A NEW NATURAL HISTORY

JAMES THURBER

A Trochee (left) encountering a Spondee.

CREATURES OF THE MEADOW

Left, the Aspic on a stalk of Visiting Fireman. Center, the Throttle. Right, a Ticket in a patch of Marry-in-Haste. Below, a 99-year lease working slowly toward the surface through the years.
A pair of Martinets.

The Hopeless Quandary.

The Hoodwink on a spray of Raga-muffin.

The Bodkin (left) and the Chintz.

The White-faced Rage (left) and the Blind Rage.
A GROUP OF RARE BLOSSOMS AND BUTTERFLIES

Flowers (left to right): Baker's Dozen, Shepherd's Pie, Sailor's Hornpipe, Stepmother's Kiss.
Butterflies (left to right): The Admirable Crichton, the Great Gatsby, The Magnificent Ambersons (male and female), the Beloved Vagabond.

A GROUP OF MORE OR LESS PLEASANT BIRDS

Left to right: the Apothecary, the Night Watchman, the Scoutmaster, and the Barred Barrister.
The Goad.

The Lapidary in a clump of Merry-Go-Round.

A Garble with an Utter in its claws.

A female Shriek (right) rising out of the Verbiage to attack a female Swoon.
The male Wedlock (left) cautiously approaching a clump of Devil-May-Care; at right, the female.

The Dudgeon.

Two widely distributed rodents: the Barefaced Lie (left) and the White Lie.
The female Snarl (left) and the male Sulk.

An Upstart rising from a clump of Johnny-Come-Lately. The small rodent (right) is a Spouse.

A GROUP OF BIRDS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE
The Femur (left) and the Metatarsal.

A group of semi-edible vegetables

Top: Quench (left) and Arpeggio. Bottom: Therapy (left) and Scabbard.
The Living, or Spitting Image (left) and a Dead Ringer.

A female Volt with all her Ergs in one Gasket.

The male and female Tryst.

The Early and the Late Riser.
A TRIO OF PREHISTORIC CREATURES

Left to right: the Thesaurus, the Stereopticon, and the Hexameter. The tree is a Sacroiliac.

The Tantamount.

A Scone (left) and a Crumpet, peering out of the Tiffin.
A Serenade (left) about to engage in combat with a Victual.

THREE FRESH-WATER CREATURES

The Qualm  The Glib  The Moot
FOUR PLANTS OF THE TEMPERATE ZONE

Left to right: Single Standard, False Witness, Double Jeopardy, Heartburn.

The Huff.

A Gloat near a patch of I-Told-You-So.

A Grope approaching, unaware, a Clinch in hiding.
The Peeve (or Pet Peeve).

The Troth, Plighted (right) and Unplighted.

The Common Carrier.

A Group of Destructive Insects

The Coal Bin

The Clock Tick (or Stop Watch)

The Door Latch

The Tire Tool

The Window Ledge

The Ball Bat

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