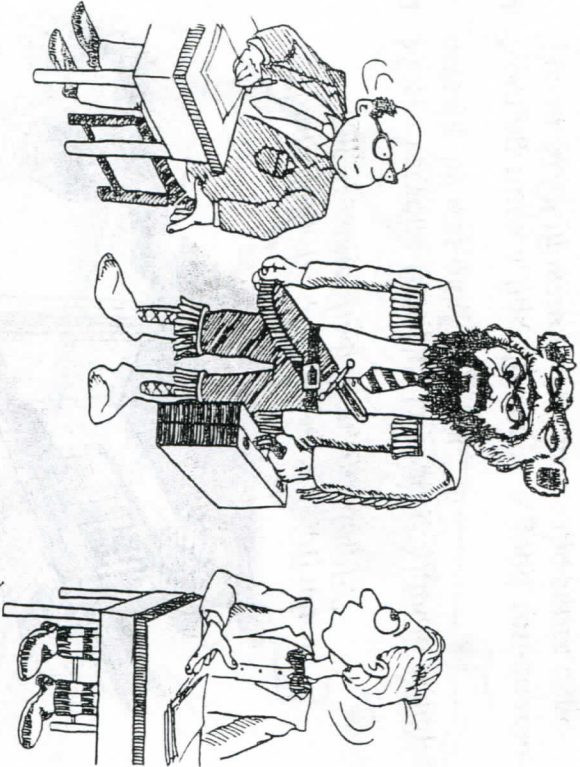


INCONGRUOUS

(in KAHN grew us)

not appropriate, unsuited to the surroundings; not fitting in
Link: IN CONGRESS



"The new Alaskan senator's presence IN CONGRESS was INCONGRUOUS."

- ❑ Ed appeared INCONGRUOUS wearing his tuxedo on an old-fashioned hayride.
- ❑ The INCONGRUITY with Joseph's chosen career was that he had a Ph.D. in chemistry, but preferred to work as a mullet fisherman.
- ❑ INCONGRUOUSLY, Dianne spent several days a week at the library, even though she professed that she didn't like to read.

BULWARK

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a defensive wall; something set as a principle def
Link: BULL WO



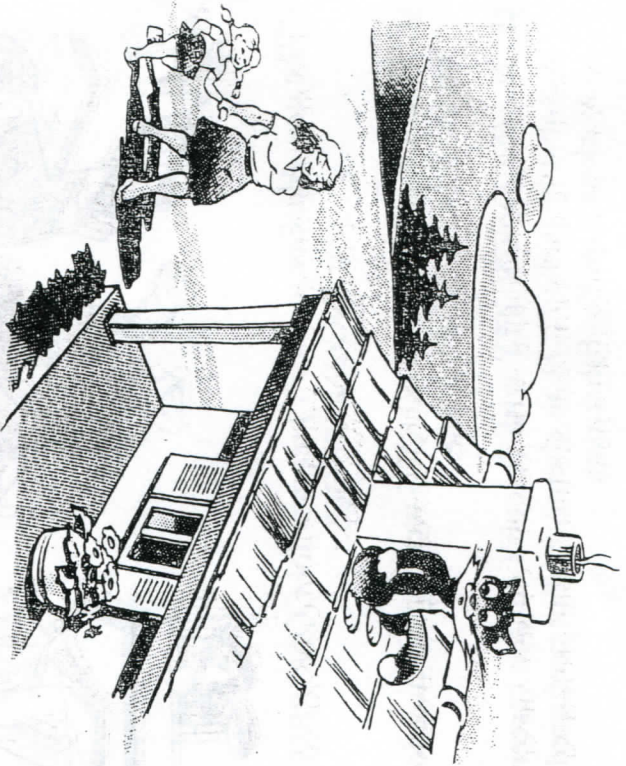
"BULLS WORK building a BULWARK."

- ❑ Quebec City is the only city in North America with a BULWARK built entirely around it.
- ❑ The budget for national defense is an economic burden for all taxpayers, but we must never forget that armed services are the BULWARK of defense for the nation.
- ❑ Our mother was a BULWARK against bad times, no matter how bad things became; she always wore a smile and had a cheerful word.

