches, witches, Scriptures, pictures, inches, bridges, Bridges, midges, fringes, * transistors, gorillas, guerrillas, beginners, * caregivers, painkillers, bell-ringers, * camiknickers, butterfingers, caterpillars, lady-killers, rags-to-riches, etc.

18.56 Willoughby, Dimbleby, Nickleby, syncopy, chirrupy, syrupy, schipperke, Picardy, liberty, dynasty, dystrophy, sympathy, Timothy, Kimberley, Tripoli, bitterly, Italy, sisterly, systole, fitfully, wistfully, skilfully, wilfully, sinfully, blissfully, wishfully, Tivoli, liberally, literally, dismally, cicely, Cicely, Wycherley, gingerly, miserably, visibly, niggardly, inwardly, flippantly, distantly, instantly, differently, brilliantly, winsomely, viciously, bilberry, Tilbury, Finsbury, frippery, slippery, chicory, hickory, trickery, Vickery, whiskery, piggery, Whiggery, cindery, tindery,

glittery, jittery, twittery, victory, history, mystery, livery, quivery, shivery, silvery, dithery, slithery, Hilary, Hillary, pillory, literary, biliary, ciliary, shimmer, misery, fishery, stitchery, witchery, gingery, injury, wizardry, bigotry, dilatory, minatory, signatory, infantry, inventory, dysentery, industry, chivalry, missionary, visionary, dictionary, bigamy, thingummy, infamy, timpani, Brittany, dittany, litany, Tiffany, symphony, villainy, tyranny, simony, privacy, literacy, Christmassy, minstrelsy, flippancy, infancy, stringency, liturgy, trilogy, synergy, * calligraphy, antipathy, Gallipoli, abysmally, officially, initially, judicially, predictably, considerably, admittedly, deliberately, considerately, persistently, consistently, indignantly, proficiently, sufficiently, efficiently, musicianly, suspiciously, officiously, maliciously, ambitiously, judiciously, prodigiously, religiously, Terpsichore, prehistory, periphery, midwifery, housewifery, delivery, capillary, ancillary, artillery, armillary, distillery, fritillary, antiquary, reliquary, subsidiary, auxiliary, rotisserie, justiciary, judiciary, explicatory, obligatory, depilatory, respiratory, conciliatory, divinatory, propitiatory, revisionary, soliloquy, ventriloquy, polygamy, epitome, Antigone, antiphony, epiphany, Epiphany, polyphony, conspiracy, illiteracy, consistency, delinquency, proficiency, sufficiency, deficiency, efficiency, exigency, contingency, * artificially, unofficially, superficially, inexplicably, unequivocally, inconsiderately, intermittently, inconsistently, insufficiently, inefficiently, inauspiciously, surreptitiously, contradictory, valedictory, domiciliary, disciplinary, beneficiary, expeditionary, inconsistency, self-sufficiency, insufficiency, inefficiency, * higgledy-piggledy, idiosyncrasy, * interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, immunodeficiency, etc.

**There was a young person whose history,
Was always considered a mystery.**

EDWARD LEAR

18.57 finicky, gimmicky, rickety, quiddity, dimity, Trinity, dignity, fixity, witchetty, fidgety, skimpily, trickily, prettily, wittily, shiftily, thriftily, guiltily, civilly, simile, Sicily, busily, principally, typically, critically, mystically, mythically, biblically, lyrically, clinically, cynically, physically, whimsically, wickedly, vividly, timidly, fixedly, frigidly, rigidly, pitifully, fittingly, wittingly, chillingly, willingly, swimmingly, impishly, gimmickry, mimicry, military, symmetry, dignitary, ministry, millinery, imagery, Rimini, Brindisi, syzygy, * pernickety, rapidity, avidity, validity, solidity, aridity, acidity, liquidly, timidity, frigidity, rigidity, morbidity, fluidity, cupidity, stupidity, humidity, lucidity, Nativity, acclivity, proclivity, captivity, activity, passivity, festivity, declivity, sublimity, proximity, affinity, salinity, virginity, infinity, divinity, felinity, vicinity, malignity, indignity, benignity, publicity, complicity, plasticity, spasticity, ethnicity, felicity, Felicity, simplicity, toxicity, duplicity, prolixity, facsimile, politically, elliptically, sadistically, statistically, artistically, realistically, prolifically, horrifically, terrifically, specifically, idyllically, satirically, empirically, intrinsically, illicitly, implicitly, explicitly, exquisitely, distinctively, instinctively, submissively, unthinkingly, unwittingly, unwillingly, convincingly, prohibitory, inhibitory, asymmetry, preliminary, Eurydice, Chalcidice, * serendipity, invalidity, negativity, relativity, sensitivity, exclusivity, creativity, inactivity, impassivity, selectivity, objectivity, positivity, productivity, conductivity, subjectivity, anonymity, magnanimity, equanimity, unanimity, alkalinity, masculinity, femininity, consanguinity, eccentricity, electricity, elasticity, synchronicity, domesticity, authenticity, multiplicity, analytically, hypocritically, altruistically, pessimistically, idealistically, optimistically, euphemistically, scientifically, unconvincingly, paramilitary, alkalimetry, acidimetry, Aborigine, * insensitivity, hyperactivity, overactivity, characteristically, unscientifically, niminy-piminy, * radioactivity, hypersensitivity, hydroelectricity, etc.

**Sure there are times when one cries with acidity,
'Where are the limits of human stupidity?'**

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

18.58 ability, stability, scurrility, facility, agility, fragility, tranquillity, gentility, sterility, fertility, servility, debility, civility, virility, senility, hostility, mobility, nobility, motility, docility, utility, futility, humility, obliquity, antiquity, iniquity, ubiquity, propinquity, * fallibility, capability, saleability, changeability, credibility, flexibility, sensibility, legibility, versatility, readability, feasibility, instability, inability, disability, visibility, infertility, incivility, imbecility, immobility, liability, viability, probability, possibility, volatility, solubility, plausibility, durability, notability, culpability, gullibility, suitability, * compatibility, adaptability, infallibility, incapability, availability, dependability, susceptibility, respectability, accessibility, inflexibility, predictability, divisibility, invisibility, desirability, reliability, excitability, advisability, improbability, impossibility, responsibility, affordability, accountability, unsuitability, * malleability, amicability, variability, amiability, eligibility, permeability, irritability, profitability, vulnerability, * incompatibility, unavailability, inaccessibility, unreliability, irresponsibility, * invariability, impressionability, inevitability, intelligibility, ineligibility, unprofitability, etc.

18.59 fitfully, wistfully, skilfully, wilfully, sinfully, blissfully, wishfully, stimuli, visually, ritually, tributary, * continually, habitually, obituary, contributory, * individually, noncontributory, etc.

18.60 Whitaker, Ithaca, spinnaker, Christopher, Nicola, tricolour, victualler, sniveller, signaller, chiseller, whimperer, whisperer, bickerer, sniggerer, lingerer, titterer, witterer, pilferer, cithera, ditherer, Sisera, viscera, Middlesbrough, thickener, stiffener, scrivener, listener, prisoner, Kitchener, Lincolnshire, ligature, Philippa, silica, mimicker, Lineker, picnicker, vinegar, Phyllida, cylinder, cricketer, limiter, scimitar, visitor, minister, sinister, Chichester, Winchester, Nineveh, miniver, similar, Indira, cinema, minima, milliner, kibitzer, Yiddisher, Britisher, finisher, literature, miniature, signature, integer, pillager, villager, Kissinger, issuer, fibula, singular, titular, fistula, Vistula, primula, insular, * conspirator, calligrapher, Agricola, amygdala, malingerer, deliverer, Ionicera, conditioner, parishioner, commissioner, practitioner, petitioner, auditioner, basilica, Dominica, exhibitor, inhibitor, altimeter, perimeter, solicitor, inquisitor, administer, dissimilar, artificer, extinguisher, residua, continua, contributor, distributor, mandibular, vestibular, Caligula, particular, curricula, testicular, ventricular, vehicular, funicular, peninsula, * Little Englander, spina bifida, calorimeter, maladminister, perpendicular, * extracurricular

18.61 Libya, tibia, grippier, nippier, slippier, pickier, stickier, trickier, milkier, silkier, friskier, Ischia, riskier, Lydia, India, windier, grittier, prettier, Whittier, wittier, shiftier, thriftier, mintier, mistier, twistier, clivia, Livia, Nivea®, trivia, Sylvia, pithier, Cynthia, chillier, cilia, frillier, hillier, Hillier, sillier, sicklier, Syria, wintrier, linear, skinnier, tinea, zinnia, springier, stringier, tipsier, busier, dizzier, fizzier, frizzier, flimsier, dishier, fishier, itchier, Phrygia, dingier, stingier, * Namibia, Olympia, chlamydia, Numidia, Bolivia, Olivia, Carinthia, familiar, Brasília, Assyria, Illyria, porphyria, bulimia, robinia, Lavinia, actinia, Sardinia, Virginia, nonlinear, gloxinia, photinia, insignia, Alicia, Galicia, asphyxia, Kirghizia, Tunisia, Letitia, * *Escherichia*, Francophilia, Anglophilia, necrophilia, paedophilia, haemophilia, coprophilia, Europhilia, bougainvillea, juvenilia, interlinear, Abyssinia, * memorabilia, Germanophilia, overfamiliar, etc.

18.62 pivoted, interested, Hilliard, *Iliad*, myriad, picketed, riveted, filleted, spirited, limited, visited, Bideford, * uninterested, disinterested, prohibited, inhibited, dispirited, unlimited, solicited, unvisited, * uninhibited, unsolicited, etc.

18.63 liveried, pilloried, Winifred, pyramid

18.64 clickable, drinkable, shrinkable, sinkable, thinkable, biddable, liftable, printable, Whitstable, livable, syllable, willable, miserable, winnable, singable, kissable, miscible, missable, fixable, mixable, risible, visible, binnacle, pinnacle, citadel, pivotal, interval, liberal, Liberal, clitoral, literal, littoral, mineral, visceral, scriptural, integral, fictional, frictional, trivial, filial, vitriol, finial, lineal, pineal, principal, principle, typical, critical, mystical, mythical, biblical, cyclical, lyrical, miracle, rhythmical, clinical, cynical, finical, physical, quizzical, whimsical, infidel,

digital, pitiful, sinistral, minimal, criminal, vicinal, spiritual, visual, ritual, * applicable, despicable, explicable, undrinkable, unshrinkable, unsinkable, unthinkable, formidable, transmittable, hospitable, predictable, unprintable, forgivable, unkillable, refillable, considerable, deliverable, omissible, permissible, admissible, unmissable, immiscible, invincible, divisible, invisible, dirigible, episcopal, equivocal, reciprocal, antipodal, illiberal, peripheral, polygonal, provisional, divisional, additional, traditional, conditional, positional, transitional, nutritional, convivial, Lostwithiel, familial, vestigial, participle, municipal, untypical, atypical, veridical, juridical, Levitical, political, uncritical, elliptical, statistical, logistical, pontifical, umbilical, encyclical, empirical, satirical, cylindrical, inimical, rabbinical, dominical, nonphysical, centripetal, occipital, libidinal, subliminal, medicinal, original, continual, habitual, instinctual, residual, centrifugal, * inapplicable, inexplicable, inextricable, inhospitable, unpredictable, irresistible, unforgivable, monosyllable, unfulfillable, inconsiderable, undeliverable, inadmissible, indivisible, unequivocal, prepositional, compositional, unconditional, suppositional, participial, matrilineal, patrilineal, archetypical, analytical, parasitical, apolitical, hypocritical, diacritical, hypercritical, nonpolitical, egotistical, egoistical, astrophysical, metaphysical, geophysical, Aboriginal, unoriginal, televisual, individual, * archiepiscopal, stereotypical, audiovisual, * psychoanalytical

18.65 principled, * unprincipled, two-syllabled

18.66 Christendom, Chrysostom, Chippenham, tympanum, Twickenham, Hilversum, idiom, tritium, cilium, ileum, ilium, Ilium, Miriam, Librium®, Widdecombe, minimum, Gillingham, * officialdom, iridium, presidium, rubidium, beryllium, delirium, Elysium, Brundisium, molybdenum, residuum, continuum, curriculum, reticulum, capitulum, * post meridiem, penicillium, equilibrium, neodymium, aluminium, diverticulum, * ante meridiem, disequilibrium

18.67 Wimbledon, Missenden, Pinkerton, Winterton, Tiverton, simpleton, Middleton, Littleton, Lyttelton, Ingleton, singleton, Silverstone, Lindemann, cyclamen, Zimmerman, cinnamon, fisherman, signalman, Richardson, Nicholson, Williamson, histogen, Imogen, Gibeon, Libyan, Crispian, Gideon, Lydian, Midian, Indian, Vivian, Vivien, billion, Chilean, Gillian, Lilian, million, pillion, trillion, zillion, Syrian, Tyrian, Cyprian, Simeon, simian, Guinean, Ninian, Plinian, Trinian, Phrygian, Stygian, silicon, Michigan, Milligan, Finnegan, Hillingdon, Pilkington, Whittington, Withington, Bridlington, Islington, Lymington, Wilmington, Livingston, Livingstone, Vlissingen, Dickinson, Wilkinson, citizen, * militiaman, carcinogen, Namibian, amphibian, Philippian, Olympian, Pickwickian, Malpighian, Dravidian, meridian, viridian, Ovidian, obsidian, quotidian, ophidian, Euclidean, Numidian, Bolivian, oblivion, Maldivian, Corinthian, pavilion, Brazilian, Castilian, reptilian, vermilion, Churchillian, Virgilian, Quintilian, civilian, Sicilian, postilion, Assyrian, Amphitryon, Endymion, prosimian, Justinian, Sardinian, Darwinian, Arminian, Virginian, Galician, Parisian, Elysian, Tunisian, Thuringian, Dominican, McGilligan, * hallucinogen, Mississippian, Paralympian, Hesperidian, postmeridian, Amerindian, labyrinthian, crocodilian, Abbevillian, vaudevillian, Maximilian, Argentinian, Palestinian, Augustinian, Carthaginian, Abyssinian, Dionysian, Ordovician, Cantabrigian, callipygian, Carolingian, Merovingian, Carolingian, * antemeridian

18.68 Switzerland, Sigismund

18.69 simpletons, Gillian's, millions, citizens, * amphibians, Philipians, St Trinian's, etc.

18.70 impotent, sycophant, indolent, insolent, different, ignorant, ligament, filament, instrument, immanent, dissonant, innocent, brilliant, miscreant, litigant, diffident, dissident, incident, militant, irritant, visitant, sibilant, vigilant, immigrant, implement, increment, liniment, imminent, Millicent, indigent, diligent, impudent, virulent, simulant, stimulant, * omnipotent, indifferent, ambivalent, equivalent, itinerant, belligerent, refrigerant, grandiloquent, magniloquent, medicament, predicament, disfigurement, bewilderment, imprisonment, percipient, recipient, incipient, resilient, omniscient, asphyxiant, officiant, participant,

significant, coincident, precipitant, magnificent, omnificent, munificent, relinquishment, mellifluent, constituent, * hereditament, microfilament, insignificant, counterirritant

18.71 impotence, sycophants, indolence, insolence, difference, inference, ignorance, ligaments, filaments, instruments, immanence, dissonance, innocence, brilliance, litigants, diffidence, dissidence, incidence, incidents, militants, vigilance, immigrants, implements, increments, imminence, indigence, diligence, influence, impudence, virulence, stimulants, * omnipotence, indifference, deliverance, ambivalence, equivalence, belligerence, grandiloquence, magniloquence, medicaments, percipience, recipients, incipience, resilience, omniscience, participants, significance, coincidence, magnificence, munificence, mellifluence, constituents, continuance, * insignificance, etc.

18.72 billionth, millionth, trillionth

18.73 chirruping, interesting, chitterling, gibbering, whimpering, whispering, flickering, Pickering, tinkering, fingering, tittering, wittering, Wittering, differing, quivering, shivering, blithering, dithering, glimmering, simmering, quickening, sickening, thickening, stiffening, christening, glistening, listening, pitying, dizzying, visiting, * uninteresting, considering, conditioning, unpitying, politicking, etc.

18.74 syllabus, Nicholas, fingerless, sisterless, frivolous, symptomless, frictionless, Icarus, rigorous, vigorous, dipterous, timorous, chivalrous, bigamous, infamous, Pyramus, Michaelmas, wilderness, bitterness, villainous, tyrannous, synchronous, nimbleness, fickleness, singleness, listlessness, hideous, piteous, bilious, Sirius, vitreous, Phineas, igneous, ligneous, Vilnius, impetus, Sisyphus, mischievous, pitiless, ticketless, limitless, victimless, stickiness, silkiness, giddiness, prettiness, wittiness, silliness, springiness, dizziness, flimsiness, itchiness, wickedness, vividness, willingness, Britishness, sinuous, incubus, bibulous, mimulus, stimulus, * Callimachus, Lysimachus, viviparous, oviparous, coniferous, vociferous, lactiferous, splendiferous, pestiferous, viniferous, somniferous, cruciferous, granivorous, carnivorous, herbivorous, omnivorous, frugivorous, polygamous, Antigonus, judiciousness, amphibious, fastidious, perfidious, invidious, insidious, oblivious, lascivious, punctilious, Lucilius, delirious, Arminius, Odysseus, Leviticus, umbilicus, precipitous, iniquitous, ubiquitous, solicitous, felicitous, duplicitous, libidinous, indigenous, vertiginous, permissiveness, unwillingness, perspicuous, conspicuous, promiscuous, contiguous, ambiguous, exiguous, assiduous, deciduous, mellifluous, continuous, meticulous, ridiculous, acidulous, * erysipelas, Carboniferous, odoriferous, insectivorous, supercilious, ignominious, Dionysius, serendipitous, infelicitous, inconspicuous, unambiguous, discontinuous, * australopithecus, etc.

18.75 hypnotist, symbolist, bigamist, lyricist, physicist, jingoist, * numismatist, ventriloquist, polygamist, nutritionist, revisionist, recidivist, empiricist, * abolitionist, exhibitionist, prohibitionist, astrophysicist

18.76 grippiest, nippiest, slippiest, pickiest, stickiest, trickiest, milkiest, silkiest, friskiest, riskiest, windiest, grittiest, prettiest, wittiest, shiftiest, thriftiest, mintiest, mistiest, twistiest, pithiest, chilliest, frilliest, hilliest, silliest, sickliest, winriest, springiest, stringiest, tipsiest, busiest, dizziest, fizziest, frizziest, flimsiest, dishiest, fishiest, itchiest, dingiest, stingiest, etc.

18.77 disparate, literate, idiot, Cypriot, syndicate, silicate, triplicate, intricate, distillate, intimate, infinite, rivulet, quintuplet, * episcopate, deliberate, considerate, preliterate, illiterate, affiliate, novitiate, initiate, sophisticate, certificate, pontificate, precipitate, legitimate, discriminate, articulate, particulate, barbiturate, * inconsiderate, semiliterate, illegitimate, indiscriminate, inarticulate

18.78 shibboleth, fiftieth, sixtieth, Illingworth, * Elizabeth

18.79 abilities, stabilities, hostilities, antiquities, * capabilities, sensibilities, liabilities, possibilities, * responsibilities, etc.

18.80 difficulty, digitally, sinisterly, similarly, minimally, criminally, diligently, ritually, visually,

singularly, intricately, intimately, innocently, interestingly, sickeningly, rigorously, vigorously, hideously, mischievously, literary, cinerary, ignominy, literacy, idiocy, intricacy, intimacy, sycophancy, militancy, * sensationally, additionally, traditionally, conditionally, nutritionally, provisionally, familiarly, subliminally, medicinally, originally, continually, habitually, particularly, legitimately, significantly, definitively, inquisitively, bewilderingly, fastidiously, insidiously, conspicuously, ridiculously, meticulously, ambiguously, assiduously, continuously, epistolary, itinerary, obituary, discriminatory, episcopacy, illiteracy, legitimacy, constituency, * unconditionally, individually, indiscriminately, superciliously, inconspicuously, etc.

18.81 miserable, pitiable, irritable, imitable, limitable, spiritual, * deliverable, illimitable, inimitable, distinguishable, attributable, meridional, * undeliverable, indistinguishable

Rhyming slang

Rhyming slang, traditionally associated with the Cockneys of London's East End, involves substituting rhyming phrases for everyday words. Here are just a few of the best-known examples:

apples and pears = stairs

whistle and flute = suit

syrup of figs = wig

butcher's hook = look

china plate = mate

Adam and Eve = believe

tea leaf = thief

jam jar = car

dog and bone = phone

pork pie = lie

plates of meat = feet

Jimmy Riddle = piddle

Over the course of time, the rhyming part of the phrase is often dropped, with the result that have a butcher's is now a slang way of saying 'have a look', china is a slang word for 'friend', and so on.

-ire-

The rhymes in this section have the 'ire' sound of tyre and admirer as their main or final vowel sound.

19.1 [see also] briar, brier, byre, choir, dire, Dwyer, fire, friar, gyre, hire, ire, lyre, mire, prior, Prior, pyre, quire, shire, sire, spire, squire, tire, tyre, Tyre, via, wire, * aspire, perspire, conspire, attire, acquire, Maguire, afire, admire, transpire, backfire, barbed wire, spare tyre, rewire, respire, expire, inspire, retire, entire, Kintyre, misfire, require, enquire, esquire, inquire, bemire, desire, Bushire, * vampire, satire, sapphire, campfire, samphire, quagmire, grandsire, haywire, empire, Empire, hellfire, shellfire, cease-fire, sweetbrier, spitfire, Spitfire, tripwire, pismire, wildfire, bonfire, crossfire, saltire, sure-fire, umpire, gunfire, drumfire, bushfire, * lammergeier, McIntyre, retrofire, retrochoir, reacquire

**Here lies a poor woman who always was tired,
For she lived in a place where help wasn't hired.**

EPITAPH

19.2 fired, hired, sired, tired, wired, * aspired, perspired, conspired, attired, acquired, admired, transpired, backfired, rewired, expired, inspired, retired, misfired, required, enquired, desired, * gas-fired, oil-fired, coal-fired, * overtired, underwired, unexpired, uninspired, * semiretired, etc.

19.3 dial, Lyell, Niall, phial, trial, vial, viol, * redial, retrial, espial, misdial, mistrial, denial, * sundial, * self-denial

19.4 Byers, fires, Myers, quires, shires, spires, tyres, wires, * perspires, admires, expires, requires, desires, * vampires, campfires, Blackfriars, Greyfriars, Spitfires, Whitefriars, * Molly Maguires, etc.

**Religion blushing veils her sacred fires,
And unawares Morality expires.**

ALEXANDER POPE

20.1 direly, Brierley, diary, fiery, friary, miry, priory, wiry, enquiry, inquiry, expiry, * entirely

20.2 dialler, Viola, direr, firer, hirer, Ira, Lyra, Myra, wirer, * aspirer, conspirer, acquirer, admirer, retiree, enquirer, inquirer, * spirogyra, * admire her, inspire her, etc.

20.3 Hiram, tiresome, * fire 'em, wire 'em, etc.

20.4 Ireland, diamond

20.5 violent, tyrant, * nonviolent, acquirement, requirement, retirement

20.6 violence, tyrants, * nonviolence, requirements, etc.

20.7 dialling, hireling, trialling, hiring, firing, tiring, wiring, * aspiring, perspiring, conspiring, untiring, admiring, retiring, inspiring, misfiring, inquiring, desiring, * uninspiring, etc.

20.8 tireless, wireless, Cyrus, virus, tiredness, * papyrus, Epirus, desirous, * parvovirus, retrovirus, herpesvirus, * hire us, fired us, etc.

20.9 triallist, violist, diarist, lyrist

20.10 spirelet, violet, * inviolate, * ultraviolet, * hire it, dial it, etc.

20.11 spirally, violently, tiresomely, tirelessly, * entirety, admiringly, * uninspiringly

20.12 hireable, spiracle, * inviolable, acquirable, desirable, * undesirable

The rhymes in this section have the 'ie' sound of try and glider as their main or final vowel sound.

21.1 ay, aye, bi, Bligh, buy, by, bye, chi, cry, Dai, Di, die, dry, dye, eye, fie, fly, fry, Fry, guy, Guy, hi, hie, high, I, lie, lye, my, nigh, Nye, phi, pi, pie, ply, pry, psi, Pye, rye, Rye, scry, shy, sigh, sky, Skye, sly, spry, spy, sty, stye, Thai, thigh, thy, tie, try, Vi, vie, why, wry, Wye, Y

**I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by.**

JOHN MASEFIELD

21.2 Mackay, g'day, untie, ally, apply, supply, comply, awry, Transkei, shanghai, Shanghai, banzai, thereby, whereby, Versailles, Desai, hereby, nearby, GI, retie, knee-high, retry, deep-fry, espy, mince pie, defy, belie, rely, reply, imply, decry, descry, drip-dry, spin-dry, deny, bye-bye, I-spy, My Lai, pork pie, bone dry, goodbye, Mumbai, Dubai, July, Brunei

21.3 rabbi, stand-by, magpie, cacti, ally, Adlai, blackfly, gadfly, sandfly, Catseye®, Masai, lay-by, Magi, mayfly, quasi, Jedi, red-eye, necktie, stir-fry, Birds Eye, workshy, Eli, three-ply, greenfly, Levi, pinkeye, nilgai, pigsty, drip-dry, fisheye, firefly, aye-aye, flyby, tie-dye, hi-fi, sci-fi, whitefly, Sinai, rhombi, thrombi, Popeye, sockeye, bronchi, Bondi, hogtie, botfly, oxeye, bonsai, walleye, sawfly, gallfly, horsefly, housefly, outcry, blowfly, blow-dry, foci, loci, shuteye, fungi, shoofly, * Icenii, narcissi, thesauri, *E. coli*, alumni, * decree nisi, * aqua vitae, arbor vitae, a priori, * modus vivendi, a fortiori, * modus operandi, a posteriori, dramatis personae, * curriculum vitae

21.4 apple pie, Malachi, assegai, alkali, damselfly, dragonfly, Paraguay, abaci, Haggai, alibi, dandify, gratify, ratify, stratify, sanctify, amplify, clarify, scarify, ramify, magnify, damnify, classify, gasify, pacify, calcify, satisfy, samurai, passer-by, passers-by, RSI, Nazify, argufy, aerify, rarefy, scarify, radii, deify, reify, ladyfy, FBI, edify, trendify, rectify, testify, jellify, terrify, verify, petrify, specify, Frenchify, Gemini, certify, versify, termini, reapply, resupply, CBI, genii, sweetie-pie, preachify, speechify, DIY, syllabi, bring-and-buy, misapply, high and dry, Philippi, typify, citify, prettify, mystify, vivify, vilify, simplify, vitrify, liquefy, dignify, lignify, signify, Disneyfy, stimuli, by and by, private eye, Private Eye, jai alai, tiger's-eye, Hi-de-Hi, Lorelei, hoverfly, solidi, modify, quantify, jollify, mollify, qualify, horrify, torrefy, cockneyfy, ossify, prophesy, Ross-on-Wye, occupy, Olduvai, Mordecai, fortify, glorify, falsify, Uruguay, purify, counterspy, overbuy, overlie, overfly, goldeneye, Chou En-lai, codify, notify, Hokusai, lullaby, hushaby, ultrahigh, underlie, thunderfly, butterfly, tumble-dry, yuppify, fructify, stultify, justify, nullify, uglify, mummify, Russify, multiply, uteri, hue and cry, UDI, nuclei, stupefy, beautify, putrefy, tumefy, unify, crucify, do-or-die, cumuli, tumuli, * leylandii, syllabify, beatify, declassify, decalcify, dissatisfy, denazify, objectify, subjectify, identify, exemplify, electrify, indemnify, solemnify, intensify, diversify, Helvetii, solidify, acidify, rigidify, humidify, demystify, revivify, sarcophagi, disqualify, transmogrify, saponify, personify, detoxify, preoccupy, reoccupy, vox populi, demulsify, emulsify, minutiae, reunify, * caravanserai, lapis lazuli, dehumidify, oversimplify, hippopotami, anno Domini

21.5 bribe, gibe, gybe, jibe, kibe, scribe, tribe, vibe, * ascribe, subscribe, transcribe, imbibe, describe, prescribe, inscribe, proscribe, * circumscribe, diatribe, unsubscribe

21.6 bribed, gibed, gybed, jibed, * ascribed, subscribed, transcribed, imbibed, described, prescribed, inscribed, proscribed, * circumscribed, unsubscribed, * oversubscribed, undersubscribed

21.7 bike, like, dyke, grike, hike, Ike, mike, Mike, pike, psych, Reich, shrike, Smike, spike, strike, trike, tyke, * alike, unlike, Van Dyck, van Eyck, dislike, * catlike, antlike, manlike, garpike, starlike, glasslike, grasslike, hairlike, apelike, snakelike, wraithlike, threadlike, shell-like, turnpike, wormlike, priestlike, dreamlike, hitchhike, sylphlike, springlike, sphinxlike, childlike, Christlike, lifelike, Klondike, Fosdyke, godlike, swanlike, Thorndike, warlike, ghostlike, homelike,

Updike, suchlike, * statesmanlike, ladylike, workmanlike, seamanlike, businesslike, sportsmanlike, soundalike, motorbike, unalike, lookalike, womanlike, superbike, * unbusinesslike, unsportsmanlike

21.8 bikes, likes, dykes, hikes, Mike's, spikes, strikes, Sykes, yikes, * dislikes, * motorbikes, superbikes, * likes and dislikes, etc.

Out flew the web and floated wide;

The mirror cracked from side to side;

'The curse is come upon me,' cried

The Lady of Shalott.

ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

21.9 bide, bride, chide, Clyde, cried, died, dried, dyed, eyed, fried, glide, guide, Guide, hide, Hyde, I'd, lied, pied, pride, ride, Ryde, shied, side, sighed, slide, snide, spied, stride, tide, tied, tried, vied, wide, etc.

21.10 abide, undyed, untied, confide, provide, allied, collide, applied, supplied, McBride, untried, astride, aside, subside, Strathclyde, worldwide, retried, deep-fried, misguide, betide, defied, divide, elide, replied, implied, deride, Kilbride, spin-dried, bestride, beside, decide, inside, preside, reside, offside, Port Said, outride, outside, * nucleotide, Jekyll and Hyde, Bonnie and Clyde, industrywide, etc.

Great wits are sure to madness near allied,

And thin partitions do their bounds divide.

JOHN DRYDEN

21.11 allied, backslide, landslide, pan-fried, backside, carbide, waveguide, Tayside, wayside, lakeside, stateside, graveside, ebb tide, peptide, Twelfthtide, bedside, stir-fried, kerbside, nearside, freeze-dried, quayside, seaside, Cheapside, Teesside, riptide, springtide, hillside, inside, ringside, fireside, pie-eyed, Tyneside, popeyed, cockeyed, Hocktide, phosphide, oxide, cross-eyed, topside, dockside, oxide, offside, rawhide, horsehide, wall-eyed, chloride, foreside, broadside, fluoride, cowhide, outside, downside, joyride, doe-eyed, sloe-eyed, Shrovetide, blow-dried, bromide, roadside, tongue-tied, sulphide, sun-dried, one-eyed, upside, Brookside, Yuletide, noontide, poolside, * peroxide, monoxide, dioxide, hydroxide, alongside

21.12 Lammastide, paraglide, saccharide, lanthanide, Ambleside, gratified, ratified, stratified, sanctified, amplified, clarified, magnified, classified, pacified, satisfied, aldehyde, parricide, fratricide, matricide, patricide, algicide, park and ride, starry-eyed, rarefied, nationwide, deicide, set-aside, genocide, edified, rectified, terrified, verified, petrified, specified, pesticide, Heaviside, regicide, certified, herbicide, germicide, spermicide, vermicide, Merseyside, bleary-eyed, reapplied, Eastertide, eventide, eagle-eyed, beady-eyed, feticide, ecocide, Whitsuntide, Christmastide, glyceride, riverside, silverside, citified, prettified, mystified, vilified, simplified, liquefied, dignified, filicide, iodide, cyanide, biocide, glycoside, five-a-side, Ironside, modified, mollified, qualified, horrified, prophesied, homicide, occupied, waterside, fortified, glorified, purified, mountainside, override, codified, notified, coincide, tumble-dried, Humberside, underside, yuppified, justified, mummified, multiplied, subdivide, countrified, undenied, fungicide, countryside, dewy-eyed, beautified, putrefied, unified, crucified, suicide, * disaccharide, unrated, beatified, unsanctified, unamplified, unclassified, declassified, unsatisfied, self-satisfied, dissatisfied, paraldehyde, formaldehyde, infanticide, tyrannicide, unrectified, identified, exemplified, unverified, unspecified, intensified, insecticide, rodenticide, uncertified, bactericide, thalidomide, solidified, unsimplified, undignified, sulphonamide, unmodified, unqualified, disqualified, personified, sororicide, unoccupied, preoccupied, unfortified, unpurified, unjustified, emulsified, * polysaccharide, monosaccharide, unidentified, oversimplified, parasiticide, overqualified, parasuicide, etc.

21.13 brides, Guides, hides, ides, rides, sides, strides, * besides, decides, insides, etc.

21.14 fife, Fife, knife, life, rife, strife, wife, * real life, still life, long-life, pro-life, * jackknife, alewife, shelf life, penknife, midlife, midwife, fishwife, flick knife, highlife, wildlife, nightlife, housewife, lowlife, goodwife, loosestrife, * palette knife, afterlife, paperknife, pocketknife

They all ran after the farmer's wife,

Who cut off their tails with a carving knife,

Did you ever see such a thing in your life,

As three blind mice?

NURSERY RHYME

21.15 oblige, * disoblige

21.16 aisle, bile, chyle, file, guile, I'll, isle, Kyle, lisle, Lyle, mile, Nile, pile, rife, smile, stile, style, tile, vile, Weill, while, wile, * compile, awhile, Argyll, argyle, Carlisle, Carlyle, erewhile, ensile, worthwhile, restyle, *Sieg Heil*, meanwhile, beguile, defile, misfile, revile, * tactile, pantile, agile, facile, gracile, fragile, hairstyle, labile, nailfile, reptile, centile, Gentile, sextile, textile, sterile, sessile, exile, tensile, fertile, turnstile, servile, erstwhile, aedile, freestyle, ethyl, methyl, febrile, penile, phenyl, senile, virile, fissile, missile, scissile, lifestyle, stockpile, condyle, hostile, quartile, puerile, mobile, motile, profile, docile, ductile, woodpile, nubile, butyl, futile, * contractile, retractile, projectile, trajectile, erectile, percentile, prehensile, infertile, presenile, immobile, immotile, high-profile, * Francophile, Anglophile, rank and file, camomile, acetyl, arctophile, carbonyl, necrophile, xenophile, technophile, reconcile, peristyle, thermopile, versatile, mercantile, paedophile, oenophile, infantile, cyclostyle, crocodile, volatile, domicile, Europhile, Russophile, juvenile, * ailurophile, bibliophile, audiophile

21.17 child, filed, Fylde, mild, riled, smiled, styled, tiled, wild, Wilde, * compiled, self-styled, restyled, beguiled, defiled, reviled, * grandchild, Fairchild, exiled, stepchild, brainchild, godchild, Rothschild, love child, schoolchild, * reconciled, Oscar Wilde, domiciled, etc.

I call that parent rash and wild

Who'd reason with a six-year child.

PHYLLIS MCGINLEY

21.18 aisles, files, Giles, miles, Miles, piles, smiles, tiles, wiles, * compiles, defiles, reviles, betweenwhiles, * pantiles, reptiles, textiles, missiles, * paedophiles, Western Isles, Scilly Isles, British Isles, crocodiles, Northern Isles, etc.

21.19 Chaim, chime, chyme, climb, clime, crime, dime, grime, I'm, lime, Lyme, mime, prime, rhyme, rime, slime, thyme, time, * sublime, part-time, half-time, spare time, mistime, begrime, all-time, old-time, full-time, two-time, * ragtime, Mannheim, pastime, airtime, daytime, playtime, bedtime, enzyme, birdlime, teatime, mealtime, Dreamtime, meantime, peacetime, springtime, quicklime, night-time, lifetime, longtime, Sondheim, Trondheim, wartime, downtime, Stroheim, uptime, sometime, one-time, lunchtime, noontime, * paradigm, Anaheim, pantomime, maritime, Father Time, extra time, anytime, flexitime, wintertime, dinner time, Christmastime, cybercrime, ribozyme, Oppenheim, overtime, closing time, supper time, summertime, Guggenheim

I'm tired of Love: I'm still more tired of Rhyme.

But Money gives me pleasure all the time.

HILAIRE BELLOC

21.20 chimed, climbed, limed, mimed, rhymed, timed, * unclimbed, unrhymed, well-timed, ill-timed, begrimed

21.21 chimes, climbs, climes, crimes, dimes, Grimes, rhymes, times, * The Times, betimes, begrimes, * pastimes, enzymes, mealtimes, oftentimes, sometimes, * betweentimes, * pantomimes, Maritimes, oftentimes, etc.

21.22 bine, brine, chine, cline, dine, dyne, fine, Fyne, Jain, kine, Klein, Kline, line, mine, nine, pine, Rhine, shine, shrine, sign, sine, spine, spline, stein, Stein, Strine, swine, thine, tine, twine,

Tyne, vine, whine, wine, * combine, condign, confine, align, malign, front line, assign, consign, re-sign, repine, define, refine, divine, decline, recline, incline, enshrine, entwine, benign, design, resign, offline, online, cloud nine, outshine, opine, * Sabine, rapine, alpine, Alpine, strapline, land line, chatline, tramline, land mine, carbine, carmine, airline, hairline, grapevine, A-line, ley line, saline, dateline, waistline, mainline, baseline, canine, Epstein, Bechstein, helpline, neckline, breadline, deadline, headline, hemline, eccrine, equine, Pennine, ensign, turbine, Bernstein, Irvine, ursine, earthshine, beeline, feline, tree line, streamline, V-sign, incline, syncline, slimline, Einstein, by-line, skyline, pipeline, guideline, sideline, sightline, lifeline, timeline, Holbein, combine, Holstein, hotline, Fräulein, jawline, shoreline, taurine, porcine, outline, Goldstein, bovine, ovine, snow line, towline, coastline, clothesline, gold mine, coal mine, cosine, road sign, bloodline, plumb line, rhumb line, touchline, punch line, sunshine, woodbine, lupine, supine, shoeshine, moonshine, * McAlpine, Byzantine, * anodyne, Palatine, Ballantyne, valentine, Valentine, Hammerstein, alkaline, Caroline, saccharine, passerine, calamine, saturnine, Palestine, Frankenstein, aquiline, anticline, asinine, Argentine, party line, table wine, eighty-nine, twenty-nine, Sensodyne®, celandine, Heseltine, Levantine, eglantine, Clementine, endocrine, serpentine, Serpentine, turpentine, thirty-nine, Ursuline, recombine, realign, leonine, reassign, redefine, redesign, Wittgenstein, Liechtenstein, Ghibelline, zibeline, interline, crystalline, riverine, intertwine, Philistine, sibylline, disincline, picket line, disentwine, fifty-nine, sixty-nine, firing line, Eisenstein, ninety-nine, columbine, Columbine, Constantine, Florentine, concubine, borderline, water line, auld lang syne, story line, forty-nine, porcupine, countersign, opaline, underline, undermine, superfine, uterine, Rubinstein, * Capitoline, estuarine, seventy-nine, overrefine, * diamantine, elephantine, alexandrine, internecine, labyrinthine, Schleswig-Holstein

**And Noah he often said to his wife when he sat down to dine,
'I don't care where the water goes if it doesn't get into the wine.'**

G. K. CHESTERTON

21.23 bind, blind, dined, find, grind, hind, kind, lined, mind, mined, pined, rind, signed, whined, wind, * combined, unbind, unkind, confined, aligned, maligned, unlined, unwind, unsigned, mankind, rewind, defined, refined, behind, inclined, entwined, remind, designed, resigned, * Gradgrind, spellbind, purblind, streamlined, snow-blind, * mastermind, misaligned, intertwined, disinclined, wine and dined, nonaligned, womankind, *Golden Hind*, overwind, unconfined, underlined, colour-blind, undermined, undersigned, undefined, unrefined, undesigned, humankind, * overrefined, etc.

