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From A to Z by Limerick

Walk from A down to Z now by Limerick
On old metrical feet. Take with vim a pick
From the whole abc.
It is fun, you will see,
From the Almerick down to the Zimerick.

It took more time, than just one week's end
On my laptop with head, heart and hand,
In the years zero-three,
And naught-four, just for thee,
And for you, it is true, my dear friend.

two links that have been very useful:

<http://www.m-w.com/>
<http://www.rhymezone.com/>

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A

One, two, three, four, five, six...fifteen
Of all Almericks are to be seen.
An A does indeed,
alert you to speed.
As poetic arts always 'ave been.

ABACUS

An abacus is a computer,
Hand-driven, and simple, p'rhaps cuter,
Than modern PCs,
To hold on your knees,
Best learned from a nice Chinese tutor.

ACADEMIC

We often call thoughts academic,
If far from the practice, polemic.
But academe helps,
If ignorance yelps.
It treats all the problems systemic.

ADDRESS

An address is important, my dear,
For the "Who is-who?", who will be near?
By an e-mail address,
You are reached without stress,
So do send a mail, there's no frontier.

AFFAIR

The affairs, be they public, commercial,
If important, may be controversial.
Just the same may be true,
For a love affair, too,
Which can make us indeed quite inertial.

AGE

Even age does from folly not keep you.
Though promising wisdom us, deep, true.
So many old fools
Do brake all the rules,
To be seen from their red face's peep view.

AHA

An aha-event we do call that,
Which surprises us, good for, or bad.
When we do say "Aha",
Or maybe "Heureká"
If some flash us, of genius, laid flat.

AIR

That's a gas, we could not live without,
we do breath it, as fly does and trout.
A girl's golden hair,
Does flaunt in the air.
N2, O2, that's it, all about.

AJAR

If you found a house, doors wide ajar,
No one in and around, even far,
So, what might be the reason?
It's for hunting the season,
They are all gone deerstalking, bizarre.

ALPHABET

The alphabet, early we won,
If closely looked at - pro and con -
It's twenty six letters,
You'll find them on sweaters,
In books, and on boards, a. s. o.

AMERICANS

The Americans use too much oil,
Which their cars really guzzle; they spoil
Their own earth and the air.
It is not at all fair,
But we all also spoil sea and soil.

ANTS

The ants are so small, busy creatures,
As insects with typical features,
They do live in hills,
And show stunning skills,
For details please ask bio teachers.

APES

Apes are closely related to man,
As recognized Darwin, just then.
They are often better,
Than any jet setter,
But we into zoos did 'em ban.

AQUARIUM

Aquariums are big glass containers
With fish kept in, which are the gainers
Of feeding contests.
Those winning the tests,
Became the dear pets of their trainers.

ARROW

An arrow, as weapon, is missile
It reaches it's aim with a whistle.
When shot from a bow,
Don't stand in the row,
It might go through flesh you and gristle.

AXE

The axe, ev'n without the end-e,
As cutting tool, fells you a tree.
Same plural, with end-ess
Are straight lines, thus bend-less,
'bout which things are rotating free.

B

One, two, three, four, five, six and seven
Bold Bimericks bring seventh heaven,
A B brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
As bread baked with healthy old leaven.

BACHELOR

A bachelor - unmarried a man -
Will often try 's good as he can,
To find a nice girl,
Like lustrous a pearl,
Who might be seduced in his van.

BANK

The founding of banks is much better,
Than robbing one, or be one's debtor.
You'll grow with the crew,
And if so you do,
"Director" 's on your head of letter.

BEE

The bees are such small, busy creatures,
As insects with typical features,
They do live in hives,
Where honey arrives,
For details please ask bio teachers.

BICYCLE

To cycle, or ride on a bike,
Brings you forward, your health just alike.
On a bicycle lane,
You don't struggle in vain,
For your health's account this is a hike.

BLOOD VESSELS

Blood vessels – the arteries and veins -
Are busy, as if kept in chains.
Once they have gone blocked,
Cause fat has there locked,
Infarctions impend, making pains.

BOYS

Young boys and girls do like to play
With cars, dolls, each other, let's say.
Boys do play their games,
With nice little dames
But often treat these like a prey.

BUBBLES

The bubbles, which rise in champagne,
Form sparkling and pearly a chain,
Which helps you seducing,
And thereby reducing
Girls' barriers, erected in vain.

C

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Cool Cimericks come up to heaven.
A C brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four clean ones to make it eleven.

CADMIUM

The Cadmium 's so widely used,
Environment gets therefore bruised.
A Battery, dumped,
Leaves Cadmium lumped.
The bright yellow colour diffused.

CAMPING

The camping, our favourite habit
Where we, at least part time, inhabit
A van or a tent.
We all like to spend,
Some time with bee, outdoors, and rabbit.

CAESAR

When Caesar did learn of the fame
Of Cleo, he straightway laid claim:
"Ahead of my legions,
I invaded her regions,
I saw, I did conquer, I came."

CENTENNIAL

The great last centennial, we had,
A millennial was too, glad or sad,
The 20th century,
Has been penitentiary,
For so many people, 't'was bad.

CITY

The city has grown those last years,
To sizes, that give rise to fears.
Oh, how one controls,
Over ten million souls?
Which as ten million problems appears.