• **ALOOOF**
(uh LOOF)

distant, reserved in manner;
uninvolved

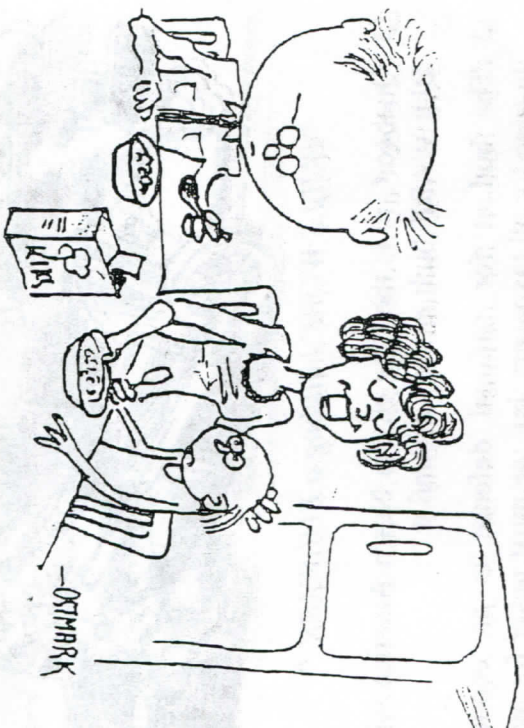
Link: ROOF



“Snowball, the cat, was so ALOOF when guests came she hid on the ROOF.”

- ❑ Most everyone thought Theodore ALOOF when actually he was only very shy.
- ❑ Nothing ruins a fine dinner at a good restaurant like an ALOOF waiter who makes the entire experience uncomfortable.
- ❑ At the wedding reception, the bride’s relatives were very ALOOF, hardly speaking to the groom’s guests and family.

• **CEREBRR**
(suh REE b
of or relating to the br
an intellectual per
Link: CERRE



“Eat your CERREAL so you’ll grow up and be CEREBRRAL like your father.”

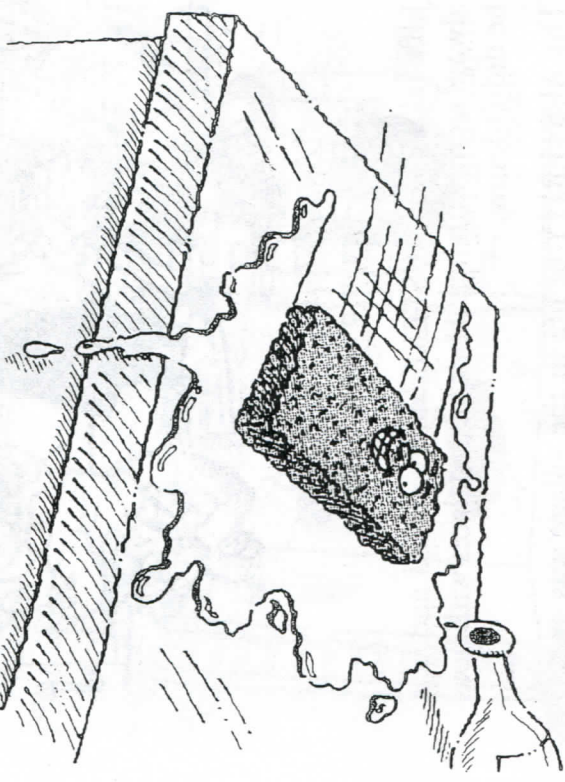
- ❑ CEREBRRAL for a football player, the wily Kan quarterback rarely called a play that wasn’t planned and thought out.
- ❑ Dr. Clark was too CEREBRRAL to be a boy scout leader. Instead of saying “pitch your tents over the cliff,” he would confuse everyone with his words and say, “construct the canvas shelters the proximity of the promontory.”

EXPUNGE

(ex PUNGE)

to remove; to delete; **to erase**

Link: SPONGE



"A SPONGE EXPUNGING a spill."

- The judge ordered the clerk to EXPUNGE the lawyer's statement from the record.
- The wet and muddy footprints were EXPUNGED with soap and water.
- The teacher told Justin EXPUNGING the low grades from his record was not something she was willing to do.

