

## SENTENCES AND THEIR PERPLEXITY

1. it exhibits much the same descriptive technique and is open to much the same criticisms. 8.728591527828165
2. the treatment seems unnecessarily loose-jointed and complex largely because the method is lax and the analysis seems never to be pushed to a satisfactory or even a consistent stopping-point. 6.615961936568926
3. there are more stems per item in athabascan which expresses the fact that the athabascan languages have undergone somewhat more change in diverging from proto-athabascan than the yokuts languages from proto-yokuts. 6.185036032343352
4. this may be because the athabascan divergence began earlier; or again because the athabascan languages spread over a very much larger territory; or both. 8.631973106403073
5. the differentiation however is not very much greater as shown by the fact that athabascan shows 3. 6.538213540886913
6. 46 stems per meaning slot as against 2. 9.060328853487057
7. 75 for yokuts with a slightly greater number of languages represented in our sample: 24 as against 21. 5.502176915627405
8. 46 the stem/item rate becomes 3. 9.670406878971576
9. 75 in equivalent number these general facts are mentioned to make clear that the total situation in the two families is similar enough to warrant comparison. 5.179837570019059
10. the greatest difference in the two sets of figures is due to differences in the two sets of lists used. 10.332046148128628
11. these differences in turn result from the fact that my yokuts vocabularies were built up of terms selected mainly to insure unambiguity of english meaning between illiterate informants and myself within a compact and uniform territorial area but that hoijer's vocabulary is based on swadesh's second glottochronological list which aims at eliminating all items which might be culturally or geographically determined. 5.028892733101507
12. swadesh in short was trying to develop a basic list that was universal; i one that was specifically adapted to the san joaquin valley. 6.844087594098681
13. the result is that i included 70 animal names but swadesh only 4; and somewhat similarly for plants 16 as against 4. 5.087179511422533
14. swadesh and therefore hoijer felt compelled to omit all terms denoting species or even genera; their classes of animal and plant terms are restricted to generalizations or recurrent parts. 6.046219493410928
15. the groups are therefore really non-comparable in content as well as in size. 6.817408452020724
16. other classes are included only by myself or only by swadesh and hoijer. 7.978194376184139
17. what we have left as reasonably comparable are four classes: body parts and products which with a proportionally nearly even representation come out with nearly even ratios; 2. 6.12313065054314
18. 7; nature ratios 3. 13.148092146312546
19. 1; ratios 3. 8.97651057505685
20. 7; ratios 4. 13.148092146312546
21. 4. 15.610129252044759
22. it will be seen that where the scope is similar the athabascan ratios come out somewhat higher except for verbs where alone the athabascan ratio is lower. 9.045337757272964
23. this exception may be connected with hoijer's use of a much higher percentage of verbs: 22% of his total list as against 3. 5.98896769908699

24. or the exception may be due to a particular durability peculiar to the athabascan verb. 8.61877755139381

25. more word class ratios determined in more languages will no doubt ultimately answer the question. 7.5205271291023905

26. if word classes differ in their resistance or liability to stem replacement within meaning slot it is conceivable that individual meanings also differ with fair consistence trans-lingually. 7.786097295641408

27. hoijer's athabascan and my yokuts share 71 identical meanings allowance for several near-synonyms like stomach-belly big-large . 5.427950274147271

28. for yokuts i tabulated these 71 items in five columns according as they were expressed by 1 2 3 4 and more than 4 stems. 7.595570160058267

29. the totals for these five categories are not too uneven namely 20 15 11 16 9 respectively. 6.524770666309441

30. for athabascan with a greater range of stems the first two of five corresponding columns were identical 1 and 2 stems; the three others had to be spread somewhat and are headed respectively f; f; and f stems. 6.550606834276504

31. while the particular limits of these groupings may seem artificially arbitrary; they do fairly express a corresponding grouping of more variable material and they eventuate also in five classes along a similar scale containing approximately equal numbers of cases namely 19 14 15 11 12 in athabascan. 4.682836779562854

32. when now we count the frequency of the 71 items in the two language families appearing in the same column or grade or one column or grade apart or two or three or four we find these differences: f this distribution can be summarized by averaging the distance in grades apart: f; which divided by f gives a mean of 1. 6.434128523283288

33. if the distribution of the 71 items were wholly concordant in the two families the distance would of course be 0. 6.513384599908015

34. if it were wholly random and unrelated it would be 2. 16.735658098076957

35. 0 assuming the five classes were equal in n which approximately they are. 5.825820622377272

36. the actual mean of 1. 14.473707740438117

37. 07 being about halfway between 0 of complete correlation and 2. 6.210871206873012

38. 0 of no correlation it is evident that there is a pretty fair degree of similarity in the behavior even of particular individual items of meaning as regards long-term stem displacement. 7.955102452449978

39. in 1960 david d thomas published basic vocabulary in some mon-khmer languages which compares 8 mon-khmer languages with the i-e language data on which swadesh based the revised retention rate and his revised 100 word basic glottochronological list in towards greater accuracy h . 5.149571480829994

40. thomas' findings are first that the individual items vary greatly and unpredictably in their persistence; but second that the semantic groups are surprisingly unvarying in their average persistence first conclusion on behavior of individual items is negative whereas mine was partially positive. 5.624255452947053

41. his second conclusion on semantic word classes agrees with mine. 7.591810951946381

42. this second conclusion independently arrived at by independent study of material from two pairs of language families as different and remote from one another as these four are cannot be ignored. 6.799513485470034

43. thomas also presents a simple equation for deriving an index of persistence which weights not only the number of stems per meaning but their relative frequency. 5.4177742112174165

44. thus his persistence values for some stem frequencies per meaning is:  
stem identical in 8 languages 100%; stem frequencies 7 and 1 86%; stem  
frequencies 4 and 4 64%; stem frequencies 4 3 and 1 57%.

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45. his formula will have to be weighed may be altered or improved  
and it should be tested on additional bodies of material.

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46. but consideration of the frequency of stems per constant meaning  
seems to be established as having significance in comparative  
situations with diachronic and classificatory relevance; and gleason  
presumably is on the way with a further contribution in this area.

7.723310418697585

47. as to relative frequencies of competing roots thomas with his  
'weighting' seems to be the first to have considered the significance  
this might have.

8.547756579228864

48. the problem needs further exploration. 22.165869735070007

49. i was at least conscious of the distinction in my full yokuts  
presentation that awaits publication in which in listing 'two-stem  
meanings' i set off by asterisks those forms in which n of stem b  
was f of stem a3 the unasterisked ones standing for f; or under 'four  
stems' i set off by asterisks cases where the combined n of stems f  
was f.

