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Some of these pieces have previously appeared in
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My thanks to the respective editors.
The Dalles

Bobbie the Wonder Dog, a student by day & a taxidermist by night, stopped here because the little league web site, despite a rather mediocre memorial, offered the best brand of tires at everyday low prices.
Otjiwarongo

The religious revolution that took place in the meat & poultry industries has expanded its low-cost housing project to include single men seeking either to take up arms or become sacred dancers in the Voodoo tradition.
Ningxia

Every animator should become familiar with Simple Cubic Packing. It’s a state they will inevitably enter into whenever they come up against a demonic force of killers.
Okinawa

I’ve never been a huge fan of slave daguerreotypes or the specific hydrological characteristics found as large jugs of ’Dutch’ shape in sphagnum-dominated peatlands, but an interactive exploration of 1893 implies that the iterative elimination of factory marks on the jugs’ bases dominated the first half of the year & that, from July on, sugar production promoted a buildup in the manufacture of mechanical engineering products. Science has made considerable advances; but theories of an abrupt change in globular proteins in magma generation processes show that proofs of concept still dominate.
London’s East End

The helmet hairdo
is a minimally
edited cut & paste
of an e-mail exchange
on the masculine
nature of the werewolf
in the arena of literature
between the loving
fans of Justin Bieber
& a more-than-modest
amount of tequila.

It is full of images of
luxury objects as trash,
but doesn’t quite have
the same buzz as the
Congressional comb-over with its loose
Lacanian metaphors.
Evora

*The Saxophonist* is a short play set in the French Quarter of New Orleans that celebrates the ritual of public penance by condemned heretics & apostates & provokes distinctly unambivalent reactions.

* A sociologist whose data found fault with same-sex relationships is savaged by the progressive orthodoxy of his discipline & by the bibliophiles who shared his campfire. Last-minute penitents were garrotd to spare the pain of the flames.

* The National Library has bought a rare collection of 39 auto da fé sermons. They describe a society in which books are prohibited. There are palm or banana trees, one on either side of the porch. Two guys on holiday face a choice.
Lugarno

Bayesian methods for dating species divergence events are wreaking havoc on *Pisum sativum*, the common garden pea, recently given the authority to administer gas deregulation across much of the Western world.
Belli Park

The obvious environmental benefits of organic farming can be found in this tale of a pet bird who, during one school year, adapted to the emo lifestyle with full search engine optimization.
Algarve

Your mom was right—rural
dairy farmers do keep
banana slices in their freezers
to offset the mechanism
triggered in mammalian cells
by amino acid starvation.
Saint-Saturnin-des-Ligneries

In a double-pass sequence
derived from a single
complementary DNA (cDNA)
clone, she built a catafalque
in the crypt under the
Capitol rotunda. All
brown ink, with gray wash,
over traces of black chalk,
adhering to a sequence
in keeping with strict military
protocols. International
customers are welcome.
Carson National Park

First we look for a few extra hints—
a clever move if you’re a rock music
fan. Then we answer
a rhetorical musical question— how many protesters threw
“punches & ice chunks” at police? Finally we
debate the long-term trends these numbers represent. Do they
mean it will rain in Los Alamos tomorrow?
Little River Inlet

A group of actors shooting a big-budget war movie get lost, are forced to become either a line of latitude which cuts through coastal areas under a hurricane warning or an approximate longitudinal representation of a Louis Vuitton outlet.
Bobonaro

Now that market reform has fundamentally changed the environment
a metadata overview of existing literature is an important element in any strategy designed to protect security guards at open-access drop-in centers from dengue transmission flowing across untrusted networks.
Richmond, Virginia

The Super Bowl is often seen as a means to measure physiological responses to the historic Tredegar Ironworks. It’s a very narrow definition, deliberately so, to prevent Irish-American scalpers from selling high-price tickets to the American Civil War.
**Durant, Oklahoma**

The flamboyant scandal-ridden & often tragic life of old-style poker players is notorious in the world of beauty products. The wider contextualization of these stereotypical depictions makes them unique, even up against poets.
Gotanda

It is a tribal ritual to motivate population dynamics by giving women’s classic fashion & accessories a modern twist, one that is not metabolized by mouth bacteria or the occasional good falafel mix.
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