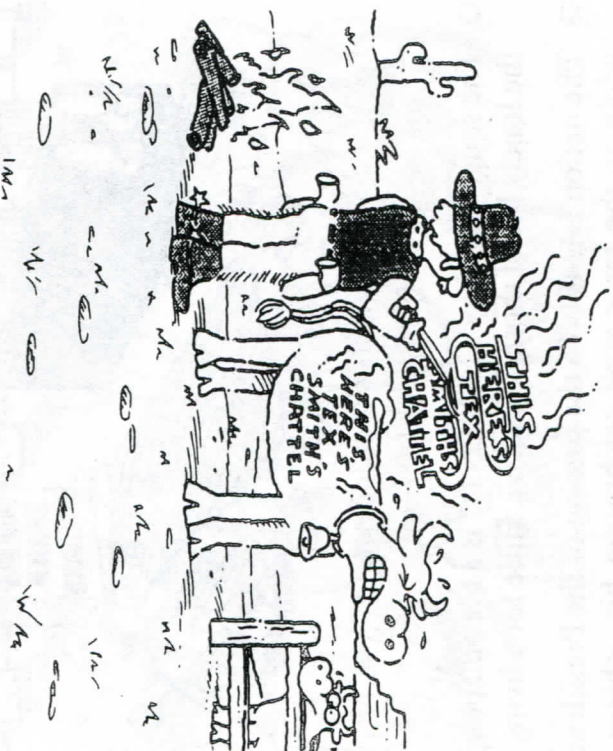
CHATTEL

(chattel)

an item of **personal**, movable

property; slave

Link: CATTLE



"Tex's CATTLE were his CHATTEL."

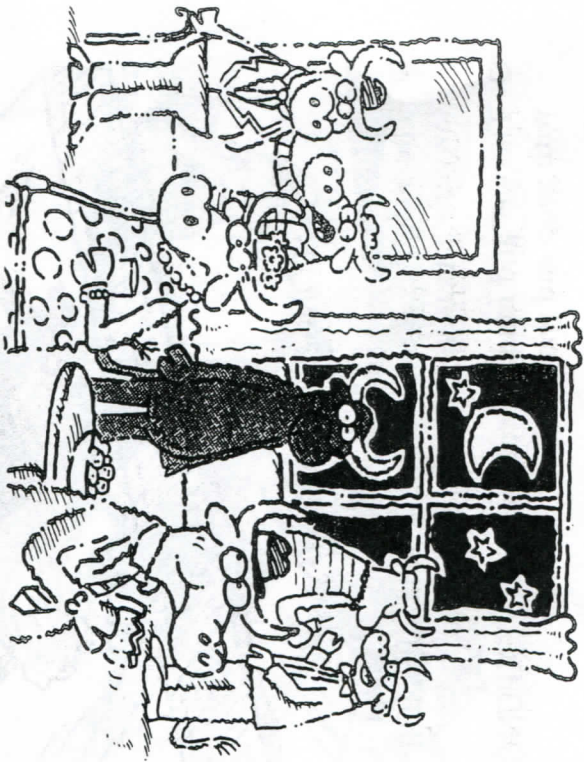
- The bank held a CHATTEL mortgage on all our office equipment, chairs, computers and even our electric clock.
- Please do not order me around Lady Boswell, I am neither your servant nor your CHATTEL.
- The CHATTEL belonging to Herodotos of Athens at his death were sixteen slaves, seven horses, six hunting dogs and three midget gladiators.

• **AUSTERE**

(aw STEER)

stern, as in manner; without excess, unadorned, severely simple and plain

Link: **STEER**



“An AUSTERE STEER is no fun at a party.”

- Jill's father was AUSTERE, rarely smiled and was always stern with her about having dates with boys he didn't know.
- The AUSTERITY of life in the village was understandable. Many were jobless and evidence of poverty was everywhere.
- Her home was AUSTERELY decorated, very plain furniture without frills and only items that were necessary.

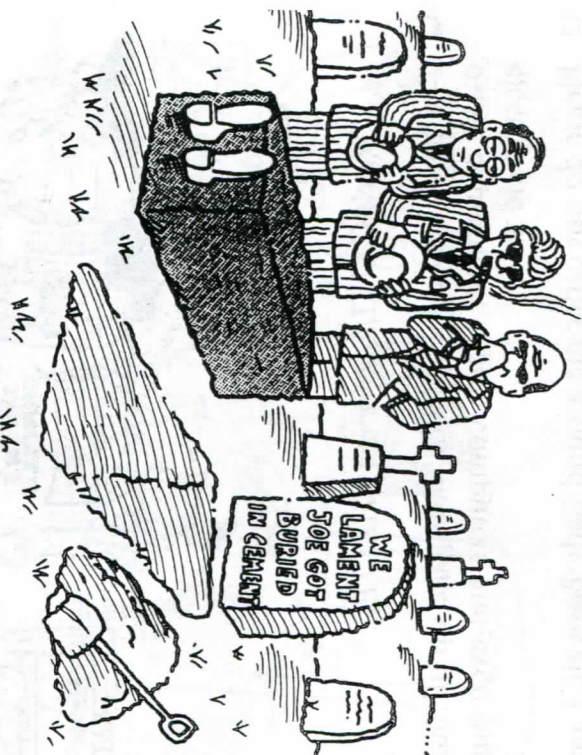
• **LAMENT**

(la MINT)

to express sorrow or regret

to mourn

Link: **CEMENT**



“We LAMENT that Joe got buried in CEMENT.”

