

We must agree with this headmaster; if there is any certain remedy for creating, it must be a sound thrashing with a cane.

Of the same sort must be this headline from the Nyack (N.Y.) *Rockland County Journal-News*:

GLUE FACTORIES HAVE STOPPED
USING OLD HAGS FOR ADHESIVES

TENTH, there is writing that is not incorrect in any literal sense, but is ambiguous to the point of being ludicrous. These we cannot call typos, since, presumably, the linotypist rendered it precisely as it was given to him. For instance, an Iowa newspaper recently headlined a story about the marriage of a boy from Manly, Iowa, to a girl from a town named Fertile, in this way:

MANLY BOY MARRIES FERTILE GIRL

Isn't it wonderful? More of these abound than you would suspect. An Illinois newspaper couldn't resist this headline about nuptials between a boy from Oblong, Illinois and a girl from Normal, Illinois:

OBLONG BOY MARRIES NORMAL GIRL

We cannot suppose that these ten categories exhaust the classification needs of typographical errors. This is a mere beginning. In conclusion, let me invite all who are interested to join the adventure of the hunt, the challenge of classifying, and the joy of beholding the many trophies of logophilia.

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Letter to the Editor

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WORD CHESS

To the Editor:

Here are some words to add to the list (the formidable, impressive list) of those discovered by Dr. Jean Sabine in the "word chess" problem printed in *WORD WAYS* (Vol. 1, No. 4, page 236):

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| 1. CHOMP | 7. LANKEST |
| 2. CHOPS (jaw, mouth) | 8. LIGATE |
| 3. DANKEST | 9. PYRITE |
| 4. FRANKEST | 10. PYRITES |
| 5. HOSEN | 11. RANKEST |
| 6. HOSTAL | |

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