**For Justice, though she's painted blind,
Is to the weaker side inclined.**

SAMUEL BUTLER

21.24 pint, * Geraint, * cuckoopint

21.25 Fiennes, Heinz, Hines, lines, mines, pines, signs, tines, vines, * hard lines, designs, * Sabines, tramlines, land mines, airlines, headlines, Pennines, guidelines, sidelines, confines, outlines, road signs, * Apennines, etc.

21.26 gripe, hype, pipe, ripe, snipe, stripe, swipe, tripe, type, wipe, * unripe, retype, mistype, * standpipe, tailpipe, drainpipe, windpipe, pinstripe, sideswipe, hornpipe, downpipe, blowpipe, stovepipe, hosepipe, subtype, * archetype, Teletype®, genotype, serotype, ecotype, phenotype, biotype, logotype, Monotype®, prototype, overripe, guttersnipe, underripe, * daguerreotype, electrotype, * stereotype

21.27 cripes, gripes, pipes, stripes, types, wipes, * bagpipes, panpipes, drainpipes, pinstripes, stovepipes, * Stars and Stripes, etc.

21.28 griped, hyped, piped, striped, swiped, typed, wiped, * unstriped, unwiped, retyped, mistyped, * stereotyped, etc.

21.29 Brice, dice, gneiss, ice, lice, mice, nice, price, Price, rice, slice, spice, splice, thrice, trice, twice, vice, Zeiss, * suffice, advice, concise, half-price, de-ice, entice, device, precise, * pack ice, Jarndyce, fieldmice, titmice, choc-ice, allspice, dormice, woodlice, * paradise, sacrifice, edelweiss, merchandise, imprecise, cockatrice, overnice, * self-sacrifice

It was a miracle of rare device,

A sunny pleasure-dome with caves of ice.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

21.30 Christ, diced, heist, iced, priced, sliced, spiced, spliced, * sufficed, unsliced, unpriced, de-iced, enticed, * *Zeitgeist*, * sacrificed, Antichrist, poltergeist, overpriced, underpriced

21.31 bight, bite, blight, bright, Bright, byte, cite, Dwight, fight, flight, fright, height, kite, knight, Knight, krait, light, lite, might, mite, night, plight, quite, right, rite, shite, sight, site, skite, sleight, slight, smite, spite, sprite, tight, trite, twite, white, White, wight, wright, Wright, write

Biting my truant pen, beating myself for spite,

'Fool,' said my Muse to me; 'look in thy heart and write.'

PHILIP SIDNEY

21.32 alight, polite, uptight, aright, contrite, affright, tonight, Twelfth Night, relight, preflight, rewrite, despite, indict, skintight, invite, delight, in-flight, requite, ignite, recite, excite, incite, off-white, all right, outright, Snow White, goodnight, unite, * Gileadite, Ishmaelite, Israelite, meteorite, spermatocyte

21.33 graphite, catfight, lamplight, fanlight, gaslight, flashlight, samite, campsite, starlight, Arkwright, cartwright, Cartwright, Marmite®, airtight, Blairite, snakebite, daylight, space flight, tail-light, playwright, wainwright, Wainwright, respite, headlight, Enright, website, perlite, earthlight, searchlight, birthright, termite, Shiite, fleabite, Levite, streetlight, wheelwright, Semite, weeknight, Hittite, shipwright, millwright, midnight, insight, firefight, prizefight, highlight, skylight, stylite, twilight, sidelight, night-light, limelight, typewrite, finite, eyesight, hindsight, frostbite, cockfight, dogfight, stoplight, spotlight, bomb site, gobshite, cordite, torchlight, Albright, forthright, fortnight, foresight, Forsyte, Plowright, downright, lowlight, ghostwrite, lovebite, Luddite, bunfight, gunfight, floodlight, sunlight, upright, bullfight, moonlight, * apartheid, bipartite, tripartite, transvestite, *gesundheit*

21.34 Jacobite, blatherskite, Araldite®, stalactite, halophyte, saprophyte, Fahrenheit, acolyte, satellite, candlelight, anchorite, Nazarite, Thatcherite, black-and-white, catamite, stalagmite, aconite, ammonite, phagocyte, parasite, anthracite, appetite, Hashemite, landfill site, Carmelite, marcasite, Bakelite®, Labourite, Canaanite, Rechabite, megabyte, extradite, recondite, Hepplewhite, belemnite, expedite, epiphyte, eremite, Vegemite®, gelignite, plebiscite, erudite, cellulite, urbanite, coenobite, steatite, haematite, neophyte, Edomite, reignite, reunite, gigabyte, kilobyte, impolite, sybarite, lymphocyte, lily-white, disunite, trilobite, bryophyte, microlight, Isle of Wight, dynamite, fly-by-night, troglodyte, coprolite, dolerite, sodomite, dolomite, Trotskyite, proselyte, copyright, Bonfire Night, watertight, quarterlight, outasight, Moabite, overbite, oolite, socialite, overflight, overwrite, overnight, oocyte, oversight, Muscovite, underwrite, leucocyte, * hermaphrodite, Pre-Raphaelite, McCarthyite, electrolyte, suburbanite, erythrocyte, theodolite, toxophilite, * Areopagite

21.35 bites, fights, kites, knights, lights, nights, rights, sights, tights, whites, * delights, excites, * campsites, daylights, tail-lights, headlights, searchlights, termites, streetlights, weeknights, highlights, sidelights, pyrites, floodlights, footlights, * Jacobites, satellites, ammonites, Carmelites, Canaanites, megabytes, see the sights, gigabytes, kilobytes, civil rights, troglodytes, Dolomites, socialites, Golan Heights, human rights, * Wuthering Heights, etc.

And the milkmaid singeth blithe,

And the mower whets his scythe.

JOHN MILTON

21.36 blithe, Blyth, Hythe, lithe, scythe, Smythe, tithe, withe, writhe, * Rotherhithe

21.37 chive, Clive, dive, drive, five, gyve, hive, I've, jive, live, rive, shrive, skive, strive, thrive, wive, * survive, alive, arrive, contrive, connive, derive, deprive, revive, * archive, endive, beehive, skydive, nose dive, ogive, * eighty-five, twenty-five, MI5, thirty-five, fifty-five, sixty-five, ninety-five, four-wheel drive, forty-five, overdrive

**This is the law of the Yukon, that only the Strong shall thrive;
That surely the Weak shall perish, and only the Fit survive.**

ROBERT W. SERVICE

21.38 chives, Clive's, dives, drives, fives, gyves, hives, Ives, knives, lives, wives, * St Ives, * archives, endives, penknives, midwives, fishwives, flick knives, housewives, * paperknives, under-fives, etc.

21.39 buys, cries, dies, Di's, dries, dyes, eyes, flies, fries, guise, guys, Guy's, highs, lies, lyse, pies, prise, prize, rise, sighs, size, skies, spies, thighs, tries, wise, etc.

**Early to bed and early to rise,
Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.**

SAYING

21.40 advise, applies, supplies, arise, apprise, surprise, uprise, comprise, unwise, assize, baptize, chastise, capsize, surmise, despise, mince pies, disguise, defies, devise, revise, demise, denies, disprize, misprize, excise, incise, outsize, downsize, goodbyes, etc.

21.41 rabbis, magpies, allies, Allies, crabwise, franchise, slantwise, neckties, stepwise, endwise, breadthwise, lengthwise, edgewise, excise, realize, Levi's®, streetwise, leastwise, widthwise, king-size, fireflies, stylize, high-rise, likewise, Popeye's, clockwise, longwise, crosswise, low-rise, nowise, somewise, sunrise, moonrise, * aggrandize, enfranchise, idealize, synopsisize, amortize, * disenfranchise, anticlockwise, counterclockwise, etc.

21.42 standardize, anodize, rhapsodize, advertise, dramatize, alkalize, scandalize, vandalize, catalyze, chaptalize, tantalize, paralyse, analyse, dragonflies, factorize, pasteurize, valorize, glamorize, randomize, atomize, agonize, fraternize, galvanize, patronize, canonize, fantasize, catechize, sanitize, magnetize, gratifies, amplifies, tranquillize, maximize, Latinize, satirize, plasticize, Gallicize, anglicize, bastardize, marmalize, carbonize, jargonize, harmonize, barbarize, nasalize, racialize, vaporize, plagiarize, paganize, stabilize, laicize, * readvertise, metabolize, anatomize, antagonize, metastasize, analogize, demagnetize, beatifies, dissatisfies, evangelize, romanticize, elasticize, italicize, contrariwise, containerize, destabilize, * psychoanalyze, etc.

21.43 jeopardize, methodize, empathize, metallize, breathalyse, centralize, specialize, temporize, slenderize, tenderize, terrorize, memorize, mesmerize, pressurize, enterprise, ebonize, mechanize, westernize, recognize, emphasize, exercise, energize, sensitize, terrifies, specifies, televise, sterilize, anywise, feminize, elegize, exorcize, ghettoize, deputize, merchandise, verbalize, burglarize, mercerize, urbanize, sermonize, circumcise, fertilize, worldly-wise, schematize, legalize, equalize, penalize, theorize, etherize, demonize, * electrolyse, decentralize, extemporize, accessorize, depressurize, derecognize, desensitize, identifies, collectivize, incentivize, poeticize, parenthesize, eternalize, internalize, externalize, commercialize, diversifies, anaesthetize, * departmentalize, compartmentalize, Orientalize, Occidentalize, sentimentalize, overemphasize, universalize, Europeanize, etc.

21.44 stigmatize, hypnotize, sympathize, improvise, symbolize, crystallize, signalize, winterize, tyrannize, synchronize, liquidize, digitize, typifies, mystifies, civilize, victimize, minimize, criticize, mythicize, synthesise, immunize, iodize, privatize, dialyse, idolize, vitalize, hydrolyse, finalize, itemize, ionize, lionize, hybridize, * initialize, transistorize, familiarize, soliloquize, epitomize, solidifies, legitimize, politicize, acclimatize, devitalize, revitalize, de-ionize, * oversimplifies, depoliticize, photosynthesize, etc.

21.45 dogmatize, moralize, novelize, hoverflies, sodomize, compromise, modernize, colonize,

solemnize, ostracize, oxidize, modifies, qualifies, fossilize, optimize, occupies, communize, gormandize, traumatize, formalize, normalize, pauperize, cauterize, authorize, cornerwise, organize, pluralize, ruralize, bowdlerize, moisturize, robotize, globalize, localize, vocalize, totalize, socialize, motorize, polarize, Romanize, oversize, Nobel prize, mobilize, * apostatize, democratize, bureaucratize, apostrophize, philosophize, monopolize, demoralize, dichotomize, economize, apologize, anthologize, homologize, prioritize, personifies, homogenize, eroticize, hypothesize, catholicize, immortalize, reorganize, disorganize, deodorize, depolarize, demobilize, immobilize, * demythologize, etc.

21.46 lullabies, mongrelize, butterflies, rubberize, vulgarize, pulverize, summarize, otherwise, customize, vulcanize, subsidize, monetize, mummifies, multiplies, publicize, womanize, supervise, brutalize, neutralize, unionize, humanize, eulogize, putrefies, utilize, booby prize, euphemize, scrutinize, * computerize, dehumanize, * revolutionize, attitudinize, platitudinize, etc.

21.47 alphabetize, naturalize, caramelize, nationalize, rationalize, emblemize, federalize, generalize, personalize, liberalize, mineralize, fictionalize, Lord of the Flies, Morecambe and Wise, bestialize, serialize, trivialize, cannibalize, capitalize, catheterize, characterize, categorize, allegorize, marginalize, lexicalize, decimalize, skeletonize, systematize, digitalize, criminalize, militarize, miniaturize, proselytize, hospitalize, polymerize, annualize, actualize, sexualize, ritualize, visualize, mutualize, communalize, tabularize, secularize, regularize, circularize, popularize, formularize, masculinize, * denaturalize, denationalize, renationalize, sensationalize, professionalize, conventionalize, depersonalize, impersonalize, demineralize, Australianize, pedestrianize, materialize, memorialize, industrialize, Americanize, decriminalize, demilitarize, republicanize, desexualize, conceptualize, contextualize, demutualize, particularize, * internationalize, institutionalize, dematerialize, editorialize, territorialize, overcapitalize, undercapitalize, individualize

21.48 prized, sized, * advised, surprised, unsized, baptized, chastised, despised, disguised, revised, excised, incised, * franchised, pearlized, realized, stylized, * enfranchised, unrealized, idealized, * standardized, anodized, advertised, dramatized, vandalized, paralysed, Sanforized®, pasteurized, agonized, galvanized, sanitized, magnetized, anglicized, stabilized, well-advised, centralized, specialized, tenderized, terrorized, mesmerized, pressurized, mechanized, westernized, recognized, sensitized, televised, sterilized, mercerized, circumcised, fertilized, creolized, legalized, hypnotized, improvised, ill-advised, crystallized, synchronized, middle-sized, civilized, immunized, privatized, finalized, itemized, modernized, ostracized, fossilized, formalized, authorized, organized, localized, motorized, polarized, oversized, mobilized, unadvised, rubberized, summarized, unsurprised, undersized, undisguised, subsidized, publicized, supervised, neutralized, unionized, * readvertised, unpasteurized, demagnetized, romanticized, elasticized, unplasticized, italicized, depressurized, unrecognized, commercialized, uncircumcised, unfertilized, anaesthetized, uncivilized, politicized, de-ionized, demoralized, prioritized, immortalized, unauthorized, disorganized, unorganized, demobilized, unpublicized, unsupervised, computerized, * naturalized, nationalized, personalized, serialized, characterized, decimalized, miniaturized, hospitalized, annualized, ritualized, popularized, * denationalized, renationalized, sensationalized, demineralized, pedestrianized, industrialized, decriminalized, demilitarized, * institutionalized, dematerialized, individualized, etc.

22.1 stripy, crikey, Nike, psyche, spiky, Tyche, Bridie, Friday, Heidi, tidy, Blighty, flighty, Haiti, mighty, nightie, ninety, feisty, ivy, lvy, dryly, Filey, Haile, highly, Kylie, Riley, shyly, slyly, smiley, Wiley, wily, likely, idly, widely, mildly, wildly, blindly, kindly, brightly, knightly, lightly, nightly, rightly, sightly, slightly, sprightly, tightly, Whiteley, lively, blithely, timely, finely, nicely, wisely, blimey, limey, limy, rimy, slimy, stymie, briny, gynae, Heiney, piny, shiny, spiny, tiny, whiny, winey, dicey, icy, pricey, spicy, * untidy, almighty, Almighty, O'Reilly, unlikely, unkindly,

Golightly, politely, unsightly, untimely, sublimely, divinely, concisely, precisely, unwisely, Hawaii, cor blimey, * forthrightly, fortnightly, sunshiny, * Ciba-Geigy, bona fide, Aphrodite, Amphitrite, high-and-mighty, impolitely, Berenice, etc.

22.2 [see also] ayah, buyer, crier, drier, dryer, dyer, flyer, fryer, Gaia, higher, liar, Maia, Maya, Meyer, pryer, shyer, slyer, stria, trier, vier, wryer, * papaya, Achaia, supplier, Aglaia, Maria, pariah, defier, spin-dryer, denier, Messiah, high-flyer, Isaiah, town crier, Sophia, Josiah, Uriah, * hairdryer, Niemeyer, housebuyer, outlier, * Obadiah, jambalaya, Zachariah, Black Maria, Zechariah, tumble-dryer, Zephaniah, deep-fat fryer, Zedekiah, Hezekiah, amplifier, magnifier, classifier, pacifier, rectifier, testifier, verifier, versifier, simplifier, signifier, modifier, quantifier, qualifier, fortifier, purifier, *Billy Liar*, multiplier, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, prophesier, first-time buyer, occupier, * preamplifier, identifier, intensifier, humidifier, emulsifier, * Iphigenia, * dehumidifier, owner-occupier, * buy her, untie her, etc.

22.3 briber, fibre, Khyber, Schreiber, Tiber, diaper, griper, hyper, piper, sniper, swiper, viper, wiper, * subscriber, transcriber, imbiber, prescriber, inscriber, * bagpiper, sandpiper, Pied Piper, * microfibre, windscreen wiper, * bribe her, describe her, etc.

22.4 biker, hiker, liker, mica, Micah, pica, striker, Eiger, Geiger, liger, Steiger, tiger, * Formica®, * hitchhiker, * balalaika, * like her, strike her, etc.

There came a big spider,

Who sat down beside her.

NURSERY RHYME

22.5 cider, eider, glider, Guider, Ida, rider, Ryder, Schneider, slider, spider, strider, Wilder, binder, blinder, finder, grinder, hinder, kinda, kinder, minder, winder, biter, blighter, fighter, lighter, mitre, nitre, righter, sighter, slighter, tighter, titre, whiter, writer, shyster, rhymester, * provider, al-Qaeda, divider, decider, insider, outsider, Oneida, rewriter, reminder, politer, igniter, all-nighter, * hang-glider, backslider, nightrider, Tynesider, outrider, joyrider, pathfinder, rangefinder, spellbinder, ring binder, sidewinder, child minder, fault-finder, bookbinder, viewfinder, backbiter, lamplighter, nailbiter, screenwriter, scriptwriter, firefighter, firelighter, prizefighter, highlighter, typewriter, songwriter, Gauleiter, ghostwriter, uplighter, bullfighter, * paraglider, overrider, organ-grinder, autowinder, copywriter, underwriter, capellmeister, * guide her, fight her, etc.

22.6 cipher, Haifa, knifer, lifer, diver, driver, fiver, Ivor, jiver, Liver, skiver, striver, viva, either, neither, * decipher, encipher, Godiva, survivor, saliva, conniver, reviver, co-driver, * slave-driver, skin-diver, skydiver, pile-driver, screwdriver, * conjunctiva, * knife her, deprive her, etc.

22.7 filer, Isla, Islay, miler, phyla, smiler, styler, tiler, Tyler, idler, trifler, Chrysler, Lycra®, Hydra, ayah, * compiler, beguiler, defiler, Delilah, recycler, De Falla, * stockpiler, Rottweiler, * beguile her, revile her, etc.

22.8 climber, mimer, primer, rhymer, timer, china, China, Dinah, diner, finer, Heine, liner, miner, minor, mynah, shiner, signer, Steiner, Viner, whiner, * part-timer, Jemima, full-timer, two-timer, assignor, consignor, vagina, angina, hardliner, definer, refiner, diviner, recliner, designer, Regina, * Hochheimer, airliner, jetliner, Niersteiner, eyeliner, coal miner, moonshiner, * Maritimer, Oppenheimer, autotimer, Carolina, Ursa Minor, Liechtensteiner, Indochina, forty-niner, * two-time her, malign her, etc.

Dinner in the diner, nothing could be finer,

Than to have your ham'n eggs in Carolina.

MACK GORDON

22.9 dicer, ISA, Neisse, nicer, pricer, ricer, slicer, splicer, Schweitzer, Dreiser, guiser, Kaiser, Liza, miser, Pfizer, riser, sizer, Tizer®, visor, Niger, * conciser, de-icer, enticer, adviser, chastiser, despiser, devisor, divisor, reviser, Eliza, incisor, Elisha, obliger, Elijah, * Budweiser®, * advertiser, atomizer, appetizer, tranquillizer, vaporizer, stabilizer, Breathalyser®, tenderizer,

exerciser, sterilizer, fertilizer, nebulizer, equalizer, sympathizer, improviser, liquidizer, synthesizer, dialyser, ionizer, moralizer, modernizer, organizer, bowdlerizer, moisturizer, womanizer, supervisor, neutralizer, * economizer, deodorizer, immobilizer, * entice her, advise her, etc.

22.10 lilac, Isaac, Izaak, * elegiac

22.11 psychic, sidekick, cyclic, hydric, Heinrich, nitric, thymic, seismic, * enzymic

22.12 tidied, bifid, trifold, ivied, eyelid, hybrid, stymied

22.13 dryad, triad, guided, blighted, lighted, mitred, sighted, slighted, whited, Twyford, skyward, sideward, * provided, collided, misguided, divided, derided, decided, presided, resided, lopsided, unguided, one-sided, reminded, high-minded, like-minded, broad-minded, small-minded, alighted, unsighted, far-sighted, clear-sighted, near-sighted, invited, delighted, requited, benighted, excited, long-sighted, short-sighted, united, deciphered, * jeremiad, undivided, undecided, absent-minded, narrow-minded, simple-minded, single-minded, open-minded, uninvited, unrequited, unexcited, undeciphered, * overexcited, etc.

22.14 dryads, triads, skywards, sidwards

22.15 triage, mileage, silage, Knightsbridge, lineage, signage

22.16 Bible, libel, scribal, tribal, typal, cycle, Michael, bridal, bridle, idle, idol, Rydal, sidle, tidal, title, vital, Eiffel, rifle, stifle, trifle, mindful, frightful, rightful, spiteful, rival, spiral, viral, fibril, mitral, Sizewell, primal, final, spinal, vinyl, Faisal, IJssel, sisal, trysail, Nigel, * disciple, Carmichael, cervical, recycle, unbridle, entitle, retitle, requital, recital, unmindful, delightful, arrival, survival, arch-rival, aestival, revival, retiral, postviral, vaginal, doctrinal, urinal, reprisal, * surtitle, subtitle, * kilocycle, motorcycle, umbilical, unicycle, herbicidal, germicidal, spermicidal, intertidal, homicidal, fungicidal, suicidal, adjectival, antiviral, semifinal, intestinal, polyvinyl, quarterfinal, paradisal, * cerebrospinal, * gastrointestinal

22.17 libelled, idled, titled, rifled, stifled, trifled, rivalled, * recycled, unbridled, untitled, entitled, unrivalled, * subtitled, etc.

22.18 Higham, Priam, item, phylum, whilom, xylem, Lynam, * asylum, * sempervivum, antirrhinum, botulinum, * ad infinitum, * buy 'em, fight 'em, etc.

Big fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,

And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum.

SAYING

22.19 lie-in, tiepin, ninepin, wineskin, chitin, ricin, * Aneurin, * streptomycin, * fightin', jivin', etc.

22.20 Brian, cyan, ion, iron, lion, Lyon, Mayan, prion, Ryan, scion, Zion, ripen, lichen, liken, tigon, Dryden, Haydn, Leiden, Leyden, Phaidon, Sidon, widen, Blyton, brighten, Brighton, Crichton, frighten, heighten, Huyton, lighten, tighten, Titan, Triton, whiten, hyphen, siphon, Ivan, liven, wyvern, python, Python, pylon, Byron, Chiron, siren, Siren, Nyman, pieman, Simon, Timon, Wyman, lineman, Weizmann, Wiseman, tribesman, linesman, Tynan, bison, Bryson, Dyson, Fison, grison, Meissen, Tyson, * Orion, Hawaiian, cast iron, noniron, wrought iron, O'Brien, * sadiron, andiron, cation, flatiron, antlion, anion, gridiron, Poseidon, enlighten, enliven, upsilon, epsilon, environ, horizon, bedizen, * Paraguayan, dandelion, Geminian, zwitterion, Uruguayan, *Monty Python*

Simple Simon met a pieman,

Going to the fair.

NURSERY RHYME

22.21 ironed, viand, ripened, widened, brightened, frightened, lightened, whitened, highland, Highland, island, Thailand, Rhineland, Iceland, Streisand, * unironed, enlightened, enlivened, * unenlightened, etc.

22.22 viands, Highlands, islands

22.23 Brian's, irons, lions, Lyons, Huygens, Titans, Byron's, sirens, Sirens, * environs, horizons, etc.

22.24 Bryant, client, giant, pliant, strident, trident, Trident, mightn't, silent, tyrant, vibrant, migrant, hydrant, * compliant, defiant, reliant, excitant, indictment, incitement, excitement, beguilement, defilement, revilement, confinement, alignment, assignment, consignment, refinement, enshrinement, enticement, advisement, chastisement, * self-reliant, supergiant, realignment, reassignment, misalignment

22.25 clients, giants, science, guidance, silence, tyrants, migrants, licence, license, * affiance, alliance, appliance, compliance, defiance, reliance, subsidence, contrivance, connivance, refinements, * misalliance, noncompliance, self-reliance, parascience, social science, neuroscience, pseudoscience, * overreliance, etc.

22.26 crying, drying, dyeing, dying, flying, lying, trying, bribing, griping, piping, sniping, typing, wiping, biking, hiking, liking, striking, Viking, chiding, gliding, Guiding, hiding, riding, siding, sliding, striding, binding, finding, grinding, minding, winding, biting, fighting, lighting, righting, sighting, slighting, whitening, writing, knifing, diving, driving, jiving, skiving, striving, thriving, tithing, scything, writhing, filing, piling, smiling, styling, tiling, cycling, idling, sidling, rifling, stifling, trifling, hindwing, chiming, climbing, miming, rhyming, timing, dining, lining, mining, pining, shining, signing, twining, Twining, whining, frightening, lightning, icing, pricing, slicing, splicing, rising, * undying, untying, transcribing, imbibing, describing, disliking, abiding, confiding, providing, subsiding, dividing, deciding, presiding, residing, self-winding, inviting, exciting, surviving, arriving, conniving, reviving, compiling, unsmiling, restyling, beguiling, defiling, two-timing, combining, confining, defining, refining, divining, declining, reclining, designing, resigning, enticing, surprising, chastising, revising, downsizing, obliging, * outlying, fact-finding, bookbinding, fault-finding, backlighting, handwriting, playwriting, Speedwriting®, screenwriting, infighting, scriptwriting, firefighting, bullfighting, skywriting, typewriting, signwriting, songwriting, moonlighting, skydiving, realizing, stylizing, uprising, * underlying, gratifying, edifying, terrifying, horrifying, paragliding, overriding, uninviting, unexciting, copywriting, motorcycling, interlining, intertwining, underlining, undermining, undesigning, appetizing, advertising, tantalizing, agonizing, patronizing, mesmerizing, enterprising, energizing, merchandising, fertilizing, sympathizing, improvising, civilizing, moralizing, compromising, authorizing, organizing, moisturizing, * unsatisfying, unedifying, self-sacrificing, unappetizing, uncompromising, etc.

He cursed him in sitting, in standing, in lying;

He cursed him in walking, in riding, in flying,

He cursed him in living, he cursed him in dying!

R. H. BARHAM

22.27 Vikings, sidings, tidings, sightings, filings, etc.

22.28 ibis, iris, Iris, tigress, Tigris, crisis, Isis, lysis, phthisis, * colitis, mastitis, gastritis, arthritis, bursitis, phlebitis, cystitis, rhinitis, bronchitis, neuritis, Osiris, * hepatitis, dermatitis, enteritis, fibrositis, myelitis, tonsillitis, laryngitis, pharyngitis, sinusitis, meningitis, * encephalitis, peritonitis, conjunctivitis, appendicitis, * gastroenteritis, osteoarthritis, diverticulitis, * poliomyelitis

22.29 bias, Caius, Gaius, pious, Pius, Midas, Titus, Vitus, typhus, eyeless, Silas, stylus, tieless, childless, mindless, flightless, sightless, lifeless, guileless, rhymeless, timeless, spineless, priceless, Cyrus, virus, fibrous, cypress, Cyprus, hydrous, Hydrus, nitrous, Primus®, thymus, dryness, Highness, Linus, minus, shyness, sinus, slyness, spinous, vinous, ripeness, likeness, mildness, wildness, blindness, kindness, brightness, lightness, rightness, tightness, triteness, whiteness, fineness, niceness, righteous, * Matthias, Darius, impious, Elias, Tobias, Josias, St Vitus, detritus, tinnitus, pruritus, papyrus, Epirus, anhydrous, Aquinas, Plotinus, Longinus,

Paulinus, unkindness, politeness, conciseness, unrighteous, * Zacharias, Ananias, callipygous, Heraclitus, parvovirus, retrovirus, herpesvirus, Antoninus, Severinus, Dionysus, * defy us, fine us, etc.

22.30 typist, stylist, cyclist, * motorcyclist, * audiotypist

22.31 biased, driest, highest, shyest, slyest, wryest, lightest, slightest, tightest, whitest, idlest, finest, nicest, * unbiased, politest, divinest, concisest, etc.

22.32 dryish, side dish, childish, whitish, whitefish, stylish, swinish

22.33 eyelet, islet, twilit, pikelet, spikelet, * file it, buy it, etc.

22.34 Byatt, diet, fiat, quiet, riot, Wyatt, private, Pilate, pilot, pirate, climate, * disquiet, * copilot, * Pontius Pilate, autopilot, macroclimate, microclimate

22.35 eyelets, islets, pikelets, spikelets, Leibnitz

22.36 Tynemouth, * Goliath

22.37 decisive, divisive, derisive, incisive, * indecisive

22.38 nineties, Kylie's, limeys, crises, Pisces, * bona fides, etc.

22.39 buyers, liars, pliers, fibres, snipers, wipers, bikers, strikers, spiders, minders, writers, divers, drivers, fivers, climbers, diners, miners, ices, prices, slices, vices, misers, prizes, * suppliers, high-flyers, subscribers, dividers, insiders, outsiders, survivors, part-timers, devices, advisers, surprises, Devizes, * housebuyers, hitchhikers, joyriders, firefighters, Alzheimer's, * first-time buyers, windscreen wipers, sympathizers, etc.

22.40 Niobe, tribally, vitally, writerly, frightfully, rightfully, spitefully, finally, miserly, quietly, privately, silently, piously, bribery, spidery, bindery, grindery, ivory, library, primary, binary, finery, pinery, vinery, winery, spicery, ribaldry, dietary, rivalry, bryony, Bryony, irony, privacy, piracy, vibrancy, primacy, piety, nicety, tidily, mightily, icily, strikingly, blindingly, bitingly, frighteningly, childishly, stylishly, daiquiri, * delightfully, reliably, misguidedly, decidedly, defiantly, self-righteously, salivary, refinery, advisory, derisory, proprietary, psychiatry, podiatry, Alcyone, Hermione, satiety, variety, sobriety, propriety, society, anxiety, impiety, dubiety, untidily, designedly, resignedly, advisedly, disguisedly, derisively, decisively, invitingly, surprisingly, obligingly, * suicidally, adjectivally, justifiably, undeniably, indefinably, single-mindedly, interlibrary, supervisory, insobriety, impropriety, inebriety, contrariety, notoriety, etc.

A person of sobriety

Who cherishes propriety

Feels conscious of satiety

When in a clown's society.

CLARENCE DAY

22.41 Highlander, islander, Icelander, Viola, libeller, Iowa, isomer, frightener, tightener, whitener, silencer, licensor, Heidegger, dieter, rioter, * proprietor, variola, * Bandaranaike

22.42 tidier, flightier, mightier, feistier, wilier, shinier, tinier, icier, spicier, * untidier, * forsythia, etc.

22.43 buyable, dyeable, flyable, friable, pliable, liable, triable, viable, bribable, likable, rideable, findable, rightable, writable, drivable, climbable, finable, sliceable, sizable, Lionel, psychical, cyclical, bicycle, icicle, tricycle, * reliable, deniable, describable, unrideable, unwritable, indictable, excitable, undrivable, recyclable, unclimbable, definable, reclineable, advisable, realizable, maniacal, zodiacal, varietal, societal, * classifiable, rectifiable, verifiable, specifiable, certifiable, quantifiable, qualifiable, notifiable, justifiable, unreliable, undeniable, indescribable, extraditable, reconcilable, indecipherable, indefinable, magnetizable, memorizable, recognizable, hypnotizable, inadvisable, ammoniacal, demoniacal, * unclassifiable, identifiable, unverifiable, unquantifiable, unjustifiable, irreconcilable, unrecognizable, paradisiacal, * unidentifiable

22.44 quieten, lowan, Chinaman, Heinemann, rifleman, glycogen, hydrogen, nitrogen, highwayman, Heineken®, Irishman, * Goliathan, leviathan

22.45 Stuyvesant, * entitlement, enlightenment, environment

22.46 riotous, libellous, riderless, driverless, quietness, idleness, childlessness, righteousness, tidiness, flightiness, kindness, sprightliness, liveliness, childishness, * proprietress, short-sightedness, self-righteousness, untidiness, * absent-mindedness, etc.

22.47 scientist, finalist, Zionist, nihilist, * revivalist, psychiatrist, * semifinalist

22.48 tidiest, flightiest, mightiest, feistiest, wiliest, shiniest, tiniest, iciest, spiciest, * untidiest, etc.

22.49 inviolable, decipherable, * indecipherable

The rhymes in this section have the 'o' sound of toss and copper as their main or final vowel sound.

23.1 bob, Bob, blob, cob, dob, fob, glob, gob, hob, job, knob, lob, mob, nob, rob, Rob, slob, snob, sob, squab, swab, throb, yob, * McJob, demob, * heartthrob, hobnob, corncob, doorknob, * rent-a-mob, * thingumabob, corn on the cob

I could not dig: I dared not rob:

Therefore I lied to please the mob.

RUDYARD KIPLING

23.2 Bob's, blobs, Hobbes, Hobbs, knobs, mobs, nob, snobs, yobs, etc.

23.3 bloc, Bloch, block, bock, brock, choc, chock, clock, cock, croc, crock, doc, dock, flock, frock, hock, jock, Jock, knock, loch, lock, Locke, lough, mock, pock, roc, rock, schlock, shock, smock, sock, Spock, stock, wok, * unlock, unblock, o'clock, baroque, unfrock, amok, Bangkok, ad hoc, half-cock, *en bloc*, Médoc, defrock, restock, post hoc, * Hancock, spatchcock, daglock, padlock, Matlock, Havelock, shamrock, matchlock, charlock, Bartók, airlock, kapok, haycock, gamecock, gemsbok, Belloc, deadlock, headlock, wedlock, fetlock, elflock, hemlock, bedrock, bed sock, shell shock, burdock, Murdoch, Sherlock, Reebok®, rhebok, epoch, Leacock, peacock, seacock, breeze block, pibroch, Enoch, springbok, Springbok, Hitchcock, ticktock, whipstock, drillstock, picklock, gridlock, flintlock, wristlock, windsock, livestock, Shylock, stopcock, Quantock, Bostock, Rostock, Vostok, Alcock, ball cock, Baldock, forelock, oarlock, Porlock, warlock, Warnock, moorcock, moloch, Moloch, roadblock, sun block, gunlock, bloodstock, gunstock, woodcock, Woodstock, rootstock, Prufrock, * alpenstock, Abersoch, Antioch, manioc, Tavistock, carriage clock, antiknock, Ragnarök, aftershock, laughing stock, weathercock, *belle époque*, speaking clock, interlock, monocoque, chock-a-block, poppycock, hollyhock, overstock, postman's knock, shuttlecock, double-lock, culture shock, stumbling block, * Vladivostok

Your Chablis is acid, away with the Hock,

Give me the pure juice of the purple Médoc.

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH

23.4 Bloch, Koch, loch, lough, och, * Van Gogh, * pibroch

23.5 blocks, box, chocs, clocks, cox, Cox, docks, flocks, fox, Fox, Jock's, knocks, Knox, locks, lox, MOX, Nox, ox, phlox, pox, rocks, socks, stocks, vox, * Fort Knox, outfox, * bandbox, sandbox, hatbox, cashbox, matchbox, mailbox, paintbox, brainbox, Radox®, dreadlocks, bed socks, gearbox, Xerox®, detox, Reeboks®, squeezebox, peacocks, breeze blocks, pillbox, Springboks, Wilcox, Simcox, firebox, icebox, Ibrox, strongbox, saltbox, Quantocks, horsebox, smallpox, oarlocks, aurochs, soapbox, postbox, Botox®, soundbox, cowpox, tuck box, snuffbox, lunchbox, shoebox, jukebox, toolbox, loosebox, boondocks, * chatterbox, paradox, equinox, tinderbox, pillar box, chickenpox, building blocks, gogglebox, on the rocks, orthodox, Orthodox, Goldilocks, thunderbox, moneybox, * nonorthodox, unorthodox, * jack-in-the-box, heterodox, school of hard knocks, etc.

23.6 blocked, cocked, docked, knocked, locked, mocked, rocked, shocked, stocked, * concoct, unlocked, unblocked, unfrocked, half-cocked, defrocked, restocked, decoct, * padlocked, landlocked, deadlocked, dreadlocked, shell-shocked, gridlocked, etc.

23.7 blotch, botch, crotch, notch, scotch, Scotch, splotch, swatch, watch, * top-notch, * deathwatch, wristwatch, hotchpotch, hopscotch, stopwatch, dogwatch, doomwatch, * butterscotch

I am a sundial, and I make a botch

Of what is done much better by a watch.

HILAIRE BELLOC

23.8 bod, clod, cod, god, Dodd, God, hod, mod, nod, odd, plod, pod, prod, quad, quod, rod,

Rod, shod, sod, squad, tod, Todd, trod, wad, * ramrod, Nimrod, slipshod, bipod, iPod®, tripod, tightwad, odd bod, hot rod, godsquad, sun god, roughshod, pushrod, * gastropod, cattle prod, arthropod, decapod, tetrapod, hexapod, Hesiod, demigod, Sweeney Todd, Ichabod, flying squad, octopod, monopod, Ormerod, goldenrod, * cephalopod

23.9 cough, doff, Gough, off, prof, quaff, scoff, toff, trough, * Van Gogh, well-off, browned-off, * Cracow, standoff, Markov, blastoff, castoff, Karloff, payoff, play-off, takeoff, Chekhov, Geldof, sendoff, rip-off, kickoff, liftoff, spin-off, show-off, cutoff, Khrushchev, * Nabokov, Sakharov, Asimov, Glazunov, tellingoff, whooping cough, Molotov, stroganoff, Godunov, Gorbachov, Romanov, Ustinov, * Kalashnikov, Rachmaninoff, * Poliakov, Baader-Meinhof, * Rimsky-Korsakov

23.10 coughed, croft, doffed, loft, oft, quaffed, scoffed, soft, waft, * aloft, * Bancroft, Ashcroft, hayloft, cockloft, Cockcroft, Moorcroft, * Microsoft®, Lowestoft

23.11 blog, bog, clog, cog, dog, flog, fog, frog, glogg, Gog, grog, hog, Hogg, jog, log, nog, prog, quag, slog, smog, snog, sprog, tog, trog, wog, Zog, * agog, unclog, befog, * lapdog, hangdog, backlog, quahog, Magog, hedgehog, Kellogg, weblog, eclogue, eggnog, Herzog, seadog, sheepdog, leapfrog, phizog, firedog, hot dog, watchdog, warthog, groundhog, road hog, prologue, gundog, bulldog, footslog, bullfrog, goosegog, * apologue, Tagalog, catalogue, travelogue, analogue, antilog, pedagogue, demagogue, Decalogue, pettifog, epilogue, synagogue, dialogue, homologue, monologue, golliwog, polliwog, underdog, duologue, * Ffestiniog, * Phileas Fogg, ideologue

23.12 clogged, flogged, fogged, hogged, jogged, logged, snogged, * unclogged, befogged, waterlogged, etc.

23.13 Bloggs, cogs, dogs, frogs, logs, togs, * hedgehogs, Kellogg's, etc.

23.14 bodge, dodge, Hodge, lodge, Lodge, podge, splodge, stodge, wodge, * dislodge, * hodgepodge

23.15 col, doll, loll, moll, Moll, Scholl, skol, sol, Sol, troll, * Algol, atoll, Castrol®, AWOL, Dettol®, menthol, VTOL, obol, podzol, COBOL, Gogol, googol, * Panadol®, alcohol, parasol, barcarole, aerosol, ethanol, methanol, Interpol, glycerol, Ingersoll, Limassol, vitriol, falderol, protocol, Cuprinol®, * Sebastopol, cholesterol, * Costa del Sol, * paracetamol

23.16 golf, Rolf, * Adolf, Randolph, Botolph, Rudolph

23.17 false, waltz

23.18 fault, Galt, halt, malt, salt, SALT, vault, Walt, * assault, default, exalt, * Hainault, basalt, cobalt, pole vault, * somersault

23.19 salts, schmaltz, vaults, etc.

23.20 solve, * absolve, devolve, evolve, revolve, involve, dissolve, resolve

23.21 solved, * unsolved, absolved, devolved, evolved, revolved, involved, dissolved, resolved, * uninvolved, undissolved, unresolved

23.22 dolls, hols, Moll's, trolls, * atolls, obols, consols, etc.