High-foaming performance milk was around long before coffee first arrived on the European continent. A bland dish needs such information to beat off unfair competition from slot machines & casinos. I hear good ideas all the time. Big flowers always look better in reproduction.
Chinchilla

Neneko squirms around under the loveseat, starting her weight loss reality series by jumping members of the Herbalife Hose Company Junior Firefighters.
Augsburg

The country seat of the House of Fugger is a discharged vicarage that amuses itself by moving tonal energy from one functional state to another.
Emmenbrücke

First found by Ines Pink at indulgy.com, this muscle tee, in a light, breathable fabric, with large raw cut armholes & featuring a Wolverine© graphic, will allow you to reveal the otherwise hidden possibilities of your own self. A caution—beware of clumsy ripoffs. Armholes too large will succeed only in demeaning you with a bat-wing effect.
Lausanne

The tonal center emerges if, & only if, the feted Japanese architects carry messages to the brain. The face can be seen in ultrasound images using a plasma moving across the CNPA view line. Bluetooth headphones carry a multi-layered techno. When enriched in quality, it argues that this is in essence a question. She stumbled across a pile of memories last month in Lausanne. She aims to stay.
Milan

Swimming amongst the dead is an iPhone application that creates strategies & business opportunities for the busy Mountain Goat to challenge competitors & stand out during Fashion Week.
Accra

Documentary-style cinematography records junk bonds going into crisis. Will definitely be a while before we can fully decorate our house. We are all now fading captains. Even motorists are at risk.
Saint Helena Bay

The magical theory of relativity is collected fortnightly on Wednesdays so may bring back haunting memories of the gypsies’ futile attempts to recycle.
**Trairão**

Many Amazonians would otherwise be diagnosed with Stage 2 hypertension if they did not shop outside the big box or stopped soaking their teeth overnight in a saucer.
**Texoma**

Despite their 21st-century circuitry & a surging symphonic score by Philip Glass, the photos & offspring from the All Breeds Horse Pedigree Database provide, at best, a very bland social & historical explanation for the popular appeal of cinema violence.
Thimphu

Sorry, we have no imagery here, just traditional architecture & the chance of precipitation.
Parsippany, New Jersey

The ethical paradigm is pure confectionery indulgence; so deconstruction offers its own luminous ellipticals, sexy little blue LED keyring torches, easy to grip & maneuver on suicide runs.
Ningbo

Made, as they are, from graphite or other fibrous material, Indian Railways timetables are usually considered to be completely neutral sequences whose evolution is shaped by random mutations & chance events.
Montreux

Sea navigation, which is embedded in the use of cellular automata in physical geography, makes venture capital investments in biotechnology companies & the moraines left by the Rhône glaciers.
Anaheim

The Angels’ bullpen finished the team’s 10-game road trip by blowing up yet another of the city’s cultural institutions. Such are the shortcomings of a streetcar system being completely dismantled & later sold.
Puducherry

The Cultural & Linguistics Immersion Center, an endless play of light & shadow that employs a muted color palate, has the translucency of bone china. Every day in its life follows the same routine—nights in long baths with old jazz playing, the Antonioni-like monotony of the landscape, a parable of unanswered prayers. It is no longer an anomaly.
**Donnybrook-Balingup**

Backgammon is not a completely ergodic game which is why mice do not play it. They prefer to teach risk management & brinksmanship to the renters in the building.
Kunming

Some days after the effective replacement of coal with biogas in local households, the skin becomes so thin it is like delicate paper.
Roswell

The categories — such as Causality, Inherence, Genus, etc. — enumerating them & then identifying a functional relation between variables, does not mean that phenomena such as unicorns & mirages are non-existent.
Baring

Thanks to mainstream society’s financial & cultural support for preserving Broadway fiascos, a remote hamlet in central Washington now has more coffee houses than Downtown Seoul.
**Timisoara**

Sometimes I wonder why I create my own *Weltanschauung* when delightful news items such as the one below appear unbidden in my looking glass.

“All angry witches in Romania are using cat excrement & dead dogs to cast spells on the president & government who are forcing them to pay taxes.”
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