4.8797042156450265

50. these findings and others which will in time be developed will  
affect the method of glottochronological inquiry.

51. if adjectival meanings show relatively low retentiveness of stems  
as i am confident will prove to be the case in most languages of the world  
why should our basic lists include 15 per cent of these unstable forms  
but only 8 per cent of animals and plants which replace much more  
slowly?

6.13463513531446

52. had hoijer substituted for his 15 adjectival slots 15 good animal  
and plant items his rate of stem replacement would have been lower and  
the age of athabascan language separation smaller.

7.298545742196723

53. and irrespective of the outcome in centuries elapsed since  
splitting calculations obviously carry more concordant and comparable  
meaning if they deal with the most stable units than with variously  
unstable ones.

5.767439297566063

54. it is evident that swadesh has not only had much experience with  
basic vocabulary in many languages but has acquired great tact and  
feeling for the expectable behavior of lexical items.

8.480552742907495

55. why then this urge to include unstable items in his basic list?

7.68928528155087

56. it is the urge to obtain a list as free of geographical and  
cultural conditioning as possible.

12.442278316468771

57. and why that insistence? 14.555411229397368

58. it is the hope of attaining a list of items of universal  
occurrence.

9.465001668613668

59. but it is becoming increasingly evident that such a hope is a  
snare.

12.424296328749232

60. not that such a list cannot be constructed; but the nearer it  
comes to attaining universality the less significant will it be  
linguistically.

7.844105784047764

61. its terms will tend to be labile or vague and they will fit actual  
languages more and more badly.

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62. the practical operational problem of lexicostatistics is the  
establishment of a basic list of items of meaning against which the  
particular forms or terms of languages can be matched as the medium of  
comparison.

7.290353792070676

63. the most important quality of the meanings is that they should be as  
definable as possible.

9.832938595357035

64. in proportion as meanings are concrete we can better rely on their being insulated and distinctive. 8.437918402470649

65. an elephant or a fox or a swan or a cocopalm or a banana possess in unusually high degree this quality of obvious common-sense indubitable identity as do an eye or tooth or nail. 4.78159956739805

66. they isolate out easily naturally and unambiguously from the continuum of nature and existence; and they should be given priority in the basic list as long as they continue to show these qualities. 7.5163949304143935

67. with the universal list as his weapon swadesh has extended his march of conquest farther and farther into the past eight ten twelve millennia back. 6.230423970274787

68. and he has proclaimed greater or less affiliation between all western hemisphere languages. 11.58297419486788

69. some of this may prove to be true or even considerable of it whether by genetic ramification or by diffusion and coalescence. 6.794930051879173

70. but the farther out he moves the thinner will be his hold on conclusive evidence and the larger the speculative component in his inferences. 7.749359232300311

71. he has traversed provinces and kingdoms but he has not consolidated them behind him nor does he control them. 7.8177381748128925

72. he has announced results on hokan penutian uto-aztecan and almost all other american families and phyla and has diagrammed their degree of interrelation; but he has not worked out by lexicostatistics one comprehensively complete classification of even a single family other than salish. 6.98735958858241

73. the remote cloudy possible has values of its own- values of scope stimulus potential and imagination. 5.542917982132687

74. but there is also a firm aspect to lexicostatistics: the aspect of learning the internal organization of obvious natural genetic groups of languages as well as their more remote and elusive external links; of classification first with elapsed age merely a by-product; of acquiring evidential knowledge of what happened in athabascan in yokuts in uto-aztecan in the last few thousand years as well as forecasting what more anciently may have happened between them. 6.996827000608089

75. this involves step-by-step progress and such will have to be the day-by-day work of lexicostatistics as a growing body of scientific inquiry. 6.66389881289832

76. if of the founders of glottochronology swadesh has escaped our steady plodding and lees has repudiated his own share in the founding that is no reason why we should swerve. 8.503651134789727

77. there is no apparent reason why we should feel bound by swadesh's rules and procedure since his predilections and aims have grown so vast. 7.69902962183697

78. it seems time to consider a revision of operational procedures for lexicostatistic studies on a more humble solid and limited basis. 9.248917704121226

79. i would propose first an abandonment of attempts at a universal lexical list as intrinsically unachievable and operationally inadequate in proportion as it is achieved. 7.014494436854544

80. i would propose next as the prime requirement for constitution of new basic lists items whose forms show as high an empirical retention rate as possible. 7.607930874954649

81. there would be no conceivable sense in going to the opposite extreme of selecting items whose forms are the most unstable. 8.693824794246563

82. an attempted middle course might lead to devices like a 5000-word alphabetized dictionary from which every fiftieth word was selected. 7.03398687827998

83. doubtless it was inevitable that differences of opinion should arise about the methods for applying these policies. 5.708822330446606

84. it was nevertheless almost incredible that four years after yalta there should be a complete split over germany with hot heads on both sides planning to use the germans against their former allies and with nazi-minded germans expecting to recover their power by fighting on one side or the other. 7.473001118686811

85. when the yalta conference opened the american policy of postponing all discussion of russia's western boundaries until the peace conference had broken down. 6.126432428280739

86. starting in great force late in december from a line stretching from east prussia to budapest the red armies had swept two hundred miles across poland to the oder thirty miles from berlin and the upper danube region was being rapidly overrun while the western allies had not yet occupied all of the left bank of the rhine. 5.657925738234017

87. the long delay in opening the second front was now working to russia's advantage. 6.916450125045957

88. the west was now glad to propose the 1919 curzon line which was substantially russia's 1941 border as the boundary between russia and poland. 7.762277199031083

89. when this proposal was made stalin spoke with stronger emotion than at any other time during the conference. 8.106352765305958

90. he stood up to emphasize his strong feeling on the subject. 10.302529178852147

91. the bitter memory of russia's exclusion from the paris peace conference and of the west's effort to stamp out bolshevism at its birth boiled up within him. 5.377873882341562

92. you would drive us into shame he declared. 13.406219579674467

93. the white russians and the ukrainians would say that stalin and molotov were far less reliable defenders of russia than curzon and clemenceau. 6.075272924218582

94. yet after long and earnest discussion stalin accepted the curzon line and even agreed voluntarily that there should be digressions from that line of five to eight kilometers in favor of polandin some regions. 7.306409119000506

95. he did not mind the line itself which churchill declared in the house of commons on february 27 1945 he had always believed to be just and right but he did not want it called by a hated name. 7.4257187932759035

96. the west had long since forgotten the events of 1919 but it was not so easy for the red leaders who felt that they had suffered great injustice in that period. 8.618551205849084

97. in the dunn-atherton memorandum of february 4 1942 the state department had expected to be able to hold russia in check by withholding agreement to her 1941 boundaries. 6.832600518618727