CODE

A code may be law, as been given
On principles, morally driven.
Or those secret signs,
In rows and/or lines,
Which cryptic texts forces to give in.

CURRY

The curry, or India's mix'd spices,
does season food, cut off in slices.
If once in a hurry,
Make use of our curry,
It saves time, wins you cookery prizes.

D

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Droll Dimericks dream up your heaven.
A D brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Like dough that's prepared with good leaven.

DAME

A dame is a strange living being,
Well educat'd, reading and seeing
So much more than a wife,
Does for culture she strive,
To which we shall all come agreeing.

DATA

Data do flow so fast now and easy,
Some are filter'd right out by those sleazy
And bad data thieves,
Beyond all our beliefs.
For secur'ty you feel rather queasy.

DEATH

Death will come to us once upon time,
It is hard to make yourself a rhyme
On the facts of life's ending,
Which may well be depending,
On an accident, age, or on crime.

DESERT

The desert's so vast and so hot,
A truly uncomfortable spot,
On camels, if crossed,
So many 'v' been lost,
Their bones in the sun bleach and rot.

DIAMOND

Those Diamonds, as girlies' best friend,
We've seen 'em in Marylin's hand.
It's but carbon, short: "C",
As in cells of her knee,
Just like graphite, or coal, understand?

DOCTORS (MDS)

To the doctors, who 'gainst it still fight,
Any illness, in fact, comes just right,
If they once were without it,
They could not pay their outfit.
And the treating of healthy 's no plight.

DUTY

A duty means task, obligation,
As the service you owe to your nation.
It may be a tax,
On imported wax,
Or work, you expect from rotation.

E

One, two, three, four, five, six.. fifteen
Of the Elmericks are to be seen.
An E does indeed,
alert you to speed.
And poetic art has ever been.

EARS

The ears you should keep open wide,
Listen, carefully watching your guide.
If it's getting too loud,
In a babbling big crowd,
Then decide ears to shroud and to hide.

EBB

Ebb means reflux of tide to the sea.
Everyone to this phrase will agree.
And the Business by Web
Sways as high tide and ebb,
Only sex has a sales guarantee.

ECONOMY

Economy governs the world,
Through money it is really twirled.
It makes it go round,
As has been long found,
And musically uttered or hurled.

EDUCATION

Education's investment in future.
That's exactly the way we make huge 'er.
It increases your brains,
Causing stresses and strains
On the insides of frontal our suture.

EFFECT

The effect often follows a cause.
That they are in effect 's said of laws.
Good sunglasses, protective
Are quite useful - effective.
And a floor show effect gets applause.

EGG

The egg, so fragile and so frail
So cheap, but of quite an avail.
Which has first been, and when,
Was it egg or the hen?
That may be discussed in detail.

EJECTION

To eject means to drive or force out.
Which will certainly leave you no doubt
On a noun as "ejection",
Rhyming well on erection,
And infection - protection without.

ELECTIONS

"Do you also have things as elections?"
Was a question without much reflections.
The answer from Nol Ming:
"Oh yes, evely molning!"
He was aiming at other directions.

EMOTION

A strong feeling, as anger or fear,
When experienced subjectively clear,
This is called an emotion.
Which prepares us for motion
And for action immediate my dear.

ENERGY

We learned energy 's path times a force,
Now'days measured in Joules, not in horse
Power hours. Solar power
Is the need of the hour,
As the fossils run out as resource.

EQUAL

To be equal, that means of same measure,
Or amount, number, quantity, pleasure,
As another, ...whatever.
But you'll never find ever,
Many persons that equal a treasure.

ERROR

Not an error commits only he,
who does nothing, but wait, listen, see,
and just look for himself,
leave the book on the shelf,
in the sunshine, quite happy and free.

ESPERANTO

Esperanto's a language invented,
Artificially built, and intended,
To express your perceptions
Using rules, no exceptions.
To have learned it, is seldom repented.

EVENING

It's the evening, best time of a day,
That which everyone just really may
Spend so cosily, true,
With just me, and just you.
Want to go out for dinner, dear, say?

EXAMPLE

An example does serve as a pattern,
To be followed, or not, as a slattern,
Which is better not followed.
Big a lump to be swallowed
As e.g. among planets the Saturn.

F

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Fresh Fimericks find up to heaven.
An F brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Like food that's prepared with good leaven.

FAME

From the Latin word *fama* comes fame,
Estimation or public acclaim.
Reputation, renown
In your place, city, town,
Or a rumor, that spreads like a flame.

FAN

Ladies use it for cooling their faces,
Motor driven, it blows in hot places.
But the same word - a fan -
May be girlie or man,
Who so ardently follow one's traces.

FEAR

An unpleasantly strong felt emotion,
In awareness of danger, a potion,
Paralysing our will,
With peculiar a thrill:
Fear may flood us, like land near an ocean.

FEET

On your feet, you can go many miles
Or in feet measure heights of, say, piles.
Using metrical feet,
Makes a poem sound sweet,
Which provokes in a reader's face smiles.

FINGERS

Five fresh fingers find fancily features
Of old oddly shaped things and of creatures.
How they like fondling skin,
Down from toes up to chin,
Or point up to get seen by the teachers.