23.23 bomb, dom, from, mom, pom, prom, rhomb, ROM, Somme, tom, Tom, * aplomb, shalom, therefrom, wherefrom, * maelstrom, stink bomb, sitcom, firebomb, pompom, condom, tom-tom, coulomb, Coulomb, * atom bomb, CARICOM, telecom, CD-ROM, Peeping Tom, intercom, minicom, diatom, Uncle Tom

23.24 chomp, clomp, comp, pomp, romp, stomp, swamp, yomp

23.25 chomped, clomped, prompt, romped, stomped, swamped, yomped

23.26 Omsk, Tomsk

Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John,

Went to bed with his trousers on.

NURSERY RHYME

23.27 Bonn, con, don, Don, gone, Hon., john, John, on, phon, Ron, scone, shone, swan, Swann,

wan, yon, * Gabon, upon, Perón, Sharon, anon, hands-on, head-on, thereon, whereon, cretonne, hereon, Dion, Dionne, begone, Yvonne, Ceylon, Saigon, spot-on, won ton, odds-on, Sorbonne, foregone, outshone, Luzon, * crampon, tampon, baton, Anton, canton, Canton, Danton, salon, Fablon®, Savlon®, Dacron®, macron, axon, taxon, argon, Sargon, air-con, crayon, kaon, rayon, radon, Avon, Dralon®, Teflon®, Revlon, bouillon, eon, Leon, neon, prion, piton, chignon, xenon, Nippon, Nikon, stick-on, krypton, chiffon, ion, icon, bygone, triton, nylon, pylon, Heilbronn, micron, bonbon, doggone, Oxon., walk-on, boron, moron, fleuron, Huron, neuron, zoon, photon, proton, colon, roll-on, gnomon, boson, coupon, Yukon, crouton, futon, neutron, Tucson, *souçon*, * decathlon, heptathlon, pentathlon, biathlon, triathlon, Cro-Magnon, liaison, electron, courtbouillon, * mastodon, Avalon, Al-Anon, Algernon, hanger-on, cabochon, Papillon, baryon, carry-on, Macedon, antiphon, Babylon, magnetron, Parthenon, Barbizon, thereupon, whereupon, aileron, decagon, heptagon, pentagon, Pentagon, hexagon, echelon, Lebanon, Elton John, Benetton, telethon, epsilon, etymon, demijohn, Percheron, fermion, Myrmidon, hereupon, Simenon, sit-upon, synchrotron, cyclotron, dynatron, octagon, nonagon, Mogadon®, colophon, Comecon, polygon, positron, Audubon, Bourguignonne, Oberon, woebegone, goings-on, undergone, nucleon, Rubicon, * iguanodon, dodecagon, Bellerophon, encephalon, automaton, Laocoon, emoticon, * Agamemnon, interferon, filet mignon, oxymoron, protozoon, antiproton, semicolon, antineutron, * sine qua non, * spermatozoon

23.28 bonk, clonk, conch, conk, gonk, honk, plonk, zonk, * honky-tonk

23.29 bonks, Bronx, gonks, honks, yonks, etc.

23.30 blond, blonde, bond, Bond, conned, donned, fond, frond, Fronde, pond, sonde, wand, * abscond, James Bond, despond, respond, second, Gironde, beyond, beau monde, * keeshond, millpond, * vagabond, demimonde, Trebizond, correspond, overfond, Eurobond

23.31 bong, Caen, dong, gong, long, pong, prong, song, strong, thong, throng, Wong, wrong, * along, prolong, sarong, mah jong, erelong, chaise longue, Vietcong, Mekong, qigong, King Kong, belong, Geelong, Hong Kong, foo yong, * Armstrong, daylong, plainsong, headlong, restaurant, headstrong, furlong, birdsong, yearlong, Ping-Pong®, dingdong, biltong, diphthong, livelong, singsong, sidelong, nightlong, lifelong, oblong, swan song, hourlong, folk song, dugong, bouffant, oolong, * aide-de-camp, cradlesong, restaurant, evensong, billabong, Chittagong, sing-along, wobbegong, *bon vivant*, vol-au-vent, overlong, Wollongong, Goolagong, * Lapsang Souchong

Be the day weary or be the day long,

At last it ringeth to evensong.

SAYING

23.32 gongs, longs, prongs, songs, throngs, tongs, wrongs, etc.

23.33 bonce, nonce, ponce, sponce, fonts, wants, * response, ensconce

23.34 font, Quant, want, * Lamont, Vermont, Dupont, * Chalfont, Egmont, Belmont, restaurant, Piedmont, Stormont, Beaumont, * restaurant, Hellespont, symbiont

23.35 bronze, dons, Don's, Johns, John's, pons, Ron's, scones, swans, * St John's, Yvonne's, mod cons, * crayons, icons, croutons, goujons, etc.

23.36 bop, chop, clop, cop, crop, drop, flop, fop, hop, kop, lop, mop, op, plop, pop, prop, shop, slop, sop, stop, strop, swap, top, wop, * the Kop, atop, unstop, vox pop, nonstop, * laptop, tank top, backstop, backdrop, hard top, palmtop, sharecrop, airdrop, raindrop, desktop, bellhop, hedgehop, sweatshop, worktop, Worksop, workshop, teardrop, treetop, eavesdrop, Aesop, sweetsop, teashop, sweetshop, Britpop, tiptop, clifftop, hilltop, hip-hop, clip-clop, flip-flop, Hislop, Winthrop, milksop, soft top, doorstop, Allsop, pawnshop, outcrop, soursop, coin-op, toyshop, Co-op, stonecrop, snowdrop, rollmop, Dunlop, gumdrop, tuck shop, junk shop, bookshop, screw top, rooftop, dewdrop, * Malaprop, paradrop, drag-and-drop, agitprop,

alcopop, barbershop, escalope, megaflop, belly flop, Blenkinsop, turboprop, Ethiop, gigaflop, intercrop, Ribbentrop, whistle-stop, window-shop, lollipop, mountaintop, overtop, * over the top

Don't you wish you'd go on forever and you'd never stop?

In that shiny little surrey with the fringe on the top.

RICHARD RODGERS

23.37 chops, cops, copse, crops, drops, hops, ops, props, shops, stops, tops, * raindrops, worktops, eardrops, teardrops, treetops, flip-flops, Cyclops, eyedrops, snowdrops, rooftops, * Keystone Kops, lollipops, muttonchops, Woodentops, * triceratops, etc.

23.38 chopped, Copt, cropped, dropped, flopped, hopped, mopped, popped, opt, stopped, swapped, topped, * adopt, unstopped, uncropped, co-opt, close-cropped, etc.

23.39 boss, Bros, cos, cross, crose, DOS, doss, dross, floss, Gosse, gloss, goss, Jos, joss, Kos, loss, moss, Moss, os, Ross, toss, * across, lacrosse, uncross, recross, emboss, Kinross, * Athos, Patmos, Naxos, Marcos, Argos, Carlos, Lagos, bathos, pathos, weight loss, Amos, Samos, chaos, Lesbos, Eros, reredos, Chios, Eos, EPOS, ethos, Delos, Melos, crisscross, tripos, mythos, cosmos, Knossos, Phobos, Cronos, kudos, bugloss, * Dos Passos, Niarchos, Barbados, extradados, intrados, Domestos®, asbestos, * Calvados, Thanatos, albatross, adios, candyfloss, rallycross, dental floss, MS-DOS®, Míkonos, autocross, motocross, double-cross, * Los Alamos, Makarios, * Ballesteros, Villa-Lobos, * Torremolinos

23.40 bosk, mosque, * kiosk

23.41 bossed, cost, crossed, dossed, flossed, frost, Frost, glossed, lost, Prost, tossed, wast, * accost, uncrossed, Jack Frost, recrossed, defrost, embossed, riposte, * *glasnost*, star-crossed, compost, provost, storm-tossed, hoarfrost, * Van der Post, Pentecost, teleost, permafrost, double-crossed

23.42 Boche, Bosch, bosh, cloche, cosh, dosh, gosh, josh, nosh, posh, quash, Roche, slosh, splosh, squash, swash, tosh, wash, Wash, * awash, prewash, brioche, * backwash, car wash, brainwash, prewash, kibosh, eyewash, whitewash, hogwash, mouthwash, musquash, Pugwash, * Mackintosh, mackintosh, colourwash

23.43 coshed, doshed, joshed, noshed, quashed, sloshed, squashed, washed, * unwashed, prewashed, * brainwashed, whitewashed, stonewashed

23.44 blot, bot, clot, cot, dot, Dot, got, grot, hot, jot, knot, lot, Lot, mot, not, motte, plot, pot, rot, Scot, Scott, shot, slot, snot, sot, spot, squat, swat, swot, tot, trot, twat, Wat, watt, Watt, what, wot, yacht, * cocotte, forgot, gavotte, allot, shallot, garrotte, red-hot, repot, begot, Pol Pot, * crackpot, jackpot, black spot, mascot, backlot, sandlot, cannot, have-not, snapshot, Bagshot, wainscot, grapeshot, mailshot, space shot, despot, sexpot, earshot, teapot, tinpot, Phillpott, Didcot, inkblot, Wilmot, slipknot, slingshot, nightspot, eyeshot, stockpot, hotpot, tosspot, hot spot, Oflot, godslot, dogtrot, jog trot, foxtrot, Ofwat, topknot, whatnot, hotshot, pot shot, Alcott, flowerpot, boycott, Boycott, robot, bowshot, fusspot, sunspot, dovecot, subplot, kumquat, somewhat, upshot, buckshot, mug shot, bloodshot, gunshot, woodlot, moonshot, * Camelot, cachalot, Paraquat®, carrycot, aliquot, sans-culotte, Lancelot, parking lot, parting shot, chamber pot, apricot, pepper pot, megawatt, melting pot, Bernadotte, Winalot®, bergamot, kilowatt, chimneypot, misbegot, diddly-squat, guillemot, Wyandotte, microdot, lobster pot, on the spot, polka dot, Hottentot, monoglot, coffeepot, ocelot, polyglot, tommyrot, Aldershot, Turandot, counterplot, go to pot, overshot, trouble spot, undershot, honeypot, you-know-what, * forget-me-not

Ere Time and Place were, Time and Place were not,

When primitive Nothing Something straight begot,

Then all proceeded from the great united – What?

JOHN WILMOT, EARL OF ROCHESTER

23.45 blots, clots, dots, Dot's, hots, knots, lots, Notts, pots, plots, Potts, Scots, spots, trots, Watts, * shallots, the trots, culottes, * crackpots, mascots, snapshots, sexpots, fleshpots, teapots, robots, * chimneypots, call the shots, * forget-me-nots, etc.

23.46 broth, cloth, froth, Goth, moth, Roth, swath, troth, wrath, wroth, * backcloth, sackcloth, haircloth, J-cloth®, sailcloth, facecloth, cerecloth, cheesecloth, dishcloth, washcloth, floorcloth, broadcloth, hawk moth, oilcloth, loincloth, * behemoth, * tablecloth, Visigoth, tiger moth, Ostrogoth

23.47 of, * thereof, whereof, * Cracow, Pavlov, Chekhov, Kirov, * unheard-of, undreamt-of, * Asimov, Ustinov

23.48 Boz, cos, Oz, Ros, 'twas, was, * because, * tiz-woz

24.1 bobby, Bobby, Gobbi, gobby, hobby, knobby, lobby, Robbie, snobby, Colby, Dolby®, combi, Dombey, zombie, Crosby, choppy, copy, floppy, kopje, poppy, sloppy, sippy, stroppy, Pompey, swampy, * jalopy, * Mr Blobby, Abercrombie, photocopy

24.2 choccy, cocky, gnocchi, hockey, jockey, rocky, Rocky, stocky, bronchi, donkey, wonky, Trotsky, Chomsky, boggy, doggy, foggy, groggy, moggy, quaggy, soggy, * outjockey, Stokowski, Tchaikovsky, * disc jockey, * jabberwocky, pedagogy, demagogy

24.3 body, cloddy, Noddy, Oddie, Roddy, shoddy, squaddie, toddy, wadi, Aldi, Caldly, Blondie, spondee, dotty, grotty, knotty, Lottie, potty, Scottie, snotty, spotty, swotty, totty, yachtie, zloty, lofty, softie, balti, faulty, malty, salty, Solti, Brontë, Conteh, Monte, Monty, frosty, * Kirkcaldy, embody, Grimaldi, Menotti, Del Monte, full monty, * Peabody, dogsboddy, homebody, * antibody, anybody, everybody, Irrawaddy, busybody, disembody, underbody, Pavarotti, Lanzarote, Megawati, Belafonte

24.4 coffee, toffee, bothy, frothy, mothy, * banoffee

24.5 Bolly, broolly, Colley, collie, dolly, Dolly, folly, golly, Holi, holly, Holly, jolly, lolly, Molly, Ollie, Polly, poly, Solly, Tolley, trolley, volley, wally, Wally, Whalley, wolly, knobblly, wobbly, Bodley, godly, oddly, fondly, hotly, motley, Otley, promptly, softly, costly, Bromley, Swanley, wanly, strongly, wrongly, crossly, Locksley, falsely, corrie, Corrie, Florrie, Laurie, lorry, MORI, quarry, Snorri, sorry, Daltrey, paltry, palfrey, Godfrey, Conwy, * ungodly, Macquarie, Pitlochry, * Barbirolli, melancholy, *fait accompli*, softly-softly, Buddy Holly, etc.

Sweet bird that shunn'st the noise of folly,

Most musical, most melancholy!

JOHN MILTON

24.6 commie, commis, mommy, pommy, Tommy, bonny, Bonny, Connie, Donny, Johnny, Lonnie, Ronnie, Swanee, cockney, Hockney, Rodney, Watney, Romney, pongy, * bomb me, etc.

24.7 bossy, Flossie, flossy, glossy, mossy, posse, Rossi, dropsy, popsy, Topsy, boxy, doxy, foxy, poxy, proxy, Roxy, schmaltzy, Rothesay, poncy, Aussie, cossie, mossie, Ozzy, was he, palsy, Romsey, Swansea, sloshy, squashy, washy, bolshie, blotchy, botchy, notchy, splotchy, conchie, dodgy, podgy, stodgy, splodgy, * biopsy, epoxy, * autopsy, * orthodoxy, Pestalozzi, wishy-washy, pedagogy, demagogy, * heterodoxy

24.8 clobber, cobber, jobber, robber, slobber, swabber, ombre, sombre, bopper, chopper, copper, cropper, dropper, hopper, Hopper, Joppa, poppa, popper, Popper, proper, shopper, stopper, swapper, topper, whopper, comper, romper, stomper, RoSPA, prosper, * improper, * stockjobber, grasshopper, sharecropper, name-dropper, wife-swapper, gobstopper, froghopper, clodhopper, show stopper, * teenybopper, window-shopper, * rob her, swap her, etc.

Pull out the stopper;

Let's have a whopper;

But get me to the church on time!

ALAN JAY LERNER

24.9 blocker, chocker, cocker, Cocker, Fokker, docker, knocker, locker, mocha, mocker, ocker, quokka, rocker, shocker, soccer, stocker, vodka, polka, conker, conquer, honker, plonker, stonker, Oscar, Tosca, Dogger, flogger, hogger, jogger, logger, slogger, broлга, Olga, Volga, conga, conger, donga, longer, stronger, Tonga, * Rioja, * doorknocker, * saltimbocca, beta-blocker, Willy Wonka, cataloguer, pettifogger, Wagga Wagga, Alba Longa, Rarotonga, * mock her, shock her, etc.

24.10 dodder, fodder, Hodder, plodder, prodder, alder, Balder, Calder, solder, blonder, Fonda, fonder, Honda, ponder, Rhondda, squander, Wanda, wander, yonder, blotter, cotter, gotta, hotter, jotter, knotter, lotta, otter, plotter, potter, Potter, rotter, spotter, squatter, swatter, swotter, totter, trotter, 'copter, prompter, doctor, proctor, crofter, softer, altar, alter, falter, halter, Malta, palter, Psalter, salter, vaulter, Volta, Walter, Costa, foster, Foster, Gloucester, hosta, roster, lobster, mobster, monster, songster, * Isolde, Deronda, transponder, pelota, ricotta, adopter, dioptré, assaulter, Gibraltar, defaulter, Minolta, defroster, impostor, * plane spotter, train spotter, fly swatter, bogtrotter, globetrotter, witch doctor, pole-vaulter, * anaconda, *La Gioconda*, terracotta, helicopter, Teleprompter®, paternoster, herpes zoster, * shot her, lost her, etc.

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester.

NURSERY RHYME

24.11 coffer, cougher, Offa, offer, proffer, quaffer, scoffer, golfer, phosphor, bover, hover, solver, bother, pother, Rhondda, * absolver, resolver, revolver, * windhover, * counteroffer, Hiawatha, * off her, involve her, etc.

24.12 cholera, collar, dollar, holler, loller, scholar, squalor, wallah, Waller, cobbler, gobbler, hobbler, nobbler, squabblor, wobblor, Doppler, poplar, toddler, waddler, bottler, ostler, horror, cobra, copra, opera, okra, contra, rostra, Lockyer, Sonia, * corolla, Gomorrah, begorra, Bologna, * white-collar, blue-collar, * ayatollah, eurodollar, *amour-propre*, Cosa Nostra, etc.

24.13 bomber, comma, mamma, dogma, dolma, Bonar, Bonner, Connor, doner, Donna, goner, gonna, honour, wanna, Bognor, Costner, * Madonna, dishonour, O'Connor, * Maradona, belladonna, prima donna, * from her, con her, etc.

24.14 crosser, dossier, fossa, Ossa, Prosser, tosser, boxer, Boxer, balsa, falser, waltzer, sponsor, rozzer, bonzer, Monza, cosher, posher, quassia, washer, Shropshire, tonsure, botcher, gotcha, watcher, wotcher, posture, bodger, codger, dodger, lodger, loggia, roger, Roger, todger, * imposture, * kick-boxer, dishwasher, bird-watcher, * Saragossa, Barbarossa, bobbysoxer, bottle-washer, * fox her, watch her, etc.

24.15 pollack, Pollock, rowlock, monarch

24.16 topic, tropic, dropkick, Roddick, Coptic, optic, Bostik®, Gnostic, knobstick, chopstick, * Canopic, atopic, ectopic, myopic, parodic, anodic, cathodic, spasmodic, rhapsodic, psalmodic, melodic, threnodic, prosodic, aquatic, narcotic, chaotic, nepotic, despotic, sclerotic, erotic, necrotic, demotic, hypnotic, exotic, quixotic, biotic, psychotic, thrombotic, osmotic, robotic, neurotic, synoptic, orthoptic, acrostic, agnostic, prognostic, * macroscopic, endoscopic, spectroscopic, stethoscopic, presbyopic, telescopic, periscopic, Ethiopic, thixotropic, philanthropic, misanthropic, gyroscopic, microscopic, isotopic, psychotropic, lycanthropic, horoscopic, stroboscopic, episodic, periodic, amniotic, asymptotic, patriotic, semiotic, idiotic, diagnostic, orthodontic, probiotic, posthypnotic, subaquatic, * stereoscopic, antispasmodic, antibiotic, antipsychotic, macrobiotic, homoerotic, autoerotic, autohypnotic, unpatriotic, * kaleidoscopic

24.17 strophic, trophic, Gothic, * atrophic, dystrophic, eutrophic, * apostrophic, catastrophic, philosophic, Ostrogothic, Visigothic

24.18 colic, folic, frolic, rollick, choric, Doric, Warwick, Yorick, con trick, * shambolic, carbolic, embolic, symbolic, systolic, hydraulic, bucolic, amphoric, camphoric, caloric, historic, dysphoric,

pyloric, phosphoric, euphoric, dioptric, * catabolic, parabolic, anabolic, apostolic, alcoholic, metabolic, melancholic, workaholic, vitriolic, diabolic, hyperbolic, diastolic, shopaholic, chocoholic, cataphoric, anaphoric, categoric, allegoric, paregoric, metaphoric, semaphoric, meteoric, prehistoric, hydrochloric, unhistoric, * nonalcoholic, phantasmagoric

Yes it's ironic –

I used to think all poets were Byronic.

They're mostly as wicked as a ginless tonic.

WENDY COPE

24.19 comic, cosmic, chronic, clonic, conic, phonic, sonic, tonic, * atomic, syndromic, Draconic, laconic, agonic, Platonic, subtonic, sulphonic, Slavonic, colonic, moronic, ammoniac, canonic, masonic, subsonic, planktonic, carbonic, sardonic, harmonic, tectonic, sermoniac, Miltonic, symphonic, synchronic, demonic, mnemonic, bionic, ionic, Ionic, iconic, cyclonic, Byronic, ironic, Brythonic, pythonic, ozonic, bubonic, Teutonic, euphonic, pneumonic, Dubrovnik, * anatomic, agronomic, astronomical, gastronomic, taxonomic, macrocosmic, tragicomic, palindromic, economic, metronomic, ergonomic, microcosmic, autonomic, subatomic, catatonic, gramophonic, saxophonic, macaronic, Panasonic, halcyonic, pandemonic, avionic, pentatonic, megaphonic, embryonic, telephonic, electronic, thermionic, Freemasonic, Philharmonic, infrasonic, histrionic, diatonic, myotonic, isotonic, xylophonic, microphonic, hypersonic, monotonic, quadraphonic, homophonic, polyphonic, ultrasonic, supertonic, supersonic, * seriocomic, physiognomic, uneconomic, radiophonic, stereophonic, animatronic, architectonic, anticyclonic, * electrophonic, chameleonic, Napoleonic, * socioeconomic

24.20 fossick, coccic, toxic, logic, * nontoxic, illogic, * virtuosic, * pathologic, astrologic, analogic, pedagogic, demagogic, ethnologic, geologic, hypnagogic, mythologic, philologic, hydrologic, horologic, chronologic, tautologic, * archaeologic, radiologic, embryologic, etymologic, immunologic, gynaecologic, climatologic

24.21 bollocks, Pollux, rowlocks, monarchs, Trossachs

24.22 tropics, optics, chopsticks, frolics, oryx, comics, onyx, phonics, coccyx, * aquatics, narcotics, exotics, robotics, neurotics, orthoptics, agnostics, hydraulics, sardonix, harmonics, tectonics, mnemonics, bionics, cryonics, * semiotics, orthodontics, diagnostics, alcoholics, workaholics, shopaholics, chocoholics, agronomics, economics, ergonomics, hydroponics, quadraphonics, ultrasonics, supersonics, avionics, thermionics, histrionics, electronics, * macrobiotics, antibiotics, animatronics, architectonics, * macroeconomics, microeconomics, microelectronics, etc.

24.23 lobbied, copied, dogged, Ovid, solid, squalid, stolid, florid, forehead, horrid, quarried, torrid, palsied, * embodied, carotid, * photocopied, able-bodied, disembodied, semisolid, etc.

There was a little girl

Who had a little curl

Right in the middle of her forehead,

When she was good

She was very, very good

But when she was bad she was horrid.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

24.24 clobbered, slobbered, prospered, conquered, Goddard, nodded, plodded, Stoddard, bonded, pondered, squandered, wandered, blotted, dotted, knotted, potted, pottered, rotted, spotted, opted, prompted, doctored, altered, faltered, halted, malted, salted, wanted, fostered, frosted, offered, Crockford, Rockford, Watford, Salford, Walford, Longford, Oxford, bothered, bollard, collared, hollered, Lollard, pollard, onward, honoured, * unconquered, responded, unspotted, allotted, St Gotthard, besotted, adopted, unprompted, unaltered, assaulted, unsalted, exalted, unwanted, accosted, defrosted, * time-honoured, * unadopted, etc.

24.25 bollards, Lollards, onwards, etc.

24.26 stoppage, blockage, dockage, lockage, socage, bondage, cottage, pottage, wattage, Wantage, hostage, college, knowledge, borage, forage, Norwich, porridge, Stockbridge, Oxbridge, Longbridge, Bromwich, homage, Swanage, sausage, * acknowledge, self-knowledge, West Bromwich, * vagabondage, telecottage

I am Master of this college:

What I don't know isn't knowledge.

H. C. BEECHING

24.27 bobble, cobble, gobble, hobble, nobble, squabble, wobble, topple, gospel, cockle, grockle, boggle, goggle, joggle, toggle, woggle, dongle, Mongol, coddle, doddle, Hoddle, model, noddle, swaddle, toddle, twaddle, waddle, fondle, bottle, Cottle, glottal, mottle, throttle, wattle, costal, hostel, offal, waffle, wrongful, watchful, grovel, hovel, novel, brothel, coral, laurel, Laurel, moral, Orrell, quarrel, sorrel, Worrall, cockerel, jonquil, doggerel, mongrel, Cottrell, dotterel, rostral, Bovril®, Cromwell, pommel, Rommel, Connell, Donnell, fossil, jostle, throstle, wassail, topsail, consul, tonsil, nozzle, schnozzle, * Chernobyl, diphthongal, remodel, St Austell, Balmoral, amoral, immoral, McConnell, McDonnell, O'Connell, O'Donnell, apostle, colossal, foretopsail, vice-consul, proconsul, shemozzle, * epochal, corncockle, hornswoggle, bluebottle, * streptococcal, synagogal, mollycoddle, supermodel, axolotl, Aristotle, epiglottal, horizontal, Pentecostal, antinovel, equinoctial, * staphylococcal, periodontal

For I've read in many a novel that, unless they've souls that grovel,

Folks prefer in fact a hovel to your dreary marble halls.

C. S. CALVERLEY

24.28 cobbled, hobbled, nobbled, boggled, coddled, modelled, waddled, bottled, throttled, quarrelled, Oswald, Donald, Ronald, jostled, sozzled, * remodelled, Macdonald, etc.

24.29 cobbles, wobbles, cockles, grockles, bottles, wattles, morals, quarrels, fossils, tonsils, * apostles, * collywobbles, supermodels, Aristotle's, etc.

24.30 Cobham, wampum, Ockham, Sodom, Wadham, bottom, quantum, Swaffham, Gotham, Waltham, Colum, column, Gollum, solemn, problem, grogram, pogrom, Mottram, nostrum, rostrum, Bonham, blossom, possum, flotsam, balsam, Frodsham, dodgem, * rock-bottom, colostrum, opossum, * Ramsbottom, * Higginbottom, macrocosm, microcosm, * knock 'em, got 'em, etc.

24.31 columns, problems, doldrums, Bonhams, dodgems, etc.

24.32 bobbin, dobbin, robin, Robin, topspin, bodkin, Hopkin, Hodgkin, noggin, Austen, Austin, Mostyn, boffin, coffin, dolphin, Colin, goblin, Joplin, poplin, Jocelyn, Corin, florin, foreign, doctrine, sovereign, Blodwen, Godwin, Colwyn, Olwen, Bronwen, tocsin, toxin, rosin, * round robin, Algonquin, Kropotkin, Godolphin, hobgoblin, dioxin, Wisconsin, * antitoxin, * hobblin', boxin', etc.

24.33 Alban, Balkan, falcon, Tongan, Flodden, modern, sodden, trodden, Cobden, Ogden, Alden, Malden, Longden, cotton, Cotton, gotten, rotten, Wotton, Brompton, Compton, Crompton, Stockton, Crofton, often, Alton, Dalton, Galton, Halton, saltern, Walton, wanton, Boston, postern, Oxton, Johnston, soften, Malvern, pollen, stollen, Lachlan, Coren, Lauren, Moran, sporran, warren, Warren, Cochrane, squadron, cauldron, roentgen, Roentgen, common, stockman, frogman, Hoffman, Hoffmann, Rothman, dolman, Longman, Scotsman, yachtsman, Osman, bondsman, Scotchman, watchman, wrong 'un, Dobson, Hobson, Robson, Thompson, coxswain, oxen, Oxon., Dodson, Hodson, Watson, Thomson, Johnson, Jonson, Ronson, Swanson, Dodgson, Hodgson, option, auction, sojourn, * Moroccan, gyrfalcon, toboggan, Culloden, untrodden, postmodern, forgotten, begotten, ill-gotten, Carshalton, autochthon, McLachlan, uncommon, Roscommon, adoption, concoction, decoction, * downtrodden, guncotton, * ultramodern, Saffron Walden, misbegotten, polycotton, Hohenzollern, Eilean

Donan, Hobson-Jobson, readoption

**And time remembered is grief forgotten,
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten.**

ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE

24.34 jocund, softened, Dollond, Holland, dockland, Gotland, Scotland, Osmond, auctioned, etc.

24.35 Hollands, docklands, Osmonds

24.36 Balkans, falcons, squadrons, commons, options, * St Albans, Moroccans, House of Commons, etc.

24.37 bobbins, robins, Robbins, Hopkins, Watkins, Pontin's, boffins, coffins, Collins, goblins, florins, etc.

24.38 fondant, constant, solvent, convent, torrent, warrant, quadrant, oddment, lodgment, wasn't, * despondent, respondent, inconstant, insolvent, abhorrent, remonstrant, secondment, allotment, ballottement, involvement, dislodgment, * correspondent, co-respondent

24.39 Constance, solvents, Florence, Laurence, Torrance, torrents, monstrance, conference, oddments, nonsense, conscience, * abhorrence, St Lawrence, remonstrance, allotments, non-nonsense, * correspondence, correspondents, guilty conscience, etc.

24.40 bobbing, robbing, sobbing, throbbing, bopping, chopping, dropping, hopping, mopping, popping, shopping, sopping, swapping, topping, Wapping, whopping, chomping, stomping, blocking, docking, knocking, locking, mocking, rocking, shocking, smocking, stocking, twoccing, bonking, honking, stonking, flogging, hogging, jogging, logging, slogging, snogging, nodding, plodding, prodding, sodding, wadding, bonding, blotting, dotting, jotting, knotting, plotting, potting, rotting, spotting, squatting, swotting, trotting, yachting, opting, prompting, lofting, wafting, halting, malting, salting, vaulting, costing, frosting, coughing, offing, quaffing, scoffing, golfing, solving, frothing, lolling, hobbling, squabbling, toppling, codling, toddling, gosling, offspring, bombing, conning, donning, longing, thronging, crossing, flossing, tossing, boxing, foxing, waltzing, joshing, squashing, washing, botching, watching, bodging, dodging, lodging, * unlocking, selflocking, defrocking, responding, adopting, concocting, defrosting, evolving, revolving, involving, dissolving, prolonging, belonging, embossing, dislodging, * hobnobbing, wife-swapping, clodhopping, showstopping, bluestocking, leapfrogging, plane spotting, train spotting, globetrotting, mind-boggling, kick-boxing, brainwashing, bird-watching, * teleshopping, interlocking, pettifogging, corresponding, cybersquatting, double-crossing, etc.

In olden days a glimpse of stocking

Was looked on as something shocking.

COLE PORTER

24.41 collop, dollop, lollop, scallop, trollop, Trollope, wallop, * codswallop

24.42 coppice, hospice, bodice, goddess, glottis, solstice, office, novice, Hollis, polis, solace, Wallace, Wallis, Boris, Doris, Horace, Maurice, Morris, Norris, orris, commis, promise, Dolcis, * Cornwallis, proboscis, synopsis, * epiglottis, torticollis, deoch-an-doruis

24.43 rhombus, thrombus, pompous, coccus, locus, bronchus, Aldous, Loftus, Pontus, Qantas, jobless, topless, Toklas, godless, spotless, faultless, coxless, monstrous, songstress, Thomas, oddness, fondness, hotness, Totnes, promptness, softness, Knossos, noxious, conscious, Pontius, * Duns Scotus, Patroclus, colossus, obnoxious, subconscious, unconscious, self-conscious, * streptococcus, Pocahontas, semiconscious, unselfconscious, * staphylococcus, * swamped us, watch us, etc.

24.44 longest, strongest, blondest, promptest, provost, topmast, crossest, falsest, poshest, etc.

24.45 coppiced, stockist, modest, sophist, solaced, florist, forest, Forrest, promised, honest, * immodest, deforest, reforest, dishonest, * rainforest, * orthodontist

24.46 foppish, snobbish, yobbish, blockish, doggish, hoggish, Scottish, hottish, offish, toffish,

rockfish, stockfish, dogfish, codfish, polish, donnish, * standoffish, abolish, demolish, astonish, admonish, * spit and polish

24.47 polished, * abolished, unpolished, demolished, astonished, admonished

24.48 Robert, nobbut, Talbot, Osbert, boggart, yogurt, Stoddart, Moffatt, Montfort, chocolate, stalwart, concert, * Port Talbot, de Montfort

24.49 Cobbett, gobbet, hobbit, obit, moppet, poppet, cockpit, Crockett, docket, locket, pocket, rocket, socket, sprocket, tomtit, profit, prophet, soffit, Colet, Smollett, wallet, goblet, droplet, omelette, floret, godwit, comet, Gromit, grommet, vomit, bonnet, sonnet, cosset, posset, whatsit, Consett, closet, posit, crotchet, * Mahomet, deposit, * pickpocket, skyrocket, sunbonnet, * retrorocket, * drop it, knock it, etc.

All these are vile. But viler Wordsworth's sonnet

On Dover. Dover! Who could write upon it?

JOHN KEATS

24.50 Toxteth, Bosworth, Wandsworth, Monmouth, * Merioneth

24.51 octave, costive, olive, * adoptive, Palmolive®, responsive, * unresponsive

24.52 Bobby's, hobbies, zombies, copies, poppies, choccies, jockeys, Rockies, donkeys, bodies, squaddies, Frosties, toffees, follies, Molly's, trolleys, lorries, commies, cockneys, Aussies, falsies, * synopses, etc.

24.53 robbers, poppers, shoppers, jodhpurs, rompers, knockers, mockers, rockers, bonkers, conkers, Yonkers, joggers, plodders, squatters, trotters, Walters, Foster's, offers, dollars, scholars, horrors, bombers, commas, Connors, honours, bosses, crosses, boxes, foxes, washers, blotches, notches, watches, Hodges, lodgers, Rodgers, Rogers, splodges, * galoshes, * wife-swappers, gobstoppers, plane spotters, train spotters, Cockfosters, Weightwatchers®, bird-watchers, * teenyboppers, knickerbockers, beta-blockers, helicopters, etc.

24.54 Lockerbie, wallaby, Ponsonby, monarchy, Lombardy, property, Docherty, Fogarty, poverty, Cromarty, novelty, warranty, Dorothy, Mobberley, sombrely, Stromboli, properly, broccoli, Offaly, wrongfully, scholarly, morally, Connolly, Donnelly, probably, horribly, honourably, possibly, moderately, constantly, Bottomley, solemnly, rottenly, commonly, faultlessly, consciously, jobbery, robbery, snobbery, yobbery, Dogberry, Fosbury, coppery, foppery, crockery, mockery, rockery, dodderly, quandary, lottery, Ottery, pottery, tottery, psaltery, contrary, colliery, Connery, swannery, glossary, Roddenberry, Conakry, offertory, oratory, Coventry, voluntary, commentary, promontory, Oswestry, monastery, hostelry, falconry, coronary, colloquy, obloquy, sodomy, Ptolemy, Albany, Alderney, botany, cottony, Zoffany, colony, Wallasey, constancy, solvency, * endoscopy, spectroscopy, microscopy, horoscopy, Andromache, chiropody, topography, photography, stenography, mammography, cartography, ethnography, geography, discography, cryptography, demography, filmography, biography, typography, holography, orthography, pornography, apostrophe, theosophy, philosophy, allopathy, hydrography, monopoly, Monopoly®, Thermopylae, improperly, duopoly, immorally, anomaly, colossally, improbably, demonstrably, impossibly, responsibly, immoderately, despondently, uncommonly, subconsciously, unconsciously, self-consciously, corollary, Montgomery, derogatory, bardolatry, idolatry, laboratory, exploratory, involuntary, monogamy, phlebotomy, dichotomy, lobotomy, colostomy, agronomy, astronomy, gastronomy, taxonomy, economy, autonomy, mahogany, cosmogony, monotony, cacophony, theophany, quadruphony, homophony, controversy, hypocrisy, democracy, autocracy, bureaucracy, plutocracy, apostasy, despondency, inconstancy, insolvency, * laparoscopy, hagiography, radiography, lexicography, crystallography, bibliography, iconography, choreography, chromatography, oceanography, naturopathy, osteopathy, homeopathy, horizontally, irresponsibly, demagoguery, pettifoggery, interrogatory, hagiolatry, Mariolatry, demonolatry, tracheotomy, physiognomy, Deuteronomy, stereophony, aristocracy, meritocracy,

anthropophagy, * encephalopathy, * cinematography, etc.

**There was an old man of Thermopylae,
Who never did anything properly.**

EDWARD LEAR

24.55 ology, * apology, pathology, astrology, chronology, phonology, scatology, graphology, anthology, psephology, necrology, technology, ethnology, sexology, geology, theology, ecology, kidology, histology, mythology, philology, phrenology, hymnology, biology, bryology, mycology, psychology, cytology, virology, seismology, oncology, ontology, horology, cosmology, doxology, tautology, morphology, neurology, urology, zoology, ufology, * anthropology, campanology, pharmacology, archaeology, cardiology, Mariology, radiology, phraseology, escapology, methodology, eschatology, entomology, embryology, etymology, gerontology, dermatology, herpetology, terminology, haematology, demonology, reflexology, aetiology, speleology, semiology, Egyptology, ichthyology, physiology, criminology, immunology, climatology, Scientology, ideology, gynaecology, ophthalmology, volcanology, toxicology, ornithology, sociology, numerology, musicology, * bacteriology, epistemology, phenomenology, * meteorology, dendrochronology, dialectology, nanotechnology, biotechnology, parasitology, endocrinology, microbiology, parapsychology, palaeontology, * epidemiology, anaesthesiology

And therefore it chimes with the word's etymology

That the sons of Apollo are great on apology.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

24.56 gossipy, colicky, holiday, comedy, oddity, quantity, jollity, polity, quality, comity, falsity, crotchety, modesty, honesty, sloppily, stockily, foggily, groggily, bodily, shoddily, frostily, homily, bossily, topically, optically, comically, logically, prodigally, doggedly, solidly, modestly, honestly, shockingly, longingly, snobbishly, dromedary, coquetry, rocketry, solitary, sophistry, forestry, orangery, dominie, hominy, progeny, Odyssey, prophecy, policy, Morrissey, porridgy, prodigy, * commodity, equality, frivolity, sonority, sorority, majority, priority, minority, authority, ferocity, atrocity, verbosity, precocity, viscosity, velocity, pomposity, monstrosity, porosity, dishonesty, immodesty, toxophily, spasmodically, methodically, chaotically, erotically, hypnotically, symbolically, hydraulically, rhetorically, historically, laconically, sardonically, ironically, illogically, dishonestly, apothecary, chronometry, geometry, optometry, admonitory, premonitory, suppository, depository, repository, expository, synonymy, metonymy, Mnemosyne, misogyny, geodesy, theodicy, * tragicomedy, inequality, seniority, mediocrity, grandiosity, animosity, generosity, preciousness, reciprocity, virtuosity, sinuosity, curiosity, luminosity, microscopically, periodically, patriotically, idiotically, catastrophically, philosophically, diabolically, categorically, metaphorically, anatomically, astronomically, ergonomically, economically, histrionically, pathologically, technologically, geologically, theologically, ecologically, biologically, psychologically, chronologically, correspondingly, trigonometry, * inferiority, superiority, impetuosity, voluminosity, * archaeologically, etymologically, physiologically, ideologically, etc.