98. now stalin made it clear that he meant to move poland's western borders deep into germany back to the western neisse-oder river lines taking not only east prussia and all of silesia but pomerania and the tip of brandenburg back to and including stettin. 6.832171002716006

99. from six to nine million additional germans would be evicted though most would have fled and poland would receive far more from germany than the poor territories including the great pripet marshes which she lost to russia. 4.827482875085593

100. stalin declared that he preferred to continue the war a little longer although it costs us blood in order to give poland compensation in the west at the expense of the germans. 6.819269873304742

101. by this time churchill was not so cordial toward moving poland westward as he had been at teheran where he and eden had both heartily approved the idea. 6.969062989540919

102. after a prolonged study of the oder line on a map at teheran churchill liked the picture. 8.74814951941821

103. he would tell the poles he said that they had been given a fine place to live in more than three hundred miles each way. 9.564420203776912

104. at yalta he thought more about the six million germans who would have to leave trying to find work in germany and roosevelt objected to the western neisse river being chosen in the south instead of the eastern neisse both of which flow into the oder. 6.906432085468935

105. the issue was left in abeyance presumably for the peace conference. 6.210871206873012

106. however there was no real question of the justice of creating a strong poland both industrially and agriculturally and one unplagued by large minorities of germans or russians. 7.364264802002414

107. the moving of millions of the german master-race from the very heart of junkerdom to make room for the polish slavs whom they had enslaved and openly planned to exterminate was a drastic operation but there was little doubt that it was historically justified. 5.895075327715992

108. of more importance to the west than poland's boundaries was the character of her government. 9.827207519900966

109. at yalta the west still believed that eastern europe could be kept in its orbit in spite of the onrushing soviet armies. 6.91362909063379

110. though little democracy had ever been practised in this region and much of it was still ruled by feudalistic means it was taken for granted that at least the forms of western democracy would be established in this area and western capitalism preserved within it. 5.801716268605972

111. believing devoutly as they did in anglo-saxon institutions it was important to both roosevelt and churchill that the poles should have them. 5.582660386211355

112. the issue was acute because the exiled polish government in london supported in the main by britain was still competing with the new lublin government formed behind the red army. 6.285623209801457

113. more time was spent in trying to marry these incompatibles than over any subject discussed at yalta. 6.613882986952077

114. the result was an agreement that the lublin government should be reorganized on a broader democratic basis with the inclusion of democratic leaders from poland itself and from the poles abroad and pledged to hold free and unfettered elections as soon as possible on the basis of universal suffrage and secret ballot. 7.171389008449886

115. all democratic and anti-nazi parties were to have the right to campaign. 8.60017061892347

116. roosevelt acted as moderator of the long debate on this issue. 9.002912367916855

117. it was a matter of principle with churchill since britain had declared war in behalf of poland. 10.710732658326823

118. to stalin it was a matter of life and death. 12.691818152519138

119. he made this completely clear. 15.6592618679761

120. speaking with great earnestness he said: for the russian people the question of poland is not only a question of honor but also a question of security. 7.851115675798787

121. throughout history poland has been the corridor through which the enemy has passed into russia. 7.19285726202354

122. twice in the last thirty years our enemies the germans have passed through this corridor. 8.642096335028143

123. it is in russia's interest that poland should be strong and powerful in a position to shut the door of this corridor by her own force h. 6.663715531423359

124. it is necessary that poland should be free independent in power. 8.859844267374644

125. therefore it is not only a question of honor but of life and death for the soviet state. 7.570220816879001

126. in other words the soviet union was determined to create a poland so strong as to be a powerful bulwark against germany and so closely tied to russia that there would never be any question of her serving as a cordon sanitaire against the soviets or posing as an independent balancing power in between russia and germany. 8.268957984674692

127. byrnes says that invariably thereafter the soviets used the same security argument to justify their course in poland. 5.236383152695367

128. this reasoning was also as inevitable as anything could be. 10.192728591488759

129. any free elections that were to be held in poland would have to produce a government in which moscow had complete confidence and all pressure from the west for free voting by anti-soviet elements in poland would be met by restrictions on voting by these elements. 5.717477385890362

130. in even greater degree the same rule applied to the remainder of eastern europe where the upper classes had generally collaborated with the nazis even to the extent of sending millions of their peasants into russia as a part of hitler's armies. 8.489818451404345

131. but at yalta the conflicting expectations of east and west were merged into an agreement by the big three to assist all liberated countries in europe to create democratic institutions of their own choice. 6.531336251593324

132. in any case wherein their judgment conditions require italics added they would form interim governmental authorities broadly representative of all democratic elements in the population and pledged to the earliest possible establishment through free elections of governments responsive to the will of the people. 7.450455915064485

133. other similar affirmations in the declaration on liberated europe seemed to assure democratic institutions on the western model. 5.662445231778413

134. later it developed that the soviets had a very different interpretation of democracy which will be discussed later and their judgment never told them that the big three should unite in establishing democratic conditions as we understand them within their zone of influence. 6.299738400638366

135. professor mcneill thinks that at yalta stalin did not fully realize the dilemma which faced him that he thought the exclusion of the anti-soviet voters from east european elections would not be greatly resented by his allies while neither roosevelt nor churchill frankly faced the fact that in poland at least genuinely free democratic elections would return governments unfriendly to russia by any definition of international friendliness. 4.7797399001735625

136. also war-time propaganda and cooperation had obscured the differences between russian and western ideas of democracy and it seemed better to have them covered by verbal formulae than to imperil the military victories over germany and japan. 6.468543815099058

137. the application of these formulae could not please both sides for they really attempted to marry the impossible to the inevitable. 5.670580783382225

138. while obliged to concede governments in east europe allied with the soviet union instead of opposed to it we thought we had preserved our social and economic system in east europe. 6.6370135465677

139. this illusion was described in a far-sighted editorial in the new york herald tribune on march 5 1947 in connection with the submission of the satellite peace treaties to the senate. 6.4527692069919995

140. in doing so marshall and byrnes were asking for the ratification of a grim lesson in the facts of international life. 10.507985048394366

141. we had entertained exaggerated ideas about our victory automatically establishing our system throughout the world. 7.374608544721289

142. we were troubled about the fate of the baltic states. 9.474622358488796

143. yalta left us with comforting illusions of a western capitalist-democratic political economy reigning supreme up to the curzon line and the borders of bessarabia. 5.2837367373482085

144. this is a penetrating description of our post-war illusion which applied to other areas than east europe. 11.495982403811642

145. the same editorial continued that we expected to democratize japan and korea and to see a new china pattern itself easily on our institutions. 6.715385273756662

146. we expected in short that most of the world would make itself over in our image and that it would be relatively simple from such a position to deal with the localized aberrations of the soviet union. 10.20258988595082