FORMS

Forms are felt with our fingers and grasped,
They are shaped in a mould and then rasped.
If you have one to fill in,
It's from paper - spine-chillin'-
And made up of twelve sheets, neatly clasped.

FUN

What provides you amusement or joy,
As for kiddies a newly bought toy,
For a sprinter to win,
For a printer to sin,
May be fun as a girl for a boy.

G

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Good Gimericks get up to heaven.
A G brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four great ones to make it eleven.

GAME

It is played for amusement, diversion,
Or in sports, whether roman or persian.
Game, as word just the same,
May get different acclaim,
If obtained from a hunting excursion.

GARDEN

Places kept rather green and so neat,
So well suited for lovers to meet.
In the shade of big trees,
One may strip or may tease,
Love in gardens is Chatterley-sweet.

GEAR

Maybe garment, equipment, or good,
Or as part of machines understood.
Transmissions adjusting,
The gears will be trusting
To be covered in cars by the hood.

GENDER

In the grammar as well as in life,
It can tell you, it's man, is it wife,
Or a neuter. A bender,
From the m to f gender,
May well suffer to be much at strife.

GINGER

From a tropical herb, used as spice
It does smell and it tastes rather nice.
It's a first name, with "pep",
And with Fred-tap-tap-step
She was tap-dancing great and precise.

GOLD

As an element, yellow and plastic,
't can be beaten to thin leaf, fantastic.
Man is eager for gold,
Killed so much to get hold,
As Pizarro e.g. once quite drastic.

GUN

What projectiles can throw, is no fun,
It's no toy for a kid, it's a gun,
Killers have it to win,
But to kill is a sin,
So you better, to have one, did shun.

H

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Hard Himericks hike up to heaven.
An H brings indeed
A verse you with speed.
Add eight half ones to make it eleven.

HAND

Without them, we men would be fools,
Cause hands are the best of all tools.
We need 'em for writing,
For painting and fighting,
As well as for swimming in pools.

HAT

Ladies use it for shading their faces
And to show off in horse-racing places.
On the head of a man,
It's a must, not a can,
To avoid too much sunlight's bad traces.

HEART

Four times ten thousand times beat your hearts,
Every year of your lifes. Once it smarts
From infarction or stroke,
Which may deadly you choke.
But with luck you survive for new starts.

HEEL

Of your foot, it's the lower back part,
Part of stocks cov'ring this, too - how smart.
Part of shoes - Sex appeals
Via extra high heels.
Which provokes men to follow and start.

HITCH-HIKER

Thumbs up signs at the highway, now rare,
Girls in shorts and in shirts, nearly bare.
Using hitch-hikers guide,
To galactic a ride,
Was a classical fan club affair.

HORSES

They are animals, well known to man,
Who learn'd using 'em good as he can.
On four legs, solid-hoofed,
Stand in stables, well roofed.
In so many a race yet, they ran.

HUNTERS

Hunters, weird, as one ever had feared,
With a gun and a hat and a beard,
Watching close all the time,
In the dawn's very prime,
As a roebuck, a doe mating, neared.

I

One, two, three, four, five, six.. fifteen
Of the Ilmericks are to be seen.
An I does indeed,
encourage to speed.
In poetic arts Ilm'rick is queen.

IAMB

It's a metrical foot of some sort,
With a stressed syll'ble foll'wing a short.
Not a full anapest,
But it's used - second best -
In place of that foot as support.

IBEX

Wild goats living chiefly in regions
Of the Alps, where you found 'em in legions.
But they're only to be seen
In the rocks above green,
Having curved horns like sleds of Norwegians.

ICE

Water, solid state, frozen and hard,
You may slide on it, keep up your guard!
As an acronym, here,
They are fast trains, my dear,
Which, approaching a city, retard.

IDEA

A transcendent as pattern, say, entity,
Whereof things represent no identity,
But an imperfect shade,
Which quite often does fade,
More and more until total nonentity.

IF

A conjunction, that means: "on condition..",
Or "allowing that", getting permission.
It may stand there for "Whether",
"Even though" all together,
Just depending one one's disposition.

IGNORANCE

Lack of knowledge, of skills, education,
Leads to poor living, doomed destination!
Only learning all day
Keeps such dest'ny away.
What we need, is a teaching vocation.

ILLNESS

An unhealthy condition of creatures
Such as apes, cattle, pigs, even teachers.
They all want to get rid,
Of their illness, that did
Have a number of unpleasant features.

IMAGE

Imitation of form of a thing,
Or a person, a queen or a king.
A resemblance, impression,
Used by men of profession,
Who to favourable images cling.

INDEX

A device as a pointer on scales,
Or a subscript to symbols, that fails,
To tell you its meaning
Without careful screening,
Of the index of keyword details.

ION

It's an atom or molecule charged
In solution it's often enlarged
By a watery cluster.
Covered as by a lustre,
In electric fields smoothly it barged.

IRON

As a metal it's known long ago,
Swords were made of it, ploughs even so.
But with carbon, as steel,
It's of greater appeal,
Iron age gave to mankind a blow.

ISLE OF MAN

"I love men", heard a man shout a girl!
He was happy to find such a pearl.
But the girl (see the title),
In her shouting recital,
Did a list of some islands unfurl.