24.57 walloper, onager, colander, Hollander, orator, Golgotha, Coppola, gosseller, modeller, gondola, hosteller, groveller, quarreller, opera, conqueror, dodderer, squanderer, wanderer, cholera, posturer, Ottawa, gossamer, monomer, softener, coroner, commoner, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, onager, swastika, frolicker, Honecker, Monica, moniker, Honegger, Florida, provender, monitor, Rossiter, chorister, forester, Forester, Rochester, Potiphar, conifer, Oliver, chronicler, polymer, Modena, foreigner, officer, promiser, polisher, Warwickshire, cottager, forager, Bollinger, porringer, Joshua, Yoruba, globular, lobular, copula, popular, ocular, jocular, modular, nodular, scrofula, consular, * Cadwallader, idolater, automata, photographer, stenographer, cartographer, geographer, cryptographer, biographer, typographer, pornographer, phylloxera, astronomer, gastronomer, horologer, astrologer,

sockdologer, erotica, exotica, majolica, nux vomica, japonica, Salonika, Veronica, harmonica, Andromeda, Hippolyta, barometer, thermometer, chronometer, manometer, clapometer, tachometer, planometer, gasometer, spectrometer, geometer, speedometer, pedometer, kilometre, clinometer, swingometer, pyrometer, mileometer, cyclometer, micrometer, micrometre, hygrometer, hydrometer, odometer, optometer, Comptometer®, photometer, Uttoxeter, compositor, depositor, expositor, Apocrypha, gypsophila, Hiroshima, phenomena, abolisher, demolisher, unpopular, binocular, monocular, * Hagiographa, hagiographer, radiographer, lexicographer, bibliographer, choreographer, oceanographer, Thessalonica, tacheometer, anemometer, pluviometer, ovipositor, Herzegovina, interlocutor, * cinematographer, historiographer

24.58 choppier, copier, floppier, sloppier, soppier, cockier, rockier, stockier, boggier, foggier, groggier, shoddier, dottier, grottier, pottier, spottier, loftier, saltier, frostier, Ostia, frothier, collier, jollier, volleyer, cochlea, cochlear, costlier, quarrier, sorrier, warrior, Austria, bonnier, Bothnia, Bosnia, dossier, bossier, glossier, squashier, blotchier, dodgier, podgier, stodgier, * crocosmia, anosmia, insomnia, anoxia, hypoxia, * photocopier, hypochondria, mitochondria, etc.

24.59 warranted, pocketed, rocketed, profited, forested, vomited, cosseted, closeted, * unwarranted, deposited, deforested, reforested

24.60 propertied, hominid

24.61 probable, stoppable, lockable, solvable, horrible, operable, comparable, honourable, possible, squashable, washable, watchable, obstacle, coracle, oracle, monocle, cockerel, doggerel, doctoral, postural, coronal, optional, bronchial, topical, tropical, optical, follicle, comical, chronicle, conical, ossicle, dropsical, Popsicle®, logical, prodigal, hospital, optimal, proximal, nominal, soluble, voluble, conjugal, communal, * improbable, unstoppable, unshockable, unsolvable, resolvable, inoperable, incomparable, demonstrable, dishonourable, impossible, responsible, unwatchable, McGonagall, hebdomadal, postdoctoral, orthogonal, subtropical, methodical, symbolical, rhetorical, historical, canonical, ironical, illogical, apocryphal, abdominal, prenominal, phenomenal, binominal, pronominal, dissoluble, insoluble, * unresolvable, irresponsible, microscopical, semitropical, periodical, philosophical, theosophical, diabolical, categorical, allegorical, metaphorical, oratorical, anatomical, astronomical, gastronomical, economical, paradoxical, pedagogical, demagogical, scatological, pathological, analogical, astrological, gastrological, technological, ethnological, geological, theological, ecological, histological, mythological, philological, biological, psychological, seismological, topological, homological, cosmological, chronological, oncological, horological, tautological, morphological, zoological, phonological, neurological, urological, * uneconomical, anthropological, pharmacological, archaeological, phraseological, methodological, entomological, embryological, etymological, dermatological, terminological, aetiological, genealogical, mineralogical, physiological, criminological, immunological, ideological, gynaecological, climatological, ophthalmological, toxicological, nonbiological, ornithological, sociological, numerological, * bacteriological, * meteorological, microbiological

I know the kings of England, and I quote the fights historical,

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical.

W. S. GILBERT

24.62 obstacles, follicles, Chronicles, hospitals, * canonicals, etc.

24.63 poppadom, Rotherham, Tottenham, bothersome, quarrelsome, modicum, optimum, Nottingham, Altrincham, Walsingham, frolicsome

24.64 octagon, nonagon, Todmorden, Alderton, Salterton, Gordonstoun, colophon, Donovan, Jonathan, alderman, ottoman, Ottoman, Solomon, Alderson, Donaldson, Robertson, collagen, congressman, Bodleian, Austrian, Bosnian, Ossian, Corrigan, Oregon, oppidan, Honiton,

Boddington, Waddington, Donington, Norrington, Warrington, Washington, Coniston, quarryman, Orangeman, Groningen, Morrison, Robinson, Collinson, Tomlinson, orison, oxygen, * automaton, Algonquian, Colossian, phenomenon, diocesan, * metropolitan, Neapolitan, cosmopolitan

24.65 Rosamund, moribund, rotund

24.66 Jonathan's, Austrians, Bosnians, orisons, * Colossians, etc.

24.67 combatant, somnolent, nonchalant, tolerant, operant, consonant, toxicant, congregant, confident, provident, Occident, oxidant, competent, Protestant, Oliphant, consequent, condiment, complement, compliment, continent, Continent, dominant, prominent, cognizant, congruent, occupant, opulent, flocculent, postulant, document, monument, * preponderant, intolerant, emollient, intoxicant, self-confident, improvident, incompetent, concomitant, inconsequent, embodiment, impoverishment, astonishment, admonishment, acknowledgment, subcontinent, incontinent, subdominant, predominant, incognizant, emolument, * overconfident, antioxidant, disembodiment

24.68 somnolence, nonchalance, conference, tolerance, consonants, confidence, providence, competence, Protestants, consequence, compliments, continence, provenance, dominance, prominence, cognizance, confluence, congruence, opulence, documents, * preponderance, intolerance, self-confidence, improvidence, incompetence, inconsequence, acknowledgments, incontinence, predominance, reconnaissance, incognizance, * teleconference, overconfidence, etc.

24.69 lolloping, walloping, bollocking, fosterling, hostelling, clobbering, conquering, doddering, pondering, wandering, offering, bothering, posturing, Godalming, frolicking, rollicking, coppicing, promising, cottaging, * unpromising

24.70 octopus, obolus, collarless, bottomless, Bosphorus, prosperous, ponderous, Bosphorus, phosphorous, phosphorus, dolorous, onerous, sonorous, commonness, consciousness, obvious, osseous, Roscius, omnibus, solidus, obelus, choppiness, sloppiness, cockiness, ominous, doggedness, snobbishness, yobbishness, nocuous, congruous, populace, populous, modulus, scrofulous, Romulus, posthumous, * diplodocus, sarcophagus, oesophagus, homologous, tautologous, Herodotus, discobolus, anomalous, preposterous, rhinoceros, idolatrous, monogamous, dichotomous, autonomous, monotonous, cacophonous, homophonous, autochthonous, homogenous, subconsciousness, unconsciousness, self-consciousness, Autolycus, Hippolytus, Theocritus, Democritus, Herophilus, Theophilus, anonymous, antonymous, eponymous, synonymous, Hieronymus, euonymus, pseudonymous, androgynous, endogenous, exogenous, erogenous, misogynous, hydrogenous, nitrogenous, innocuous, incongruous, convolvulus, * Areopagus, adipoceros, hippopotamus, acidophilus, etc.

Hogamus, higamous

Man is polygamous

Higamus, hogamous

Woman monogamous.

WILLIAM JAMES

24.71 choppiest, floppiest, sloppiest, soppiest, cockiest, rockiest, stockiest, boggiest, foggiest, groggiest, shoddiest, dottiest, grottiest, pottiest, spottiest, loftiest, saltiest, frostiest, frothiest, jolliest, costliest, sorriest, bonniest, bossiest, glossiest, squashest, blotchiest, dodgiest, podgiest, stodgiest, etc.

24.72 monarchist, novelist, moralist, modernist, botanist, colonist, columnist, copyist, lobbyist, Trotskyist, optimist, populist, oculist, communist, * chiropract, economist, *Economist*, saxophonist, xylophonist, apologist, pathologist, graphologist, technologist, ethnologist, sexologist, geologist, ecologist, philologist, biologist, psychologist, horologist, neurologist, zoologist, ufologist, optometrist, Soroptimist, misogynist, * lepidopterist, anthropologist,

campanologist, pharmacologist, archaeologist, cardiologist, radiologist, escapologist, entomologist, etymologist, dermatologist, reflexologist, Egyptologist, physiologist, Scientologist, gynaecologist, ophthalmologist, ornithologist, sociologist, musicologist, * bacteriologist, * endocrinologist, microbiologist, palaeontologist

24.73 collocate, chocolate, moderate, doctorate, obdurate, consummate, coronet, laureate, proximate, obstinate, postulate, consulate, quadruplet, * immoderate, conglomerate, approximate, innominate, * Poet Laureate

24.74 wanderers, choristers, foreigners, Joshua's, * photographers, astrologers, binoculars, etc.

24.75 wallabies, properties, novelties, robberies, Potteries, colonies, oddities, qualities, obsequies, prophecies, policies, * apostrophes, apologies, anthologies, commodities, minorities, authorities, etc.

24.76 optionally, optimally, nominally, popularly, contumely, communally, tolerably, honourably, profitably, knowledgeably, obstinately, competently, consequently, prominently, positively, promisingly, prosperously, ponderously, obviously, ominously, posthumously, honorary, commissary, promissory, ossuary, obduracy, profligacy, obstinacy, occupancy, * abdominally, phenomenally, intolerably, abominably, incorrigibly, disconsolately, approximately, predominantly, provocatively, pejoratively, astonishingly, monotonously, preposterously, anonymously, incongruously, etc.

24.77 warrantable, comparable, conquerable, alterable, tolerable, honourable, conscionable, hospitable, profitable, knowledgeable, * unwarrantable, incomparable, unconquerable, imponderable, unalterable, intolerable, dishonourable, unconscionable, inhospitable, unprofitable, indomitable, abominable, incorrigible

-or-

The rhymes in this section have the 'or' sound of ford and daughter as their main or final vowel sound.

25.1 aw, awe, boar, Boer, Bohr, bore, brow, caw, chore, claw, cor, core, corps, crawl, door, draw, drawer, faugh, flaw, floor, for, fore, four, gnaw, gore, Gore, haw, hoar, jaw, law, lor', lore, maw, moor, Moor, Moore, more, nor, o'er, oar, or, ore, paw, poor, pore, pour, pshaw, raw, roar, saw, score, Shaw, shore, slaw, snore, soar, sore, spoor, spore, squaw, store, straw, sure, swore, tau, taw, thaw, Thor, tor, tore, war, Waugh, whore, wore, yaw, yore, your, you're

Stately as a galleon, I sail across the floor,

Doing the Military Two-step, as in the days of yore.

JOYCE GRENFELL

25.2 Gabor, rapport, macaw, Tagore, adore, afore, guffaw, Lahore, abhor, galore, unmoor, tussore, ashore, assure, next door, señor, Dior, rebore, heehaw, redraw, prewar, before, restore, deplore, implore, explore, withdraw, signor, ignore, ensure, inshore, insure, Mysore, offshore, onshore, forbore, foreswore, foresaw, outpour, prowar, postwar, unsure, *du jour*, * esprit de corps, toreador, plesiosaur, ichthyosaur, George Bernard Shaw, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, Ollerenshaw, underinsure

25.3 trapdoor, jackdaw, Blackmore, Nassau, hacksaw, Bradshaw, handsaw, Fanshawe, hardcore, Dartmoor, therefore, wherefore, décor, claymore, chain saw, emptor, centaur, mentor, stentor, Mentmore, Exmoor, Sedgemoor, bedstraw, bed sore, fret saw, Eeyore, Dior, threescore, fetor, Seymour, Timor, Esau, seesaw, seashore, indoor, ripsaw, whipsaw, jigsaw, rickshaw, scrimshaw, bylaw, Whitelaw, eyesore, condor, Choctaw, Roquefort, cocksure, lockjaw, Haw-Haw, forepaw, pawpaw, Cawnpore, fourscore, Broadmoor, Hawksmoor, foreshore, downpour, southpaw, outdoor, outlaw, ground floor, folklore, coleslaw, Cold War, cold sore, drugstore, uproar, bookstore, footsore, smoothbore, dewclaw

25.4 matador, Salvador, Labrador, battledore, guarantor, Bangalore, antiwar, Aviemore, Barrymore, Arkansas, carnivore, theretofore, eighty-four, Ecuador, metaphor, semaphore, evermore, nevermore, stegosaur, pterosaur, Melchior, hellebore, petit four, twenty-four, anymore, Elsinore, furthermore, thermidor, thirty-four, herbivore, heretofore, Theodore, stevedore, reassure, Singapore, picador, pinafore, interwar, sycamore, Michelmores, Chickasaw, Wichita, fifty-four, sixty-four, Minotaur, either-or, cyberwar, dinosaur, ninety-four, commodore, warrantor, common-law, sophomore, brontosaurus, corridor, omnivore, door-to-door, mortgagor, forty-four, Baltimore, overawe, overdraw, oversaw, underscore, underfloor, tug-of-war, usquebaugh, *Ruddigore*, son-in-law, superstore, louis d'or, humidior, * San Salvador, El Salvador, tyrannosaurus, forevermore, excelsior, insectivore, conquistador, hereinbefore, Securicor®

Take thy beak from out my heart, and take thy form from off my door!

Quoth the Raven, 'Nevermore'.

EDGAR ALLAN POE

25.5 daub, orb, * absorb, adsorb, bedaub, * reabsorb

25.6 auk, balk, baulk, caulk, chalk, cork, Cork, dork, fork, gawk, hawk, Hawke, nork, orc, pork, squawk, stalk, stork, talk, torc, torque, walk, York, * uncork, Dundalk, New York, * catwalk, hayfork, jaywalk, spacewalk, pep talk, sweet-talk, beanstalk, sleepwalk, pitchfork, nighthawk, sidewalk, shoptalk, crosstalk, goshawk, small talk, boardwalk, Mohawk, ropewalk, uptalk, newshawk, * tomahawk, sparrowhawk, tuning fork

25.7 Fawkes, forks, hawks, Hawks, lawks, squawks, talks, etc.

25.8 porch, scorch, torch, * debauch, * blowtorch

25.9 baud, bawd, board, bored, broad, cawed, chord, Claude, clawed, cord, fjord, flawed, floored, ford, Ford, fraud, Gawd, gnawed, gored, hoard, horde, laud, lord, Lord, Maud, moored,

oared, pawed, poured, roared, scored, snored, soared, stored, sward, sword, thawed, ward, * aboard, accord, adored, afford, guffawed, abhorred, applaud, abroad, maraud, award, toward, assured, record, restored, defraud, milord, deplored, implored, explored, reward, ignored, ensured, insured, * blackboard, dashboard, splashboard, landlord, starboard, cardboard, hardboard, dartboard, draughtboard, bargeboard, skateboard, pasteboard, sailboard, tailboard, pegboard, breadboard, headboard, chessboard, record, surfboard, freeboard, keyboard, leeboard, seaboard, cheeseboard, greensward, chipboard, clipboard, shipboard, billboard, inboard, springboard, switchboard, ripcord, whipcord, discord, sideboard, whiteboard, signboard, blockboard, washboard, concord, Concorde, floorboard, scoreboard, warlord, broadsword, outboard, outlawed, snowboard, duckboard, footboard, * clapperboard, clavichord, plasterboard, harpsichord, scraperboard, tape-record, chequerboard, centreboard, weatherboard, skirting board, leaderboard, Ouija board®, needlecord, reassured, fingerboard, disaccord, spinal cord, diving board, bodyboard, mortarboard, smorgasbord, storyboard, overawed, overboard, overlord, notice board, motherboard, underscored, untoward, unexplored, uninsured, * ironing board, underinsured

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

H hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

JULIA WARD HOWE

25.10 boards, Claude's, cords, hordes, Lord's, wards, * towards, defrauds, * keyboards, sideboards, floorboards, * Norfolk Broads, House of Lords, vocal cords, * Madame Tussauds, etc.

25.11 Corfe, dwarf, morph, orfe, Orff, swarf, wharf, * Waldorf, * endomorph, ectomorph, mesomorph, polymorph, Düsseldorf

25.12 Borg, morgue, * Cherbourg, cyborg, * Helsingborg, Swedenborg

25.13 forge, George, gorge, * St George, engorge, disgorge

25.14 all, awl, ball, bawl, brawl, call, caul, crawl, drawl, fall, gall, Gaul, hall, haul, mall, maul, pall, Paul, Saul, scrawl, shawl, small, sprawl, squall, stall, tall, thrall, trawl, wall, waul, yawl, * appal, Bacall, Bengal, Nepal, recall, de Gaulle, install, befall, withal, enthrall, Porthcawl, forestall, town hall, * blackball, handball, catcall, bradawl, landfall, pratfall, Blackwall, catch-all, fastball, dancehall, hairball, paintball, baseball, rainfall, netball, Threlfall, meatball, sleazeball, keelhaul, pinball, windfall, pitfall, guildhall, Milwall, fireball, firewall, eyeball, highball, Naipaul, nightfall, Whitehall, sidewall, oddball, softball, mothball, Rockall, long-haul, Vauxhall, shortfall, short-haul, Cornwall, Walsall, outfall, Southall, downfall, outhaul, downhaul, no-ball, snowball, holdall, snowfall, stonewall, Rosewall, puffball, punchball, Nuttall, thumbstall, pub crawl, football, Goodall, bookstall, footfall, screwball, goofball, * trackerball, cannonball, caterwaul, Tattersall, carryall, basketball, Aspinwall, Charles de Gaulle, Senegal, market stall, wherewithal, evenfall, free-for-all, reinstall, fingerstall, disenthral, off-the-wall, Montreal, volleyball, Donegal, waterfall, wall-to-wall, warts and all, all in all, rollerball, overhaul, overall, know-it-all, butterball, coverall, * belle of the ball, Vincent de Paul

Mirror, mirror on the wall,

Who is the fairest of them all?

JACOB & WILHELM GRIMM

25.15 auld, bald, called, scald, sprawled, stalled, walled, * appalled, recalled, installed, enthralled, forestalled, * blackballed, keelhailed, piebald, snowballed, so-called, close-hauled, skewbald, * caterwauled, Archibald, Theobald, reinstalled, disenthralled, overhauled, Cumbernauld, etc.

25.16 false, waltz

25.17 fault, Galt, halt, malt, salt, SALT, vault, Walt, * assault, default, exalt, * asphalt, Hainault, basalt, cobalt, pole vault, * somersault

25.18 salts, schmaltz, vaults, etc.

25.19 balls, calls, crawls, falls, mauls, smalls, stalls, walls, Walls, etc.

25.20 Baum, corm, dorm, form, haulm, Maugham, norm, Norm, Orme, shawm, storm, swarm, warm, * perform, conform, aswarm, transform, re-form, deform, reform, inform, * sandstorm, landform, platform, barnstorm, Cairngorm, hailstorm, brainstorm, rainstorm, waveform, windstorm, firestorm, snowstorm, lukewarm, * gasiform, Benidorm, misinform, chloroform, Cominform, outperform, oviform, thunderstorm, multiform, spongiform, uniform, cuneiform, cruciform

25.21 formed, stormed, swarmed, warmed, * unformed, unwarmed, malformed, transformed, deformed, reformed, informed, * well-informed, ill-informed, uninformed, uniformed, etc.

25.22 awn, Bjorn, born, borne, bourn, Braun, brawn, corn, dawn, Dawn, drawn, faun, fawn, horn, Horne, lawn, lorn, morn, mourn, Mourne, pawn, porn, prawn, Quorn®, sawn, scorn, Sean, shorn, SORN, spawn, sworn, thorn, torn, Vaughan, warn, Warne, worn, yawn, * suborn, unborn, adorn, Siobhan, forlorn, unworn, Cape Horn, well-worn, reborn, dehorn, redrawn, inborn, withdrawn, indrawn, forborne, forewarn, forsworn, outworn, * blackthorn, alphorn, Langhorne, saxhorn, ramshorn, airborne, chairborne, careworn, Ayckbourn, baseborn, acorn, Melbourne, Leghorn, firstborn, earthborn, freeborn, seaborne, Eastbourne, sweetcorn, greenhorn, stillborn, inkhorn, stinkhorn, Bighorn, highborn, Glyndebourne, tricorn, timeworn, Osborne, Osbourne, frogspawn, popcorn, foghorn, longhorn, shopworn, war-torn, hawthorn, Hawthorne, Rawsthorne, shorthorn, lowborn, Runcorn, buckthorn, crumhorn, lovelorn, newborn, shoehorn, * Matterhorn, alpenhorn, Capricorn, barleycorn, weatherworn, peppercorn, leprechaun, winterbourne, Sittingbourne, waterborne, overdrawn, flugelhorn, unicorn

This is the farmer sowing his corn,

That kept the cock that crowed in the morn,

That waked the priest all shaven and shorn,

That married the man all tattered and torn,

That kissed the maiden all forlorn, That milked the cow with the crumpled horn.

NURSERY RHYME

25.23 graunch, haunch, launch, paunch, staunch, * relaunch

25.24 dawned, horned, mourned, pawned, scorned, * suborned, adorned, dehorned, forewarned, * unadorned, etc.

25.25 chaunt, daunt, flaunt, gaunt, haunt, jaunt, taunt, vaunt, * avaunt

25.26 Corp., gawp, Thorpe, warp, * Scunthorpe

25.27 corpse, gawps, warps, * Cleethorpes

25.28 coarse, course, force, gorse, hoarse, horse, Morse, Norse, sauce, source, * perforce, unhorse, recourse, endorse, enforce, divorce, remorse, resource, outsource, * dampcourse, packhorse, carthorse, racecourse, gale force, drayhorse, racehorse, workforce, workhorse, seahorse, discourse, concourse, forecourse, sawhorse, warhorse, clotheshorse, downforce, * Ladislaus, Stanislaus, reinforce, intercourse, Wilberforce, hobbyhorse, rocking horse, watercourse, *tour de force*, vaulting horse, Trojan horse

I know two things about the horse

And one of them is rather coarse.

NAOMI ROYDE-SMITH

25.29 coursed, forced, horst, sourced, * unforced, unhorsed, endorsed, enforced, divorced, exhaust, outsourced, * holocaust, reinforced, hypocaut, unenforced

25.30 borsch, Porsche

25.31 aught, bought, brought, caught, court, fort, fought, fraught, Mort, naught, nought,

ought, port, quart, short, snort, sort, sought, sport, taught, taut, thought, thwart, tort, torte, wart, wrought, * abort, support, comport, contort, untaught, cavort, athwart, assort, consort, unsought, transport, hard-fought, self-taught, purport, rethought, re-sort, deport, report, import, disport, export, escort, retort, distort, extort, methought, distraught, besought, resort, exhort, * transport, carport, airport, Fairport, spaceport, export, escort, dreadnought, seaport, import, Bridgeport, hillfort, Stockport, Gosport, onslaught, Connaught, consort, forecourt, lawcourt, forethought, Southport, spoilsport, Coalport, Beaufort, cohort, Newport, * aforethought, * Davenport, Hampton Court, astronaut, alphasort, Agincourt, afterthought, Argonaut, aeronaut, Devonport, heliport, teleport, reimport, re-export, Inns of Court, misreport, life-support, hoverport, cosmonaut, overwrought, juggernaut, worrywart

25.32 courts, forts, noughts, orts, ports, quartz, Schwartz, shorts, sorts, sports, thoughts, warts, * aborts, supports, cavorts, Cinque Ports, imports, exports, retorts, distorts, * astronauts, Argonauts, second thoughts, winter sports, water sports, juggernauts, undershorts, etc.

25.33 forth, Forth, fourth, north, swath, * henceforth, thenceforth, * Carnforth, Seaforth, Bridgnorth, * back and forth, Ampleforth, Perranporth

25.34 dwarves, wharves

25.35 cause, chores, clause, claws, doors, Dors, drawers, floors, gauze, hawse, jaws, *Jaws*, laws, moors, oars, pause, paws, shores, stores, tawse, wars, Waugh's, whores, yaws, yours, * adores, applause, Azores, indoors, implores, ignores, outdoors, outpours, plus-fours, * trapdoors, jackdaws, jackstraws, hacksaws, * matadors, Santa Claus, metaphors, menopause, out of doors, * Louis Quatorze

With first-rate sherry flowing into second-rate whores,

And third-rate conversation without one single pause:

Just like a young couple

Between the wars.

WILLIAM PLOMER

26.1 corbie, Corby, dauby, Formby, Hornby, Moresby, chalky, corky, gawky, Gorky, pawky, porky, stalky, talkie, Yorkie, corgi, porgy, bawdy, gaudy, Geordie, lordy, Saudi, Aldi, baldy, Caldly, Maundy, Corti, forty, haughty, naughty, shorty, sortie, sporty, warty, balti, faulty, Fawly, malty, salty, flaunty, jaunty, Morphy, wharfie, swarthy, Haughey, Cawley, Chorley, Crawley, Fawley, Morley, Pauli, poorly, Raleigh, scrawly, squally, sorely, surely, Audley, broadly, lordly, baldly, courtly, portly, shortly, tautly, fourthly, Gormley, warmly, Thornley, coarsely, hoarsely, falsely, Maudsley, staunchly, Corey, dory, Florey, fury, glory, gory, hoary, lory, MORI, Rory, storey, story, Tory, Aubrey, strawberry, Audrey, Cawdrey, bawdry, tawdry, Baldry, laundry, Hawtrey, Daltrey, paltry, palfrey, dormie, stormy, brawny, corny, horny, scrawny, tawny, thorny, tourney, Orkney, Courtney, Dorsey, Glauce, gorsy, horsey, saucy, torsi, Orczy, schmaltzy, gauzy, ballsy, palsy, paunchy, raunchy, orgy, Georgie, * Treorchy, Milwaukee, Sikorsky, Mussorgsky, cum laude, Kirkcaldy, Grimaldi, Macaulay, Bengali, Nepali, unsurely, forlornly, Maggiore, satori, vainglory, tandoori, John Dory, furore, Trelawney, * centaur, clerestory, blindstorey, outlawry, * walkie-talkie, garibaldi, Garibaldi, pianoforte, creepy-crawly, uniformly, cacciatore, yakitori, a priori, *West Side Story*, con amore, Montessori, Tobermory, hunky-dory, multistorey, * memento mori, a fortiori, * Alpha Centauri, mulligatawny, etc.

26.2 dauber, Zorba, gawper, pauper, torpor, * absorber, Micawber, * shock absorber, * daub her, absorb her, etc.

26.3 Chalker, corker, hawker, Lorca, orca, porker, squawker, stalker, talker, walker, Walker, auger, augur, * Majorca, Minorca, New Yorker, * jaywalker, deerstalker, sleepwalker, streetwalker, * kwashiorkor, babywalker, * stalk her, sweet-talk her, etc.

26.4 boarder, border, broader, hoarder, Korda, Lauder, order, warder, alder, balder, Balder, Calder, launder, maunder, daughter, mortar, oughta, porter, Porter, quarter, shorter, slaughter,

snorter, sorter, tauter, torte, water, altar, alter, falter, halter, Malta, palter, Psalter, salter, vaulter, Walter, flaunter, gaunter, saunter, taunter, vaunter, Forster, fraudster, * marauder, reorder, defrauder, recorder, disorder, tall order, suborder, supporter, transporter, aorta, three-quarter, reporter, importer, exporter, extorter, hot water, assaulter, Gibraltar, defaulter, * camcorder, mail order, sailboarder, skateboarder, keyboarder, backwater, granddaughter, manslaughter, breakwater, rainwater, meltwater, stepdaughter, freshwater, shearwater, sea water, Piesporter, Drinkwater, ripsnorter, dishwater, ditchwater, Bridgwater, firewater, tidewater, hindquarter, goddaughter, colporteur, forequarter, saltwater, Bowater, Ullswater, * una corda, tape recorder, postal order, teleporter, Derwentwater, underwater, * ignored her, caught her

**This is the Night Mail crossing the Border,
Bringing the cheque and the postal order.**

W. H. AUDEN

26.5 Forfar, author

26.6 bawler, brawler, caller, crawler, drawler, faller, hauler, maunder, Paula, scrawler, smaller, sprawler, taller, trawler, warbler, dawdler, aura, borer, Cora, corer, Dora, flora, Flora, Laura, Norah, Morar, poorer, pourer, roarer, scorer, snorer, sorer, surer, Thora, Torah, * mandorla, installer, adorer, Atora®, Andorra, Pandora, angora, fedora, menorah, restorer, explorer, señora, signora, insurer, aurora, * kerb crawler, footballer, * kia ora, Leonora, Theodora, Isadora, Bora Bora, Tuscarora, * call her, ignore her, etc.

26.7 dormer, former, Norma, korma, ormer, stormer, trauma, warmer, corner, fauna, fawner, Horner, Lorna, Morna, mourner, sauna, scorner, Warner, yawner, Faulkner, * performer, conformer, transformer, reformer, informer, pro forma, * barnstormer, legwarmer, bedwarmer, sixth-former, * inform her, forewarn her, etc.

Little Jack Horner

**Sat in the corner,
Eating a Christmas pie.**

NURSERY RHYME

26.8 coarser, courser, Chaucer, dorsa, forcer, hoarser, saucer, balsa, falser, waltzer, causer, hawser, Porsche, Portia, Yorkshire, scorcher, torture, launcher, stauncher, Borgia, forger, Georgia, gorger, * endorser, enforcer, debaucher, * reinforcer, flying saucer, * force her, adores her, etc.

26.9 Nordic, Baltic, caustic, swordstick, Orphic, Jorvik, Norvic, salt lick, boric, chloric, baldrick, Baldrick, formic, georgic, * aortic, hydraulic, McCormick, * metamorphic, endomorphic, ectomorphic, mesomorphic, polymorphic, hydrochloric

26.10 swordsticks, salt licks, Horlicks®, Baldrick's, * hydraulics, etc.

26.11 morbid, torpid, orchid, sordid, gloried, lurid, storied, palsied, * three-storeyed, two-storeyed

26.12 halberd, boarded, bordered, corded, hoarded, ordered, laundered, courted, quartered, sorted, thwarted, watered, altered, faltered, halted, malted, salted, daunted, haunted, taunted, sauntered, vaunted, Orford, Salford, Walford, Crawford, Mordred, forward, shoreward, awkward, northward, orchard, tortured, * applauded, reordered, defrauded, recorded, rewarded, disordered, supported, assorted, contorted, deported, reported, distorted, unaltered, assaulted, unsalted, exalted, undaunted, exhausted, straightforward, henceforward, thenceforward, three-cornered, * prerecorded, unrecorded, unrewarded, unsupported, unreported, unescorted, etc.

26.13 halberds, forwards, shorewards, northwards, orchards, etc.

26.14 corkage, mortgage, cordage, shortage, wharfage, haulage, moorage, storage, drawbridge, Aldridge, * remortgage

26.15 bauble, corbel, warble, snorkel, caudal, dawdle, Wardle, chortle, mortal, portal, Borstal, awful, lawful, thoughtful, mournful, scornful, forceful, formal, normal, aural, choral, floral, oral, corporal, rorqual, dorsal, foresail, morsel, causal, * withdrawal, aortal, immortal, St Austell, unlawful, remorseful, resourceful, abnormal, informal, subnormal, * paranormal, menopausal

Guns aren't lawful;

Nooses give;

Gas smells awful;

You might as well live.

DOROTHY PARKER

26.16 baubles, Gorbals, mortals, portals, morsels, etc.

26.17 boredom, Fordham, whoredom, autumn, Waltham, Fortnum, sorghum, forum, quorum, Shoreham, awesome, foursome, balsam, * postmortem, decorum, * Karakoram, ad valorem, variorum, indecorum, * sanctum sanctorum, * brought 'em, wore 'em, etc.

26.18 Corbin, Dworkin, walk-in, foreskin, Aldrin, Austen, Austin, dauphin, Magdalen, Magdalene, maudlin, porcelain, Baldwin, * endorphin, tarpaulin, * talkin', fallin', etc.

26.19 auburn, Bourbon, Alban, saucepan, Lorcan, Balkan, falcon, Gorgon, Morgan, organ, Auden, Borden, bourdon, broaden, cordon, Gordon, Hordern, Jordan, Norden, warden, Alden, Malden, Bourton, Broughton, Houghton, Laughton, Moreton, Morton, Naughton, Norton, Orton, quartan, quartern, shorten, Stoughton, tauten, Wharton, Alton, Chorlton, Dalton, Galton, Halton, saltern, Walton, Taunton, Thornton, Launceston, orphan, Malvern, northern, fallen, Coren, Lauren, Moran, cauldron, doorman, foreman, Gorman, lawman, Mormon, Norman, storeman, Walkman®, Kaufman, horseman, Norseman, sportsman, oarsman, swordsman, coarsen, Dawson, hoarsen, Lawson, Orson, Porson, whoreson, caution, portion, torsion, auction, fortune, Georgian, * Majorcan, Minorcan, gyrfalcon, Glamorgan, Brize Norton, Throgmorton, foreshorten, Carshalton, Andorran, abortion, apportion, proportion, contortion, precaution, distortion, extortion, absorption, misfortune, exhaustion, * churchwarden, firewarden, crestfallen, * traffic warden, Saffron Walden, Salvadoran, Ecuadoran, disproportion, proabortion, malabsorption, self-absorption

26.20 broadened, cordoned, shortened, orphaned, foreland, moorland, Auckland, Falkland, Portland, Ormond, gourmand, Dortmund, coarsened, cautioned, auctioned, * North Foreland, South Foreland, apportioned, proportioned, etc.

26.21 saucepans, Balkans, falcons, Gorgons, wardens, orphans, Mormons, Normans, portions, * St Albans, abortions, proportions, precautions, etc.

26.22 Dawkins, Hawkins, foreskins, Baldwin's, * endorphins, tarpaulins, etc.

26.23 mordant, mordent, oughtn't, portent, dormant, Stormont, * absorbent, accordant, concordant, discordant, important, informant, comportment, assortment, deportment, instalment, enthrallment, adornment, endorsement, enforcement, divorcement, engorgement, disgorgement, * self-important, all-important, unimportant, reinforcement

26.24 portents, ordnance, * accordance, concordance, discordance, importance, performance, conformance, informants, instalments, adornments, assurance, insurance, * self-importance, unimportance, reassurance, * underperformance, etc.

26.25 drawing, gnawing, sawing, thawing, corking, Dorking, Hawking, squawking, stalking, talking, walking, boarding, hoarding, balding, scalding, Spalding, courting, sorting, sporting, halting, malting, salting, vaulting, daunting, haunting, taunting, bawling, brawling, calling, crawling, falling, galling, hauling, mauling, Pauling, scrawling, sprawling, stalling, trawling, dawdling, lordling, Maudling, chortling, boring, flooring, Goring, mooring, pouring, roaring, scoring, snoring, soaring, storing, warring, drawstring, forewing, forming, storming, swarming, warming, awning, dawning, fawning, morning, mourning, warning, yawning, coursing, forcing, waltzing, causing, pausing, scorching, torching, forging, gorging, * guffawing, withdrawing,

absorbing, uncorking, according, applauding, marauding, recording, rewarding, supporting, cavorting, transporting, reporting, importing, exporting, escorting, ripsnorting, distorting, unsporting, assaulting, exalting, exhausting, appalling, enthralling, adoring, assuring, skijoring, imploring, exploring, rip-roaring, outpouring, performing, conforming, transforming, reforming, informing, adorning, forewarning, endorsing, enforcing, divorcing, outsourcing, debauching, disgorging, * jaywalking, sleepwalking, sweet-talking, hillwalking, bushwalking, sailboarding, skateboarding, keyboarding, snowboarding, blackballing, name-calling, paintballing, kerb crawling, keelhauling, snowballing, stonewalling, footballing, barnstorming, heart-warming, brainstorming, housewarming, * tape-recording, weatherboarding, bodyboarding, unrewarding, self-supporting, caterwauling, overhauling, reassuring, underflooring, underscoring, reinforcing, etc.

Come in the evening, or come in the morning,

Come when you're looked for, or come without warning.

THOMAS DAVIS

26.26 auspice, Aldis, jaundice, mortise, loris, cornice, * aqua fortis, rigor mortis

26.27 corpus, porpoise, Malpas, Aldous, Plautus, tortoise, caucus, Dorcas, glaucous, raucous, clawless, flawless, lawless, scoreless, stalkless, cordless, thoughtless, faultless, dauntless, formless, gormless, hornless, thornless, horseless, causeless, chorus, porous, Taurus, torus, wardress, laundress, fortress, walrus, poorness, rawness, soreness, sureness, baldness, shortness, tautness, smallness, tallness, coarseness, hoarseness, cautious, tortious, gorgeous, * amorphous, remorseless, Dolores, sonorous, Centaurus, thesaurus, nonporous, enormous, ginormous, incautious, * polymorphous, stegosaurus, Epidaurus, brontosaurus, * tyrannosaurus, * habeas corpus, ichthyosaurus, * fought us, bore us, etc.

26.28 Yorkist, jaundiced, flautist, shortlist, * conformist, * nonconformist

26.29 August, shortest, tautest, smallest, tallest, chorused, warmest, coarsest, hoarsest, falsest, etc.

26.30 hawkish, mawkish, shortish, crawfish, dwarfish, swordfish, warmish, Cornish, Dawlish, Gaulish, smallish, tallish, Moorish, moreish

26.31 Korbut, Norbert, Talbot, Alcott, curate, stalwart, * Port Talbot

26.32 Corbett, orbit, chalkpit, audit, plaudit, forfeit, gauntlet, torchlit, floret, cornet, hornet, corset, Dorset, faucet, Fawcett, * what-do-you-call-it, * hoard it, worn it, etc.

26.33 Morpeth, Bournemouth, Portsmouth

26.34 sportive, * abortive, supportive, exhaustive

26.35 talkies, walkies, corgis, Geordies, forties, Furies, glories, storeys, stories, Tories, strawberries, Audrey's, Orkneys, falsies, orgies, * creepy-crawlies

26.36 stalkers, walkers, boarders, orders, Saunders, daughters, porters, quarters, waters, Waters, Walters, authors, callers, Paula's, corners, mourners, courses, forces, horses, saucers, causes, clauses, pauses, torches, * marauders, recorders, three-quarters, reporters, supporters, headquarters, performers, armed forces, St George's, * sleepwalkers, stepdaughters, headwaters, hindquarters, forequarters, footballers, legwarmers, sixth-formers, * tape recorders, flying saucers, etc.

26.37 organdie, Normandy, orderly, daughterly, mortally, quarterly, awfully, lawfully, thoughtfully, mournfully, scornfully, forcefully, northerly, orally, formally, formerly, normally, audibly, forcibly, awkwardly, awesomely, faultlessly, cautiously, strawberry, Salisbury, cautery, watery, psaltery, augury, sorcery, mortuary, forgery, laudatory, falconry, cautionary, Albany, Alderney, Shaughnessy, normalcy, dormancy, paucity, falsity, gaudily, haughtily, naughtily, jauntily, stormily, saucily, morbidly, sportingly, porphyry, auditory, dormitory, corsetry, ordinary, * disorderly, immortally, unlawfully, resourcefully, abnormally, informally, deplorably, reportedly, remorselessly, debauchery, reformatory, precautionary, O'Shaughnessy,

absorbency, conformity, deformity, enormity, hydraulically, assuredly, exhaustively, accordingly, rewardingly, unsportingly, appallingly, extraordinary, * nonconformity, uniformity, reassuringly, etc.

There's an Irishman, Arthur O'Shaughnessy –

On the chessboard of poets a pawn is he.

DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI

26.38 Córdoba, forwarder, Cordova, snorkeller, Aldeburgh, Marlborough, corpora, orderer, launderer, slaughterer, sorcerer, torturer, northerner, Corsica, orbiter, auditor, Dorchester, orchestra, Gordimer, Mortimer, forfeiture, mortgagor, wharfinger, formula

26.39 chalkier, bawdier, Claudia, gaudier, courtier, haughtier, naughtier, sportier, saltier, jauntier, morphia, swarthier, haulier, gloria, Gloria, gorier, scoria, stormier, brawnier, cornea, cornier, hornier, scrawnier, thornier, saucier, nausea, raunchier, * euphorbia, primordia, consortia, saintpaulia, Astoria, emporia, Pretoria, Victoria, dysphoria, euphoria, * sanatoria, crematoria, moratoria, auditoria, California, * phantasmagoria, etc.