147. yet actually the image corresponded in no way to the actualities of the post-war world. 6.243154353761418

148. neither our military our economic nor our ideological power reached far enough to determine the fate of east europe. 7.3017019872740265

149. then the editorial added prophetically: how far they may reach in asia is yet undetermined but they fall far short of our dreams of the war conferences. 5.965493587431165

150. here is the best short explanation of the origins of the cold war that has been written. 11.13548449334414

151. failing to heed the lesson so clearly contained in the satellite treaties president truman re-declared the cold war on march 12 1947 in the truman doctrine exactly one week after the herald tribune editorial was written and a year after the cold war had been announced by churchill at fulton missouri in truman's presence. 5.090988947246331

152. then china promptly went communist and mr truman had to fight the interminable korean war for the democratization of korea before we learned how far our writ did reach in asia. 6.751343930133445

153. years of war strain and hatred; of heavy arms expenditures and constant danger of another world war had to ensue before the united states could bring itself to accept the two chief results of world a while the cold war raged it was easy to blame it all on yalta. 5.2738299689048365

154. yet in summarizing a series of careful essays on the yalta conference forrest pogue could find no basis for yalta becoming a symbol for betrayal and a shibboleth for the opponents of roosevelt and international cooperation. 6.809470125442189

155. when the yalta papers were finally published with great fanfare they had revealed no betrayal by anyone. 7.170514433846036

156. an analysis of the election falls naturally in four parts. 11.553411397498767

157. first is the long and still somewhat obscure process of preparation planning and discussion. 6.128169709851021



158. preparation began slightly more than a year after independence with the first steps to organize rural communes. 10.417059200410714

159. all political interests supported electoral planning although there are some signs that the inherent uncertainties of a popular judgment led to some procrastination. 5.0176589645046334

160. the second major aspect of the election is the actual procedure of registration nomination and voting. 10.818179727270726

161. considerable technical skill was used and the administration of the elections was generally above reproach. 5.84660975948877

162. however the regionally differentiated results which appear below in tables are interesting evidence of the problems of developing self-government under even the most favorable circumstances. 7.920384203407302

163. a third aspect and probably the one open to most controversy is the results of the election. 7.434516341352785

164. the electoral procedure prevented the ready identification of party affiliation but all vitally interested parties including the government itself were busily engaged in determining the party identifications of all successful candidates the month following the elections. 6.179445157832027

165. the fourth and concluding point will be to estimate the long-run significance of the elections and how they figure in the current pattern of internal politics. 6.493803891370578

166. elections have figured prominently in nearly every government program and official address since independence. 7.391013650626644

167. they were stressed in the speeches of si mubarak bekkai when the first council of ministers was formed and again when the istiqlal took a leading role in the second council. 6.460546636110325

168. king muhammad 5 was known to be most sympathetic to the formation of local self-government and made the first firm promise of elections on may day 1957. 6.44427897715385

169. there followed a long and sometimes bitter discussion of the feasibility of elections for the fall of 1957 in which it appears that the minister of the interior took the most pessimistic view and that the istiqlal was something less than enthusiastic. 6.971495133471284

170. since the complicated process of establishing new communes and reviewing the rudimentary plan left by the french did not even begin until the fall of 1957 this goal appears somewhat ambitious. 7.806823074982413

171. from the very beginning the electoral discussions raised fundamental issues in moroccan politics precisely the type of questions that were most difficult to resolve in the new government. 5.572619663971186

172. until the charter of liberties was issued in the fall of 1958 there were no guarantees of the right to assemble or to organize for political purposes. 10.450011052027602

173. the istiqlal was still firmly united in 1957 but the pdi the most important minor party at the time objected to the istiqlal's predominance in the civil service and influence in radio maroc. 5.324532912262023

174. there were rumors that the ministry of the interior favored an arbitrary non-political process which were indirectly affirmed when the king personally intervened in the planned meetings. 9.044077619414496

175. the day following his intervention the palace issued a statement reassuring the citizens that the possibility of introducing appeals concerning the establishment of electoral lists lists of candidates and finally the holding of the consultation itself would be supported by the king himself. 5.603841582805194

176. the ifni crisis in the fall of 1957 postponed further consideration of elections but french consultants were called in and notices of further investigation appeared from time to time. 8.332206283466284

177. in january 1958 the minister of the interior announced that an election law was ready to be submitted to the king the rumors of election dates appeared once again first for spring of 1958 and later for the summer. 5.693624332868143

178. although the government was probably prepared for elections by mid-1958 the first decision was no doubt made more difficult as party strife multiplied. 6.75533681256156

179. in late 1957 the mp appeared and in the spring of 1958 the internal strains of the istiglal was revealed when the third council of government under balafrej was formed without support from progressive elements in the party. 5.47237080781401

180. the parties were on the whole unprepared for elections while the people werestill experiencing post-independence let-down and suffering the after effects of poor harvests in 1957. 6.960659823226256

181. despite the internal and international crises that harassed morocco the elections remained a central issue. 7.285415757130493

182. they figured prominently in the balafrej government of may 1958 which the king was reportedly determined to keep in office until elections could be held. 7.160570987016448

183. but the eagerly sought homogeneity of the balafrej council of government was never achieved as the istiglal quarreled over foreign policy labor politics and economic development. 6.2507085193849115

184. by december 1958 when 'abdallah ibrahim became president of the council elections had even greater importance. 7.642968805460743

185. they were increasingly looked upon as a means of establishing the new rural communes as the focus of a new constructive national effort. 7.522357603930598

186. to minimize the chances of repeating the balafrej debacle the ibrahim government was formed a titre personnel and a special office was created in the ministry of the interior to plan and to conduct the elections. 6.586829808117976

187. by this time there is little doubt but what election plans were complete. 10.547210313821306

188. there remained only the delicate task of maneuvering the laws through the labyrinth of palace politics and making a small number of policy decisions. 7.929122625251148

189. from the rather tortuous history of electoral planning in morocco an important point emerges concerning the first elections in a developing country and evaluating their results. 5.6528382033448725

190. in the new country the electoral process is considered as a means of resolving fundamental and sometimes bitter differences among leaders and also as a source of policy guidance. 7.733390038209328

191. in the absence of a reservoir of political consensus each organized political group hopes that the elections will give them new prominence but in a system where there is as yet no place for the less prominent. 7.159295084139272

192. lacking the respected and effective institutions that consensus helps provide minority parties such as the pdi in 1957 and the progressive istiglal faction in 1958 clamor for elections when out of power but are not at all certain they wish to be controlled by popular choice when in power. 6.1144830332333

193. those in power tend to procrastinate and even to repudiate the electoral process. 6.421517266114742