ITEM

It's a part in a number or series,
An object of attention, in theories.
Piece of news in a paper,
On a killer or raper,
Or a temple discovered, of Ceres.

IVORY

A white substance, like bone, from a tusk
Of an elephant, seen in the dusk.
In an i. tower meet,
Those who seek a retreat,
Cause reality's harder than rusk.

IZZARD

Just a name of the zed is that: "izzard",
Rhyming well on such things as a blizzard.
Strange as name of a letter,
But it suits so much better,
For a missing rhyme: limerick-wizard.

J

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Juicy Jimericks jump up to heaven.
A J brings indeed
A verse you with speed.
Add four Jim'ricks to make it eleven.

JADE

So green and so hard is the jade,
Many beautiful things of it made,
Like a horse or a wife,
Cut out just as alive,
Well established in souvenir trade.

JAM

It is fruit boiled with sugar, preserved,
Or the cars standing blocked, drivers nerved.
And a jazz fan professional,
Likes impromptu jam-sessional,
Where the audience gets sweets as deserved.

JEANS

Not just trousers, but signs of the creed,
In a western style freedom, indeed.
If I had Jimmy Dean's,
Washed and worn ol' blue jeans,
That would bring back the youth that I need.

JEEP

Light a motor car, freedom of motion,
Used by forces from over the ocean.
Nowadays everywhere,
Not alone over there,
On the highways in cross-country notion.

JET

It's of liquid or gas a fast stream,
Or the hole it emerged from as beam.
The whole aircraft, jet-driven,
Has the same name been given.
To belong to the jet set, a dream?

JOB

An employment, a work to be done.
To be fired, or job-less, no fun.
Finer jobs called "professions"
Are the lawyers possessions.
And the jobs of the past have all gone.

JUNK

Junk means old and discarded odd things,
Not of value - cheap glass beads on strings.
E-mail boxes may fail,
Under too much junk mail.
As a ship, Chinas values she brings.

K

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Kleen Kimericks knock on to heaven.
A K brings indeed
A verse you with speed.
Add four keen ones to make it eleven.

KANGAROO

It's an animal hopping on hind legs,
That the younger ones of it's own kind begs:
"Take a seat in my pouch,
easy as on a couch,
Take a ride, right inside, never mind pegs."

KAYAK

A canoe made of wood and of sealskin,
Built by Eskimo men, taking meals in,
Such as seal and some fish,
As their favourite dish.
Does not sink, rolling over on keel's fin.

KEEL

It's the backbone of ship, or their spine,
If laid down, the shipbuilding starts, fine.
Many ship did keel over,
Near the white cliffs of Dover,
While the sailors got stuck in the brine.

KEYS

Solid pieces to move bolts in locks,
Or for winding up springs inside clocks.
Buttons pressed on a board,
To play sounds of a chord,
Or for writing on hens and on cocks.

KING

He is ruling a country, majestic,
Handling foreign affairs and domestic.
As a woman called Queen,
She may likely be seen,
When performing her duties fantastic.

KNIGHT

Man of noble birth, trained for the fight,
On the weapons, quite heavy, not light.
In the Ages called Middle,
He does joust, play the fiddle,
As a minstrel for ladies all night.

KUNG FU

Chinese combat's way, fighting unarmed,
Using hand, foot, head, elbow, alarmed,
Like Karate -Japan-
Using Kung Fu, you can
Make aggressors get seriously harmed.

L

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Lovely Limericks leap up to heaven.
An L brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four light ones to make it eleven.

LABOUR

Work and workers as Party and class,
Of great impact in British top brass:
Bugle, trombone and horn.
For the Tories, but scorn.
Labour does, under Blair, hold the pass.

LAP

From the hips to the knees, front of thighs
Of a person, when sitting. Man tries
To invade just this part
Of an Eve through her heart,
Which, when lying, accepts not denies.

LEAN

Less fat, that's what really we mean
By the nice little adjective "lean".
Keep your arteries clean,
From bad lipoprotein,
And feel lean and as fit as a teen.

LEG

It's one part of the body of creatures,
Used for walking or running as features.
They are sexy in pairs,
To be seen on the chairs,
And the benches of classrooms by teachers.

LIBERTY

That's the state of a freedom from others,
Which a nation in principle bothers.
In New York the big statue,
Was donated in that view,
From the French free and equal good brothers.

LOVE

An affectionate, tender devotion.
Warm kind feelings, with lots of emotion.
Even sexual desire.
Pairs that really admire
Their attractive disturbing commotion.

LUST

A quite violent desire possessing,
Something, someone perhaps, just undressing.
It's quite basic an instinct,
As if sexually pin-linked,
And the partners each other caressing.

M

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Merry Mimericks make up to heaven.
An M brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Mim'ricks to make it eleven.

MAID

So sweet and so nice is the maid,
Who wants to be loved and be laid,
On the floor not before,
Opening heart as well door,
Being shy with a guy and afraid.

MAN

He is hunter, collector, invader,
And a love-for-security trader
Women lose in this deal,
But they strongly appeal
To the instincts of man as crusader.

MEAN

Arithmetic mean: sum by the number,
Geometric mean: it does encumber
Of the product the root,
As an adjective, hoot,
Does it mean poor unworthy, bad slumber.