26.40 Waterford, orbited, audited, * unaudited

26.41 audible, fordable, laudable, portable, sortable, forcible, plausible, corporal, cordial, corneal, boreal, oriel, cortical, nautical, vortical, ordinal, orbital, Portugal, * affordable, recordable, inaudible, supportable, transportable, exhaustible, adorable, restorable, deplorable, implausible, inaugural, proportional, primordial, manorial, factorial, arboreal, armorial, marmoreal, sartorial, Escorial, memorial, pictorial, corporeal, authorial, uxorial, tutorial, * unaffordable, insupportable, inexhaustible, unenforceable, lavatorial, janitorial, senatorial, equatorial, editorial, territorial, dictatorial, immemorial, incorporeal, professorial, aeronautical, astronautical, * ambassadorial, subequatorial, conspiratorial, inquisitorial

26.42 laudanum, organum, Altrincham, Walsingham, * exordium, consortium, emporium, scriptorium, * californium, sanatorium, crematorium, in memoriam, moratorium, auditorium

26.43 Worplesdon, Warburton, Alderton, Salterton, Auberon, alderman, Yorkshireman, Cornishman, Alderson, Sorbian, Scorpian, scorpion, Claudian, Gordian, Orphean, chorion, Dorian, saurian, Taurean, Corsican, Orpington, Mornington, Rawlinson, * accordion, Edwardian, stentorian, Gregorian, Victorian, historian, praetorian, Ivorian, * Perigordian, Capricornean, Californian, Salvadorian, Ecuadorean, Terpsichorean, Singaporean

26.44 scorpions, * Edwardians, Victorians, New Orleans, * Californians, etc.

26.45 cormorant, ornament, tournament, orient, Orient, corpulent, fraudulent, * apportionment, reorient, disorient, euphoriant, exorbitant

26.46 ornaments, tournaments, audience, ordinance, corpulence, fraudulence, etc.

26.47 daughterless, waterless, slaughterous, sorceress, sorcerous, torturous, Uranus, forwardness, awkwardness, thoughtfulness, mournfulness, lawlessness, thoughtlessness, cautiousness, Caucasus, Claudius, Morpheus, Orpheus, glorious, nauseous, nautilus, haughtiness, naughtiness, jauntiness, tawdriness, sauciness, tortuous, * straightforwardness, laborious, notorious, vainglorious, censorious, Nestorius, inglorious, Pretorius, victorious, uproarious, uxorious, * meritorious, etc.

Send her victorious,

Happy, and glorious,

Long to reign over us:

God save the queen!

NATIONAL ANTHEM

26.48 formalist, organist, pluralist, * abortionist, contortionist, extortionist

26.49 chalkiest, bawdiest, gaudiest, haughtiest, naughtiest, sportiest, saltiest, jauntiest, swarthiest, goriest, stormiest, brawniest, corniest, horniest, scrawniest, thorniest, sauciest, raunchiest, etc.

26.50 corporate, fortunate, aureate, laureate, ordinate, * proportionate, extortionate, unfortunate, subordinate, inordinate, coordinate, * disproportionate, baccalaureate, Poet Laureate, professoriate, insubordinate, superordinate

26.51 alterable, formidable, * unalterable

-oor-

The rhymes in this section have the 'oor' sound of cure and purely as their main or final vowel sound. Many of these words can also be rhymed with words in the – or – section.

27.1 Boer, boor, cure, dour, lure, moor, Moor, Moore, Muir, poor, pure, Ruhr, spoor, sure, tour, Tours, Ure, your, you're, * velour, McClure, procure, gravure, allure, manure, amour, unmoor, assure, unsure, mature, adjure, abjure, conjure, tandoor, Latour, Cavour, coiffure, Namur, hachure, Kanpur, Darfur, guipure, impure, liqueur, secure, endure, immure, demure, inure, ensure, insure, obscure, couture, du jour, * tambour, grandeur, Dartmoor, tenure, Exmoor, Sedgemoor, detour, Tweedsmuir, concours, Goncourt, contour, cocksure, tonsure, ordure, Broadmoor, Hawksmoor, brochure, * Aznavour, amateur, aperture, Lammermuir, paramour, Jamshedpur, manicure, plat du jour, armature, Réaumur, premature, epicure, pedicure, sepulture, curvature, reassure, prefecture, reinsure, ligature, immature, sinecure, insecure, cynosure, Pompadour, Yom Kippur, confiture, commissure, embouchure, *hors concours*, overture, Côte d'Azur, Kohinoor, *haute couture*, troubadour, * caricature, magistrature, photogravure, musculature, underinsure

How small, of all that human hearts endure,

That part which laws or kings can cause or cure!

OLIVER GOLDSMITH

27.2 cured, gourd, Lourdes, lured, moored, * procured, manured, unmoored, assured, matured, coiffured, secured, immured, inured, insured, obscured, * manicured, self-assured, reassured, reinsured, unsecured, uninsured, * caricatured, underinsured, etc.

27.3 Boers, boors, cures, lures, moors, tours, yours, * matures, allures, amours, Elburz, liqueurs, endures, etc.

28.1 dourly, Gourlay, poorly, purely, surely, curie, Curie, Drury, fury, houri, Jewry, jury, Lurie, Newry, Uri, * Kalgoorlie, securely, demurely, obscurely, tandoori, Venturi, Mercouri, Missouri, potpourri, * prematurely, Dioscuri, etc.

28.2 curer, Dürer, *Führer*, Jura, juror, lurer, pleura, poorer, purer, surer, tourer, * assurer, procurer, bravura, insurer, securer, caesura, nonjuror, * Angostura, El Mansûra, tessitura, * acciaccatura, appoggiatura, * coloratura, Bonaventura, * camera obscura, * cure her, lure her, etc.

28.3 uric, Zürich, * telluric, mercuric, sulphuric

28.4 mural, neural, pleural, plural, rural, Ural, * extramural, epidural

28.5 Purim, Urim

28.6 Van Buren, Honduran

28.7 burin, urine, * moorin', allurin', etc.

28.8 moorland, gourmand

28.9 procurement, allurement

28.10 durance, * assurance, insurance, endurance, * self-assurance, reassurance

28.11 curing, during, luring, mooring, touring, Turing, * procuring, alluring, assuring, maturing, securing, enduring, ensuring, insuring, obscuring, * manicuring, reassuring, * caricaturing, underinsuring, etc.

28.12 poorness, sureness, Arcturus, mercurous, Honduras, sulphurous, * Epicurus, * lure us, assure us, etc.

28.13 poorest, purest, surest, * securest, etc.

28.14 jurist, purist, tourist, * manicurist, pedicurist, * caricaturist

28.15 boorish, Moorish, * amateurish

28.16 Curies, Furies, juries

28.17 gourami, curacy, purity, surety, touristy, urinary, pleurisy, * incurably, maturity, impurity, security, obscurity, futurity, assuredly, * immaturity, insecurity, reassuringly, etc.

- 28.18** curia, * Manchuria, Etruria, Liguria, dysuria, * haematuria, glycosuria, etc.
- 28.19** curable, durable, thurible, Muriel, * procurable, insurable, incurable, endurable, Escorial, centurial, tenurial, mercurial, * uninsurable, unendurable
- 28.20** curium, * tellurium
- 28.21** puritan, juryman, * Manchurian, Arthurian, Ben-Gurion, tellurian, centurion, Etrurian, Ligurian, Missouriian, Silurian, * Khachaturian, holothurian
- 28.22** prurient, * parturient, esurient, luxuriant
- 28.23** prurience, * luxuriance
- 28.24** curious, furious, spurious, * penurious, perjurious, incurious, injurious, sulphureous, luxurious, usurious

-ow-

The rhymes in this section have the 'ow' sound of cow and louder as their main or final vowel sound.

29.1 bough, bow, brow, chow, *ciao*, cow, Dão, dhow, Dow, Frau, how, Howe, Lao, Mao, now, ow, plough, Plough, prow, row, scow, slough, Slough, sough, sow, Tao, tau, thou, vow, wow, * cacao, Macao, avow, allow, meow, Bilbao, endow, enow, kowtow, * Cracow, Spandau, Nassau, pilau, eyebrow, highbrow, Moldau, hausfrau, bow-wow, powwow, Mau Mau, know-how, nohow, snowplough, lowbrow, somehow, Lucknow, Jungfrau, moo-cow, * anyhow, disavow, disallow, middlebrow, Mindanao, Löwenbräu, Curaçao, * Concertgebouw, Guinea-Bissau, * Oberammergau

Come, friendly bombs, and fall on Slough

It isn't fit for humans now,

There isn't grass to graze a cow.

Swarm over, Death!

JOHN BETJEMAN

29.2 couch, crouch, grouch, ouch, pouch, slouch, vouch

29.3 bowed, cloud, cowed, crowd, loud, Oudh, ploughed, proud, rowed, Saud, shroud, Stroud, vowed, * unbowed, avowed, aloud, Macleod, unploughed, endowed, becloud, enshroud, O'Dowd, kowtowed, * in-crowd, * beetlebrowed, ibn-Saud, overcloud, overcrowd, thundercloud

29.4 [[see also](#)] cowl, foul, fowl, growl, howl, jowl, owl, prowl, Raoul, scowl, yowl, * afoul, befoul, * peafowl, wildfowl, moorfowl, * waterfowl, cheek by jowl

29.5 Braun, brown, Brown, Browne, clown, crown, Crown, down, Down, drown, frown, gown, noun, town, * run-down, uptown, sit-down, renown, lie-down, von Braun, downtown, * clampdown, crackdown, Sandown, Lansdowne, Ashdown, splashdown, markdown, breakdown, shakedown, Cape Town, Jamestown, letdown, meltdown, Freetown, Queenstown, Piltdown, Kingstown, Bridgetown, climb-down, nightgown, swan's-down, Yorktown, Georgetown, countdown, Southdown, toytown, hoedown, lowdown, showdown, slowdown, close-down, Motown, pronoun, rubdown, shutdown, comedown, rundown, sundown, thumbs-down, touchdown, nutbrown, put-down, Cookstown, Newtown, boom town, * Campbeltown, Camden Town, hand-me-down, shantytown, dressing-down, dressing gown, thistledown, Tinseltown, eiderdown, Chinatown, Portadown, broken-down, tumbledown, dumber down, upside down, one-horse town

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,

Upstairs and downstairs in his nightgown.

NURSERY RHYME

29.6 bound, found, ground, hound, mound, pound, Pound, round, sound, Sound, wound, * abound, unbound, propound, compound, astound, profound, dumbfound, confound, around, surround, uncrowned, aground, unwound, unsound, rewind, re-sound, rebound, impound, expound, redound, renowned, resound, * wraparound, background, hardbound, brassbound, chairbound, fairground, casebound, greyhound, playground, changeround, westbound, spellbound, elkhound, hellhound, earthbound, turnround, deerhound, rebound, eastbound, windbound, inbound, whip-round, milk round, strikebound, hidebound, ice-bound, fogbound, pot-bound, softbound, frostbound, clothbound, compound, foxhound, northbound, stormbound, horehound, foreground, all-round, outbound, southbound, housebound, showground, snowbound, homebound, stoneground, bloodhound, wolfhound, sleuthhound, newshound, * wraparound, battleground, Afghan hound, stamping ground, Sensurround®, turnaround, infrasound, ironbound, Outward Bound®, overground, overwound, run-around, underground, ultrasound, * superabound, merry-go-round, * theatre-in-the-round, happy

hunting ground

Come, knit hands, and beat the ground,

In a light fantastic round.

JOHN MILTON

29.7 bounds, grounds, hounds, pounds, sounds, zounds, * abounds, surrounds, resounds, etc.

29.8 lounge, scrounge

29.9 bounce, flounce, jounce, ounce, pounce, trounce, counts, founts, mounts, * accounts, amounts, announce, pronounce, denounce, enounce, renounce, * mispronounce

29.10 bounced, flounced, jounced, pounced, trounced, * announced, pronounced, denounced, enounced, renounced, * unannounced, mispronounced

29.11 Blount, count, fount, mount, * account, amount, surmount, re-count, remount, recount, discount, miscount, dismount, * head count, re-count, discount, viscount, * bank account, catamount, tantamount, paramount

We all know a kitten, but come to a catamount

The beast is a stranger when grown up to that amount.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

29.12 douse, gauss, Gauss, grouse, house, Klaus, Laos, louse, mouse, nous, Rowse, scouse, Scouse, souse, spouse, Strauss, * degauss, delouse, in-house, * taphouse, madhouse, sandgrouse, guardhouse, bathhouse, farmhouse, glasshouse, almshouse, warehouse, playhouse, bakehouse, steakhouse, gatehouse, alehouse, jailhouse, deckhouse, penthouse, guesthouse, henhouse, workhouse, birdhouse, teahouse, treehouse, wheelhouse, greenhouse, fieldmouse, Brighthouse, titmouse, lighthouse, White House, ice house, lobscouse, chophouse, flophouse, doghouse, hothouse, dosshouse, doll's house, wash house, Moorhouse, poorhouse, storehouse, whorehouse, courthouse, dormouse, Bauhaus, roundhouse, outhouse, town house, powerhouse, smokehouse, roadhouse, boathouse, oast house, tollhouse, coach house, clubhouse, bunkhouse, Monkhouse, roughhouse, cookhouse, Wodehouse, Woodhouse, woodlouse, woodgrouse, schoolhouse, * chapterhouse, manor house, Ladislaus, Charterhouse, Lévi-Strauss, clearing house, Peterhouse, meeting house, flittermouse, Mickey Mouse, porterhouse, slaughterhouse, Waterhouse, bawdyhouse, boarding house, house-to-house, summerhouse, custom house, * *Die Fledermaus*, * Holyroodhouse

29.13 doused, Faust, frowst, groused, joust, oust, roust, soused, * degaussed, deloused, etc.

29.14 bout, clout, doubt, drought, flout, gout, grout, lout, nowt, out, owt, pout, Prout, rout, scout, Scout, shout, snout, spout, sprout, stout, tout, trout, * about, mahout, clapped out, way-out, spaced out, self-doubt, redoubt, devout, without, washed out, all-out, throughout, * blackout, hand-out, hang-out, payout, break-out, stakeout, checkout, sellout, workout, turnout, clear-out, eelpout, readout, bean sprout, printout, buyout, hide-out, whiteout, time-out, cop-out, dropout, knockout, lockout, opt-out, walkout, fallout, sauerkraut, blowout, foldout, dugout, cutout, lookout, umlaut, shoot-out, * gadabout, carry-out, lager lout, layabout, turnabout, litter lout, ticket tout, knockabout, walkabout, waterspout, well-thought-out, inside out, long-drawn-out, roundabout, roustabout, out-and-out, down-and-out, runabout, Brussels sprout

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out.

Saying

29.15 doubts, grouts, louts, Scouts, shouts, sprouts, touts, * blackouts, bean sprouts, dropouts, * lager louts, layabouts, thereabouts, whereabouts, hereabouts, Brussels sprouts, etc.

29.16 Louth, mouth, Routh, south, * bad-mouth, Grangemouth, bigmouth, Tynemouth, loudmouth, goalmouth, * blabbermouth, hand-to-mouth, Avonmouth, Lossiemouth, mouth-to-mouth

29.17 blouse, boughs, bows, brows, browse, Cowes, cows, dowse, drowse, house, Mao's,

ploughs, rouse, rows, spouse, vows, * allows, arouse, carouse, meows, rehouse, espouse, endows, * eyebrows, * disavows, disallows, overblouse, etc.

30.1 Audi, cloudy, dowdy, howdy, rowdy, Saudi, doughty, gouty, bounty, *Bounty*, county, Mountie, frowsty, mouthy, Southey, Cowley, foulie, Pauli, loudly, proudly, roundly, soundly, stoutly, cowrie, dowry, floury, Gowrie, Lowry, Maori, Cowdrey, foundry, Rowntree, Bowie, Cowie, Howie, brownie, Brownie, downy, townie, mousy, bouncy, blowsy, drowsy, frowzy, lousy, grouchy, slouchy, * profoundly, devoutly, Blairgowrie, Dalhousie, * housey-housey

30.2 Glauber, Cowper, chowder, Gouda, howdah, powder, Lauda, louder, prouder, bounder, flounder, founder, pounder, rounder, sounder, doubter, grouter, outer, pouter, router, Scouter, shouter, spouter, stouter, touter, counter, mounter, ouster, jousting, Crowther, mouther, fouler, Fowler, growler, howler, prowler, scowler, Bowdler, browner, crowner, downer, frowner, grouser, Hausa, mouser, Scouser, schnauzer, bouncer, browser, dowser, Mauser, rouser, trouser, voucher, gouger, lounge, scrounger, * profounder, encounter, announcer, denouncer, arouser, carouser, * gunpowder, rev counter, wildfowler, sundowner, sun-lounger, * Geiger counter, rabble-rouser, * found her, rouse her, etc.

**We two should be like clams in a dish of chowder,
But we just fizz like parts of a Seidlitz powder.**

DOROTHY FIELDS

30.3 clouded, crowded, powdered, shrouded, bounded, founded, grounded, pounded, rounded, sounded, doubted, flouted, grouted, outed, routed, shouted, spouted, sprouted, counted, mounted, josted, ousted, outward, southward, downward, * unclouded, uncrowded, enshrouded, unbounded, compounded, astounded, confounded, unfounded, surrounded, unsounded, impounded, resounded, undoubted, uncounted, unmounted, re-counted, recounted, dismounted, * overcrowded, unaccounted, etc.

30.4 outwards, southwards, downwards

30.5 groundage, poundage, Routledge

30.6 Oundle, poundal, roundel, doubtful, scoundrel, council, counsel, groundsel, Mousehole, spousal, tousle, * arousal, carousal, espousal

30.7 fountain, mountain, * shoutin', countin', etc.

30.8 Cowan, Gowan, rowan, louden, Plowden, bounden, Broughton, Houghton, Rowton, Stoughton, cowman, ploughman, Hauptmann, Kaufman, houseman, Housman, groundsman, roundsman, townsman, * McCowan, McGowan, * Stockhausen, Munchausen

30.9 Dowland, thousand, * Newfoundland

30.10 couchant, * accountant, endowment, impoundment, announcement, pronouncement

30.11 accountants, allowance, endowments, announcements, pronouncements

30.12 bowing, ploughing, vowing, clouding, crowding, Dowding, shrouding, bounding, grounding, hounding, pounding, sounding, doubting, flouting, grouting, outing, putting, Scouting, shouting, spouting, sprouting, touting, counting, mounting, jousting, ousting, cawling, Dowling, fouling, growling, howling, prowling, scowling, foundling, groundling, downswing, browning, Browning, clowning, crowning, Downing, drowning, frowning, bouncing, flouncing, trouncing, browsing, dowsing, housing, rousing, crouching, grouching, slouching, lounging, scrounging, * allowing, endowing, kowtowing, enshrouding, abounding, astounding, surrounding, resounding, accounting, amounting, discounting, announcing, pronouncing, befouling, arousing, carousing, * wildfowling, * disavowing, overcrowding, antifouling, etc.

30.13 Powys, prowess, countess

30.14 cloudless, boundless, groundless, soundless, doubtless, countless, foundress, loudness, roundness, soundness, stoutness, * bound us, count us, etc.

30.15 Maoist, Taoist

30.16 loudest, proudest, stoutest, foulest, brownest, * profoundest, etc.

- 30.17** roundish, loutish, owlsh, brownish, clownish
- 30.18** Jowett, outfit, Howlett, owlet, * found it, drown it, etc.
- 30.19** outfits, Auschwitz, owlets, etc.
- 30.20** counties, Mounties, Maoris, Brownies, townies, etc.
- 30.21** powders, rounders, prowlers, browsers, trousers, vouchers, scroungers, etc.
- 30.22** doubtfully, scoundrelly, outwardly, downwardly, Chaudhury, powdery, boundary, drowsily, * undoubtedly, accountancy, avowedly, astoundingly, * unaccountably, etc.
- 30.23** counsellor, flounderer, Gautama, dowager, councillor, howitzer, * Newfoundlander
- 30.24** countable, bountiful, * allowable, redoubtable, accountable, uncountable, surmountable, pronounceable, * unaccountable, insurmountable, unputdownable, unpronounceable
- 30.25** countenance, * discountenance
- 30.26** trouserless, bounteous, cloudiness, mountainous, drowsiness, etc.

-ower-

The rhymes in this section have the 'ower' sound of hour and towering as their main or final vowel sound.

31.1 bower, cower, dour, dower, flour, flower, glower, Gower, hour, lour, our, power, scour, shower, sour, Stour, tower, * half-hour, Glendower, deflower, empower, devour, * man-hour, manpower, brainpower, mayflower, Mayflower, plain flour, watchtower, bell tower, willpower, windflower, fire power, horsepower, wallflower, cornflour, cornflower, sunflower, rush-hour, moonflower, * candlepower, passionflower, Adenauer, staying power, Beckenbauer, elderflower, Penmaenmawr, sweet-and-sour, disempower, gillyflower, Eisenhower, Schopenhauer, cauliflower, overpower, superpower, * ivory tower, self-raising flour, kilowatt-hour

Not Heaven itself upon the past has power;

But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour.

JOHN DRYDEN

31.2 coward, Coward, cowered, flowered, glowered, Howard, loured, powered, scoured, showered, soured, towered, * deflowered, empowered, devoured, * Frankie Howerd, Castle Howard, overpowered, solar-powered, Noël Coward, underpowered

31.3 [[see also](#)] bowel, Cowal, Cowell, dowel, Dowell, Howell, Hywel, Powell, rowel, towel, trowel, vowel, * McDowell, avowal, * Baden-Powell, semivowel, Enoch Powell, disavowal, disembowel

31.4 bowels, Howells, towels, vowels, etc.

31.5 flowers, hours, ours, Powers, showers, towers, * Alton Towers, *Fawlty Towers*, superpowers, etc.

Here the youthful Giorgione gazed upon the domes and towers,

And interpreted his era in a way which pleases ours.

JOHN BETJEMAN

32.1 dourly, hourly, sourly, cowardly, bowery, Bowery, dowry, floury, flowery, showery

32.2 flowerer, scourer, * devourer, * shower her, empower her, etc.

32.3 cowering, flowering, glowering, louring, powering, scouring, showering, towering, dowelling, towelling, * deflowering, empowering, devouring, * overpowering, etc.

The rhymes in this section have the 'oy' sound of toy and noisy as their main or final vowel sound.

33.1 boy, buoy, cloy, coy, Fowey, goy, joy, Joy, koi, oi, ploy, Roy, soy, toy, Troy, * McCoy, Savoy, ahoy, alloy, Molloy, Amoy, annoy, Hanoi, deploy, employ, destroy, enjoy, Rob Roy, * sandboy, alloy, Tannoy®, dayboy, playboy, pageboy, rent boy, envoy, bellboy, sepoy, decoy, Leroy, Kilroy, killjoy, choirboy, life buoy, viceroy, tomboy, Tolstoy, Conroy, Bolshoi, ball boy, tallboy, Korchnoi, borzoi, cowboy, houseboy, toy boy, Khoikhoi, doughboy, lowboy, homeboy, Lovejoy, schoolboy, newsboy, * attaboy, saveloy, paperboy, stableboy, ladyboy, real McCoy, redeploy, Iroquois, didicoy, Illinois, pride and joy, altar boy, Fauntleroy, corduroy, hoi polloi, bullyboy, blue-eyed boy, * hobbledehoy, Old Man of Hoy

The Harbour of Fowey

**Is a beautiful spot,
And it's there I enjoyey
To sail in a yot;
Or to race in a yacht
Round a mark or a buoy –
Such a beautiful spacht
Is the Harbour of Fuoy!**

SIR ARTHUR QUILLER-COUCH

33.2 Hawick, hoick, oik

33.3 hoicks, oiks, yoicks

33.4 Boyd, buoyed, cloyed, Floyd, Freud, Lloyd, toyed, void, * avoid, annoyed, devoid, deployed, employed, Pink Floyd, destroyed, enjoyed, * tabloid, Ackroyd, android, steroid, Negroid, typhoid, thyroid, colloid, Holroyd, ovoid, cuboid, Boothroyd, * anthropoid, alkaloid, aneroid, asteroid, paranoid, planetoid, amyloid, adenoid, metalloid, haemorrhoid, Betws-y-Coed, self-employed, celluloid, dermatoid, Murgatroyd, redeployed, crystalloid, myeloid, Mongoloid, Australoid, hominoid, Caucasoid, Polaroid®, overjoyed, solenoid, unalloyed, unemployed, rheumatoid, humanoid, * meteoroid, underemployed

33.5 Lloyd's, * tabloids, steroids, * adenoids, haemorrhoids, etc.

33.6 boil, Boyle, broil, coil, Doyle, foil, Foyle, Hoyle, moil, Moyle, noil, oil, roil, Royle, soil, spoil, toil, voile, * uncoil, despoil, recoil, embroil, * parboil, gargoyle, trefoil, jetfoil, turmoil, tinfoil, topsoil, gumboil, subsoil, * castor oil, aerofoil, disembroil, hydrofoil, olive oil, counterfoil, Conan Doyle, undersoil, * cod liver oil

**Whence is thy learning? Hath thy toil
O'er books consumed the midnight oil?**

JOHN GAY

33.7 boiled, oiled, soiled, spoiled, toiled, * unspoiled, uncoiled, despoiled, recoiled, embroiled, * parboiled, hard-boiled, soft-boiled, shopsoiled, etc.

33.8 Boyne, coin, groin, groyne, join, loin, quoin, * Des Moines, adjoin, conjoin, Ardoyne, Burgoyne, purloin, rejoin, enjoin, disjoin, Dordogne, Boulogne, * Gascoigne, sirloin, * tenderloin

33.9 boink, oink

33.10 joint, point, * appoint, anoint, conjoint, reappoint, disjoint, * standpoint, cashpoint, flash point, waypoint, breakpoint, checkpoint, endpoint, clip joint, strip joint, midpoint, pinpoint, knifejoint, strong point, sore point, ballpoint, power point, gunpoint, dew point, viewpoint, * vantage point, reappoint, needlepoint, freezing point, silverpoint, disappoint, boiling point, counterpoint

33.11 Boyce, choice, Joyce, Royce, voice, * rejoice, Rolls-Royce, pro-choice, * invoice

33.12 foist, hoist, joist, moist, voiced, * unvoiced, rejoiced

33.13 quoit, * dacoit, adroit, exploit, Detroit, Bayreuth, * maladroit

33.14 quoits, * dacoits, exploits, * *Hakenkreuz*

33.15 boys, buoys, Joy's, noise, poise, Roy's, toys, * annoys, employs, destroys, enjoys, * pageboys, turquoise, decoys, choirboys, cowboys, schoolboys, * paperboys, stableboys, equipoise, redeploys, altar boys, corduroys, counterpoise, bullyboys, etc.

Secrets with girls, like loaded guns with boys,

Are never valued till they make a noise.

GEORGE CRABBE

34.1 Toynbee, pointy, coyly, doily, oily, jointly, noisy, * dacoity, adroitly, * hoity-toity

34.2 Boyer, coyer, foyer, Goya, lawyer, sawyer, Sawyer, soya, Toyah, troika, broider, moider, joinder, goitre, loiter, Reuter, jointer, pointer, cloister, moister, oyster, roister, boiler, broiler, Euler, oiler, spoiler, toiler, Moira, coiner, joiner, choicer, moisture, * employer, sequoia, destroyer, Tom Sawyer, embroider, avoider, rejoinder, exploiter, appointer, anointer, despoiler, purloiner, rejoicer, * potboiler, Tannhäuser, * paranoia, *perestroika*, *Schadenfreude*, reconnoitre, * employ her, avoid her, etc.

34.3 jointed, pointed, foisted, hoisted, * avoided, embroidered, exploited, appointed, anointed, disjointed, * unexploited, well-appointed, self-appointed, reappointed, disappointed, etc.

34.4 buoyage, voyage, soilage, spoilage, coinage

34.5 loyal, royal, foible, Brueghel, joyful, * disloyal, * adenoidal, haemorrhoidal

34.6 noisome, toilsome, * destroys 'em, spoils 'em, etc.

34.7 oilskin, hoisin, * boilin', pointin', etc.

34.8 doyen, Croydon, hoyden, Royston, Boyson, moisten, foison, poison, * Iroquoian, Illinoisan

34.9 buoyant, poignant, ointment, * flamboyant, clairvoyant, deployment, employment, enjoyment, appointment, * self-employment, redeployment, unemployment, disappointment

34.10 annoyance, flamboyance, clairvoyance, clairvoyants, avoidance, appointments, etc.

34.11 cloying, toying, pointing, foisting, hoisting, boiling, broiling, oiling, soiling, spoiling, toiling, coining, joining, voicing, * annoying, destroying, enjoying, avoiding, appointing, anointing, recoiling, adjoining, purloining, rejoicing, * soul-destroying, disappointing, etc.

34.12 joyous, joyless, Troilus, pointless, voiceless, noiseless, boisterous, coyness, * adroitness, * annoy us, spoil us, etc.

34.13 toilet, * oil it, spoil it, etc.

34.14 loyalty, royalty, royally, loyally, joyfully, pointedly, poignantly, joyously, pointlessly, boisterously, joinery, buoyancy, poignancy, moiety, noisily, boyishly, toiletry, * disloyalty, viceroyalty, flamboyantly, embroidery, flamboyancy, annoyingly, * disappointingly, etc.

34.15 loiterer, roisterer, poisoner, Drogheda, voyager, * embroiderer

34.16 boilable, joinable, coital, * employable, destroyable, enjoyable, avoidable, exploitable, * unemployable, unavoidable

34.17 Freudian, Moynihan, Joycean

34.18 boisterous, roisterous, poisonous, joyfulness, coitus, etc.

34.19 loyalist, royalist, pointillist

34.20 pointiest, oiliest, noisiest, etc.

The rhymes in this section have the 'oe' sound of boat and grocer as their main or final vowel sound.

35.1 beau, blow, bow, bro, Co., Coe, crow, Crowe, doe, doh, dough, Flo, floe, flow, foe, fro, glow, go, grow, ho, hoe, Jo, Joe, know, lo, low, Mo, mo', mow, no, O, oh, owe, po, Po, Poe, pro, roe, row, Rowe, sew, show, sloe, slow, snow, so, soh, sow, stow, Stowe, though, throe, throw, toe, tow, woe, yo

Let your little verses flow

Gently, sweetly, row by row.

HENRY CAREY

35.2 ago, gung-ho, hullo, aglow, Moreau, Thoreau, *de trop*, Monroe, Munro, dunno, just so, Lascaux, Margaux, Bardot, bravo, heigh-ho, Glencoe, hello, per pro, BO, CO, regrow, bestow, Defoe, below, skid row, righto, John Doe, forego, forgo, Bordeaux, although, foreknow, foreshow, go-slow, outgrow, good-oh

35.3 Abo, jabot, sabot, flambeau, mambo, Rambo, Rimbaud, Tambo, ASBO, capo, cachepot, Franco, NALGO, Django, mango, quango, tango, Tango®, saddo, shadow, bandeau, Brando, chateau, gateau, plateau, alto, canto, panto, Padstow, salvo, aloe, Boileau, callow, fallow, hallow, mallow, sallow, shallow, tallow, Pablo, tableau, cash flow, arrow, barrow, farrow, harrow, Harrow, Jarrow, marrow, narrow, sparrow, tarot, yarrow, macro, aggro, Afro, ammo, piano, fatso, matzo, chat show, macho, banjo, * wheelbarrow, * foreshadow, glissando, Orlando, annatto, mulatto, de facto, contralto, Rialto, Taranto, bel canto, portmanteau, impasto, tobacco, Tabasco, fiasco, hidalgo, fandango, marshmallow, piano, sargasso, El Paso, Picasso, gazpacho, * overshadow, rallentando, San Fernando, Palo Alto, Esperanto, antipasto, paparazzo

I, said the Sparrow,

With my bow and arrow,

I killed Cock Robin.

NURSERY RHYME

35.4 Garbo, Marco, taco, Argo, argot, cargo, Fargo, largo, Margot, Glasgow, Prado, arvo, bravo, Barlow, Carlo, Carlow, Harlow, Marlow, Marlowe, Arnaud, Arno, Carnot, guano, Kano, * Gestapo, farrago, embargo, Chicago, Zhivago, virago, bravado, Barnardo, Bernardo, Mikado, Ricardo, commando, staccato, tomato, castrato, legato, vibrato, St Malo, Pissarro, soprano, Meccano®, Cinzano®, Locarno, * Santiago, Pago Pago, avocado, muscovado, desperado, El Dorado, Colorado, Leonardo, bastinado, moderato, pizzicato, obbligato, Monte Carlo, Marciano, oregano, * aficionado, amontillado, innamorato, Kilimanjaro, * incommunicado

35.5 scarecrow, airflow, Aero®, faro, Pharaoh, airshow, * caballero

35.6 Mayo, rainbow, sago, credo, dado, Cato, NATO, Plato, halo, Day-Glo®, peso, * Tobago, lumbago, Diego, Toledo, Laredo, tornado, potato, Soweto, Delano, volcano, * Bulawayo, Galileo, San Diego, Winnebago, Valparaiso, * Alfa Romeo, Montevideo, * Tierra del Fuego

35.7 elbow, depot, tempo, dekho, echo, Eco, gecko, fresco, Tesco, Lego®, meadow, kendo, ghetto, Steptoe, recto, lento, pesto, presto, Chepstow, bellow, cello, fellow, Jell-o®, mellow, yellow, Pueblo, deathblow, Velcro®, escrow, metro, retro, Jethro, hedgerow, demo, memo, Renault, Esso, gesso, Enzo, * bedfellow, Oddfellow, Longfellow, schoolfellow, * Aleppo, Art Deco, El Greco, re-echo, flamenco, Lysenko, alfresco, UNESCO, Marengo, Nintendo®, crescendo, Soweto, stiletto, libretto, falsetto, Sorrento, trecento, memento, pimento, Novello, Othello, morello, Martello, Marcello, Costello, bordello, Uccello, allegro, espresso, Lorenzo, Vincenzo, * Timoshenko, Yevtushenko, Ionesco, innuendo, Canaletto, vaporetto, amaretto, amoretto, Tintoretto, allegretto, Sacramento, quattrocento, pentimento, cinquecento, manifesto, Portobello, Pirandello, Donatello, Punchinello, intermezzo, * diminuendo, divertimento,

Risorgimento, violoncello

35.8 turbo, ergo, Virgo, Merlot, furlough, Pernod®, verso, Peugeot, * Umberto, concerto, Alberto, Palermo, Salerno, inferno, bolero, sombrero

35.9 weirdo, hero, Nero, Pierrot, Spiro, zero, * Shapiro, subzero, De Niro, Pinero, * antihero, superhero, * Rio de Janeiro

35.10 brio, Cleo, Clio, Leo, Rio, trio, cheapo, repo, Biko, Chico, pekoe, picot, ego, credo, lido, speedo, Tito, veto, filo, kilo, Negro, bistro, chemo, beano, *Beano*, chino, fino, Gino, Reno, vino, peepshow, * con brio, Trujillo, placebo, gazebo, Enrico, amigo, Rodrigo, tuxedo, libido, torpedo, graffito, Benito, magneto, mosquito, yo-heave-ho, El Niño, supremo, Aquino, Latino, Trevino, merino, amino, casino, Pacino, albino, bambino, neutrino, * Puerto Rico, alter ego, superego, Hirohito, incognito, Borodino, Tarantino, Valentino, Bardolino, San Marino, palomino, maraschino, Filipino, cappuccino

35.11 bimbo, Chrimbo, limbo, gyppo, hippo, sicko, thicko, wilco, gingko, pinko, disco, bingo, dingo, gringo, jingo, lingo, Ringo, widow, dildo, window, ditto, tiptoe, pinto, Shinto, Bisto®, Bristow, nympho, info, billow, pillow, willow, Wicklow, whitlow, inflow, limo, gizmo, minnow, winnow, dipso, schizo, * akimbo, Francisco, flamingo, Murillo, machismo, calypso, * San Francisco, Monte Cristo, armadillo, peccadillo, Amarillo, cigarillo, * Santo Domingo, * in flagrante delicto

35.12 hypo, typo, psycho, Tycho, Sligo, Dido, Fido, litho, Lilo®, Milo, Shiloh, silo, Biro®, Cairo, giro, tyro, maestro, lino, rhino, wino, sideshow, * Ohio, Hokkaido, * impetigo

35.13 yobbo, fogbow, combo, longbow, crossbow, oxbow, oppo, bronco, Moscow, doggo, bongo, Congo, drongo, Pongo, condo, rondeau, rondo, blotto, Giotto, grotto, lotto, motto, Otto, potto, Watteau, pronto, Volvo, follow, hollow, Rollo, swallow, wallow, Oslo, borrow, Corot, morrow, sorrow, cockcrow, Cointreau®, mono, tonneau, Oxo®, honcho, poncho, * Morocco, sirocco, Belmondo, risotto, Toronto, Apollo, tomorrow, Alfonso, * Mato Grosso

Eagerly I wished the morrow, – vainly had I sought to borrow

From my books surcease of sorrow – sorrow for the lost Lenore.

EDGAR ALLAN POE

35.14 Waldo, auto, quarto, porno, torso, also, * Oporto, Livorno

35.15 bureau, Douro, euro, Truro, * Politburo, chiaroscuro

35.16 hobo, oboe, Coco, cocoa, loco, logo, Togo, dodo, Frodo, photo, Toto, Soho, polo, Polo, Rolo®, solo, yo-yo, Tokyo, Como, homo, promo, slo-mo, no-no, so-so, bozo, * Limpopo, rococo, iroko, *ex voto*, Kyoto, *in toto*, con moto, Barolo, kimono, * Orinoco, Quasimodo, telephoto, Marco Polo, major-domo, Ecce Homo, Perry Como, amoroso, doloroso, oloroso, mafioso, virtuoso

35.17 dumbo, Dumbo, gumbo, jumbo, stucco, Mungo, gusto, Ludlow, burrow, furrow, * Colombo, Columbo, * mumbo jumbo

35.18 duo, Hugo, Cluedo®, judo, ludo, pseudo, Trudeau, Bhutto, Pluto, rouleau, sumo, Bruno, Gounod, Juno, Clouseau, Crusoe, Rousseau, trousseau, whoso, ouzo, * escudo, testudo, prosciutto, Profumo

35.19 apropos, hammertoe, Navaho, Scapa Flow, Alamo, aquashow, patio, cameo, Anzio, tally-ho, calico, haricot, aristo, McEnroe, Maginot, afterglow, Martineau, Art Nouveau, status quo, Status Quo, radio, ratio, pedalo, tremolo, ebb and flow, Blériot, stereo, embryo, NCO, medico, Jellicoe, Jericho, Mexico, Bendigo, Eskimo, Herstmonceux, vertigo, furbelow, cheerio, PLO, VSO, PTO, Felixstowe, mistletoe, piccolo, gigolo, Figaro, Cicero, tick-tack-toe, Scipio, video, billyo, indigo, quid pro quo, Idaho, dynamo, tae kwon do, Monaco, Kosovo, contraflow, Prospero, comme il faut, Fontainebleau, domino, Scorpio, audio, Claudio, Borneo, Curaçao, curio, tournedos, overflow, overthrow, oversew, so-and-so, Tokyo, rodeo, folio, polio, Romeo, do-si-do, blow-by-blow, undergo, touch and go, undertow, bungalow, buffalo, bummallo, underflow,

nuncio, to and fro, Huguenot, UFO, studio, Boucicault, subito, * malapropos, Arapaho, diablo, Ajaccio, DiMaggio, simpatico, seraglio, intaglio, scenario, Lothario, mustachio, pistachio, Boccaccio, adagio, Correggio, arpeggio, solfeggio, Abednego, presidio, punctilio, capriccio, politico, magnifico, fortissimo, continuo, Geronimo, Pinocchio, imbroglio, portfolio, Antonio, * Michelangelo, impresario, archipelago, ex officio, pianissimo, oratorio, San Antonio, braggadocio, * generalissimo

35.20 daube, globe, Job, lobe, probe, robe, strobe, * enrobe, disrobe, * bathrobe, aerobe, ear lobe, microbe, wardrobe, * Francophobe, Anglophobe, xenophobe, technophobe, homophobe, claustrophobe, Europhobe, Russophobe, * agoraphobe

35.21 bloke, broke, choke, cloak, coke, Coke®, croak, folk, joke, make, oak, poke, smoke, soak, spoke, stoke, stroke, woke, yoke, yolk, * provoke, convoke, baroque, awoke, unyoke, decoke, bespoke, evoke, revoke, invoke, * backstroke, Greystoke, menfolk, Pembroke, breaststroke, keystroke, heatstroke, kinfolk, kinsfolk, in-joke, cowpoke, townsfolk, downstroke, slowpoke, upstroke, sunstroke, * masterstroke, artichoke, Basingstoke, gentlefolk, womenfolk, counterstroke, Roanoke, Holyoake, stony-broke, okey-doke

35.22 coax, chokes, cloaks, folks, hoax, Noakes, oaks, Oakes, stokes, yolks, * artichokes, Sevenoaks, etc.