194. the tendency to treat elections as an instrument of self-interest rather than an instrument of national interest had two important effects on electoral planning in morocco. 7.069970374159982

195. at the central level the scrutin uninominal voting system was selected over some form of the scrutin de liste system even though the latter had been recommended by duverger and favored by all political parties. 5.664062217885678

196. the choice of the single member district was dictated to a certain extent by problems of communication and understanding in the more remote areas of the country but it also served to minimize the national political value of the elections. 6.779453048484888

197. although the elections were for local officials it was not necessary to conduct the elections so as to prevent parties from publicly identifying their candidates. 6.153451869080469

198. with multiple member districts the still fragmentary local party organizations could have operated more effectively and parties might have been encouraged to state their positions more clearly. 7.173925272810416

199. both parties and the ministry of the interior were busily at work after the elections trying to unearth the political affiliations of the successful candidates and thereby give the elections a confidential but known degree of national political significance. 4.656320187142996

200. since a national interpretation cannot be avoided it is unfortunate that the elections were not held in a way to maximize party responsibility and the educational effect of mass political participation. 7.6280419081543185

201. the general setting of the moroccan election may also encourage the deterioration of local party organization. 6.705619410468181

202. the concentration of effective power in rabat leads not only to party bickering but to distraction from local activity that might have had many auxiliary benefits in addition to contributing to more meaningful elections. 7.65517873809112

203. interesting evidence can be found in the results of the chamber of commerce elections which took place three weeks before national elections. 7.557053315604683

204. the istiqlal sponsored umcia was opposed by candidates of the new unfp in nearly all urban centers. 8.650464179651754

205. as the more conservative group with strong backing from wealthy businessmen the umcia was generally favored against the more progressive labor-based unfp the newer party campaigned heavily while the older more confident party expected the moroccan merchants and small businessmen to support them as they had done for many years. 4.90027381963194

206. the local istiqlal and umcia offices did not campaign and lost heavily. 9.727669392792654

207. the value of the elections was lost both as an experiment in increased political participation and as a reliable indicator of commercial interest as shown in table 1. 5.55005866464757

208. the chamber of commerce elections were of course an important event in the preparation for rural commune elections. 9.362885930093052

209. the unfp learned that its urban organization which depends heavily on umt support was most effective. 6.374057384651866

210. the istiqlal found that the spontaneous solidarity of the independence struggle was not easily transposed to the more concrete precise problems of internal politics. 7.808143956091679

211. the overall effect was probably to stimulate more party activity in the communal elections than might have otherwise taken place. 5.780140237098333

212. a second major point of this essay is to examine the formal arrangements for the elections. 9.19430332653682

213. although a somewhat technical subject it has important political implications as the above discussion of the voting system indicated. 5.799606327587134

214. furthermore the problems and solutions devised in the electoral experiences of the rapidly changing countries are often of comparative value and essential to evaluating election results. 6.157942065974489

215. the sine qua non of the elections was naturally an impartial and standardized procedure. 6.578982329721101

216. as the background discussion indicated there were frequently expressed doubts that a government dominated by either party could fairly administer elections. 7.96197378631388

217. the pdi and later the popular movement protected the istiqlal's privileged position until the fall of balafrej and then the istiqlal used the same argument which it had previously ignored against the pro-unfp tendencies of the ibrahim government. 5.0312598380920734

218. the bulk of the preparation had of course proceeded under the supervision of the ministry of the interior whose officials are barred from party activity and probably generally disinterested in party politics. 7.226742745149268

219. apart from some areas of recurring trouble like bani mellal where inexperienced officials had been appointed there is little evidence that local officials intervened in the electoral process. 6.201134422297981

220. centrally however the administrative problem was more complex and the sheer prestige of office was very likely an unfair advantage. 6.54093796655646

221. the king decided to remove ibrahim a week before elections and to institute a non-party council of government under his personal direction. 6.061378810538841

222. although the monarch had frequently asserted that the elections were to be without party significance his action was an implicit admission that party identifications were a factor. 7.472194433683841

223. the new council was itself inescapably of political meaning which was most clearly revealed in the absence of any unfp members and the presence of several istiqlal leaders. 7.031624960549305

224. since the details of the elections were settled the change of government had no direct effect on the technical aspects of the elections and may have been more important as an indication of royal displeasure with the unfp voting preparations began in the fall of 1959 although the actual demarcation and planning for the rural communes was completed in 1958. 6.860370799387775

225. there were three major administrative tasks: the fixing of electoral districts the registration of voters and the registration of candidates. 7.427087748900928

226. voter registration began in late november 1959 and continued until early january 1960. 7.391013650626644

227. the government was most anxious that there be a respectable response. 9.147792072951319

228. periodic bulletins of the accomplishment in each province made the registration process into a kind of competition among provincial officials. 7.11028347841323

229. a goal was fixed as given in table 2 and attention focused on its fulfillment. 6.211372457527363

230. the qualifications to vote were kept very simple. 9.060328853487057

231. both men and women of twenty-one years of age could register and vote upon presenting proof of residence and identification. 6.954838211613299

232. there were liberal provisions for dispensation where documents or records were lacking. 12.647783970494853

233. the police were disqualified along with certain categories of naturalized citizens criminals and those punished for protectorate activities. 6.25259031312998

234. the registration figures given in table 2 must be interpreted with caution since the estimate for eligible electors were made without the benefit of a reliable census. 6.09983039226678

235. unemployed older workers who have no expectation of securing employment in the occupation in which they are skilled should be able to secure counseling and retraining in an occupation with a future. 5.525808084284512

236. some vocational training schools provide such training but the current need exceeds the facilities. 7.391013650626644

237. the present federal program of vocational education began in 1917 with the passage of the smith-hughes act which provided a continuing annual appropriation of \$7 million to support on a matching basis state-administered programs of vocational education in agriculture trades industrial skills and home economics. 4.97195427074235

238. since 1917 some thirteen supplementary and related acts have extended this federal program. 8.57071945525527

239. the george-barden act of 1946 raised the previous increases in annual authorizations to \$29 million in addition to the \$7 million under the smith act. 6.475410319417189

240. the health amendment act of 1956 added \$5 million for practical nurse training. 7.615092762846159

241. the latest major change in this program was introduced by the national defense education act of 1958 title 8 of which amended the george-barden act. 5.982898979100701

242. annual authorizations of \$15 million were added for area vocational education programs that meet national defense needs for highly skilled technicians. 6.44893033609597

243. the federal program of vocational education merely provides financial aid to encourage the establishment of vocational education programs in public schools. 5.780140237098333

244. the initiative administration and control remain primarily with the local school districts. 9.877011301938534