MEETING

Nowadays everyone needs a meeting,
For a business, a conference, a treating.
Find a nice meeting place,
With good food, lots of space,
And good sights, swimming pools, simply beating.

MISS

It's the failure to hit, reach, or catch,
Or the title, for women, to match.
In a contest of beauty,
It's the winning queen's duty
To be called Miss "(the country attach!)".

MOVIE

Motion picture, for short -world of honey-
Movie stars, so well known, make big money.
But the show biz is tough
And a girl in the buff,
Must perform in the Playboy as bunny.

MYSTERY

Things, the cause of which has remained hidden,
Or their true understanding forbidden.
Quite a lot in our history,
Will remain such a mystery,
And historians stay ignorance-ridden.

N

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Naughty Nimericks near you to heaven.
An N brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four new ones to make it eleven.

NAIADS

The Naiads love river and spring,
They will dance on the waters and sing,
As the daughters of Jove,
They in sight only hove,
If a Faun with his flute came for swing.

NAVEL

Just a dimple, so willingly shown,
On the belly - erogenous zone -
Sip Champagne from this cup,
Wakes your libido up,
And will turn you to love-making prone.

NEAR

It's not far from, or close to, in space,
Or in time: Nearly winning a race,
Means in fact to have lost.
Those avoiding high cost,
May be "near with their money", a trace.

NÉE

That is French, which in English means "born",
It's before a wife's father's name worn.
Telling people where from,
Did that women once come
Odd a custom, now often down torn.

NIGHT

It's the dark side of day, after dinners,
For the pairs seeking love - if they're winners -
't may be best of the day,
In a quite special way:
They may feel very lucky as sinners.

NOBEL PRIZE

Since a century this prize has been given
To some people, by geniuses driven,
Who did bring to the top,
Our sciences crop,
And have therefore successfully striven.

NURSE

That's a maid or a woman, to look
After babies, not just in a book,
She may suckle a kid,
If employed for that bid,
Or for nursing the sick, not to cook.

O

One, two, three, four, five, six.. fifteen
Of the Olmericks are to be seen.
An O does indeed,
encourage to speed.
In poetic arts Olm'rick is queen.

OATH

That's a solemn declaration of truth,
Which obliges both old age and youth,
To be honest in court,
Not to lie, just for sport,
Which might easily be found by a sleuth.

OBJECT

Something that we perceive by the senses
Made of matter, like houses and fences,
Or the goal of activity
Of a high sensitivity,
Subject matter of research expenses.

OCCUPATION

An activ'ty in which one engages
As the one, say, to read many pages.
Or the forces invading,
Other countries, degrading,
Still today, as in earlier ages.

ODES

Lyric poems exalted in style,
With the length of lines varying, while
They are complex in scheme,
Often lengthy extreme,
Causing those so addressed just a smile.

OFFER

The proposal of marriage as such,
Which, if given the first time means much.
Or a sacrifice given,
To some deity, driven
By the fear of an unpleasant touch.

OGLE

Look at ladies, lad, lustfully long,
That makes fun and you really feel strong.
Ogling best girls in town,
In their nicest night-gown,
May entice you to write down a song.

OIL

It's a liquid quite easily burning,
Won from animals, plants, or from turning
Boring tools down the ground,
Sink a well, spinning round,
Greed and wars even worldwide now churning.

OLIVE

It's a tree, evergreen, and it's fruit,
Small and oval, just following suit
Mankind's most basic need,
To survive and to feed.
Makes the living more easy, less brute.

ONION

Many coats form a bulb of a plant,
Strong in flavour and smelling, which can't
Be confused with some other
Plants of veggies, don't bother,
You can always find these on demand.

OPERATION

The way, something works may be named
Or the act of a surgeon, so claimed,
Cutting out certain parts,
Or transplanting the hearts,
Doctor Barnard got first for that famed.

ORAL

Using spoken words, not the ones written,
Or the mouth swallow something not bitten,
As a pill with a drug,
With a sip from a jug.
From her oral exam he was smitten.

OSSIFIED

Has been made or became hard as bone,
Said of people: to progress not prone,
Or unable to change
From a usual range.
The reformer with those stands alone.

OUTDOOR

In the open air, outside a house,
As a tramp or a bear or a mouse
Leading outdoors their life
Just as man seeking wife,
Whom her outdoor-view sharply did rouse.

OVAL

Plane a figure or outline of shape
As an ellipse, an egg, or a grape.
It was used in baroque
Decorating the block,
Of a castle, where servants did scrape.

OZONE

It is oxygen, triple, not pair,
Atmospherically treated unfair,
Up there it is missing,
Down here it is hissing
from cars exhaust, may cats us beware.

P

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Pleasant Pimericks push up to heaven.
A P brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Pim'ricks to make it eleven.

PAIR

It is two things designed for the use,
As, quite simply, the pair of good shoes.
It may be man and wife
Making love, or in strife,
Sharing news, sometimes blues, rarely views.

PAN

That's a flat shallow dish without cover,
Used for cooking, or thrashing a lover,
Who unwantedly came
To lay amorous claim
On a lady, 'round which he did hover.

PEACE

It's a state of secur'ty or order,
With no problem to crossing the border
We still need the police,
To keep publicly peace,
And the jail with it's walls and the warder.

