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Joan Maling and Annie Zaenen, "Filters and Traces in Icelandic."

James McCloskey, "Syntax and Semantics of Constituent Questions
in Modern Irish."

J.Y. Pollock, "On the Successive Cyclic Character of Wh-Movement
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