245. even the states remain primarily in an assisting role providing leadership and teacher training. 7.476792668086445

246. federal assistance is limited to half of the total expenditure and the state or local districts must pay at least half. 7.518150023141355

247. the state may decide to encourage local programs by paying half of the cost or the state may require the local district to bear this half or some part of it. 6.029373672957233

248. throughout the history of the program state government expenditures in the aggregate have usually matched or exceeded the federal expenditures while local districts all together have spent more than either federal or state governments. 7.780590094788678

249. today federal funds account for only one-fifth of the nation's expenditures for vocational education. 4.5794101963355365

250. the greatest impact of the matching-fund principle has been in initially encouraging the poorest states and school districts to spend enough to obtain their full allocation of outside funds. 6.437696359584778

251. national defense considerations have been the major reason behind most federal training expenditures in recent decades. 6.507151094831106

252. during world war 2 about 7. 36.920297895012354

253. 5 million persons were enrolled in courses organized under two special programs administered by state and local school authorities: vocational education for national defense and war production training. 5.8915823609906806

254. the total cost of the five-year program was \$297 million. 14.603880195401237

255. for the smith-hughes george-barden and national defense act of 1958 the cumulative total of federal expenditures in 42 years was only about \$740 million. 6.000644291935016

256. no comparable measures are available of enrollments and expenditures for private vocational education training. 8.520487136832335

257. there are a great number and variety of private commercial schools trade schools and technical schools. 12.51215102780817

258. in addition many large corporations operate their own formal training programs. 12.83380860212309

259. a recent study indicated that 85 per cent of the nation's largest corporations conducted educational programs involving some class meetings and examinations. 5.9315641004059865

260. most skilled industrial workers nevertheless still acquire their skills outside of formal training institutions. 8.31406676878408

261. the national manpower council of columbia university has estimated that three out of five skilled workers and one out of five technicians have not been formally trained. 5.762388837961701

262. there is little doubt that the students benefit from vocational education. 30.214403434210066

263. employers prefer to hire youth with such training rather than those without and most graduates of vocational training go to work in jobs related to their training. 5.214865723259551

264. vocational educators do not claim that school training alone makes skilled workers but it provides the essential groundwork for developing skills. 6.44893033609597

265. in most states trade and industrial training is provided in a minority of the high schools usually located in the larger cities. 7.121024978053326

266. in arkansas fewer than 6 per cent of the high schools offer trade and industrial courses. 12.277591760098682

267. in illinois about 13 per cent of the schools have programs and in pennsylvania 11 per cent. 8.81879744124936

268. an important recent trend is the development of area vocational schools. 10.293697780295807

269. for a number of years kentucky louisiana and several other states have been building state-sponsored vocational education schools that serve nearby school districts in several counties. 5.563219782861777

270. these schools are intended to provide the facilities and specialized curriculum that would not be possible for very small school districts. 6.94999607377895

271. transportation may be provided from nearby school districts. 7.14162538120728

272. courses are provided mainly for post high school day programs; but sometimes arrangements also are made for high school students to attend and evening extension courses also may be conducted. 6.254431446250755

273. the title 8 program of the national defense education act of 1958 was a great spur to this trend toward area schools. 7.563651808746753

274. by 1960 there were such schools in all but 4 states. 10.065628120255884

275. they were operating in 10 of the 17 major areas of chronic labor surplus and in 10 of the minor areas. 0.0

276. an extension of this program into relation to new some of this trend toward area vocational schools has been related to the problems of persistent labor surplus areas and their desire to attract new industry. 7.288072978192694

277. the major training need of a new industrial plant is a short period of pre-employment training for a large number of semi-skilled machine operators. 6.230206927876231

278. a few key skilled workers experienced in the company's type of work usually must be brought in with the plant manager or hired away from a similar plant elsewhere. 7.260278226014195

279. a prospective industry also may be interested in the long-run advantages of training programs in the area to supply future skilled workers and provide supplementary extension courses for its employees. 6.00098756648431

280. the existence of a public school vocational training program in trade and industry provides a base from which such needs can be filled. 7.25963014279634

281. additional courses can readily be added and special cooperative programs worked out with any new industry if the basic facilities staff and program are in being. 4.958578086944874

282. thus besides the training provided to youth in school the existence of the school program can have supplementary benefits to industry which make it an asset to industrial development efforts. 7.3763097529501325

283. few states make effective use of their existing vocational education programs or funds for the purpose of attracting new industry. 6.847167845290544

284. the opportunity exists for states to reserve some of their vocational education funds to apply on an ad hoc flexible basis to subsidize any local preemployment training programs that may be quickly local focus the major weakness of vocational training programs in labor surplus areas is their focus on serving solely local job demands. 5.668668216581743

285. this weakness is not unique to labor surplus areas for it is inherent in the system of local school districts in this country. 6.30692726820347

286. planning of vocational education programs and courses is oriented to local employer needs for trained workers. 6.886249538313906

287. all the manuals for setting up vocational courses stress the importance of first making a local survey of skill needs of estimating the growth of local jobs and of consulting with local employers on the types of courses and their content. 5.436987076064887

288. furthermore there is a cautious conservatism on the part of those making local skill surveys. 10.804211971164948

289. local jobs can be seen and counted while opportunities elsewhere are regarded as more hypothetical. 5.863668339877186

290. while the u s department of labor has a program of projecting industry and occupational employment trends and publishing current outlook statements there is little tangible evidence that these projections have been used extensively in local curriculum planning. 9.282266892317814

291. the u s office of education continues to stress local surveys rather than national surveys. 9.744313100969636

292. this procedure is extremely shortsighted in chronic labor surplus areas with a long history of declining employment. 8.406814643643322

293. elaborate studies have been made in labor surplus areas in order to identify sufficient numbers of local job vacancies and future replacement needs for certain skills to justify training programs for those skills. 5.622877135680528

294. no effort is made in the same studies to present information on regional or national demand trends in these skills or to consider whether regional or national demands for other skills might provide much better opportunities for the youth to be trained. 7.09195751232876

295. moreover the current information on what types of training are needed and possible is too limited and fragmentary. 6.385929246976759

296. there simply is not enough material available on the types of job skills that are in demand and the types of training programs that are required or most suitable. 6.69198329848934

297. much of the available information comes not from the federal government but from an exchange of experiences among states. 7.691756325801561

298. state and local agencies in the vocational education field must be encouraged to adopt a wider outlook on future job opportunities. 8.431595530622063

299. there is a need for an expanded federal effort to provide research and information to help guide state education departments and local school boards in existing programs. 7.130769618740224

300. a related question is whether unemployed workers can be motivated to take the training provided. 8.67520113331406