PEEL

That's the skin or the rind of a fruit,
Which may serve you to build from a flute.
As a verb: to remove
Parts of skin to improve
One's appearance in sexual pursuit.

PITCH

Many meanings you'll find for this word,
Some of them you may never have heard:
It's a slope and a distance,
Has high viscous resistance,
If distilled from a crude oil preferred.

POWER

Things as force, or strength, energy, might,
Come with power to mind or to sight,
Symbol P or P dot,
It is measured in Watt,
If the units are chosen all right.

PUSH

As a verb it means press, force or cause
To increase things as prices; which draws
Our attention to tags
On the goods in our bags
And on reasons for VAT- laws.

Q

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Quick Quimericks near you to heaven.
A Q brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four queer ones to make it eleven.

QUALITY

This means character, property, grade,
It's important in business and trade,
Comes from Latin and French,
Does so much now entrench.
How's important, not where it was made!

QUANTUM

That's a term used in physical science
since a century; at those days' defiance.
Introduced by Max Planck,
Whom we therefore do thank,
Using quantum effects in appliance.

QUARANTINE

Just a period of forty of days,
Which a ship had to stay at the quay's
Farthest end of the port,
If contagious, some sort,
Of disease was suspected: delays!

QUEEN

Female monarch, or wife of a king,
To whom so many people do cling,
In odd royalty cult,
Whether young or adult,
What an awkward irrational thing.

QUESTION

That's a phrase used to test others' knowledge,
Used in daily life 's well as in college,
Or an issue, a matter.
Self-esteem may go shatter,
If ignorance we have to acknowledge.

QUICKIE

Something done or performed in a hurry,
Causing feelings just as in a flurry.
Having - hastily- sex,
Which makes life more complex,
Take your time, for a watch do not worry.

QUOTA

A proportional part or a share,
Fixed by law, to be equal and fair,
Keep minority's rights,
By juridical fights,
Just as lawyers don't cease to declare.

R

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Rad Rimericks raise up to heaven.
An R brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Rim'ricks to make it eleven.

RABBIT

Brownish-grey in it's natural state,
Burrows holes early morning till late.
Name of classic a car,
Serving movies as star.
Being killed is the animal's fate.

RAPE

As a plant, it is useful, gives oil.
As a crime, it's one reason to spoil,
Normal sexual relations,
For the fear of invasions.
Help its victims means often hard toil.

READ

Looking at something written or printed,
Understanding it's sense; even hinted
May a message be found,
Going down to the ground,
Like a painting in shades finely tinted.

REED

Mass of grasses, at lake-shores quite matching;
It's dried stalks used on roofs for a thatching.
Strip of metal, that's found,
In the "reeds", giving sound,
As in clarinets, ears and hearts catching.

RHYME

It's the sameness of sound of the ending
In two or more lines, thus depending
On phonetics and stress,
..And those list'ning, I guess.
Two examples this lim'rick's just sending.

ROUND

That means shaped like a circle or ball
As an adjective, verb, noun, say all
Kind of words to be found
That go round and around,
Such as winter, spring, summer, and fall.

RYE

Its grain gives us flour and thus bread,
Grassy stem with an ear as the head.
Kind of whisky made from,
May be risky maid, come,
Do not take too much rye, I'm afraid.

S

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Saucy Simericks near you to heaven.
An S brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four soft ones to make it eleven.

SAIL

Sheet of canvas for catching the breeze,
On a boat, or a ship, some of these,
Vessels, powered by wind.
On a yard firmly pinned,
Known from early times, also in Greece.

SCIENCE

Knowledge gained by experience and test,
Well arranged and then taught to the best
Of our students in school,
By some elderly fool,
Which, when titled professor, feels blessed.

SEA

The expanse of salt water, enclosing,
All the continents, islands, imposing!
Big parts, always in motions,
Have been labeled as oceans,
The existence of mainland opposing.

SEDUCTION

A persuasion to do something - wrong
Or all right – as to write a good song.
Sweet seducer, her lover,
Acting under the cover,
Makes for more sexual pleasures her long.

SILK

Fine soft thread spun by worms for cocoons,
And the tissue made from: In saloons,
Ladies wearing silk-stockings,
Not much else, dear, how shocking,
Did perform during whole afternoons.

SNOB

That's a person respecting too much,
Wealth and social position as such,
Those below him despising,
Always therefore disguising,
Under outfit of very posh touch.

SUGAR

Sweet substance, obtained from the juice
Of plants - cane or beet; does seduce
Us to eat more than good,
Of that sweet, sticky food.
Bad for teeth, says the dentist: "Refuse!"

T

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Tough Timericks tour up to heaven.
A T brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Tim'ricks to make it eleven.

TABOO

Something, custom regards as forbidden,
To be touched, spoken of; it keeps hidden.
Many things, once taboo,
Are discussed now, quite true,
Rather publicly, yellow-press-ridden.

TART

As an adjective: acid, sharp, dry,
But as noun has the meaning of pie.
't wouldn't be very smart,
Calling: "High, little tart!"
On the street after girls passing by!

TEACH

Causing someone to know something better,
For example to write a love-letter,
Or to drive a big car,
Nicely play the guitar,
Even how to become a trendsetter.