35.23 choked, cloaked, croaked, smoked, stoked, stroked, * provoked, unyoked, unsoaked, unsmoked, evoked, revoked, * unprovoked, unrevoked, etc.

35.24 broach, brooch, coach, Loach, poach, roach, Roach, * approach, reproach, encroach, * stagecoach, mailcoach, cockroach, slowcoach, * motorcoach, self-reproach

35.25 blowed, bode, bowed, code, crowed, flowed, glowed, goad, load, lode, mode, mowed, node, ode, owed, road, rode, rowed, snowed, Spode, strode, toad, towed, woad, * abode, unload, upload, corrode, commode, decode, reload, encode, bestowed, explode, implode, erode, off-load, forebode, Morse code, download, * cathode, hallowed, vanload, arrowed, narrowed, bar code, cartload, payload, railroad, echoed, mellowed, yellowed, shedload, freeload, workload, zip code, widowed, tiptoed, shipload, diode, triode, byroad, highroad, sideroad, followed, swallowed, borrowed, sorrowed, download, postcode, boatload, coachload, toll road, truckload, burrowed, furrowed, * foreshadowed, unhallowed, re-echoed, electrode, * wagonload, à la mode,, nematode, anyroad, episode, pigeon-toed, incommode, discommode, lorryload, overload, overflowed, overrode, * mustachioed, etc.

Before the Roman came to Rye or out to Severn strode,

The rolling English drunkard made the rolling English road.

G. K. CHESTERTON

35.26 codes, goads, loads, Rhodes, toads, * cartloads, inroads, byroads, highroads, crossroads, truckloads, etc.

35.27 loaf, oaf

35.28 brogue, drogue, Pogue, rogue, vogue, *Vogue*, * Minogue, prorogue, * disemboque

35.29 doge, loge, Vosges, * Limoges

35.30 bole, boll, bowl, coal, Cole, dole, droll, foal, goal, hole, Knole, knoll, Knowle, kohl, Kohl, mole, pole, Pole, poll, prole, role, roll, Scholl, scroll, Seoul, shoal, skol, sole, soul, stole, stroll, toll, troll, vole, whole, * condole, parole, patrol, control, unroll, console, cajole, Nicole, de Gaulle, pistole, extol, Tyrol, enrol, North Pole, South Pole, * flagpole, tadpole, manhole, asshole, bankroll, bargepole, charcoal, armhole, arsehole, air hole, maypole, payroll, hellhole, bedroll, wormhole, earhole, Creole, Sheol, beanpole, keyhole, kneehole, peephole, fishbowl, Wimpole, ridgepole, pinhole, sinkhole, rissole, insole, dipole, eyehole, spyhole, foxhole, knothole, pothole, logroll, console, straw poll, Walpole, borehole, porthole, mousehole, rose bowl, blowhole, dust bowl, punchbowl, Rumpole, lughole, plughole, loophole, * Gallup poll, caracole, farandole, banderole, casserole, cabriole, dariole, Nat King Cole, camisole, vacuole,

barcarole, Charles de Gaulle, self-control, Seminole, pigeonhole, rigmarole, hidy-hole, rock'n'roll, bronchiole, MORI poll, sausage roll, water hole, aureole, gloriole, oriole, glory hole, totem pole, buttonhole, cubbyhole, multirole, * arteriole, profiterole

Old King Cole was a merry old soul.

NURSERY RHYME

35.31 bold, bowled, cold, fold, gold, hold, mould, old, polled, rolled, scold, sold, soled, strolled, told, wold, * unpolled, untold, unfold, uphold, paroled, patrolled, controlled, unrolled, unsold, consoled, cajoled, retold, remould, extolled, enfold, behold, withhold, enrolled, ice-cold, foretold, stone-cold, * mangold, scaffold, handhold, bankrolled, eightfold, gatefold, Penfold, tenfold, threshold, threefold, sheepfold, freehold, leasehold, remould, sixfold, billfold, blindfold, fivefold, ninefold, Reinhold, potholed, stronghold, Cotswold, Courtauld, fourfold, household, toehold, Rumbold, foothold, twofold, * stranglehold, casserole, marigold, manifold, centrefold, sevenfold, self-controlled, semibold, Leopold, pigeonholed, hundredfold, buttonholed, uncontrolled, multifold, * remote-controlled, * lo and behold, Stow-on-the-Wold, etc.

**The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold.**

LORD BYRON

35.32 bolt, Bolt, Boulton, colt, Colt, dolt, holt, jolt, moult, poult, smolt, volt, * unbolt, revolt, * eyebolt, ringbolt, Northolt, Humboldt, U-bolt, * megavolt, kilovolt, thunderbolt, * electronvolt

35.33 Bowles, bowls, coals, holes, Knowles, poles, rolls, Rolls, Scholes, voles, etc.

35.34 chrome, comb, dome, foam, Frome, gnome, holm, home, loam, ohm, Ohm, Om, pome, roam, Rome, tome, * Jerome, backcomb, rehome, * maelstrom, Beerbohm, genome, syndrome, biome, rhizome, cockscomb, coxcomb, Stockholm, Bornholm, prodrome, * astrodome, gastronome, palindrome, aerodrome, velodrome, metronome, hippodrome, liposome, Styrofoam®, ribosome, fine-tooth comb, monochrome, polychrome, Kodachrome®, chromosome, tumblehome, currycomb, honeycomb, Wolstenholme

**Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.**

J. H. PAYNE

35.35 combs, gnomes, Holmes, Soames, tomes, etc.

35.36 Beaune, blown, bone, clone, cone, crone, drone, flown, groan, grown, hone, Joan, known, loan, lone, moan, mown, none, own, phone, pone, prone, Rhône, roan, scone, sewn, shown, Sloane, sown, stone, throne, thrown, tone, zone, * Capone, condone, atone, alone, cologne, Cologne, Malone, Stallone, unknown, unsewn, well-known, dethrone, intone, ingrown, enthrone, bemoan, Simone, disown, Tyrone, trombone, outgrown, postpone, home-grown, full-blown, * backbone, Rathbone, capstone, Blackstone, flagstone, sandstone, halftone, cardphone, whalebone, aitchbone, Maidstone, gravestone, hailstone, payphone, breastbone, headstone, whetstone, gemstone, cellphone, kerbstone, birthstone, turnstone, earphone, cheekbone, keystone, freephone, hipbone, shinbone, fishbone, wishbone, millstone, brimstone, clingstone, windblown, firestone, thighbone, pine cone, grindstone, milestone, limestone, rhinestone, flyblown, cyclone, jawbone, gallstone, hormone, warzone, neurone, nose cone, copestone, soapstone, lodestone, ozone, bloodstone, touchstone, two-tone, tombstone, moonstone, * anklebone, Al Capone, staddlestone, Francophone, Anglophone, gramophone, saxophone, stand-alone, chaperone, baritone, acetone, marrowbone, answerphone, barbitone, methadone, megaphone, pheromone, herringbone, semitone, stepping-stone, entryphone, telephone, Yellowstone, skin and bone, Silverstone, Dictaphone®, Linguaphone®, pick-your-own, silicone, bridging loan, ironstone, xylophone, vibraphone, microphone, collarbone, monotone, cobblestone, homophone, cornerstone, cortisone, eurozone, overtone, home-

alone, overblown, Toblerone®, overgrown, overthrown, holystone, mobile phone, knucklebone, cuttlebone, undertone, undergrown, unbeknown, fully grown, sousaphone, Movietone®, * Rosetta Stone, progesterone, testosterone, * eau de Cologne, accident-prone, Marylebone, anticyclone, radiophone, videophone, * Sierra Leone, * hydrocortisone

**There may be times when couples need a chaperone,
But mothers ought to learn to leave a chap alone.**

DION TITHERAGE

35.37 boned, cloned, groaned, moaned, owned, phoned, stoned, * unboned, condoned, atoned, unstoned, dethroned, intoned, enthroned, bemoaned, disowned, postponed, * state-owned, rawboned, * chaperoned, telephoned, * unchaperoned, etc.

35.38 don't, wont, won't

35.39 bones, clones, Joan's, Jones, nones, phones, stones, Stones, zones, * condones, atones, Simone's, trombones, Tom Jones, postpones, Dow-Jones, * flagstones, hailstones, headphones, gemstones, fishbones, Flintstones, pine cones, rhinestones, crossbones, sawbones, hormones, * lazybones, Davy Jones, pheromones, cobblestones, Rolling Stones, knucklebones, * skull and crossbones, etc.

35.40 cope, dope, grope, hope, lope, mope, nope, pope, rope, scope, slope, soap, taupe, tope, trope, * aslope, elope, Bob Hope, soft-soap, * tightrope, towrope, * gastroscope, allotrope, antipope, antelope, endoscope, stethoscope, spectroscope, envelope, telescope, periscope, philanthrope, misanthrope, skipping rope, gyroscope, microscope, isotope, lycanthrope, horoscope, docu-soap, stroboscope, zoetrope, * ophthalmoscope, electroscope, oscilloscope, * laparoscope, stereoscope, CinemaScope®, heliotrope

35.41 hopes, mopes, ropes, Stopes, etc.

And scribbled lines like fallen hopes

On backs of tattered envelopes.

FRANCIS HOPE

35.42 close, dose, gross, * jocose, morose, verbose, engross, * lactose, dextrose, viscose, ribose, fructose, glucose, sucrose, * grandiose, adipose, varicose, lachrymose, bellicose, cellulose, overdose, comatose, otiose

35.43 boast, coast, dosed, ghost, host, most, oast, post, roast, toast, * riposte, engrossed, * lamppost, backmost, gatepost, bedpost, endmost, sternmost, rearmost, Freepost®, seacoast, midmost, inmost, guidepost, milepost, signpost, hindmost, topmost, doorpost, foremost, almost, soundpost, outpost, outmost, goalpost, upmost, utmost, * lattermost, aftermost, farthestmost, nethermost, westernmost, furthermost, easternmost, innermost, middlemost, bottommost, northernmost, outermost, overdosed, lowermost, uppermost, undermost, uttermost, southernmost, newel post

35.44 gauche, Roche

35.45 bloat, boat, coat, dote, float, gloat, goat, groat, moat, mote, note, oat, quote, rote, smote, stoat, throat, tote, vote, wrote, * afloat, promote, connote, unquote, refloat, rewrote, devote, misquote, demote, emote, remote, denote, outvote, * catboat, flatboat, banknote, sailboat, whaleboat, greatcoat, waistcoat, tailcoat, raincoat, scapegoat, redcoat, endnote, turncoat, speedboat, keelboat, dreamboat, steamboat, sheepcote, keynote, swingboat, lifeboat, zygote, whitethroat, longboat, topcoat, sauce boat, houseboat, housecoat, powerboat, rowboat, showboat, tugboat, gunboat, dovecoat, cut-throat, footnote, U-boat, Bluecoat, * nanny goat, antidote, anecdote, asymptote, narrow boat, table d'hôte, gravy boat, sailing boat, ferry boat, petticoat, redingote, creosote, billy goat, entrecôte, motorboat, overcoat, overwrote, rowing boat, undercoat, underwrote

The llama is a woolly sort of fleecy hairy goat,

With an indolent expression and an undulating throat.

HILAIRE BELLOC

35.46 Coates, coats, floats, goats, groats, notes, Oates, oats, votes, * banknotes, redcoats, speedboats, lifeboats, footnotes, * anecdotes, ferry boats, John o'Groats, motorboats, etc.

35.47 both, growth, loath, oath, quoth, sloth, troth, * Arbroath, regrowth, ingrowth, outgrowth, * overgrowth, undergrowth

35.48 clothe, loathe, * unclothe, reclothe, betroth

35.49 clothes, loathes, * unclothes, plain clothes, reclothes, betroths, * bedclothes, nightclothes, * underclothes

35.50 clove, cove, drove, grove, hove, Hove, Jove, mauve, rove, shrove, stove, strove, thrive, trove, wove, * behave, * alcove, mangrove, Bromsgrove, Musgrove, * treasure trove, interwove, Primus stove®, olive grove

35.51 cloves, droves, groves, Groves, loaves, stoves, etc.

35.52 blows, chose, close, crows, doze, flows, foes, froze, gloze, goes, hose, Joe's, Mo's, nose, pose, prose, rose, Rose, shows, snows, those, throes, toes, woes, * oppose, propose, suppose, compose, arose, transpose, depose, refroze, repose, impose, dispose, expose, bestows, enclose, disclose, Montrose, foreclose, outgrows, * lactose, aloes, gallows, arrows, narrows, sparrows, Ambrose, cargoes, Margot's, Faeroes, scarecrows, rainbows, Plato's, Waitrose, elbows, echoes, bellows, Fellowes, mellows, Melrose, windows, pillows, primrose, minnows, crossbows, bongos, follows, swallows, sorrows, rockrose, hobos, photos, bulldoze, hooknose, glucose, mucose, Hugo's, * foreshadows, marshmallows, Allhallows, Picasso's, * adipose, pantihose, lachrymose, granulose, guelder-rose, quelquechose, bellicose, pettitoes, cellulose, Berlioz, furbelows, presuppose, decompose, recompose, reimpose, predispose, interpose, discompose, indispose, diagnose, Comoros, bottlenose, dominoes, curios, comatose, stone the crows, otiose, juxtapose, bungalows, come to blows, shovelnose, superpose, tuberosity, studios, * arpeggios, misdiagnose, portfolios, * photocompose, superimpose, overexpose, underexpose, * metamorphose, etc.

Whilst Adam slept, Eve from his side arose:

Strange his first sleep should be his last repose.

ANONYMOUS

35.53 closed, dozed, hosed, nosed, posed, * opposed, proposed, supposed, composed, unposed, deposed, imposed, disposed, exposed, enclosed, disclosed, * well-disposed, decomposed, predisposed, discomposed, ill-disposed, indisposed, snotty-nosed, toffee-nosed, unopposed, unexposed, undisclosed, superposed, * undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, * superimposed, overexposed, underexposed, etc.

36.1 Chloe, doughy, joey, Joey, showy, snowy, Zoe, dhobi, Gobi, goby, obi, Robey, Roby, Scobie, Toby, dopey, Hopi, mopy, Opie, ropey, soapy, topee, blokey, chokey, croaky, jokey, Loki, oaky, poky, smoky, trochee, bogey, Bogie, dogie, fogey, Logie, yogi, Yogi, Brodie, Cody, Jodie, roadie, toady, Goldie, mouldy, oldie, dhoti, floaty, goaty, oaty, throaty, postie, toasty, Brophy, Kofi, Sophie, strophe, trophy, Povey, Tovey, coaly, cole, Foley, goalie, holey, holy, lowly, Rowley, slowly, nobly, Oakley, Mowgli, boldly, coldly, ghostly, mostly, solely, wholly, homely, lonely, only, Stoneleigh, closely, grossly, Knowsley, Mosley, snowberry, poultry, blowy, Bowie, foamy, homey, know me, loamy, bony, coney, crony, phony, pony, stony, Toni, Tony, Josie, folksy, cosy, dozy, Losey, mosey, nosy, posy, prosy, Rosie, rosy, ogee, * adobe, Nairobi, Capote, coyote, unholy, aioli, ignobly, remotely, jocosely, morosely, Dahomey, Salome, Naomi, Bodoni, Mahoney, baloney, Maloney, Mulroney, Marconi, Leonie, Oenone, Giorgione, * shadowy, willowy, shallowly, narrowly, sorrowfully, * kalanchoe, karaoke, hokey-cokey, okey-dokey, golden oldie, Don Quixote, guacamole, ravioli, roly-poly, Gaborone, mascarpone, panettone, abalone, cannelloni, zabaglione, macaroni, Annigoni, Castiglione, Albinoni, pepperoni, Berlusconi, cicerone, minestrone, virtuosi, * Antonioni, * Sierra Leone, * Obi-Wan Kenobi,

conversazione, etc.

36.2 blower, boa, Boer, Goa, goer, grower, lower, moa, mower, Noah, o'er, rower, sewer, slower, sower, stoa, thrower, zoa, * aloha, Samoa, Balboa, jerboa, * racegoer, flamethrower, churchgoer, winegrower, Hornblower, lawn mower, snowblower, woolgrower, * Alloa, shallower, narrower, mellower, genoa, Genoa, widower, follower, borrower, * Shenandoah, Krakatoa, theatregoer, partygoer, concertgoer, protozoa, * cinemagoer, Mies van der Rohe, spermatozoa, * know her, throw her, etc.

A million million spermatozoa,

All of them alive:

Out of their cataclysm but one poor Noah

Dare hope to survive.

ALDOUS HUXLEY

36.3 lobar, sober, dopa, groper, hoper, moper, Roper, Soper, toper, * October, joboba, eloper, Europa, no-hoper, * Manitoba, interloper, * probe her, dope her, etc.

36.4 broker, choker, coca, croaker, joker, ochre, poker, smoker, stoker, Stoker, ogre, toga, yoga, * provoker, invoker, nonsmoker, * shipbroker, stockbroker, pawnbroker, * tapioca, mediocre, Saratoga, hatha yoga, * Ticonderoga, * woke her, provoke her, etc.

36.5 Clodagh, coda, coder, loader, Oder, odour, Rhoda, Skoda, soda, bolder, boulder, colder, folder, Golda, holder, moulder, older, polder, shoulder, smoulder, solder, bloater, boater, floater, gloater, motor, quota, rota, rotor, scoter, scrota, voter, moulter, Poulter, boaster, coaster, poster, roaster, toaster, Towcester, bolster, holster, pollster, * pagoda, decoder, encoder, beholder, cold-shoulder, Dakota, promoter, iota, nonvoter, Toyota, four-poster, upholster, * freeloader, gasholder, cardholder, shareholder, stakeholder, freeholder, keyholder, leaseholder, stockholder, bondholder, smallholder, stallholder, householder, fundholder, billposter, * candleholder, titleholder, record-holder, Minnesota, roller-coaster, * policyholder, * told her, promote her, etc.

36.6 chauffeur, gofer, goffer, gopher, loafer, sofa, clover, Dover, drover, Grover, nova, ova, over, rover, Rover, loather, * Pavlova, Markova, ars nova, Jehovah, Moldova, moreover, * Hanover, handover, hangover, Land Rover, flashover, Passover, makeover, takeover, changeover, Range Rover, Wendover, leftover, turnover, sleepover, slipover, tick-over, flyover, stopover, crossover, Bolsover, walkover, voice-over, rollover, once-over, pullover, pushover, * Casanova, bossa nova, supernova, going-over, * Navratilova, * drove her, loathe her, etc.

There'll be bluebirds over

The white cliffs of Dover.

NAT BURTON

36.7 bola, bowler, coaler, cola, droller, Lola, molar, polar, roller, solar, stroller, Zola, nobler, ogler, cobra, Oprah, Bowyer, * aloha, patroller, controller, Angola, payola, premolar, viola, bipolar, tombola, Loyola, * steamroller, potholer, roadroller, * alveolar, Pepsi-Cola®, Pianola®, minneola, rock'n'roller, bronchiolar, Gorgonzola, Coca-Cola®, Motorola, Moviola®, unipolar, * Hispaniola, * stole her, console her, etc.

36.8 coma, comber, Cromer, Gomer, homer, Homer, Omagh, omer, roamer, Roma, soma, stoma, boner, donor, groaner, Jonah, krona, krone, loner, moaner, Mona, owner, Rhona, Shona, stoner, toner, Grosvenor, * Tacoma, aroma, sarcoma, diploma, lymphoma, misnomer, fibroma, glaucoma, neuroma, corona, Verona, Pomona, Ramona, Ancona, Pamplona, Daytona, persona, Fiona, cinchona, Cremona, Winona, Iona, co-owner, * beachcomber, landowner, shipowner, homeowner, * papilloma, adenoma, carcinoma, melanoma, haematoma, Oklahoma, Arizona, Barcelona, Desdemona, * phone her, disown her, etc.

36.9 closer, grocer, grosser, hoaxer, dozer, poser, Rosa, closure, brochure, kosher, poacher, loggia, soldier, * samosa, mimosa, Formosa, mucosa, opposer, proposer, composer, sub rosa,

Mendoza, Spinoza, composure, exposure, disclosure, enclosure, foreclosure, * greengrocer, bulldozer, * Nova Scotia, apologia, * underexposure, overexposure, * anorexia nervosa, * knows her, reproach her, etc.

36.10 stoic, Stoic, phobic, strobic, * echoic, heroic, aerobic, * Mesozoic, Cenozoic, unheroic, acrophobic, aquaphobic, anaerobic, aquaerobic, xenophobic, technophobic, necrophobic, hydrophobic, photophobic, homophobic, claustrophobic, Europhobic, yogic, strophic, folic, bromic, chromic, gnomic, homesick, * achromic, dichromic, * polychromic, photochromic, * arachnophobic, * agoraphobic, Islamophobic

36.11 prolix, * heroics, aerobics, * aquaerobics

36.12 froward, brokered, boded, coded, goaded, loaded, folded, mouldered, smouldered, soldered, bloated, coated, dotard, doted, floated, gloated, noted, quoted, voted, wonted, posted, toasted, roasted, bolstered, chauffeured, homeward, soldiered, * uncoded, unloaded, uploaded, corroded, decoded, reloaded, exploded, encoded, spring-loaded, eroded, downloaded, outmoded, unfolded, round-shouldered, promoted, demoted, denoted, devoted, misquoted, outvoted, unwonted, * railroaded, freeloader, steamrollered, * overloaded, colour-coded, unexploded, creosoted, sugar-coated, etc.

36.13 dotards, homewards

36.14 flowage, stowage, towage, soakage, dotage, flotage, voltage, postage, dosage, Trowbridge, tollbridge, * anecdotage, overdosage

36.15 Joel, Lowell, Noel, Powell, Froebel, global, Mobil®, noble, opal, focal, local, socle, vocal, yokel, bogle, mogul, ogle, modal, nodal, yodel, scrotal, total, coastal, postal, woeful, hopeful, boastful, slothful, doleful, soulful, oval, Oval, Yeovil, tonal, zonal, fo'c's'le, social, * bestowal, Chernobyl, ennoble, Grenoble, ignoble, bifocal, nonlocal, subtotal, teetotal, reproachful, betrothal, coronal, atonal, hormonal, proposal, deposal, disposal, unsocial, asocial, * Adrianople, Constantinople, varifocal, sacerdotal, anecdotal, chromosomal, monoclonal, antisocial, * counterproposal

36.16 Roald, oged, yodelled, * ennobled, etc.

36.17 Joel's, nobles, locals, yokels, * bifocals, * varifocals, etc.

36.18 Noam, poem, phloem, hokum, locum, Oakham, oakum, Slocombe, Oldham, popedom, scrotum, totem, ovum, Botham, Bolam, Mowlem, loathsome, wholesome, lonesome, * Siloam, factotum, unwholesome, * Jeroboam, Rehoboam, * grow 'em, wrote 'em, etc.

36.19 Bowen, Cohen, Owen, throw-in, Tobin, goatskin, moleskin, Odin, bowline, Goldwyn, Cronin, phone-in, * pangolin, * haemoglobin, melatonin, serotonin, * rollin', moanin', etc.

36.20 rowan, Oban, Woburn, open, broken, oaken, spoken, token, woken, brogan, Cogan, Grogan, Hogan, Logan, shogun, slogan, Wogan, loden, Snowdon, Woden, golden, Holden, olden, oaten, Stoughton, Bolton, Boulton, Douilton, molten, Poulton, Folkestone, cloven, proven, woven, colon, Nolan, Solon, stolen, stollen, swollen, bowman, foeman, omen, Roman, showman, yeoman, Goldman, boatman, postman, coalman, Coleman, Colman, coachman, Conan, Onan, Ronan, bosun, Robeson, Jolson, chosen, frozen, Rosen, plosion, lotion, motion, notion, ocean, potion, Trojan, * Samoan, Virgoan, Minoan, lowan, reopen, unspoken, unbroken, awoken, plain-spoken, well-spoken, betoken, foretoken, outspoken, beholden, embolden, Dakotan, unproven, Moldovan, Angolan, abdomen, patrolman, unfrozen, well-chosen, refrozen, corrosion, explosion, implosion, erosion, commotion, promotion, demotion, emotion, devotion, * heartbroken, Hoboken, Beethoven, Eindhoven, * protozoan, Manitoban, Minnesotan, ibuprofen, interwoven, semicolon, Oklahoman, Arizonan, lederhosen, locomotion, Nova Scotian, theologian

And many a word, at random spoken,

May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.

SIR WALTER SCOTT

36.21 opened, jocund, lowland, Poland, Roland, Copeland, Copland, * unopened, betokened, emboldened, ill-omened, Loch Lomond, etc.

36.22 rodent, potent, Solent, moment, quotient, cogent, * elopement, cajolement, enrolment, atonement, enthronement, postponement, encroachment, opponent, proponent, component, exponent

36.23 rodents, moments, * condolence, opponents, components, etc.

36.24 Boeing, bowing, flowing, glowing, going, growing, knowing, owing, rowing, sewing, snowing, probing, robing, coping, groping, hoping, moping, sloping, choking, croaking, joking, smoking, soaking, Woking, boding, coding, goading, loading, folding, Golding, holding, moulding, scolding, boating, coating, doting, floating, gloating, quoting, voting, jolting, moulting, boasting, coasting, ghosting, hosting, posting, roasting, toasting, bowstring, loafing, coving, roving, clothing, loathing, bowling, polling, rolling, Rowling, scrolling, strolling, tolling, ogling, O-ring, nose ring, coaming, combing, foaming, gloaming, homing, roaming, boning, cloning, droning, groaning, moaning, owning, phoning, stoning, closing, dozing, hosing, posing, broaching, coaching, poaching, * unknowing, bestowing, foregoing, enrobing, disrobing, eloping, provoking, no-smoking, unloading, uploading, corroding, decoding, reloading, exploding, encoding, eroding, foreboding, downloading, unfolding, upholding, enfolding, beholding, promoting, denoting, misquoting, nonvoting, revolting, patrolling, controlling, unrolling, consoling, cajoling, extolling, enrolling, condoning, intoning, bemoaning, disowning, postponing, opposing, proposing, supposing, composing, reposing, imposing, enclosing, disclosing, foreclosing, approaching, reproaching, encroaching, * glass-blowing, ingoing, ingrowing, mind-blowing, ongoing, foregoing, outgoing, stockbroking, pawnbroking, railroading, freeloading, breech-loading, shareholding, smallholding, roadholding, fundholding, billposting, flyposting, potholing, logrolling, backcombing, Wyoming, landowning, homeowning, bulldozing, * shadowing, harrowing, echoing, bellowing, seagoing, billowing, winnowing, following, borrowing, sorrowing, burrowing, * easy-going, ocean-going, overflowing, thoroughgoing, undergoing, thought-provoking, autoloading, overloading, underclothing, casseroling, tenpin bowling, pigeonholing, buttonholing, chaperoning, telephoning, presupposing, decomposing, diagnosing, juxtaposing, etc.

He that goes a-borrowing, goes a-sorrowing.

SAYING

36.25 loess, Lois, Powys, notice, Otis, poultice, Bovis, Hovis®, Clovis, gnosis, ptosis, * Adonis, sclerosis, narcosis, necrosis, cirrhosis, stenosis, hypnosis, fibrosis, meiosis, psychosis, mitosis, thrombosis, osmosis, prognosis, lordosis, neurosis, * allantois, stephanotis, myosotis, Issigonis, anthracosis, psittacosis, cyanosis, diagnosis, asbestosis, silicosis, toxicosis, acidosis, halitosis, brucellosis, scoliosis, symbiosis, * myxomatosis, anastomosis, misdiagnosis, autohypnosis, psychoneurosis, apotheosis, tuberculosis, * osteoporosis, endometriosis, pneumoconiosis, mononucleosis, * arteriosclerosis

36.26 globus, opus, crocus, focus, hocus, locus, bogus, lotus, Scotus, bolus, solus, toeless, hopeless, smokeless, goalless, soulless, homeless, boneless, stoneless, bonus, Cronus, Jonas, lowness, slowness, onus, tonus, boldness, coldness, wholeness, closeness, * Canopus, refocus, Duns Scotus, Aeolus, remoteness, atrocious, ferocious, precocious, * shadowless, shallowness, narrowness, mellowness, yellowness, windowless, hollowness, * magnum opus, diplodocus, autofocus, hocus-pocus, ceanothus, gladiolus, * pithecanthropus, * know us, told us, etc.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Even though the sound of it is something quite atrocious

If you say it loud enough, you'll always sound precocious.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

RICHARD & ROBERT SHERMAN

36.27 noticed, Fauvist, Gaullist, * unnoticed, trombonist

36.28 goest, knowest, slowest, focused, locust, boldest, coldest, oldest, drollest, noblest, closest, grossest, * unfocused, refocused, * narrowest, shallowest, mellowest, etc.

36.29 slowish, modish, soapdish, oldish, roguish, voguish, oafish, toadfish, goldfish, stonefish, Polish

36.30 poet, obit, Tobit, notelet, bowsprit, * inchoate, * know it, hold it, etc.

Sir, I admit your gen'ral rule

That every poet is a fool:

But you yourself may serve to show it,

That every fool is not a poet.

ALEXANDER POPE

36.31 poets, obits, Colditz, notelets, bowsprits

36.32 motive, votive, plosive, * emotive, corrosive, explosive, implosive, * locomotive, automotive

36.33 Toby's, showbiz, fogeys, oldies, trophies, Chloe's, cronies, ponies, posies, * litotes, psychoses, prognoses, neuroses, * golden oldies, diagnoses, * holy of holies, etc.

36.34 mowers, rowers, Sobers, brokers, jokers, smokers, boulders, shoulders, voters, coasters, Klosters, molars, rollers, owners, Rhona's, doses, grocers, closes, dozes, Moses, noses, posers, roses, Joneses, coaches, poachers, soldiers, * no-hopers, nonsmokers, opposes, proposes, * churchgoers, stockbroker, shareholders, householders, leftovers, homeowners, greengrocers, cockroaches, * theatregoers, interlopers, etc.

36.35 nobody, prosody, Ogilvy, globally, Moberly, soberly, locally, vocally, totally, woefully, hopefully, boastfully, dolefully, overly, Rosalie, socially, soldierly, notably, openly, hopelessly, snowberry, Shrewsbury, popery, roguery, coterie, notary, rotary, votary, Bovary, ovary, drollery, topiary, hosiery, rosemary, Rosemary, grocery, causerie, rosary, gaucherie, soldiery, loganberry, momentary, yeomanry, Romany, potency, cogency, probity, showily, croakily, throatily, stonily, cosily, stoically, knowingly, jokingly, roguishly, poetry, poesy, * devotedly, ferociously, atrociously, upholstery, cajolery, diplomacy, improbity, heroically, supposedly, unknowingly, * uncontrollably, inconsolably, * jiggery-pokery, etc.

36.36 lowlander, yodeller, Crowborough, poulterer, opener, focuser, overture, omega, Colchester, Frobisher, * teetotaller, upholsterer, Eroica, * can-opener, tin-opener

36.37 obeah, phobia, dopier, ropier, soapier, croakier, pokier, smokier, podia, mouldier, fovea, clothier, Grolier, holier, lowlier, ghostlier, lonelier, showier, bonier, phonier, stonier, cosier, crosier, dozier, hosier, osier, nosier, rosier, * Zenobia, dystopia, myopia, Utopia, Cambodia, Segovia, Fitzrovia, synovia, Monrovia, magnolia, Mongolia, mahonia, ammonia, Antonia, Estonia, dystonia, sinfonia, dysphonia, Livonia, begonia, Ionia, Snowdonia, pneumonia, ambrosia, symposia, * acrophobia, aquaphobia, aerophobia, xenophobia, technophobia, necrophobia, neophobia, hydrophobia, zoophobia, photophobia, homophobia, nosophobia, claustrophobia, Europhobia, presbyopia, Ethiopia, cornucopia, pseudopodia, Anatolia, melancholia, Patagonia, catatonia, Catalonia, escallonia, Cephalonia, Amazonia, Caledonia, Macedonia, wellingtonia, Babylonia, Cappadocia, apologia, * arachnophobia, * agoraphobia, Islamophobia, bronchopneumonia, etc.

36.38 growable, knowable, mowable, throwable, towable, foldable, mouldable, notable, potable, quotable, sociable, notional, jovial, stoical, coital, * unknowable, revokable, controllable, opposable, disposable, unsociable, negotiable, approachable, reproachable, promotional, emotional, devotional, microbial, parochial, custodial, synovial, colloquial, binomial, colonial, baronial, * uncontrollable, inconsolable, non-negotiable, unapproachable, irreproachable, unemotional, polynomial, matrimonial, patrimonial, testimonial, ceremonial

Ev'ry corner that you turn you meet a notable

With a statement that is eminently quotable!

IRA GERSHWIN

36.39 opium, odium, podium, rhodium, sodium, chromium, Wokingham, * petroleum, linoleum, opprobrium, encomium, polonium, ammonium, harmonium, zirconium, meconium, plutonium, euphonium, * monosodium, pseudopodium, pelargonium, pandemonium

36.40 Auberon, Doberman, nobleman, Odeon, Rhodian, Jovian, Lothian, Groningen, * Fallopiian, Salopian, Cyclopean, Utopian, custodian, Cambodian, melodeon, Pavlovian, Harrovian, Chekhovian, Midlothian, Napoleon, Ashmolean, aeolian, Mongolian, Draconian, Dundonian, Estonian, Devonian, Etonian, Miltonian, Livonian, Smithsonian, Ionian, Oxonian, Johnsonian, Newtonian, * Ethiopian, nickelodeon, Nabokovian, Anatolian, Patagonian, Aberdonian, Thessalonian, Ciceronian, Amazonian, Caledonian, Macedonian, Washingtonian, Babylonian, Tennysonian, Cappadocian, theologian

36.41 deodorant, ennoblement, defoliant

36.42 odourless, ownerless, motionless, odorous, onerous, hopefulness, boastfulness, openness, hopelessness, homelessness, copious, Gropius, odious, Grotius, Proteus, coitus, showiness, soapiness, holiness, Holiness, lowliness, loneliness, cosiness, doziness, nosiness, homesickness, * malodorous, precociousness, melodious, commodious, Antonius, harmonious, felonious, Polonius, Thelonious, erroneous, Petronius, euphonious, * unmelodious, incommodious, Apollonius, inharmonious, disharmonious, Suetonius, sanctimonious, acrimonious, parsimonious, ceremonious, * unceremonious, etc.

36.43 vocalist, socialist, motorist, chauvinist, coexist, oboist, soloist

36.44 dopiest, ropiest, soapiest, croakiest, pokiest, smokiest, mouldiest, holiest, lowliest, ghostliest, loneliest, showiest, boniest, phoniest, stoniest, cosiest, doziest, nosiest, rosiest, etc.

36.45 opiate, foliate, Soviet, roseate, * appropriate, associate, * inappropriate

36.46 focusable, noticeable

The rhymes in this section have the 'u' sound of run and double as their main or final vowel sound. You can also rhyme some of these words with words ending in a weak 'u' sound (e.g. maximum, exodus), which you will find in other sections.

37.1 blub, bub, chub, Chubb®, club, cub, Cub, drub, dub, grub, hub, nub, pub, rub, scrub, shrub, slub, snub, stub, sub, tub, * bathtub, Jacob, cherub, nightclub, washtub, hubbub, * syllabub, overdub, * Beelzebub

Rub-a-dub-dub,

Three men in a tub.

NURSERY RHYME

37.2 clubs, cubs, Cubs, grubs, pubs, shrubs, stubs, Stubbs, subs, * mulligrubs, etc.

37.3 buck, Buck, chuck, Chuck, cluck, cruck, duck, fuck, guck, Huck, luck, muck, pluck, puck, Puck, ruck, schmuck, shuck, snuck, struck, stuck, suck, truck, tuck, yuck, * untuck, unstuck, amok, Canuck, lame duck, Friar Tuck, pot luck, * Kalmuck, Tarbuck, stage-struck, shelduck, sawbuck, Norfolk, awestruck, roebuck, jumbuck, mukluk, dumbstruck, bullock, Bullock, bulwark, woodchuck, nubuck, moonstruck, * liposuck, waterbuck, fork-lift truck, thunderstruck, * high-muck-a-muck

37.4 bucks, Bucks, Chuck's, crux, ducks, dux, flux, shucks, sucks, trucks, tux, * de luxe, * reflux, influx, conflux, Dulux®, * megabucks, Benelux, forklift trucks, etc.

37.5 chucked, clucked, ducked, duct, plucked, sucked, tucked, * product, conduct, untucked, unplucked, obstruct, construct, abduct, deduct, induct, instruct, * conduct, construct, * misconduct, * aqueduct, self-destruct, deconstruct, reconstruct, viaduct, oviduct, usufruct, * autodestruct, etc.

37.6 clutch, crutch, Dutch, hutch, Kutch, much, such, touch, * retouch, declutch, * nonesuch, * forasmuch, inasmuch, insomuch, overmuch, such-and-such

37.7 clutched, touched, * untouched, retouched, declutched

37.8 blood, bud, crud, cud, dud, flood, Judd, mud, rudd, scud, spud, stud, thud, * m'lud, debud, disbud, * taste bud, lifeblood, oxblood, rosebud, * chew the cud, * stick-in-the-mud

Mud, mud, glorious mud

Nothing quite like it for cooling the blood.

MICHAEL FLANDERS & DONALD SWANN

37.9 buds, duds, floods, spuds, studs, suds, * taste buds, rosebuds, soapsuds, etc.

37.10 bluff, Brough, buff, chough, chuff, Clough, cuff, duff, fluff, gruff, guff, huff, luff, muff, puff, rough, ruff, scruff, scuff, slough, snuff, stuff, tough, * McDuff, rebuff, enough, * handcuff, dandruff, Fairclough, seraph, earmuff, feedstuff, greenstuff, dyestuff, bumfluff, woodruff, Woodruff, foodstuff, * off-the-cuff, powder puff, overstuff

37.11 cuffs, muffs, puffs, * handcuffs, earmuffs, * fisticuffs, powder puffs, etc.

37.12 bluffed, chuffed, puffed, scuffed, stuffed, tuft, * unstuffed, rebuffered, * candytuft, overstuffed, etc.

37.13 Crufts, tufts

37.14 bug, chug, Doug, drug, dug, fug, glug, hug, jug, lug, mug, plug, pug, rug, shrug, slug, smug, snug, thug, trug, tug, * unplug, debug, * hearth rug, bedbug, earplug, firebug, Rawlplug®, humbug, * jitterbug, litterbug, superbug, doodlebug

37.15 bludge, budge, drudge, fudge, grudge, judge, nudge, pudge, Rudge, sludge, smudge, trudge, * adjudge, prejudice, begrudge, misjudge

There comes Poe with his raven, like Barnaby Rudge,

Three-fifths of him genius, and two-fifths sheer fudge.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

37.16 cull, dull, gull, hull, Hull, lull, mull, Mull, null, scull, skull, * annul, * seagull, mogul, Mogul,

numbskull, * Jethro Tull, disannul, monohull, Solihull, multihull

37.17 bulb, * flashbulb

37.18 bulk, hulk, skulk, sulk

37.19 bulked, hulked, skulked, sulked, mulct

37.20 gulch, mulch

37.21 gulf, Gulf, * engulf, * Ranulph, Biddulph

37.22 bulge, * indulge, divulge, * overindulge

37.23 gulp, pulp

37.24 gulped, pulped, sculpt

37.25 dulse, Hulse, pulse, * convulse, repulse, * impulse

37.26 cult, * adult, consult, insult, result, exult, occult, * adult, insult, occult, tumult, * catapult, difficult, * jurisconsult

37.27 Brum, bum, chum, come, crumb, drum, dumb, glum, gum, hum, mum, numb, plum, plumb, Rum, rhumb, rum, scrum, scum, slum, some, strum, sum, swum, thrum, thumb, tum, um, * succumb, become, benumb, dim sum, Tom Thumb, ho-hum, yum-yum, * breadcrumb, eardrum, outcome, dum-dum, humdrum, * kettledrum, wearisome, Tweedledum, overcome, bubble gum, sugarplum, chewing gum

Silence the pianos and with muffled drum

Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

W. H. AUDEN

37.28 bumf, humph, * galumph, harrumph, * triumph

37.29 bump, chump, clump, dump, frump, grump, hump, jump, lump, plump, pump, rump, scrump, slump, stump, sump, thump, trump, tump, * gazump, * ski jump, bilge pump, high jump, long jump, mugwump, * Forrest Gump, overtrump, undertrump, sugar lump

37.30 bumps, dumps, humps, lumps, mumps, pumps, trumps, * goosebumps, * sugar lumps, etc.