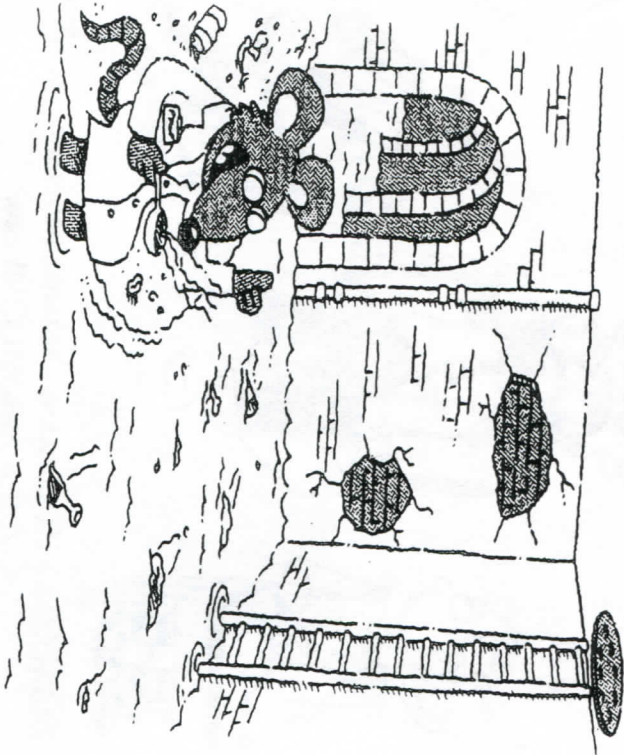
- The song, “Cowboy’s LAMENT,” is a ballad about the lonely life of those who drive cattle for a living
- The nation LAMENTS the passing of the President while at the same time celebrating his achievements while in office.
- It is LAMENTABLE that Roscoe quit college in his sophomore year; his professors considered him the brightest engineering student in his class.

CONNOISSEUR

(kahn uh SUR)

an expert, particularly in matters of art and taste

Link: KING OF SEWER



“The KING OF the SEWER is a CONNOISSEUR of garbage.”

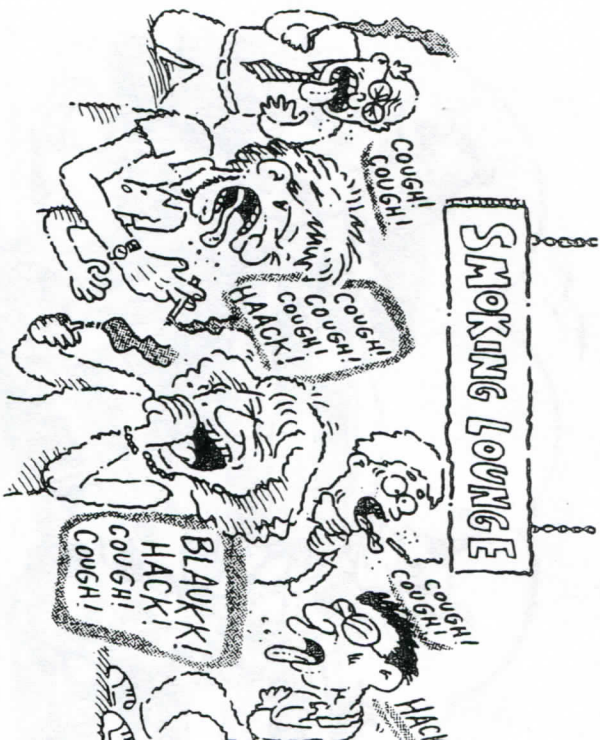
- ❑ My uncle is a CONNOISSEUR of fine wines.
- ❑ Art dealer, Jorge Guizar, is a CONNOISSEUR of Mexican art of the 19th century.
- ❑ When it came to coins, Jerry proclaimed he was a CONNOISSEUR, because he had collected them all his life.

CACOPHONY

(kuh KAFH uh nee)

harsh sound

Link: COUGH



“A CACOPHONY of COUGHING.”

- ❑ A CACOPHONY isn't noise alone, it is disturbing noise such as when people shout all at once.
- ❑ Gene thinks all rock music is a CACOPHONY to be avoided whenever possible.
- ❑ An unpleasant CACOPHONY of sound was produced as the orchestra tuned their instruments. But once they began to play together the sound became euphonious.