TEEM

To become over flowingly filled
To abound, in large quantity spilled,
Or to empty, to pour
something out with a roar.
Known by those linguistic'ly skilled.

TIGHTS

That's a garment, skin-tight, which does cover,
From the waist downward, all that a lover
Would prefer to access,
Without all that much stress,
That's involved here in her to uncover.

TOUGH

Strong but flex'ble and not at all brittle
Hard to chew, even sticky a little,
Stubborn minded, or strong,
Hard to solve -'t may take long -
As a piece of wood, hard so to whittle.

TYPE

It's a character, person, or thing,
Or a block with a letter to bring,
Printed words onto paper,
Volatile as a vapour,
Many meanings, not easy to string.

U

One, two, three, four, five, six.. fifteen
Of the Ulmericks are to be seen.
A U does indeed,
encourage to speed.
In poetic arts Ulm'rick is queen.

UBIQUITY

From the Latin, it means to be present
Everywhere at the same time; a peasant
Doesn't have it, quite clear,
It's imposs'ble my dear,
Yet for spirits or gods it's quite pleasant.

UDDER

A large organ of two or more glands
Satisfying the calves' demands,
Those of mankind alike,
Milk-sea is hard to dike.
Men do like touching nipples by hands.

UGLY

An offence to the sight, frightful, dire;
Ugly scenes do not really inspire
Our senses, and feelings.
No incentive for dealings,
Cause it's beauty, what most we desire.

UKASE (freely adapted from C. Morgenstern)

By poster I herewith make known:
Today is no holiday shown.
This day be devoted
non-red-letter, quoted!
Such ukase in fire be thrown.

ULCER

Used in medical language: in skin,
It's a hole, but not caused by a pin,
Often sore at a spot
Where the tissue did rot.
It's called gastric if found there within.

ULTIMATE

This means basic, or furthest, or last.
As the "ultimate deterrent" in past
Was the nuclear weapons:
In the mean time it happens,
To have changed to quite different a cast.

ULTRAVIOLET

Light invisible, shorter in length,
Of it's waves, therefore higher in strength.
Splits up ozone in air,
Burns the skin of those fair,
Ozone layer kept back it's sharp fangs.

UMBRELLA

Little "roof" to be carried in hand,
Waterproof, giving shade at the strand.
Folding frames, that remain,
To be opened, when rain
Drops are falling, on sea, or on land.

UNDRESS

Means to take off one's clothes, or one's dress,
Which may cause the observer some stress,
Due to feelings, exciting,
Maybe even inviting,
To embrace her, and join to undress.

UNION

Act of joining or being united,
Or the group as a whole, often frightened,
Cause the union makes strong,
It can hardly be wrong.
Form a union looks always farsighted.

UPSET

Means to overturn something, tip over,
As a boat near the white cliffs of Dover,
Or some's plans and/or mind,
Not at all very kind.
Such as stray dogs, upsetting a rover.

URBAN

From the Latin word *urbs*, meaning town,
Urban life's thought by many to crown
Our ways of the life,
Though it often means strife,
For those coming in town, and then drown.

USA

British colonies, states then, united,
First world power now, hated and frightened.
The American way,
Led traditions astray,
But has science 'n' technol'gy invited.

UTILITY

That's the quality being of use,
In a public sense, we simply choose:
Electricity, steam,
Gas, and Water, a dream,
That came true for us: everyone's do's.

UXORIOUS

If excessively fond of one's wife,
Which may not be too helpful in life.
Latin *uxor*, it's root,
Means the wife, not a moot,
An insult nearly sharp as a knife.

V

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Vivid Vimericks near you to heaven.
A V brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Vim'ricks to make it eleven.

VAIN

Without meaning, result, value, use,
Having too high opinions – abstruse -
Of one's looks or one's gifts.
Vain as peacocks, one drifts
Into vanity's trap, just to lose.

VAT

A great vessel or tank made of wood,
Or of plastics, or metal; it's good
For liquids as wine,
Or for hard drinks, it's fine,
If for whisky you are in the mood.

VEAL

Don't call flesh of a calf - as a meal -
Simply "calf meat", correctly it's veal!
From "*vitellus*", the calf,
Roman roots, "better" half
Of the words - upper class snob appeal!

VEGETABLE

Coming from, or relating to plants,
Such as oils, now at greater demands,
Than the animal fats,
Sold in cans or in vats.
Eating veggies each day, health you grants.

VINE

Climbing plant, with the grape as its fruit,
Grown in vineyards, where winemakers suit
The demands of wine drinkers,
Real artists - no tinkers -
Training carefully ev'ry young shoot.

VOMIT

That's to empty one's stomach the wrong side,
Through the mouth; at a ship's rail, alongside,
If gone seasick, fish feeding,
Doctor's help badly needing,
Often caused by the waves of a strong tide.

VULGAR

Very common, ill mannered, bad taste,
From *vulgaris*; so please do not waste
Too much time with this word.
When with "fraction" it's heard: (as e.g. 1/3)
Cipher, slash, cipher, commonly placed.

W

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Witty Wimericks walk up to heaven.
A W indeed
brings verses with speed,
Add four wise ones to make it eleven.

WALK

Putting forward each foot at a time
Always touching the ground, and to grime
There one's shoes or one's feet,
In the dirt of the street;
But street-walkers sell sex, not a crime.

