

A PUZZLING CONCLUSION

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Begin with a Calculated Guess

The hamlets of **Cataract** in the Town of Caledon and **Relessey** in the Town of Mono each have eight-letter names with three identical vowels.

The challenge is to make two lists of ordinary, three-letter English words, one list for each hamlet name. *Before* you begin, however, try to estimate which hamlet is likely to produce the most three-letter words.

(Plurals, proper names and abbreviations like "att." don't count, and remember, the words should be "ordinary." For example, "ser" may be ordinary in the *Game of Thrones* world but not here in the hills!)

Which list is longer?

What are the words on your lists?

CATARACT RELESSEY

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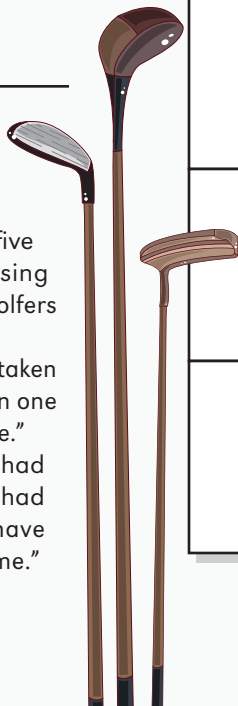
Overheard at Glen Eagle

After they'd just played a par five hole, two golfers were discussing what might have been (as golfers are wont to do).

Harry said to Tom, "If I had taken one less shot and you had taken one more, we'd have shared the hole."

Tom said "Yeah, and if I had taken one less shot and you had taken one more, then you'd have taken twice as many shots as me."

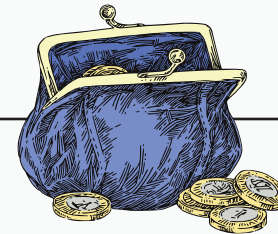
How many shots did each actually take?



Did He Say That!

A well-known statement by a former prime minister can be found in the diagram below. From the letter 'J' in the centre of the diagram, move from square to touching square until you have found the statement, followed by the prime minister's name.

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Deadlock at the Alton Fair Board

After the completion of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway from Weston to Owen Sound in the early 1870s, the Alton Spring Fair experienced a dramatic increase in the number of visitors including, unfortunately, a pickpocket or two.

At a meeting of the Fair Board called to discuss the problem of this thievery, four board members voted in favour of a motion to post a warning sign at the fair entrance. Four other members of the board voted against the motion, arguing that such a sign would project a negative image of the fair.

The chairperson had to vote and break the tie. He cast his vote with the *nays*, pointing out that, in his opinion, a warning sign at the entrance to the fair would benefit pickpockets more than the fair's visitors.

Why would the sign be a benefit to the pickpockets?

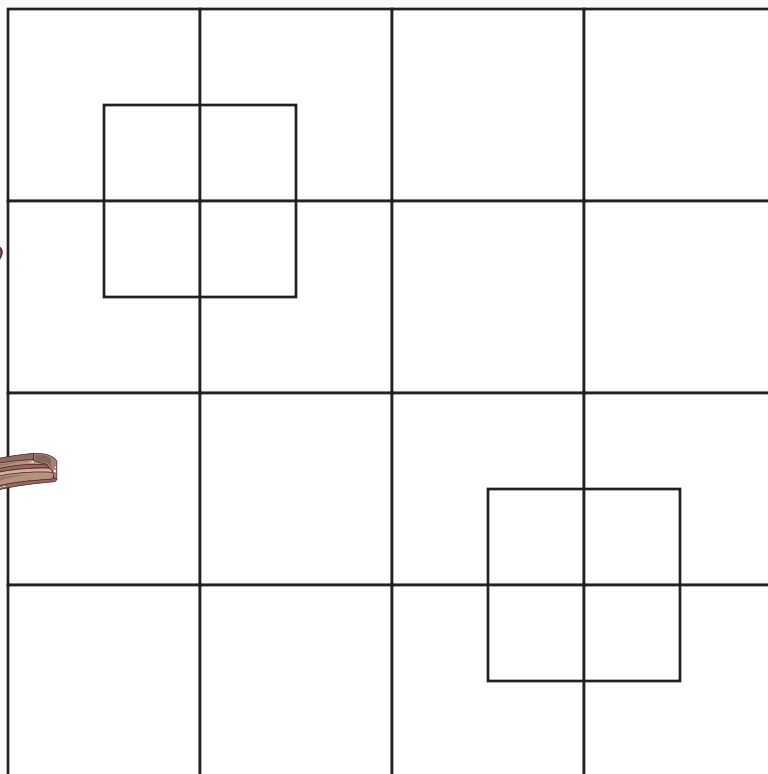
The Editor's Note

Marni, you'll be happy to know the manuscript is going to copy edit tomorrow. One thing before I send it: you forgot to state the relationship of Edson to the sister-in-law of his father's only sibling, an unmarried sister. Help me here!

What is the relationship?

More Than You Think

There are more than 24 squares in this diagram.



How many more?

Find Two Colours Residing in this Statement

The spat began after Eddie stopped playing and shouted, "One dancer, I see, is completely out of step!"