37.31 bun, done, Donne, dun, Dunn, fun, gun, Gunn, Hun, Lunn, none, nun, Nunn, one, pun, run, shun, son, spun, stun, sun, Sun, ton, tonne, tun, won, * undone, hard-won, A1, Verdun, redone, rerun, begun, forerun, outgun, outdone, outrun, close-run, * handgun, grandson, air gun, Bren gun, Sten gun, stepson, rerun, finespun, popgun, shotgun, godson, homespun, blowgun, shogun, no-one, someone, * great-grandson, machine gun, * Gatling gun, Sally Lunn, aftersun, eighty-one, megaton, Trevor Nunn, twenty-one, everyone, anyone, thirty-one, kiloton, hit-and-run, fifty-one, sixty-one, ninety-one, Tommy gun, forty-one, overdone, overrun, underdone, one-to-one, honeybun, dummy run, * seventy-one, son-of-a-gun

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,

The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won.

WALT WHITMAN

37.32 bunk, chunk, clunk, drunk, dunk, flunk, funk, gunk, hunk, junk, monk, Monk, plunk, punk, shrunk, skunk, slunk, spunk, stunk, sunk, think, trunk, * preshrunk, debunk, * chipmunk, quidnunc, punch-drunk, * cyberpunk, countersunk

37.33 bunks, chunks, hunks, monks, punks, trunks, * quincunx, chipmunks, etc.

37.34 clunked, dunked, flunked, * debunked, defunct, * adjunct, conjunct, disjunct

37.35 brunch, bunch, crunch, hunch, lunch, munch, punch, Punch, scrunch, * honeybunch

37.36 fund, gunned, punned, shunned, stunned, * refund, rotund, outgunned, * gerund, fecund, refund, jocund, * Sigismund, Rosamund, moribund, orotund, cummerbund, rubicund

37.37 bung, clung, dung, flung, hung, lung, rung, slung, sprung, strung, stung, sung, swung, tongue, wrung, young, Yonge, Young, * unhung, unsprung, unstrung, among, unsung, Shantung, far-flung, rehung, restrung, * hamstrung, Samsung, oxtongue, Hoffnung, * aqualung, iron lung, highly strung, overhung, overstrung, underhung, underslung

**To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung.**

SIR WALTER SCOTT

37.38 grunge, gunge, lunge, plunge, sponge, * expunge, * muskellunge

37.39 dunce, once, grunts, hunts, punts, shunts, * witch-hunts, Y-fronts®, etc.

37.40 blunt, brunt, Blunt, bunt, cunt, front, grunt, hunt, Hunt, Lunt, punt, runt, shunt, stunt, * affront, upfront, confront, * manhunt, head-hunt, seafront, witch-hunt, fox hunt, shop front, forefront, * exeunt, waterfront

37.41 cup, pup, sup, tup, up, yup, * made-up, fed up, het up, pent up, World Cup, built-up, mixed-up, grown-up, stuck-up, jumped-up, trumped-up, thumbs-up, souped-up, * backup, hang-up, mark-up, snarl-up, break-up, make-up, shake-up, pasteup, rave-up, lace-up, step-up, checkup, egg cup, send-up, get-up, let-up, setup, press-up, ketchup, turn-up, teacup, knees-up, slip-up, hiccup, pick-up, stick-up, Sidcup, kingcup, linkup, build-up, sit-up, split-up, pin-up, piss-up, mix-up, fry-up, eyecup, wind-up, write-up, pile-up, line-up, pop-up, top-up, cockup, lockup, mock-up, toss-up, nosh-up, call-up, warm-up, roundup, hold-up, grown-up, close-up, run-up, sunup, punch-up, * Davis Cup, FA Cup, giddy-up, pick-me-up, Ryder Cup, coffee cup, washing-up, follow-up, buttercup, cover-up, runner-up, up-and-up, summing-up

37.42 cupped, supped, tugged, * corrupt, abrupt, erupt, irrupt, disrupt, * bankrupt, hiccuped, * interrupt

37.43 bus, buss, cuss, fuss, Gus, huss, Huss, muss, plus, pus, Russ, suss, thus, truss, us, * percuss, concuss, untruss, debus, embus, discuss, nonplus, * Airbus®, walrus, postbus, * battlebus, Belarus, minibus, trolleybus, omnibus, motorbus, overplus, blunderbuss

37.44 brusque, busk, dusk, husk, musk, rusk, tusk, Usk, * mollusc, subfusc

37.45 bust, crust, dost, dust, fussed, gust, just, lust, mussed, must, rust, sussed, thrust, trussed, trust, * combust, concussed, untrussed, adjust, unjust, discussed, disgust, encrust, entrust, distrust, mistrust, nonplussed, august, robust, * stardust, piecrust, sawdust, shortcrust, bloodlust, upthrust, * antirust, angel dust, readjust, bite the dust, wanderlust, upper crust, unit trust, etc.

Love in a hut, with water and a crust,

Is – Love forgive us! – cinders, ashes, dust.

JOHN KEATS

37.46 blush, brush, crush, flush, gush, hush, lush, mush, plush, rush, slush, thrush, tush, * hush-hush, * airbrush, hairbrush, paintbrush, nailbrush, sagebrush, Windrush, inrush, onrush, songthrush, outrush, clothes brush, uprush, bulrush, toothbrush, * mistle thrush, bottlebrush, underbrush, scrubbing brush

37.47 but, butt, cut, glut, gut, hut, jut, mutt, nut, phut, putt, rut, scut, shut, slut, smut, strut, tut, ut, * abut, uncut, clear-cut, clean-cut, rebut, low-cut, tut-tut, * sackbut, catgut, haircut, chestnut, offcut, cobnut, peanut, beechnut, crosscut, rotgut, short cut, walnut, groundnut, doughnut, woodcut, crew cut, * horse chestnut, brazil nut, * halibut, hazelnut, Lilliput, linocut, occiput, coconut, scuttlebutt, uppercut, undercut, butternut, monkey nut

37.48 cuts, guts, huts, klutz, nuts, smuts, Smuts, struts, * chestnuts, peanuts, * hazelnuts, greedy guts, worryguts, monkey nuts, etc.

37.49 dove, glove, love, guv, shove, * above, * foxglove, ringdove, truelove, * ladylove, turtledove, cupboard love, tug-of-love

In the spring a livelier iris changes on the burnished dove;

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

37.50 gloved, loved, shoved, * unloved, beloved, * Wellbeloved

37.51 buzz, coz, does, fuzz, muzz, * abuzz, redoes, outdoes, * overdoes

38.1 chubby, clubby, cubby, grubby, hubby, nubby, scrubby, shrubby, stubby, tubby, brumby, busby, guppy, puppy, yuppie, pulpy, bumpy, dumpy, frumpy, grumpy, humpy, jumpy, lumpy, scrumpy, stumpy, * rumpy-pumpy

38.2 clucky, ducky, lucky, mucky, plucky, truckie, yucky, bulky, sulky, chunky, clunky, flunky, funky, hunky, junkie, monkey, spunky, dusky, husky, musky, buggy, Dougie, druggie, fuggy, muggy, * unlucky, Kentucky, * happy-go-lucky

38.3 bloody, buddy, cruddy, muddy, ruddy, study, Grundy, Lundy, Monday, Sunday, butty, nutty, puttee, putty, ruddy, smutty, mufti, shufty, tufty, Bunty, runty, busty, crusty, dusty, fusty, gusty, lusty, musty, rusty, trusty, * McNulty, * in the nuddy, understudy, fuddy-duddy, salmagundi, barramundi, Humpty Dumpty

38.4 Duffy, fluffy, huffy, puffy, roughie, scruffy, stuffy, toughie, comfy, covey, Dovey, lovey, luvvie, Southey, * Aberdovey, lovey-dovey

38.5 gully, Lully, Scully, sully, Sully, Tully, bubbly, doubly, stubbly, crumbly, humbly, Buckley, smugly, snuggly, UGLI®, ugly, Budleigh, cuddly, Dudley, subtly, Uttley, bluntly, Huntley, justly, snuffly, lovely, monthly, dully, Cholmondeley, comely, glumly, Lumley, Plomley, muscly, Huxley, curry, Curry, flurry, hurry, Murray, scurry, slurry, surrey, Surrey, worry, mulberry, hungry, sundry, sultry, country, comfrey, Humphrey, Guthrie, * abruptly, unjustly, robustly, unlovely, upcountry, * *fait accompli*, etc.

38.6 Brummie, chummy, crumby, crummy, dummy, gummy, lumme, mummy, plummy, rummy, scrummy, scummy, slummy, tummy, yummy, bunny, dunny, funny, honey, money, runny, sonny, Sunni, sunny, tunny, chutney, Putney, * unfunny, alumnae, * Ballymoney, loadsamoney, * overcome me, etc.

Isn't it funny

How a bear likes honey?

A. A. MILNE

38.7 fussy, Hussey, hussy, mussy, pussy, gutsy, Dulcie, Runcie, does he, fuzzy, muzzy, SCSI, scuzzy, Pudsey, sudsy, clumsy, mumsy, brushy, gushy, mushy, rushy, slushy, duchy, touchy, bunchy, Crunchie, crunchy, punchy, scrunchie, budgie, pudgy, sludgy, smudgy, bungee, gungy, grungy, scungy, spongy, * unfussy, archduchy

38.8 blubber, clubber, grubber, lubber, rubber, scrubber, bulbar, clumber, cumber, Humber, lumbar, lumber, number, rumba, slumber, umber, crupper, cuppa, scupper, supper, upper, gulper, pulper, bumper, jumper, plumper, * Columba, renumber, encumber, outnumber, gazumper, * landlubber, cucumber, showjumper, queue-jumper, * disencumber, * snub her, dump her, etc.

38.9 chucker, chukker, ducker, fucker, mucker, plucker, pucker, pukka, succour, sucker, trucker, tucker, UCCA, yucca, skulker, sulker, bunker, clunker, hunker, punkah, busker, tusker, bugger, hugger, lugger, mugger, plugger, rigger, slugger, smuggler, snuggler, tugger, bulgur, vulgar, hunger, monger, younger, Younger, * debunker, spelunker, debugger, Srinagar, * sapsucker, seersucker, goatsucker, bloodsucker, scaremonger, cheesemonger, fishmonger, warmonger, whoremonger, newsmonger, * motherfucker, hugger-mugger, scandalmonger, ironmonger, costermonger, gossipmonger, * struck her, hug her, etc.

38.10 chador, judder, rudder, shudder, udder, blunder, chunder, plunder, Sunda, sunder, thunder, under, wonder, butter, clutter, cutter, flutter, gutter, mutter, nutter, putter, scutter, shutter, splutter, sputter, stutter, utter, Gupta, sculptor, blunter, Bunter, chunter, grunter, Gunter, hunter, Hunter, junta, punter, shunter, bluster, buster, cluster, Custer, duster, fluster, lustre, muster, thruster, ulster, Ulster, Munster, punster, youngster, * asunder, gazunder, thereunder, hereunder, rotunda, aflutter, Calcutta, rebutter, corrupter, disrupter, conductor, abductor, destructor, inductor, instructor, Fort Sumter, combustor, adjuster, lacklustre, Augusta, * stonecutter, woodcutter, head-hunter, pothunter, fox-hunter, Dambuster,

stressbuster, blockbuster, bonkbuster, ghostbuster, * floribunda, up-and-under, interrupter, nonconductor, filibuster, loss adjuster, broncobuster, * semiconductor, * stunned her, confront her, etc.

When I read Shakespeare I am struck with wonder

That such trivial people should muse and thunder

In such lovely language.

D. H. LAWRENCE

38.11 bluffer, buffer, dufer, gruffer, puffer, rougher, snuffer, stuffer, suffer, tougher, sulphur, cover, glover, Glover, lover, plover, Culver, vulva, brother, mother, other, smother, t'other, * uncover, re-cover, recover, discover, triumvir, another, * hardcover, slipcover, softcover, fun-lover, Anstruther, grandmother, half-brother, Fairbrother, stepbrother, stepmother, godmother, housemother, * rediscover, undercover, * rebuff her, love her, etc.

38.12 colour, culler, duller, Muller, sculler, Sulla, bubbler, troubler, bungler, fumbler, grumbler, mumbler, tumbler, suppler, buckler, chuckler, suckler, juggler, smuggler, struggler, bungler, muddler, butler, Butler, cutler, subtler, sutler, muffler, ruffler, shuffler, hustler, rustler, guzzler, puzzler, borough, Currer, thorough, umbra, tundra, ultra, * Abdullah, discolour, medulla, demurrer, penumbra, * Weissmuller, swashbuckler, gas-guzzler, * Technicolor®, technicolour, watercolour, multicolour, Attenborough, Edinburgh, Peterborough, kookaburra, * lull her, etc.

38.13 bumper, comer, drummer, dumber, glummer, Gummer, hummer, Hummer®, mummer, number, plumber, rummer, strummer, summer, gunner, runner, stunner, Sunna, Bugner, guv'nor, ulna, Cumnor, Sumner, * midsummer, Corunna, alumna, columnar, * latecomer, incomer, newcomer, forerunner, roadrunner, frontrunner, gunrunner, * shun her, stun her, etc.

38.14 fusser, Tulsa, ulcer, oncer, buzzer, blusher, crusher, flusher, gusher, lush, plusher, Prussia, rusher, Russia, usher, toucher, rupture, sculpture, structure, juncture, puncture, culture, vulture, cruncher, luncher, puncher, bludger, grudger, nudger, trudger, conjure, plunger, sponger, * discusser, Tecumseh, retoucher, conjuncture, * substructure, subculture, * infrastructure, superstructure, acupuncture, agriculture, viticulture, silviculture, horticulture, number-cruncher, * rush her, punch her, etc.

38.15 cultic, fustic, rustic, drumstick, public, Brunswick, Sputnik, prussic, lovesick, * republic

38.16 Ruddock, buttock, Suffolk, Southwark, Tulloch, Thurrock, hummock, stomach, dunnock, tussock, * McCullough

38.17 buttocks, flummox, lummoxx, hummocks, stomachs, dunnocks, tussocks, * McCullough's, etc.

38.18 rustics, drumsticks, suffix, Sputniks, Sussex, * republics

38.19 cuspid, rugged, bloodied, muddied, studied, Dyfed, sullied, curried, hurried, scurried, worried, honeyed, moneyed, cussed, * bicupid, unstudied, beloved, unsullied, unhurried, unworried, etc.

Old Mother Hubbard

Went to the cupboard

To fetch her poor dog a bone.

NURSERY RHYME

38.20 blubbered, cupboard, Hubbard, numbered, slumbered, scuppered, drunkard, bugged, sluggard, flooded, shuddered, studded, blundered, funded, plundered, thundered, wondered, buttered, fluttered, gutted, juttred, muttered, strutted, uttered, tufted, blunted, fronted, grunted, hunted, stunted, bustard, busted, custard, dusted, flustered, mustard, trusted, Knutsford, covered, mothered, smothered, coloured, dullard, hundred, upward, Rudyard, buzzard, ruptured, structured, cultured, punctured, * unnumbered, encumbered, outnumbered, red-blooded, hot-blooded, warm-blooded, cold-blooded, unfunded, abutted,

tut-tutted, corrupted, erupted, disrupted, conducted, obstructed, constructed, abducted, deducted, instructed, insulted, resulted, affronted, confronted, unflustered, adjusted, disgusted, entrusted, distrusted, uncovered, recovered, discovered, self-coloured, discoloured, unstructured, uncultured, * head-hunted, * Mother Hubbard, unencumbered, underfunded, interrupted, uncorrupted, deconstructed, reconstructed, unobstructed, maladjusted, well-adjusted, unrecovered, undiscovered, multicoloured, * uninterrupted, unreconstructed, etc.

38.21 cupboards, drunkards, sluggards, upwards, etc.

38.22 luggage, frontage, roughage, lovenge, Dulwich, sullage, ullage, courage, Uxbridge, umbrage, Tonbridge, suffrage, Gummidge, rummage, scrummage, tonnage, * encourage, discourage, demurrage

38.23 bubble, double, Hubble, nubble, rubble, stubble, trouble, bumble, crumble, fumble, grumble, humble, jumble, mumble, rumble, scumble, stumble, tumble, umbel, couple, supple, crumple, rumple, buccal, buckle, chuckle, knuckle, muckle, suckle, truckle, nuncle, uncle, juggle, smuggle, snuggle, struggle, bungle, fungal, jungle, cuddle, fuddle, huddle, muddle, puddle, ruddle, Blundell, bundle, trundle, cuttle, scuttle, shuttle, subtle, frontal, duffel, muffle, ruffle, scuffle, shuffle, snuffle, truffle, lustful, trustful, Lovell, shovel, vulval, Burrell, Durrell, tumbrel, umbral, guttural, Brummell, Hummel, pummel, Chunnel, funnel, Gunnell, gunwale, runnel, tunnel, bustle, hustle, muscle, mussel, Russell, rustle, tussle, guzzle, muzzle, nuzzle, puzzle, nuptial, cudgel, * redouble, uncouple, unbuckle, peduncle, befuddle, unbundle, rebuttal, unsubtle, disgruntle, kerfuffle, reshuffle, distrustful, triumphal, demurral, penumbral, sepulchral, Beau Brummell, autumnal, Jack Russell, unmuzzle, Rapunzel, prenuptial, * pinochle, turnbuckle, carbuncle, Garfunkel, Tolpuddle, corpuscle, * rough-and-tumble, thermocouple, honeysuckle, antifungal, contrapuntal, Eurotunnel, antenuptial

Double, double toil and trouble;

Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

38.24 doubled, troubled, grumbled, jumbled, stumbled, crumpled, chuckled, cuckold, smuggled, struggled, bungled, muddled, grunted, muffled, ruffled, puzzled, * untroubled, befuddled, disgruntled, unruffled, reshuffled, etc.

38.25 bubbles, doubles, troubles, grumbles, Mumbles, rumbles, cuddles, puddles, bundles, snuffles, truffles, Brussels, muscles, mussels, Russell's, puzzles, etc.

38.26 plumbum, Duckham, bunkum, custom, frustum, Durham, buckram, Puttnam, buxom, * corundum, Saxmundham, accustom, conundrum, * Carborundum®, * stunned 'em, trust 'em, etc.

38.27 dubbin, dustbin, bumpkin, pumpkin, Ruskin, buckskin, Dustin, Justin, muffin, puffin, Dublin, drumlin, dunlin, muslin, murrain, Unwin, cumin, run-in, * Augustine, MacGuffin, * ragamuffin, * trustin', bubblin', etc.

38.28 stubborn, lumpen, Buchan, Vulcan, drunken, Duncan, shrunken, sunken, Tuscan, Duggan, sudden, Blunden, London, Lumsden, button, Dutton, glutton, Hutton, mutton, Sutton, Upton, sultan, Buxton, Dunstan, tungsten, Rushton, roughen, toughen, coven, Govan, govern, oven, sloven, southern, Cullen, Mullen, sullen, Curran, bunion, Bunyan, onion, Runyon, summon, clubman, dustman, gunman, busman, huntsman, Dutchman, Hudson, Bunsen, cousin, cozen, dozen, Prussian, Russian, gumption, fluxion, ruction, suction, function, junction, unction, scutcheon, luncheon, truncheon, bludgeon, dudgeon, gudgeon, dungeon, * Etruscan, unbutton, Augustan, McGovern, misgovern, Catullan, Lucullan, percussion, concussion, discussion, corruption, eruption, irruption, disruption, assumption, consumption, presumption, resumption, production, conduction, obstruction, construction, abduction, deduction, reduction, seduction, induction, destruction, instruction, compunction, conjunction, malfunction, dysfunction, injunction, disjunction, propulsion, compulsion, convulsion,

repulsion, impulsion, expulsion, revulsion, emulsion, escutcheon, combustion, curmudgeon, high dudgeon, * Newcomen, * bellybutton, Flying Dutchman, Belarussian, repercussion, interruption, self-destruction, preproduction, reproduction, deconstruction, reconstruction, introduction, misconstruction, liposuction, postproduction, multifunction, * overconsumption, underconsumption, reintroduction, overproduction, underproduction

38.29 husband, buttoned, roughened, toughened, governed, upland, Studland, Jutland, Rutland, Drummond, summoned, functioned, * unbuttoned, ungoverned, * househusband, etc.

38.30 gubbins, dustbins, pumpkins, Buggins, muggins, muffins, puffins, Butlins, etc.

38.31 buttons, Lutyens, bunions, onions, summons, cousins, Cousins, dozens, functions, junctions, dungeons, * repercussions, interruptions, introductions, etc.

There were noblemen in coronets, and military cousins,

There were captains by the hundred, there were baronets by dozens.

W. S. GILBERT

38.32 currant, current, judgment, mustn't, doesn't, Ushant, fulgent, pungent, * recumbent, incumbent, abundant, redundant, reluctant, consultant, resultant, exultant, triumphant, concurrent, recurrent, abutment, adjustment, engulfment, annulment, prejudgment, misjudgment, repugnant, convulsant, demulcent, indulgent, effulgent, refulgent, * blackcurrant, redcurrant, crosscurrent, * undercurrent, maladjustment, readjustment, self-indulgent, * superabundant, anticonvulsant, overindulgent

38.33 tuppence, substance, currants, cumbrance, sufferance, * comeuppance, abundance, conductance, inductance, reluctance, consultants, occurrence, concurrence, recurrence, incurrence, encumbrance, adjustments, repugnance, indulgence, effulgence, refulgence, * reoccurrence, self-indulgence, * superabundance, overindulgence, etc.

38.34 blubbing, clubbing, drubbing, dubbing, rubbing, scrubbing, cupping, supping, gulping, pulping, jumping, thumping, clucking, ducking, fucking, plucking, sucking, trucking, bulking, hulking, skulking, sulking, clunking, dunking, trunking, busking, bugging, chugging, hugging, mugging, shrugging, budding, flooding, scudding, studding, thudding, funding, cutting, jutting, nutting, putting, shutting, strutting, bunting, grunting, hunting, punting, shunting, dusting, gusting, lusting, rusting, thrusting, trusting, bluffing, chuffing, huffing, puffing, scuffing, snuffing, stuffing, loving, shoving, nothing, something, culling, lulling, sculling, bubbling, troubling, bumping, crumbling, grumbling, mumbling, rumbling, coupling, dumpling, buckling, duckling, suckling, Suckling, bungling, shuffling, bustling, rustling, puzzling, upspring, gull-wing, upswing, bumming, coming, Cumming, drumming, humming, mumming, plumbing, slumming, strumming, cunning, gunning, punning, running, shunning, stunning, cussing, fussing, buzzing, blushing, crushing, flushing, Flushing, gushing, rushing, clutching, touching, crunching, munching, punching, budging, grudging, judging, smudging, trudging, bulging, * debugging, debunking, abutting, corrupting, erupting, disrupting, conducting, instructing, consulting, insulting, resulting, adjusting, disgusting, distrusting, rebuffering, engulfing, unloving, annulling, becoming, benumbing, forthcoming, discussing, unblushing, retouching, ungrudging, begrudging, * swan-apping, showjumping, bloodsucking, blockbusting, fun-loving, swashbuckling, incoming, mind-numbing, oncoming, shortcoming, homecoming, upcoming, frontrunning, gunrunning, * underfunding, interrupting, self-adjusting, up-and-coming, unbecoming, unforthcoming, up and running, etc.

Bye, baby bunting,

Daddy's gone a hunting.

NURSERY RHYME

38.35 muggings, cuttings, hustings, dumplings, ducklings, sucklings, Cummings, * shortcomings, etc.

38.36 orange, lozenge

38.37 justice, Dulles, pumice, duchess, * injustice, portcullis, accomplice

38.38 bulbous, plumbous, compass, rumpus, ruckus, fungous, fungus, cultus, troublous, luckless, Douglas, bloodless, cutlass, gutless, loveless, sonless, sunless, cumbrous, slumberous, thunderous, wondrous, buttress, sculptress, huntress, lustrous, plumpness, smugness, bluntness, roughness, toughness, numbness, luscious, bumptious, scrumptious, * Columbus, encompass, humongous, singultus, Augustus, Catullus, Lucullus, conductress, seductress, instructress, abruptness, robustness, alumnus, rambunctious, * gyrocompass, * coitus interruptus, * thump us, struck us, etc.

38.39 druggist, smuggest, snuggest, youngest, bluntest, gruffest, roughest, toughest, supplest, subtlest, dumbest, glummost, numbest, lushest, plushiest, * encompassed, etc.

38.40 dumpish, frumpish, lumpish, rubbish, monkish, sluggish, thuggish, sluttish, lumpfish, monkfish, mudfish, drumfish, sunfish, lungfish, publish, flourish, nourish, Hunnish, punish, youngish, * accomplish, * undernourish

38.41 published, flourished, nourished, punished, * unpublished, accomplished, malnourished, unpunished, * unaccomplished, undernourished

38.42 Cuthbert, Humbert, ducat, comfort, covert, lovat, culvert, * discomfort

38.43 muppet, puppet, crumpet, strumpet, trumpet, bucket, Blunkett, junket, Plunket, musket, nougat, nugget, pundit, buffet, tuffet, comfit, covet, gullet, mullet, doublet, couplet, floodlit, cutlet, sunlit, turret, worrit, culprit, plummet, summit, punnet, gusset, russet, dulcet, budget, * Nantucket, discomfit, whodunnit, * gutbucket, rust bucket, * love it, run it, etc.

Little Miss Muffet

Sat on a tuffet.

NURSERY RHYME

38.44 gerundive, eruptive, disruptive, consumptive, presumptive, productive, conductive, obstructive, constructive, deductive, seductive, inductive, destructive, instructive, conjunctive, subjunctive, percussive, propulsive, compulsive, repulsive, impulsive, * reproductive, nonproductive, unproductive, antitussive, * counterproductive, * electroconvulsive

38.45 rubbers, numbers, slumbers, uppers, puckers, truckers, shudders, udders, cutters, hunters, punters, buffers, covers, lovers, brothers, colours, tumblers, smugglers, drummers, mummies, summers, Summers, gunners, runners, buses, ulcers, blushes, rushes, ushers, clutches, crutches, vultures, bunches, punches, judges, Judges, smudges, bulges, spongers, * instructors, Carruthers, McCullers, * bloodsuckers, fishmongers, head-hunters, latecomers, all-comers, newcomers, bulrushes, * ironmongers, watercolours, etc.

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,

Life is but an empty dream!

For the soul is dead that slumbers,

And things are not what they seem.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

38.46 puppies, monkeys, buddies, studies, undies, butties, worries, sundries, countries, Humphries, funnies, monies, munchies

38.47 Sotheby, tussocky, somebody, custody, subtlety, Muscovy, lubberly, utterly, brotherly, motherly, Coverley, southerly, thoroughly, comfortably, upwardly, currently, wonderfully, stubbornly, drunkenly, suddenly, slovenly, sullenly, blubbery, rubbery, shrubbery, mulberry, Bunbury, trumpery, succory, buggery, snuggery, thuggery, Hungary, thundery, buttery, fluttery, blustery, scullery, jugglery, butlery, cutlery, flummery, mummery, summary, summery, gunnery, nunnery, luxury, drudgery, huckleberry, Huckleberry, cuckoldry, husbandry, customary, pulmonary, functionary, tuppenny, company, Tuscany, gluttony, oniony, currency, pungency, subsidy, uppity, grubbily, luckily, pluckily, sulkily, huskily, grumpily, lustily, huffily, scruffily, hungrily, funnily, clumsily, publicly, hurriedly, worriedly, cuttingly, lovingly, puzzlingly,

cunningly, stunningly, touchingly, grudgingly, sluggishly, puppetry, summitry, monetary, budgetary, culinary, rubbishy, punctually, * grandmotherly, uncomfortably, cold-bloodedly, abundantly, reluctantly, triumphantly, concurrently, skulduggery, perfunctory, adultery, effrontery, recovery, discovery, Montgomery, compulsory, uncustomary, accompany, redundancy, consultancy, profundity, fecundity, jocundity, unluckily, unhurriedly, constructively, seductively, compulsively, impulsively, disgustingly, * ironmongery, introductory, rediscovery, etc.

38.48 stomacher, colander, comforter, Mustapha, shoveller, tunneller, Loughborough, slumberer, blunderer, plunderer, thunderer, wonderer, mutterer, stuttrer, sufferer, conjuror, customer, Londoner, governor, southerner, summoner, trumpeter, Gulliver, dulcimer, Dubliner, publisher, muscular, jugular, pustular, * adulterer, discoverer, discomfiture, avuncular, corpuscular, crepuscular

38.49 chubbier, grubbier, stubbier, tubbier, bumpier, frumpier, grumpier, lumpier, luckier, muckier, pluckier, bulkier, sulkier, chunkier, funkier, hunkier, spunkier, muggier, bloodier, muddier, nuttier, smuttier, crustier, dustier, lustier, rustier, fluffier, scruffier, stuffier, comfier, bubblier, crumblier, uglier, buddleia, cuddlier, lovelier, courier, currier, furrier, worrier, Cumbria, Umbria, hungrier, sultrier, crummier, yummiier, funnier, runnier, sunnier, fussier, gutsier, fuzzier, clumsier, mushier, slushier, crunchier, spongier, * Colombia, Columbia, unluckier, Northumbria, etc.

38.50 husbanded, comforted, Hungerford, Rutherford, trumpeted, bucketed, buffeted, coveted, turreted, plummeted, budgeted, Hunniford, * uncomfited, discomfited, etc.

38.51 underbid, * accompanied, * unaccompanied

38.52 clubbable, culpable, jumpable, huggable, comfortable, Huxtable, constable, Constable, Dunstable, lovable, gullible, sufferable, vulnerable, hummable, crushable, spongeable, wonderful, colourful, guttural, sculptural, structural, cultural, functional, uncial, runcible, multiple, curricule, punctual, * refundable, corruptible, deductible, destructible, uncomfortable, combustible, adjustable, unlovable, unutterable, insufferable, recoverable, invulnerable, uncrushable, untouchable, instructional, dysfunctional, industrial, unpunctual, * tax-deductible, ineluctable, incorruptible, indestructible, incombustible, agricultural, horticultural, multicultural, multifunctional, preindustrial, postindustrial

38.53 cumbersome, troublesome, cuddlesome, Brummagem, yuppiedom, Buckingham, Cunningham, worrisome

38.54 suffragan, doubleton, subaltern, Huddleston, Ulsterman, husbandman, Cuthbertson, fustian, ruffian, mullion, scullion, Cumbrian, Umbrian, publican, hurricane, Mulligan, Huntingdon, Sullivan, countryman, Runciman, Huskisson, Hutchinson, * Colombian, Columbian, Kentuckian, Burgundian, Procrustean, Tertullian, Northumbrian, republican, Republican, O'Sullivan, * Liverpudlian, * slubberdegullion

38.55 cummerbund, Cumberland, Sunderland, Sutherland, * Northumberland

38.56 colorant, fundament, wonderment, puzzlement, government, covenant, supplicant, subsequent, worriment, nourishment, punishment, unguent, succulent, truculent, undulant, * adulterant, befuddlement, self-government, ebullient, accompaniment, accomplishment, malnourishment, encouragement, discouragement

I test my bath before I sit,

And I'm always moved to wonderment

That what chills the finger not a bit

Is so frigid upon the fundament.

OGDEN NASH

38.57 utterance, sufferance, governance, supplicants, subsidence, subsequence, punishments, sustenance, succulence, truculence, * circumference, ebullience, accomplishments, etc.

38.58 underling, blubbering, slumbering, shuddering, plundering, thundering, wondering, guttering, muttering, shuttering, stuttering, suffering, covering, mothering, smothering, wuthering, colouring, underwing, trumpeting, buffeting, publishing, flourishing, nourishing, rummaging, * scaremongering, self-governing, encouraging, discouraging

38.59 covetous, numberless, supperless, rudderless, brotherless, motherless, colourless, slumberous, thunderous, sulphurous, gluttonous, otherness, thoroughness, suppleness, stubbornness, drunkenness, suddenness, scurrilous, chubbiness, grubbiness, grumpiness, sulkiness, smuttiness, scruffiness, stuffiness, ugliness, loveliness, sultriness, fussiness, clumsiness, nothingness, sluggishness, sumptuous, unctuous, succubus, pustulous, * adulteress, adulterous, rumbustious, industrious, illustrious, destructiveness, voluptuous, presumptuous, tumultuous, homunculus, etc.

38.60 publicist, * accompanist, percussionist, obstructionist, destructionist, * agriculturist, horticulturist

38.61 chubbiest, grubbiest, stubbiest, tubbiest, bumpiest, frumpiest, grumpiest, lumpiest, luckiest, muckiest, pluckiest, bulkiest, sulkiest, chunkiest, funkiest, hunkiest, spunkiest, muggiest, bloodiest, muddiest, nuttiest, smuttiest, crustiest, dustiest, lustiest, rustiest, fluffiest, scruffiest, stuffiest, comfiest, bubbliest, crumbliest, ugliest, cuddliest, loveliest, hungriest, sultriest, crummiest, yummiest, funniest, runniest, sunniest, fussiest, gutsiest, fuzziest, clumsiest, mushiest, slushiest, crunchiest, spongiest, * unluckiest, etc.

38.62 surrogate, coverlet, sultanate, ultimate, ungulate, * triumvirate, penultimate, * antepenultimate

38.63 Sotheby's, luxuries, companies, * discoveries, redundancies, etc.

38.64 structurally, culturally, functionally, punctually, summarily, comfortably, ultimately, subsequently, worryingly, surrogacy, * uncomfortably, encouragingly, discouragingly, voluptuary

38.65 sufferable, vulnerable, cultivable, publishable, punishable, * unutterable, insufferable, recoverable, invulnerable, ungovernable, unpublishable, unpunishable

The rhymes in this section have the 'uu' sound of put and booking as their main or final vowel sound.

39.1 book, brook, Brooke, Bruch, chook, cook, Cook, crook, Gluck, hook, Hooke, look, nook, rook, shook, shtuck, took, * unhook, Tobruk, forsook, partook, precook, retook, betook, mistook, Chinook, * chapbook, scrapbook, bankbook, handbook, cash book, Ladbroke, passbook, prayer book, daybook, casebook, phrase book, chequebook, textbook, sketchbook, workbook, wordbook, yearbook, e-book, hymn book, billhook, fish-hook, Innsbruck, guidebook, stylebook, logbook, pothook, hornbook, outlook, notebook, boathook, phone book, studbook, cookbook, rule book, school book, * Alanbrooke, Captain Cook, Carisbrooke, tenterhook, Beaverbrook, picture book, inglenook, Osnabrück, copybook, pocketbook, donnybrook, Bolingbroke, storybook, overcook, overlook, undercook, undertook, Domesday Book, * cookery book

His wife learns astrology out of a book,

Says: 'Your horoscope's queer and I don't like its look.

With the Moon against Virgo you might be a crook.'

W. H. AUDEN

39.2 booked, cooked, hooked, looked, * uncooked, unhooked, precooked, * overbooked, overcooked, overlooked, double-booked, undercooked, etc.

39.3 butch, putsch

39.4 could, good, hood, Hood, pud, should, stood, 'twould, wood, Wood, would, * Likud, withstood, touch wood, * manhood, Blackwood, Atwood, matchwood, Yarwood, hardwood, heartwood, sainthood, Heywood, Halewood, deadwood, redwood, bentwood, Brentwood, Westwood, Kenwood, Wedgwood, girlhood, Sherwood, wormwood, Gielgud, Fleetwood, priesthood, greenwood, driftwood, Ringwood, firewood, childhood, knighthood, plywood, wildwood, whitewood, godhood, Lockwood, dogwood, softwood, falsehood, Smallwood, boyhood, rosewood, monkshood, brushwood, Goodwood, * sandalwood, adulthood, fatherhood, hardihood, parenthood, neighbourhood, maidenhood, babyhood, Burtonwood, sisterhood, spinsterhood, Isherwood, Littlewood, likelihood, livelihood, widowhood, Robin Hood, Bollywood, Hollywood, balsawood, understood, brotherhood, motherhood, Underwood, womanhood, * unlikelihood, misunderstood

The stubborn spear-men still made good

Their dark impenetrable wood,

Each stepping where his comrade stood,

The instant that he fell.

SIR WALTER SCOTT

39.5 couldst, shouldst, wouldst

39.6 poof, woof

39.7 bull, full, pull, wool, * Kabul, brimful, John Bull, * Abdul, capful, sackful, tankful, thankful, bagful, handful, tactful, manful, bashful, lambswool, carful, jarful, artful, armful, harmful, careful, prayerful, playful, wakeful, spadeful, fateful, grateful, hateful, plateful, tasteful, wasteful, faithful, baleful, shameful, baneful, gainful, painful, graceful, changeful, helpful, dreadful, fretful, restful, healthful, stressful, vengeful, Turnbull, hurtful, cheerful, earful, fearful, tearful, gleeful, heedful, needful, peaceful, ringpull, fitful, fistful, wistful, skilful, wilful, skinful, sinful, blissful, dishful, wishful, eyeful, mindful, frightful, rightful, spiteful, wrongful, watchful, awful, drawerful, lawful, forkful, thoughtful, mournful, scornful, forceful, doubtful, mouthful, powerful, joyful, woeful, hopeful, boatful, boastful, slothful, bowlful, doleful, soulful, cupful, jugful, mugful, lustful, trustful, bulbul, rueful, fruitful, truthful, youthful, roomful, spoonful, tuneful, useful, * ungrateful, distasteful, unfaithful, disdainful, disgraceful, unhelpful, forgetful,

regretful, respectful, neglectful, eventful, resentful, successful, revengeful, deceitful, unskilful, unmindful, delightful, unlawful, remorseful, resourceful, all-powerful, reproachful, distrustful, unfruitful, untruthful, * barrellful, fanciful, masterful, basketful, flavourful, plentiful, bellyful, merciful, worshipful, meaningful, teaspoonful, thimbleful, Istanbul, Sitting Bull, pitiful, cock-and-bull, bottleful, pocketful, sorrowful, saucerful, bountiful, overfull, wonderful, colourful, shovelful, bucketful, beautiful, dutiful, * unmerciful, * disrespectful, uneventful, unsuccessful

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

NURSERY RHYME

39.8 wolf, Wolfe, Woolf, * aardwolf, werewolf, she-wolf, * Beowulf

39.9 broom, cwm, groom, room, shtoom, vroom, * taproom, chatroom, vacuum, barroom, darkroom, guardroom, staff room, bathroom, classroom, dayroom, playroom, stateroom, saleroom, salesroom, legroom, bedroom, headroom, guest room, rest room, pressroom, workroom, tearoom, greenroom, sickroom, grillroom, bridegroom, stockroom, strongroom, boxroom, washroom, volume, storeroom, boardroom, wardroom, courtroom, ballroom, houseroom, showroom, cloakroom, post room, clubroom, sunroom, mushroom, lunchroom, poolroom, schoolroom, newsroom, * anteroom, waiting room, changing room, dressing room, engine room, elbowroom, sitting room, living room, dining room, common room, drawing room, powder room, boiler room, * *cogito ergo sum*

Think then, my soul, that death is but a groom,

Which brings a taper to the outward room.