WAR

It's the use of armed forces to win,
Increased power, or punish a sin,
Such as genocide, done,
By those bad guys, of one
Of the ethnic groups closely akin.

WEATHER

Instantaneous local conditions,
Of our atmosphere; mankind envisions
Sun and clouds, wind and rain,
Thunderstorms, not in vain:
On its forecast depend some decisions.

WEEKEND

Now that's Saturday, Sunday as free
Days enjoyed by most people like me,
Used for hobbies and fun,
At the beach to get sun,
Or for writing some limericks, see.

WINE

With a double-u written, not vee,
Is the vineries' product, you see:
It's the greatest of drinks,
If it's made by – me thinks-
Real artists, quite carefully, gee!

WORD

It's the unit of languages treasure,
Form'd from sounds, written symbols; a pleasure
To make use of it better:
Write a song, a love-letter,
Or a limerick, metered to measure!

WRITE

To form, say by drawing, engraving,
Some symbols, a message thus saving,
To be read, understood,
Onto paper, stone, wood,
Or by pressing some keys, or flags waving.

X

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
X-rate Ximericks near you to heaven.
An X brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Xim'ricks to make it eleven.

XANTHIPPE

Xanthippe shared table and bed,
With Socrates, whom she was wed:
"After thunder comes rain!"
Did he say, once again,
When she spilled a whole jug on his head.

XAVIER

Francis Xavier, a holy man, saint,
Did with Christian ideas acquaint,
Many people far east,
India, Nippon at least,
Nowadays these ideas got faint.

XENON

It is noble a gas, and quite rare,
Less than one in ten millions in air,
In the zeroest group,
It's the fifth in the loop,
Of the elements' periodic affair.

XEROX

Rank-Xerox, a trade-mark, well known
From ads worldwide placed to be shown.
Chester Carlson invented,
The machine, widely rented,
Chairman now is a lady, alone.

XI

To remember the Greek letter "xi",
You may think of Xanthippe, but why?
Shrewish wife, by the way,
She did shrill, people say,
In the public for Socrates cry.

X RAY

Wilhelm Röntgen discovered these rays,
Which are used since in various ways.
Winning Nobel Prize One,
This was truly well done,
Best example for knowledge, that pays.

XYLOPHONE

A xylophone, mallets to strike it,
Quite different from anything like it,
Sounds not wooden at all,
So it's name does recall,
Wood-sound from a Greek-language-try-kit.

Y

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Young Yimericks yearn up to heaven.
A Y brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four yummy ones makes it eleven.

YACHT

Sailing boat, built for fun, and for races,
Motor vessel, to reach famous places,
When the screw shrieks and whirls,
That's attractive for girls,
All well built and with good looking faces.

YARD

That's a space, near a house, not a street,
Used for many a purpose to meet,
As a shipyard, or vineyard,
Where the action is inward,
Or the measure of length of three feet.

YEAST

Mass of single cell fungi, that's used
For a lot of things bio-produced:
Bread or cakes, made from leaven,
Beer and wine - drinks from heaven -
Now in industry well introduced.

YESTERDAY

That's the day, that has been just before
The one present, which it's not any more.
Famous Beatle's song, too,
Dreams of youth coming true;
Everything has been better of yore.

YIELD

Means to give or to render as fitting,
Or as rightfully owned, even splitting
It's the product, as noun,
Of expenditure, shown
Of a process, say chemical, hitting.

YOU

Means the person, or persons addressed.
In the letters F'CK, the stressed,
Is the only one missing
Sound of vowel, not hissing,
That this word represents, if expressed.

YTTRIUM

It's a metal, from lasers well known,
For a chemist, a "Y" simply shown,
Does suffice, no surprise,
To, indeed, recognize,
It as element, standing alone!

Z

With one, two, three, four, five, six, seven
Zany Zimericks zap you to heaven.
A Z brings indeed
A verse you with speed,
Add four Zim'ricks to make it eleven.

ZANY

A subordinate clown, a buffoon,
One, who acts as such, say as a loon,
And ludicrous, absurd,
As an adjective, blurred,
Which in fact does insult people soon.

ZAP

Imitating a sound of a gun,
Or to switch TV-channels for fun,
Kill with sudden a force,
Never feeling remorse,
That's what zapping may mean to have done.

ZEAL

Lots of energy, enthusiasm,
For a cause, if released in a spasm,
Fervour, eagerness, passion,
In a lover's best fashion,
Happ'ly ending in common orgasm.

ZEST

Peace of orange or lemon peel – flavour -
Or the piquancy, which some do favour,
As a qual'ty exciting,
For all those, who love fighting,
Keen enjoyment, let's share it, dear neighbour!

ZIP

Stands for energy, vim, sudden sound,
Or for op'ning a zipper, when found,
Suiting sexual need,
Which does finally lead,
In a love affair, down to the ground.

ZOO

Apes, bears, elephants, shown in a zoo,
Looking just like in nature's "Who's who?",
Give examples, still living,
Of what nature is giving,
To enrich us, by looking, it's true?

ZULU

Bantu speaking, Natal, was their land,
And their language as well in the trend,
Is called Zulu today,
There is no other way,
To protect such an ethnics, defend.