301. there is little evidence that existing public or private training programs have any great difficulty getting students to enroll in their programs even though they must pay tuition receive no subsistence payments and are not guaranteed a job. 6.4594915644075535

302. however there always is some limit to the numbers who will spend the time and effort to acquire training. 10.920109084842016

303. again one major difficulty is the local focus. 7.976437652631501

304. a training program in a depressed area may have few enrollees unless there is some apparent prospect for better employment opportunities afterwards and the prospect may be poor if the training is aimed solely at jobs in the local community. 6.019102548364887

305. if there is adequate information on job opportunities for skilled jobs elsewhere many more workers can be expected to respond. 9.105654181468427

306. another problem is who will pay for the training. 10.394523248337816

307. local school districts are hard pressed financially and unenthusiastic about vocational training. 6.421632332635154

308. programs usually are expanded only when outside funds are available or local business leaders demand it. 7.032105024464237

309. even industrial development leaders find it hard to win local support for training unless a new industry is in sight and requests it. 5.797532452103437

310. state governments have been taking the lead in establishing area vocational schools but their focus is still on area job opportunities. 7.6506071880084425

311. only the federal government is likely to be able to take a long-run and nation-wide view and to pay for training to meet national skilled manpower needs. 7.792996899626661

312. if only state funds were used to pay for the vocational education it could be argued that the state should not have to bear the cost of vocational training which would benefit employers in other states. 10.367933526462098

313. however if federal funds are used it would be entirely appropriate to train workers for jobs which could be obtained elsewhere as well as for jobs in the area of chronic unemployment. 6.48539357835391

314. such training would increase the tendency of workers to leave the area and find jobs in other localities. 9.205662875528139

315. a further possibility is suggested by the example of the g i bills and also by some recent trends in attitudes toward improving college education: that is to provide financial assistance to individuals for vocational training when local facilities are inadequate. 5.460036246397947



316. this probably would require some support for subsistence as well as for tuition but the total would be no greater than for the proposals of unemployment compensation or a youth conservation corps. 7.675429495858721

317. a maximum of \$600 per year per student would enable many to take training away from home. 6.923526321492968

318. a program of financial assistance would permit placing emphasis on the national interest in training highly skilled labor. 9.91907292171144

319. instead of being limited to the poor training facilities in remote areas the student would be able to move to large institutions of concentrated specialized training. 6.191809541506003

320. such specialized training institutions could be located near the most rapidly growing industries where the equipment and job experience exist and where the future employment opportunities are located. 6.823307612024259

321. this would heighten possibilities for part-time cooperative on-the-job and extension training. 9.774596814044259

322. personal financial assistance would enable more emphasis to be placed on the interests of the individual. 10.587179626961042

323. his aptitudes and preferences could be given more weight in selecting the proper training. 6.352670641660905

324. but briefly the topping configuration must be examined for its inferences. 10.422895192819478

325. then the fact that the lower channel line was pierced had further forecasting significance. 9.429982292559522

326. and then the application of the count rules to the width of the configuration give us an initial estimate of the probable depth of the decline. 8.749681059546296

327. the very idea of their being count rules implies that there is some sort of proportion to be expected between the amount of congestive activity and the extent of the breakaway movement. 7.346821920906662

328. this expectation is what really sold point and figure. 10.867675364171879

329. but there is no positive and consistently demonstrable relationship in the strictest sense. 13.741100841700375

330. experience will show that only the vaguest generalities apply and in fine these merely dwell upon a relationship between the durations and intensities of events. 7.1988137228760145

331. after all too much does not happen too suddenly nor does very little take long. 7.321889212829819

332. the advantages and disadvantages of these two types of charting bar charting and point and figure charting remain the subject of fairly good natured litigation among their respective professional advocates with both methods enjoying in common one irrevocable merit. 6.340239890013639

333. they are both trend-following methods. 16.67249252416214

334. even if we strip their respective claims to the barest minimum the odds still favor them both for the trend in effect is always more likely to continue than to reverse. 7.296276724163929

335. of course many more things are charted besides prices. 10.983520213806544

336. the foregoing have been methods of charting prices but now let us look at some of the other indices that are customarily charted and which are looked to for their forecasting abilities. 8.207265050410127

337. the search for forecasting formulae is ceaseless. 11.647719625067843

338. correlations have been worked up between the loading of freight cars and the course of stock price. 7.573088559200683

339. the theory behind this is of course fundamentalist in character.  
9.11334529037023

340. as the number of reported freight car loadings increased this was taken to indicate increased industrial activity and consequently increased stock earnings implying fatter dividends and implying therefore increased stock market prices. 7.5604248182385145

341. we now know that things rarely ever work out in such cut-and-dried fashion and that car loadings while perhaps interesting enough are nevertheless not the magic formula that will always turn before stock prices turn. 5.268257814628907

342. but the quest for such an index goes on ceaselessly with all manner of investors and speculators participating ranging from the sedate institutional type virtually to the proverbial shoe-string operator all seeking doggedly studiously daily- and often nightly- for the enchanting index that will foretell the eternal secret: which way will the market move; up or down? 6.208221292396618

343. it recalls to mind the quest of olden times for the fountain of youth a quest heavily invested in during the days of wooden ships.  
5.525835323295882

344. just as heavily invested are the endeavors of multitudes of modern men who carry on the quest for the enchanting index. 6.765292791664436

345. much of this goes on in offices high up in wall street's lofty wind-swept towers. 8.799700606863594

346. there sit men who make moving averages of weekly volume monthly averages of price-earnings ratios ratios of the number of advances to the number of declines ratios of an individual stock's performance to overall market performance ratios of rising price volume to falling price volume odd-lot indices and what not. 6.5329568239833335

347. they are concerned with all things traded in securities bonds cocoa coffee soybeans cotton tin oats etc. 7.130610841418014

348. and along chicago's west jackson boulevard la salle street and around the merchandise mart plaza there sit men who chart crop reports who divide the number of reported lady-bugs by the number of reported green-bugs and the number of hogs by the amount of corn.  
7.039949895619303

349. they plot the open interest curves rainfall curves and they even divide democratic congressmen by republican congressmen.  
6.376876511860498

350. all these things and countless more enter into their calculations and yet the enchanting index remains non-forthcoming.  
9.672559394096337

351. not at any rate in the fuller sense of the word. 10.41961614256415

352. the markets are far too subtle and the last word in these endeavors will doubtless never be written for the enchanting index is about as nebulous as the fountain of youth. 6.7869342764888

353. but whereas civilized men no longer pursue the fountain they never abandoned their pursuit of the enchanting index. 6.478669021782826

354. we mentioned odd-lot indices a few paragraphs ago.  
12.350455461918722

355. in the stock market the normal trading package is a hundred shares just as 5000 bushels is the standard grain contract package.  
7.363529915575263