JOHN DONNE

39.10 Jung, * Samsung, Hoffnung, * Nibelung, Mao Tse-tung, * Götterdämmerung

39.11 oops, whoops

39.12 puss, schuss, wuss, * Anschluss, sourpuss, * Belarus

39.13 bush, Bush, mush, push, shush, swoosh, tush, whoosh, * ambush, bell push, rose bush, * Hindu Kush

39.14 foot, put, soot, * kaput, afoot, barefoot, hotfoot, wrong-foot, * flatfoot, input, forefoot, output, coltsfoot, club foot, throughput, * tenderfoot, Lilliput, underfoot, pussyfoot, * Inuktitut

39.15 puts, * kibbutz

40.1 would-be, bookie, cookie, hooky, nooky, rookie, Wookey, could he, goody, hoodie, should he, woody, would he, Rushdie, footy, sooty, tutti, bully, fully, puli, pulley, Woolley, woolly, goodly, Wolseley, gooseberry, pussy, wussy, footsie, Footsie, tootsy, Tutsi, Wolsey, Bushey, bushy, cushy, pushy, * Dunwoody, Burundi, Abruzzi, * fortune cookie, Mappa Mundi, fancifully, mercifully, pitifully, sorrowfully, wonderfully, colourfully, beautifully, dutifully, linsey-woolsey, * unmercifully, etc.

Clerihews

A clerihew is a humorous four-line verse about a famous person, made up of two pairs of rhyming lines of uneven length. It is named after the English writer Edmund Clerihew Bentley (1875–1956), who invented it. Here are some of Bentley's own contributions to the genre:

Sir Christopher Wren

Said, 'I am going to dine with some men.

If anybody calls

Say I am designing St Paul's.'

What I like about Clive

Is that he is no longer alive.

There is a great deal to be said

For being dead.

40.2 chutzpah, booker, Booker, cooker, hookah, hooker, looker, Junker, sugar, Buddha, footer,

putter, poofter, woofter, Gunther, junta, Wooster, Worcester, Münster, bulla, fuller, Fuller, mullah, Müller, puller, Bulmer, fulmar, Brookner, Bruckner, pusher, butcher, * Zeebrugge, do-gooder, Kaunda, ampulla, Abdullah, * onlooker, shot-putter, Weissmuller, penpusher, * *mea culpa*, Famagusta, * took her, push her, etc.

40.3 crooked, bullied

40.4 sugared, hooded, wooded, worsted, Woodward, butchered, * unsugared, barefooted, web-footed, light-footed, wrong-footed, etc.

40.5 footage, Woolwich, Woodbridge, footbridge

40.6 Hummel, kümmel, Bushnell, bushel

40.7 Muslim, * pull him, push him, etc.

40.8 Cookham, Fulham, fulcrum, wolfram, fulsome, bosom, * unbosom, * took 'em, put 'em, etc.

40.9 Pushkin, Brooklyn, Goodwin, * cookin', puttin', etc.

40.10 good 'un, wooden, Wootton, Fulton, Bullen, Pullen, woollen, Gudrun, woman, bookman, goodman, Goodman, woodman, footman, Pullman, Ullman, woodsman, bushman, Bushman, Cookson, cushion, * Saarbrücken, madwoman, Manxwoman, batswoman, clanswoman, charwoman, markswoman, craftswoman, draughtswoman, airwoman, chairwoman, laywoman, cavewoman, spacewoman, stateswoman, saleswoman, Frenchwoman, Welshwoman, churchwoman, kinswoman, Scotswoman, yachtswoman, Scotchwoman, horsewoman, sportswoman, oarswoman, townswoman, postwoman, spokeswoman, stuntwoman, Dutchwoman, newswoman, * backwoodsman, ombudsman, pincushion, * policewoman, * dairywoman, weatherwoman, gentlewoman, clergywoman, servicewoman, needlewoman, businesswoman, Englishwoman, Irishwoman, washerwoman, congresswoman, jurywoman, countrywoman, superwoman

40.11 Brooklands, woodlands

40.12 couldn't, shouldn't, wouldn't

40.13 hoodless, hummus, goodness, fullness, * stood us, pull us, etc.

40.14 Buddhist, fullest

40.15 booking, Brooking, cooking, hooking, looking, hooding, pudding, footing, putting, pulling, bullring, Cushing, pushing, whooshing, * off-putting, wrong-footing, * overlooking, pussyfooting, etc.

40.16 bookish, wolfish, bullish

40.17 pulpit, bullet, pullet, booklet, bullshit, * cook it, pull it, etc.

40.18 could've, should've, would've

40.19 bookies, cookies, goodies, bullies, Woollies, tootsies, etc.

40.20 woodenly, womanly, gooseberry, cookery, rookery, sugary, butchery, pulmonary, crookedly, * off-puttingly

40.21 woodlander, Pulborough, Woomera, Worcestershire, Pulitzer

40.22 bookable, cookable

40.23 Wolfenden, Zuckerman, Jungian, bullion, Goodison, * Burundian

The rhymes in this section have the 'oo' sound of too and cruiser as their main or final vowel sound.

41.1 blew, blue, boo, brew, chew, choux, clew, clue, coo, coup, crew, Crewe, cru, cue, dew, do, drew, Drew, due, ewe, few, flew, flu, flue, glue, gnu, goo, grew, hew, Hoo, hue, Hugh, Jew, jus, Kew, knew, lieu, loo, Looe, Lou, mew, moo, mu, new, nu, ooh, pew, phew, poo, pooh, Pooh, Pru, Pugh, Q, queue, roo, Roo, roux, rue, screw, shoe, shoo, shrew, Sioux, skew, slew, smew, sou, spew, sprue, stew, strew, sue, Sue, thew, threw, through, to, too, true, two, U, view, who, Who, woo, yew, you, zoo

**'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view,
And robes the mountain in its azure hue.**

THOMAS CAMPBELL

41.2 taboo, Magoo, ado, to-do, undo, tattoo, kung fu, yahoo, halloo, Carew, Peru, Theroux, accrue, unscrew, untrue, construe, askew, adieu, subdue, undue, anew, pursue, canoe, kazoo, bamboo, shampoo, ragout, snafu, brand-new, Camus, lasso, cachou, cashew, Manchu, Barcoo, mangetout, thereto, whereto, K2, HQ, *chez nous*, hereto, redo, redrew, EU, shih-tzu, in lieu, withdrew, bestrew, imbue, miscue, bedew, endue, review, revue, renew, ensue, eschew, Typhoo®, sky blue, IQ, non-U, Corfu, outdo, outgrew, Lao-tzu, pooh-pooh, boohoo, yoo-hoo, *Who's Who*, true-blue, * Winnie the Pooh, how-do-you-do, hullabaloo, Brian Boru, Kalamazoo, tickety-boo, didgeridoo, seventy-two, Catch-22, tiramisu

41.3 Bantu, Andrew, thank you, Askew, statue, Matthew, value, Agnew, sandshoe, ZAPU, Yahoo, argue, Cardew, KANU, ZANU, Anjou, hairdo, Nehru, aircrew, breakthrough, debut, ague, set-to, ecru, ECU, fescue, rescue, nephew, menu, venue, virtue, curfew, world-view, curlew, purlieu, lean-to, Hebrew, see-through, read-through, preview, emu, Jesu, bijou, Hindu, into, igloo, mildew, sinew, Vishnu, issue, tissue, haiku, onto, fondue, Honshu, corkscrew, walk-through, horseshoe, Urdu, coypu, tofu, snowshoe, unto, thumbscrew, run-through, sundew, gumshoe, cuckoo, guru, woodscrew, boo-boo, hoopoe, doo-doo, hoodoo, kudu, voodoo, Hutu, tutu, Tutu, froufrou, Lulu, Zulu, choo-choo, juju, * devalue, revalue, shiatsu, Daihatsu, hereinto, thereinto, *in situ*, continue, jujitsu, atishoo, reissue, impromptu, sudoku, hereunto, thereunto, Mobutu, KwaZulu, * Vanuatu, undervalue, Tamil Nadu, Nosferatu, Netanyahu, Papandreou, R2-D2, Machu Picchu, discontinue, Mogadishu, Ouagadougou, Desmond Tutu, Honolulu

41.4 marabou, marabout, Xanadu, black and blue, jackaroo, kangaroo, acajou, Katmandu, passe-partout, ingénue, Malibu, Cariboo, caribou, ballyhoo, avenue, parvenu, parvenue, carcajou, barbecue, Martinu, Bakerloo, pay-per-view, *déjà vu*, eighty-two, navy blue, well-to-do, FAQ, Dien Bien Phu, derring-do, twenty-two, Pettigrew, residue, clerihew, retinue, revenue, Herstmonceux, thirty-two, curlicue, bird's-eye view, peekaboo, sgian-dhu, Peterloo, feverfew, VDU, bill and coo, hitherto, thitherto, vindaloo, jillaroo, misconstrue, interview, kinkajou, billet-doux, fifty-two, sixty-two, Timbuktu, ninety-two, IOU, cockatoo, wallaroo, Montague, rendezvous, Montesquieu, Molyneux, follow-through, Waterloo, ormolu, Port-Salut, Pompidou, forty-two, talking-to, Fortescue, Autocue®, royal blue, overdo, overdrew, overthrew, overdue, overview, overshoe, Sutton Hoo, buckaroo, W, honeydew, Luton Hoo, superloo, toodle-oo, Tuvalu, superglue, Subaru, Uluru, Scooby Doo, you-know-who, * tu-whit tu-who, Bartholomew, * cock-a-doodle-doo

41.5 boob, cube, pube, rube, tube, * flashcube, Danube, boob tube, jujube

41.6 duke, fluke, kook, Luke, nuke, puke, souk, spook, stook, * Farouk, peruque, archduke, Chinook, rebuke, * Mameluke, Marmaduke, Heptateuch, Pentateuch, Hexateuch, Volapük, * gobbledegook

41.7 dukes, Fuchs, Luke's, pukes, spooks, * gadzooks, rebukes, etc.

41.8 Gooch, hooch, mooch, pooch, smooch, * Scaramouch, Quiller-Couch

**Would you adopt a strong logical attitude,
Bear this in mind, and, whatever you do,
Always allow your opponent full latitude,
Whether or not his assumption be true.
Then, when he manifests feelings of gratitude
Merely because you've not shut him up flat,
Turn his pet paradox into a platitude,
With the remark, 'Why, of course, we know that!'**

GODFREY TURNER

41.9 booed, brewed, brood, Bude, chewed, crewed, crude, dude, feud, food, glued, Jude, lewd, mewed, mood, moored, nude, prude, pseud, queued, rood, rude, screwed, shrewd, slewed, snood, spewed, stewed, Strood, sued, viewed, who'd, wooed, you'd, * tattooed, allude, collude, occlude, conclude, unglued, accrued, unscrewed, protrude, obtrude, subdued, pursued, shampooed, lassoed, delude, elude, preclude, seclude, include, exclude, intrude, extrude, denude, exude, reviewed, renewed, ensued, pooh-pooed, * catfood, valued, argued, étude, rescued, prelude, Gertrude, seafood, issued, dogfood, wholefood, * devalued, revalued, continued, * habitude, attitude, gratitude, latitude, platitude, aptitude, altitude, amplitude, magnitude, lassitude, barbecued, hebetude, rectitude, plenitude, Ermintrude, turpitude, certitude, servitude, interlude, misconstrued, interviewed, quietude, Holyrood, longitude, promptitude, solitude, fortitude, multitude, pulchritude, * beatitude, ingratitude, exactitude, decrepitude, correctitude, ineptitude, incertitude, similitude, sollicitude, vicissitude, inquietude, disquietude, desuetude, * verisimilitude, etc.

41.10 goof, hoof, pouffe, proof, roof, spooft, woof, * shadoof, aloof, Tartuffe, re-roof, behoof, reproof, disproof, * flameproof, rainproof, shellproof, heatproof, greaseproof, windproof, fireproof, childproof, lightproof, shockproof, mothproof, bombproof, stormproof, soundproof, showerproof, rustproof, sunroof, foolproof, * shatterproof, weatherproof, waterproof, ovenproof, underproof, bulletproof, * opéra bouffe

41.11 fugue, Moog®

41.12 Goodge, huge, Scrooge, smooche, stooge, * refuge, deluge, * centrifuge, vermifuge, subterfuge

41.13 Bruges, luge, rouge, * Khmer Rouge, * Baton Rouge, Moulin Rouge

41.14 Boole, boule, cool, drool, fool, ghoul, Goole, joule, mewl, mule, pool, Poole, rule, school, shul, spool, stool, Thule, tool, tulle, who'll, you'll, Yule, * uncool, cagoule, self-rule, deschool, retool, misrule, tomfool, O'Toole, home rule, * Blackpool, ampoule, capsule, playschool, cesspool, Welshpool, ferrule, schedule, cellule, whirlpool, virgule, preschool, globule, module, nodule, toadstool, pustule, footstool, tubule, * reschedule, * majuscule, paddling pool, graticule, fascicule, gallinule, Hartlepool, vestibule, reticule, work-to-rule, Liverpool, minuscule, swimming pool, ridicule, Pontypool, molecule, overrule, Ullapool, Sunday school, ubercool, supercool

Prove to me that you're no fool

Walk across my swimming pool.

TIM RICE

41.15 cooled, fooled, Gould, pooled, ruled, schooled, * unschooled, retooled, * air-cooled, scheduled, * unscheduled, rescheduled, nonscheduled, * ridiculed, water-cooled, overruled, supercooled, etc.

41.16 fools, gules, Jools, Jules, mules, pools, rules, schools, spools, stools, tools, * capsules, globules, modules, nodules, pustules, etc.

41.17 bloom, boom, broom, coomb, cwm, doom, flume, Frome, fume, gloom, groom, Hume, loom, plume, rheum, room, spume, tomb, vroom, whom, womb, zoom, * abloom, perfume,

assume, subsume, consume, Khartoum, exhume, entomb, simoom, presume, resume, foredoom, * taproom, chatroom, vacuum, barroom, darkroom, guardroom, staff room, bathroom, classroom, heirloom, dayroom, playroom, stateroom, saleroom, salesroom, legroom, bedroom, headroom, guest room, rest room, pressroom, legume, workroom, perfume, tearoom, greenroom, sickroom, grillroom, bridegroom, stockroom, strongroom, boxroom, washroom, costume, volume, broadloom, storeroom, boardroom, wardroom, courtroom, ballroom, houserom, showroom, cloakroom, post room, clubroom, sunroom, mushroom, lunchroom, poolroom, schoolroom, newsroom, * catacomb, va-va-voom, anteroom, waiting room, changing room, hecatomb, dressing room, engine room, elbowroom, Leverhulme, disentomb, sitting room, living room, dining room, nom de plume, common room, drawing room, powder room, boiler room

The proper way to leave a room

Is not to plunge it into gloom.

GELETT BURGESS

41.18 bloomed, doomed, fumed, groomed, loomed, zoomed, * perfumed, assumed, consumed, exhumed, entombed, presumed, resumed, * unperfumed, unconsumed, etc.

41.19 boon, Boone, coon, croon, dune, goon, hewn, June, loon, moon, Moon, noon, prune, rune, Scone, shoon, soon, spoon, strewn, swoon, toon, Troon, tune, * baboon, cocoon, raccoon, dragoon, lagoon, Muldoon, platoon, buffoon, Colquhoun, balloon, saloon, doubloon, maroon, oppugn, attune, commune, Dunoon, bassoon, lampoon, Rangoon, Sassoon, harpoon, lardoon, cartoon, festoon, retune, spittoon, impugn, immune, jejune, tycoon, typhoon, *High Noon*, pontoon, Walloon, quadron, poltroon, monsoon, Kowloon, * sand dune, Neptune, teaspoon, tribune, commune, forenoon, fortune, soup spoon, * dessertspoon, importune, misfortune, * Saskatoon, Pantaloon, macaroon, Cameroon, afternoon, tablespoon, *Brigadoon*, rigadoon, picayune, octoroon, opportune, coffee spoon, Lorna Doone, honeymoon, * inopportune, Tutankhamun, autoimmune

Slowly, silently, now the moon

Walks the night in her silver shoon.

WALTER DE LA MARE

41.20 crooned, mooned, pruned, spooned, swooned, tuned, wound, * dragooned, marooned, unpruned, attuned, untuned, lampooned, festooned, etc.

41.21 dunes, loons, prunes, runes, spoons, tunes, * balloons, doubloons, cartoons, eftsoons, * pantaloons, afternoons, tablespoons, etc.

41.22 coop, coupe, croup, droop, drupe, dupe, group, hoop, loop, poop, scoop, sloop, snoop, soup, stoop, swoop, troop, troupe, whoop, * regroup, recoup, Ind Coope, * playgroup, hencoop, peer group, subgroup, Woop Woop, newsgroup, * cantaloupe, Guadeloupe, nincompoop, cock-a-hoop, Hula Hoop®, supergroup

41.23 groups, hoops, loops, oops, troops, * Kamloops, subgroups, * paratroops, Hula Hoops®, etc.

41.24 Bruce, deuce, goose, juice, loose, moose, mousse, noose, puce, schuss, sluice, spruce, truce, use, Zeus, * caboose, papoose, unloose, Larousse, abstruse, obtuse, abuse, adduce, produce, traduce, conduce, vamoose, profuse, burnous, reuse, recluse, excuse, deduce, reduce, seduce, induce, diffuse, effuse, ill-use, disuse, misuse, * wayzgoose, refuse, verjuice, prepuce, lime juice, mongoose, produce, footloose, couscous, * calaboose, Antabuse®, mass-produce, Ballets Russes, charlotte russe, self-abuse, lemon juice, reproduce, Beetlejuice, Betelgeuse, introduce, orange juice, over-use, under-use, * reintroduce, overproduce

O sweet Fancy! let her loose;

Summer's joys are spoilt by use.

JOHN KEATS

41.25 boost, deuced, Proust, roost, sluiced, used, * produced, unused, deduced, reduced, induced, *mot juste*, * langouste, * mass-produced, self-induced, introduced, * reintroduced, overproduced, etc.

41.26 douche, louche, ruche, * *farouche*, cartouche, * Scaramouche, * Ashby-de-la-Zouch

41.27 beaut, Bute, boot, brut, brute, butte, chute, coot, cute, flute, fruit, hoot, jute, Jute, loot, lute, moot, mute, newt, root, route, scoot, shoot, Shute, snoot, suit, toot, ut, ute, * pollute, salute, cheroot, uproot, compute, acute, astute, confute, commute, permute, Canute, pursuit, Salyut, transmute, square root, Beirut, reboot, re-route, recruit, depute, repute, impute, dispute, refute, dilute, minute, en route, solute, * jackboot, taproot, statute, tracksuit, catsuit, pantsuit, grapefruit, playsuit, spacesuit, breadfruit, wetsuit, sweat suit, shell suit, freeboot, beetroot, bean shoot, tribute, swimsuit, Paiute, drysuit, offshoot, lawsuit, lounge suit, gumboot, club root, sunsuit, choucroute, droop-snoot, zoot suit, * attribute, contribute, distribute, * absolute, passion fruit, parachute, bandicoot, attribute, arrowroot, resolute, execute, destitute, birthday suit, persecute, kiwi fruit, dissolute, disrepute, institute, convolute, prosecute, prostitute, constitute, comminute, bodysuit, autoroute, overboot, overshoot, undershoot, troubleshoot, substitute, * irresolute, electrocute, reconstitute, * redistribute

41.28 boots, Boots, brutes, flutes, fruits, hoots, Jutes, Rootes, roots, shoots, suits, * cahoots, salutes, commutes, recruits, * jackboots, statutes, bean shoots, tributes, slyboots, gumboots, * attributes, institutes, prostitutes, etc.

41.29 couth, Ruth, sleuth, sooth, strewth, tooth, truth, youth, * uncouth, untruth, vermouth, forsooth, half-truth, * Redruth, milk tooth, eyetooth, sawtooth, dogtooth, hound's-tooth, bucktooth, * snaggletooth, sabretooth

Habit with him was all the test of truth,

'It must be right: I've done it from my youth.'

GEORGE CRABBE

41.30 booth, Booth, smooth, soothe, * tollbooth

41.31 groove, move, prove, who've, you've, * approve, behoove, reprove, improve, disprove, remove, * disapprove, microgroove, countermove, tongue-and-groove

41.32 grooved, moved, proved, * approved, unproved, unmoved, reproved, improved, disproved, removed, * disapproved, unapproved, unimproved

41.33 Bewes, blues, booze, bruise, chews, choose, clues, cruise, cruse, Cruz, do's, dues, Druze, fuse, Hughes, Jews, lose, Lou's, mews, muse, Muse, news, ooze, Ouse, pews, queues, ruse, schmooze, screws, shoes, snooze, Sue's, thews, trews, use, views, who's, whose, zoos, * tattoos, peruse, canoes, abuse, accuse, contuse, perfuse, suffuse, confuse, amuse, transfuse, reuse, defuse, excuse, diffuse, effuse, refuse, infuse, enthuse, reviews, ill-use, bemuse, misuse, Hormuz, Toulouse, * Andrews, statues, Matthews, values, nephews, virtues, Hebrews, Jesu's, Hindus, sinews, issues, tissues, horseshoes, Lulu's, Zulus, booze cruise, * St Andrews, * kangaroos, Santa Cruz, avenues, barbecues, Veracruz, disabuse, interviews, Syracuse, IOUs, over-use, under-use, * Bartholomew's, hypotenuse, * rhythm and blues, etc.

About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot of news,

With many cheerful facts about the square on the hypotenuse.

W. S. GILBERT

41.34 boozed, bruised, cruised, fused, mused, oozed, snoozed, used, * perused, abused, accused, confused, amused, unused, reused, defused, excused, refused, enthused, ill-used, bemused, disused, misused, * overused, under-used, unamused, etc.

42.1 bluey, chewy, Dewey, dewy, fluey, gluey, gooey, hoey, Hughie, Louis, phooey, screwy, booby, looby, newbie, Newby, ruby, Boothby, droopy, gloopy, groupie, loopy, NUPE, Snoopy, soupy, fluky, kooky, Newquay, spooky, Sukie, boogie, Googie, broody, foodie, Judy, moody, Moody, Rudi, Trudi, Tuesday, beauty, bootie, booty, cootie, cutie, duty, fruity, snooty, goofy,

Sufi, groovy, movie, toothy, smoothie, Beaulieu, coolie, coulis, Dooley, duly, goolie, hooley, Julie, mooli, newly, puli, Thule, truly, googly, brusquely, crudely, rudely, shrewdly, smoothly, coolly, loosely, muesli, hugely, Jewry, blueberry, gloomy, knew me, plummy, rheumy, roomy, Clooney, Cluny, loony, moony, Moonie, puny, Rooney, spoony, uni, goosy, juicy, Lucy, cutesy, tootsy, Tutsi, bluesy, Boosey, boozy, choosy, floozy, newsy, oozy, Pusey, snoozy, Susie, woozy, sushi, Gucci, smoochy, Fuji, * Drambuie®, St Louis, chop suey, Saluki, kabuki, adzuki, bouzouki, Suzuki, Yehudi, agouti, Djibouti, Carnoustie, unruly, unduly, patchouli, Grand Coulee, Friuli, acutely, astutely, minutely, profusely, halloumi, excuse-me, Debussy, Zanussi, Jacuzzi®, Brancusi, Baluchi, Vespucci, * mildewy, sinewy, * Rapa Nui, boogie-woogie, Punch and Judy, tutti-frutti, Bertolucci, absolutely, resolutely, * ultima Thule, etc.

I slept, and dreamed that life was beauty;

I woke, and found that life was duty.

ELLEN STURGIS HOOPER

42.2 brewer, chewer, doer, Dewar, ewer, fewer, hewer, newer, sewer, skewer, skua, viewer, wooer, * tattooper, pursuer, reviewer, * wrongdoer, * revenuer, evildoer, interviewer, Rotorua, * Nicaragua, * knew her, pursue her, etc.

42.3 Cuba, goober, scuba, tuba, tuber, uber, blooper, BUPA, cooper, Cooper, Cowper, grouper, Hooper, looper, pupa, scooper, snooper, stupa, stupor, super, trooper, trouper, whooper, * peasouper, * mosstrooper, storm trooper, * paratrooper, party pooper, pooper-scooper, super-duper, * dupe her, etc.

42.4 euchre, Luca, lucre, snooker, cougar, Kruger, Luger, * verruca, bazooka, babushka, beluga, * Chattanooga, * Juan de Fuca, * spook her, rebuke her, etc.

42.5 brooder, Cooder, cruder, Judah, lewder, ruder, shrewder, Tudor, cuter, fluter, fruiter, hooter, looter, neuter, pewter, Pooter, rooter, router, scooter, shooter, suitor, tutor, Brewster, booster, rooster, * Barbuda, Bermuda, excluder, intruder, Laputa, accoutre, polluter, computer, acuter, astuter, commuter, recruiter, disputer, refuter, * mouthbrooder, sharpshooter, freebooter, peashooter, * barracuda, draught-excluder, Buxtehude, persecutor, prosecutor, troubleshooter, * supercomputer, telecommuter, * booed her, shoot her, etc.

42.6 hoofer, loofah, roofer, woofers, groover, Hoover®, louvre, mover, Luther, Uther, smoother, soother, * manoeuvre, Vancouver, improver, remover, * outmanoeuvre, * opera buffa, * move her, soothe her, etc.

42.7 Beulah, cooler, hula, moolah, ruler, tooler, bugler, doodler, Louvre, thuja, junior, * Tallulah, pre-schooler, Petula, vicuña, * water cooler, hulahula, Brahmaputra, *Kama Sutra*, Zarathustra, hallelujah, * cool her, fool her, etc.

42.8 bloomer, boomer, *duma*, humour, puma, rumour, Sumer, tumour, crooner, lunar, Oonagh, Poona, pruner, schooner, sooner, spooner, Spooner, tuna, tuner, Una, * Nkrumah, perfumer, consumer, mazuma, satsuma, costumer, lacuna, lampooner, vicuna, Futuna, * baby-boomer, Montezuma, honeymooner, * Tristan da Cunha, * groom her, festoon her, etc.

42.9 juicer, looser, sprucer, Susa, boozier, bruiser, chooser, cruiser, loser, snoozer, Sousa, user, fuchsia, future, moocher, smoocher, suture, * producer, transducer, reducer, seducer, inducer, abuser, accuser, Medusa, diffuser, refuser, infuser, misuser, St Lucia, Perugia, * Appaloosa, babirusa, reproducer, introducer, Lampedusa, Arethusa, * lollapalooza, * seduce her, excuse her, etc.

42.10 Newark, eunuch

42.11 Bewick, Buick, cubic, pubic, Rubik, toothpick, broomstick, bootlick, Kubrick, rubric, Ugric, Munich, Punic, runic, tunic, music, muzhik, * cherubic, scorbutic, acoustic, refusenik, * therapeutic, hermeneutic, Finno-Ugric

42.12 Rubik's, toothpicks, broomsticks, tunics, * acoustics, spondulix, refuseniks, * therapeutics, hermeneutics

42.13 Clwyd, druid, fluid, Cupid, stupid, schoolkid, boogied, Euclid, putrid, humid, tumid, deuced, lucid, * pellucid, Seleucid, * semifluid, superfluid

42.14 leeward, skewered, steward, snookered, wounded, booted, fluted, hooted, muted, neutered, rooted, suited, tutored, boosted, roosted, louvred, rumoured, * alluded, concluded, protruded, deluded, secluded, included, excluded, untutored, polluted, saluted, uprooted, unsuited, reputed, disputed, refuted, diluted, ill-humoured, good-humoured, * attributed, contributed, distributed, * unpolluted, convoluted, undisputed, persecuted, prosecuted, constituted, undiluted, etc.

42.15 brewage, sewage, Coolidge, plumage, usage

42.16 crewel, cruel, dual, duel, Ewell, gruel, jewel, newel, Newell, Sewell, rouble, tubal, cupel, duple, pupal, pupil, scruple, ducal, bugle, Dougal, frugal, fugal, Google, googol, boodle, doodle, feudal, noodle, poodle, strudel, Bootle, brutal, footle, pootle, rootle, Tootal®, tootle, rueful, fruitful, truthful, youthful, tuneful, useful, neutral, ouzel, crucial, Trucial, * accrual, refuel, renewal, eschewal, bejewel, septuple, centuple, sextuple, quintuple, octuple, quadruple, archducal, McDougall, caboodle, canoodle, flapdoodle, refutal, unfruitful, untruthful, approval, removal, communal, tribunal, perusal, bamboozle, refusal, preputial, * Pantagruel, biofuel, febrifugal, centrifugal, vermifugal, apple strudel, Yankee Doodle, disapproval

42.17 jewels, pupils, scruples, doodles, noodles, oodles, poodles, etc.

42.18 brougham, Newham, Newcombe, dukedom, scutum, sputum, hoodlum, Newnham, Woosnam, gruesome, twosome, toothsome, * jejunum, * grew 'em, shoot 'em, etc.

42.19 bruin, ruin, shoo-in, lupin, Tutin, moulin, Newlyn, lumen, * Rasputin, illumine, * bilirubin, highfalutin, * doin', foolin', etc.

Fire, water, women, are man's ruin,

Says wise Professor Vander Bruin.

MATTHEW PRIOR

42.20 Ewan, Siouan, Cuban, Reuben, Lucan, toucan, Luton, gluten, Newton, Teuton, Euston, Houston, Huston, proven, Doolan, union, crewman, human, Newman, Schumann, Trueman, Truman, schoolman, Jewson, loosen, Susan, fusion, * McGoohan, McLuhan, McEwan, Don Juan, Barbudan, Bermudan, Laputan, unproven, communion, reunion, nonunion, prounion, subhuman, inhuman, ichneumon, contusion, perfusion, profusion, suffusion, confusion, allusion, collusion, occlusion, conclusion, protrusion, obtrusion, transfusion, diffusion, effusion, infusion, delusion, illusion, preclusion, reclusion, seclusion, inclusion, exclusion, intrusion, extrusion, pollution, solution, ablution, locution, Confucian, Aleutian, dilution, * superhuman, malocclusion, Rediffusion®, disillusion, absolution, allocution, attribution, elocution, revolution, resolution, retribution, execution, destitution, restitution, persecution, devolution, evolution, dissolution, distribution, Lilliputian, institution, diminution, convolution, contribution, prosecution, prostitution, constitution, Rosicrucian, substitution, * electrocution, irresolution, * intercommunion, antipollution, redistribution, reconstitution, circumlocution, interlocution, high-resolution, * counter-revolution

42.21 Cubans, Reuben's, Rubens, humans, Goossens, Susan's, etc.

42.22 fluent, truant, prudent, student, mutant, coolant, movement, lucent, usedn't, Nugent, * pursuant, imprudent, pollutant, disputant, recruitment, improvement, entombment, inducement, amusement, translucent, recusant, * jurisprudent, self-improvement, disentombment

42.23 truants, prudence, Prudence, students, movements, nuisance, usance, * pursuance, imprudence, pollutants, disputants, inducements, amusements, translucence, * jurisprudence, etc.

42.24 brewing, chewing, doing, Ewing, gluing, hewing, mewing, mooing, queuing, screwing, spewing, stewing, viewing, wooing, tubing, drooping, grouping, looping, snooping, swooping,

trooping, whooping, puking, brooding, feuding, wounding, booting, fluting, hooting, looting, rooting, scooting, shooting, suiting, tooting, Tooting, boosting, roosting, proofing, roofing, moving, proving, sleuthing, smoothing, soothing, cooling, drooling, fooling, mewling, ruling, schooling, tooling, doodling, shoestring, blooming, booming, fuming, grooming, looming, zooming, crooning, Kooning, mooning, pruning, spooning, swooning, tuning, loosing, sluicing, bruising, choosing, cruising, losing, musing, oozing, snoozing, using, mooching, smooching, * undoing, accruing, pursuing, canoeing, shampooing, reviewing, ensuing, regrouping, rebuking, alluding, concluding, protruding, including, excluding, polluting, saluting, computing, commuting, recruiting, disputing, refuting, approving, unmoving, reproving, improving, removing, assuming, consuming, presuming, resuming, communing, reducing, seducing, abusing, accusing, confusing, amusing, excusing, refusing, bemusing, * wrongdoing, trapshooting, sharpshooting, * valuing, rescuing, issuing, scheduling, vacuuming, * continuing, rescheduling, * parachuting, persecuting, highfaluting, nonpolluting, prosecuting, troubleshooting, disapproving, ridiculing, unassuming, reproducing, * telecommuting, etc.

42.25 Lewes, Lewis, Louis, pubis, hubris, kumiss, Eunice, Souness, Tunis, * Day-Lewis, Anubis, * anacrusis

42.26 lupus, Lucas, mucous, mucus, Judas, Brutus, Eustace, Rufus, clueless, shoeless, viewless, tubeless, bootless, fruitless, rootless, ruthless, toothless, moonless, tuneless, useless, cuprous, humus, newness, crudeness, rudeness, shrewdness, cuteness, smoothness, coolness, * arbutus, astuteness, Confucius, * elude us, rule us, etc.

42.27 doest, newest, crudest, lewdest, rudest, shrewdest, cutest, smoothest, coolest, soonest, loosest, sprucest, * acutest, astutest, etc.

42.28 Uist, cubist, nudist, UWIST, UMIST, * tattooist, canoeist, balloonist, bassoonist, cartoonist, * absolutist, parachutist, opportunist

42.29 Hewish, Jewish, bluish, newish, shrewish, prudish, soup dish, Jutish, brutish, moonfish, coolish, foolish, ghoulish, mulish, * Ballachulish

42.30 Blewitt, cruet, Hewitt, suet, cubit, toolkit, Newgate, bluetit, moonlit, unit, Puget, * intuit, septuplet, sextuplet, quintuplet, quadruplet, * subunit, * *tempus fugit*, * do it, lose it, etc.

42.31 Ewart, Stewart, Stuart, Hubert, Schubert, Rupert

42.32 cubits, bluetits, units, * septuplets, sextuplets, quintuplets, quadruplets, * Massachusetts, etc.

42.33 allusive, conclusive, obtrusive, abusive, conducive, elusive, inclusive, exclusive, intrusive, effusive, * inconclusive, unobtrusive

42.34 brewers, viewers, Tudors, juniors, bloomers, rumours, tumours, Bruce's, uses, bruises, cruises, losers, * reviewers, Bermudas, intruders, computers, commuters, consumers, accusers, * paratroopers, baby-boomers, honeymooners, etc.

42.35 Suez, groupies, bootees, duties, movies, goolies, Julie's, tootsies

42.36 puberty, cruelty, cruelly, frugally, brutally, neutrally, crucially, suitably, fluently, prudently, humanly, fruitlessly, ruthlessly, brewery, blueberry, Newbury, Tewkesbury, Dewsbury, Shrewsbury, Bloomsbury, dupery, brusquerie, foolery, usury, jewellery, euphony, numeracy, lunacy, fluency, truancy, eulogy, crudity, nudity, unity, moodily, snootily, gloomily, musically, stupidly, lucidly, beautifully, dutifully, foolishly, unitary, luminary, mutiny, scrutiny, ruefully, fruitfully, truthfully, usefully, usually, mutually, * unsuitably, presumably, reputedly, inhumanly, tomfoolery, pecuniary, perfumery, buffoonery, festoonery, delusory, illusory, fiduciary, salutatory, accusatory, innumeracy, acuity, vacuity, fatuity, gratuity, annuity, congruity, fortuity, credulity, salubrity, community, impunity, immunity, disunity, cherubically, confusedly, bemusedly, conclusively, obtrusively, abusively, inclusively, exclusively, approvingly, accusingly, confusingly, amusingly, pituitary, untruthfully, unusually, * centrifugally, indisputably, microbrewery, persecutory, revolutionary, ambiguity, assiduity, perspicuity,

perpetuity, ingenuity, incongruity, promiscuity, contiguity, continuity, superfluity, incredulity, insalubrity, opportunity, importunity, unobtrusively, disapprovingly, unassumingly, * circumlocutory, discontinuity, * counter-revolutionary, etc.

42.37 dueller, jeweller, cupola, fruiterer, usurer, juniper, Boudicca, Jupiter, crucifer, Lucifer, tubular, uvula, * Methusaleh, * executioner

42.38 Nubia, croupier, droopier, loopier, spookier, moodier, fruitier, snootier, groovier, uvea, Julia, nuclear, chewier, screwier, gloomier, roomier, junior, punier, juicier, choosier, * alluvia, effluvia, abulia, peculiar, perfumier, costumier, petunia, Seleucia, minutia, * dyscalculia, antinuclear, thermonuclear, Andalusia, etc.

42.39 doable, chewable, viewable, mutable, scrutable, suitable, movable, provable, superable, tunable, crucible, Crucible, usable, fusible, tubercle, pubertal, humeral, numeral, funeral, Juvenal, gluteal, fluvial, pluvial, cubicle, cuticle, utricule, musical, beautiful, dutiful, usual, mutual, * renewable, computable, commutable, unsuitable, imputable, disputable, refutable, inscrutable, unprovable, improvable, disprovable, immovable, removable, insuperable, manoeuvrable, innumerable, consumable, presumable, deducible, reducible, unusable, confusable, reusable, excusable, delusional, connubial, marsupial, alluvial, diluvial, unmusical, unusual, * unrenovable, nonrenovable, executable, indisputable, irrefutable, substitutable, reproducible, irreducible, inexcusable, institutional, constitutional, pharmaceutical, attitudinal, latitudinal, longitudinal, pari-mutuel, * unconstitutional

42.40 Houyhnhnm, Lewisham, * Jerusalem, alluvium, effluvium

42.41 Hughenden, Lutheran, mutagen, Nubian, Boolean, Julian, union, Lucian, Rubicon, hooligan, Newington, Houlihan, unison, UNISON, * Danubian, trade union, alluvion, Peruvian, Vesuvian, Acheulian, cerulean, communion, Mancunian, Réunion, Neptunian, reunion, nonunion, prounion, Malthusian, Carthusian, Venusian, * postdiluvian, Zarathustrian, Andalusian, * antediluvian, Soviet Union, intercommunion

42.42 Newfoundland, rubicund

42.43 nutrient, lubricant, fumigant, jubilant, rudiment, supplement, nutriment, muniment, ruminant, * exuberant, protuberant, accoutrement, insouciant, communicant, concupiscent, * disillusionment

42.44 nutrients, jubulance, rudiments, ruminants, * exuberance, protuberance, insouciance, concupiscence, etc.

42.45 duelling, gruelling, ruining, skewering, neutering, tutoring, etc.

42.46 humourless, tuberous, uterus, humerus, humorous, numerous, usefulness, ruthlessness, dubious, studious, beauteous, duteous, gluteus, Julius, nucleus, Junius, Lucius, ludicrous, ruinous, moodiness, glutinous, mutinous, snootiness, luminous, numinous, juiciness, scrupulous, cumulus, tumulus, * Vesuvius, salubrious, lugubrious, caduceus, Manutius, gratuitous, circuitous, fortuitous, aluminous, voluminous, leguminous, bituminous, unscrupulous, * insalubrious, impecunious, platitudinous, multitudinous, pulchritudinous, altocumulus, stratocumulus, cirrocumulus, etc.

42.47 droopiest, loopiest, spookiest, moodiest, fruitiest, snootiest, grooviest, chewiest, screwiest, gloomiest, roomiest, puniest, juiciest, choosiest, etc.

42.48 duellist, feudalist, Eucharist, humorist, futurist, lutenist, unionist, Unionist, humanist, pugilist, * consumerist, phillumenist, illusionist, * revolutionist, evolutionist

Rhymes in sayings

The use of rhyme is not restricted to poems and songs. Many sayings and slogans are made memorable in this way, e.g. 'Red sky at night, shepherd's delight', 'No pain, no gain', 'A Mars a day helps you work, rest, and play', 'Coughs and sneezes spread diseases'. Rhyme is also found in many everyday words and phrases. Some of these are well-established compounds made up of two parts that are now meaningless on their own, e.g. fuddy-duddy, hanky-panky, helter-

skelter, mumbo-jumbo, namby-pamby, nitty-gritty. *Others are newer coinages in which both parts have meaning and are chosen because they rhyme. Here are some examples:*

blast from the past

booze cruise

chalk and talk

chick flick

culture vulture

doom and gloom

fair and square

fat cat

gender bender

highways and byways

hire and fire

horses for courses

latest and greatest

make or break

meals on wheels

name and shame

nearest and dearest

pooper-scooper

pub grub

snail mail

surf and turf

thrills and spills

wear and tear

wheel and deal

42.49 numerate, duplicate, * quintuplicate, quadruplicate

42.50 mutually, usually, tutelary, funerary, numeracy, * exuberantly, peculiarly, indubitably, unusually, innumeracy, * institutionally, constitutionally, supernumerary

42.51 insuperable, innumerable, dutiable, communicable, indubitable, * incommunicable

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