

Notes on Common Errors 2715 – 2763

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 2715 AVIARIES for APIARIES (28 : 45 : 303)
These enclosures hold workers beating air in confusion when outside?
AS, outside anag. AIR in PIE
- 2717 HICCATEE / TRY / LORY entered incorrectly (12 : 51 : 385)
The entries in the maze had to proceed left, right or down only
and end at a bar
- 2719 STOEP for STEEP (35 : 48 : 334)
Plot led to PATCH and STEEP as synonyms
- 2722 Title missing or incorrect (23 : 52 : 226)
- 2723 Error in title, author or quotation (37 : 48 : 291)
- 2724 (i) STOAT for STOAS (ASSOT) (31 : 57 : 206)
Old fool, a jerk? Quite the reverse
A + TOSS rev.
- (ii) SARLDE for SARNDE (SANDER) (16 : 57 : 206)
Swimmer about turns, landing on beach
SAND + RE rev.
- 2726 CRETE for GRETA (11 : 26 : 238)
GRETA Hall, home of Southey
- 2729 SEEL for SEAL (114 : 133 : 342)
Close season blindfold
3 meanings : although SEEL is acceptable for 2 of these it does not
mean 'close'
- 2731 EMBASSAGE, AMBASSADE or AMBASSAGE for EMBASSADE (38 : 52 : 436)
Envoy's old home made bases ham-handedly
Anag. MADE BASES
- 2732 EDDISH for EADISH (30 : 47 : 244)
Old pasturage – a hollow by the river
EA + DISH

- 2735 (i) RETREATS for RETREADS (57 : 89 : 317)
Old soaks – having stomach for more?
 READ in RETS; see Chambers
- (ii) SSORETI for (M)A(S)SORETI(C) (14 : 89 : 317)
About O.T. criticism – care to miss confusion
 Anag. CARE TO MISS
- (iii) (MA)SSOOLA – various wrong spellings (12 : 89 : 317)
Religious fanatic carrying animal into boat
 ASS in MOOLA
- 2737 (i) DART for DARE (28 : 47 : 409)
 ... he was such a challenge: he couldn't stay fed for long (DEFY)
- (ii) SHRINK for SHRANK (8 : 47 : 409)
 ... why I even recoiled at the sight of a pink rash
- 2739 (i) Various alternatives to '38' below grid (38 : 52 : 114)
 CYCLONE = 38 (American Army Divisions : see Brewer's)
- (ii) MEAN for MEIN (13 : 52 : 114)
Foreign food, not English food, makes the old complain
 (CHOW) MEIN
- 2740 WART for WANT (28 : 63 : 273)
Mole, carrying on unrestrained
 WANT(ON)
- 2741 LIME for LYME (40 : 61 : 255)
Hound's bay
 2 meanings
- 2742 (i) ARGALI for ARGALA (41 : 77 : 321)
The adjutant's arrival upset one old convict
 AR + A LAG rev.; Argali not adjutant
- (ii) TRIE or TREE for TRUE (17 : 77 : 321)
Very odd torture
 Odd letters in ToRtUrE
- 2743 RSEALI for RSIANI (SIRIAN) (17 : 39 : 299)
Certain star's one formerly over the BBC?
 SIR IAN (Trethowan)

- 2744 COLO / EXACTOR for COLE / EXACTER (27 : 37 : 222)
Hero Jeremy is beetle-headed
 COLE(OPTERA) (H. Walpole)
One involved in The Turn of the Screw – or was, by the sound of it
 EXACTER, homophone EX-ACTOR
- 2745 (i) SHAVE for SUAVE (22 : 59 : 400)
This is smooth except when seizing up at the start
 U(P) in SAVE
- (ii) MESMERISER or MESMERISED for MESMERISES (20 : 59 : 400)
A war-club thrust into old church services is fascinatingly influential
 MERI in MESSES
- 2747 PEAL for PEEL (49 : 57 : 224)
Young sea-trout's pale skin
 3 meanings
- 2749 It was assumed that all errors were miscoding, without working back from the entry to what it represented
- 2752 Entries containing four 'o's in place of ~~o~~ were disqualified. Otherwise these entries were not checked for further errors
- 2759 (i) SWEE(T)ENER for SWEE(T)ENED (32 : 72 : 219)
Snick round tidy end of hive for added honey
 Misprint 'tiny'; WEE + E in SNED
- (ii) KATH(O)DE for CATH(O)DE (29 : 72 : 219)
With double tripod he's holding short lead terminal of a cell
 Misprint 'dead'; CAT + D in HE
- 2761 (i) STAKE for STACK (16 : 58 : 317)
Square meal of bread, perhaps, and a pile of chips
 S + TACK
- (ii) TERVES for TERFES (15 : 58 : 317)
Old sods rot, sliced with each half switched
 i.e. FESTER, halves switched
- (iii) DECLARE for DECIARE (13 : 58 : 317)
Viewed in mirror device, returned diamonds are reduced by 90%
 ICE rev. in DARE; deciare = $\frac{1}{10}$ of an are
- 2763 Various alternatives for AVE (33 : 47 : 236)
Explain the remedy
 (S)A(L)VE, 2 meanings; SALVE = hail is a third meaning