356. a stock transaction for less than a hundred shares is executed via a special odd-lot broker on the floor of the exchange.  
10.899283628510071

357. this results in a separate record being made distinguishing these trades from the overall volume of trading. 5.427950274147271

358. according to the theory underlying odd-lot indices the trader who trades odd lots is most likely a small trader one who can't afford to trade round lots. 7.525890903229159

359. or to use the cynical phraseology of one odd-lot index enthusiast they represent a sampling of the least sophisticated echelon of traders. 5.747675891275695

360. falling most easily prey to an adverse market movement for this rank of traders can least afford to lose virtually anything the odd-lot traders do marketwise is taken to exemplify the wrong thing to do. 5.841774192096529

361. figures reporting the volume of odd-lot purchases and odd-lot sales are released by the stock exchange and carried in the newspapers. 6.04791021375758

362. odd-lot index observers then make graphs of the data according to their particular statistical recipe. 7.315499381373

363. they might for example plot it exactly as is or they might make ten day moving averages of it or longer moving averages or they might simply plot the ratio of odd-lot purchases to odd-lot sales. 5.151054311774119

364. the particular recipe is a matter of individual taste. 14.083858705166973

365. the data is now interpreted in conjunction with a price chart usually of a popular stock average. 6.5934285901583936

366. towards the end of an intermediate or major rise while the top is forming on the price chart it is frequently observed that the odd-lot buying increases sharply. 5.996607848305864

367. this warns the chartist that the formation in progress is quite likely to be a top. 6.881506374313357

368. similarly at the opposite end of the market cycle towards the end of an intermediate or major decline usually while the bottom is being formed on the price chart it is characteristic that an increase is noticed in odd-lot selling again alerting the chartist that a bottom is becoming a greater likelihood. 6.539445720418356

369. thus in the aggregate the odd-lot trader is one who buys at the tops and sells at the bottoms notwithstanding occasional individual exceptions. 6.675713120289759

370. while it had long been known in general that the public is always wrong the use of odd-lot indices now puts the adage on a statistical basis. 6.884772243478044

371. one might well wonder why the public is always wrong and the question raised is about as awkward as the one concerned with the chicken and the egg. 6.666574571708565

372. which came first? 16.656679898684356

373. is it really that the public buys at the tops and not that the market tops out when the public buys? 7.238285181774791

374. and the converse at bottoms. 18.014471815902706

375. does the public usually sell at bottoms or does the market usually bottom out when the public sells? 7.466065862594832

376. we have been using the word public in quotation marks that is in its vernacular connotation with reference to the odd-lot index theory. 10.599296140579101

377. obviously someone has to sell in order for someone to buy and vice versa. 6.456554449617568

378. and while all concerned members of the literal public somewhat less than all concerned although still a majority form the quotation marked public. 8.221542909854108

379. and the public minus the public leaves the so-called sophisticated element- the element on the other end of the public's transactions. 8.880868923355205

380. this element is often called strong hands. 12.83916464908928

381. strong hands differ from weak hands in that their operations are the primary movers. 5.739601853441883

382. they initiate campaigns so to speak even if this initiation is diffused among them and their concerted action only psychologically organized. 7.832937789961806

383. strong hands act; weak hands react. 8.43480713758077

384. strong hands move first; weak hands ask what is going on? 8.419867058553036

385. when strong hands buy they are able to buy more and they do it even in the face of bearish news reports. 6.309614669264672

386. they are able to sit more patiently with what they have bought. 15.915680586605463

387. needless to say strong hands are not eager to be joined by weak hands for this increases the risk that they will have to absorb what these weak hands unload on the way up at higher prices during the run-up phase of the campaign. 5.445008461773956

388. certain badly disillusioned market critics are often apt to feel that there is something somehow unfair dirty or even thoroughly criminal about this interplay of competitive forces. 6.54618033837685

389. but after all can anyone imagine a market wherein the reverse of these things were true? 7.87671515556022

390. try to imagine a market in which only a minority of traders would lose and the majority would make consistent profits. 7.060411495153203

391. how much and how many profits could a majority take out of the losses of a few? 8.22178944124042

392. moreover the taunt concerning the sophisticated echelon and its alleged erudition is put to test during every campaign and accrues only upon results; not before. 6.221143152558621

393. it quite often happens that campaigns go askew resulting in a most unflattering deterioration of strong hands into played-out hands just as a member of a former campaign's public may emerge flatteringly right the next time. 6.194083601421998

394. membership in the echelons fluctuates too. 10.472119682746735

395. the study of odd-lot indices is somehow akin to the spectacle of a man trying to outfox his own shadow what with all observers trying to get on the side of the few at the same time. 9.078367714240208

396. the usefulness of this study and of configuration analysis as well declines in direct proportion to the dissemination of its use. 8.133535426154651

397. it has to be by virtue of the very dictionary definition of the word few. 13.770067478850558

398. diametric opposition must persist as to the future course of prices if there is to persist a market at all. 8.438543613793158

399. and the few must win what the many lose for the opposite arrangement would not support markets as we know them at all and is in fact unimaginable. 6.459068959620058

400. there need be no squeamishness about admitting this. 13.901817684052416

401. anyone still doubting that this is the only way markets can be is invited to try to imagine a market wherein the majority consistently wins what the minority loses. 6.724189709273033

402. mr john magee whose work has been discussed in this chapter was quoted in a new yorker magazine profile as saying- h of course you have to remember it's a good thing for us chartists that there aren't more of us. 6.557999302866857

403. if you got too many people investing by this method their operations would begin to affect stock prices and thus throw the charts off. 6.525936975929947

404. the method would become self-defeating. 17.638591467701175

405. mr alexander h wheelan's study helps in point and figure technique tells the readers- we assure you that the total number of

people using this method of market analysis is a very small portion of the sum total of those operating in the securities and commodities markets. 5.331899125577266

406. what with traders trading for so many different objectives and what with there being so many unique and individualized market theories and trading techniques in use and more coming into use all the time it is hard to imagine how any particular theory or technique could acquire enough fans to invalidate itself. 6.987452068829289

407. nevertheless all theories and techniques lead but to one of two possible modes of expression if they lead to a market commitment at all. 6.851743272883243

408. in the final analysis then the user becomes either a bull or a bear in a given instance notwithstanding any amount of forethought and calculation however elaborate. 8.421820595988144

409. thus while his theory or technique may not be oversubscribed it is commonplace for bullish and bearish positions to become temporarily oversubscribed. 5.369386226541101

410. though the methods of deciding may be profound and diverse the possible conclusions remain but two. 9.507926812550991

411. the purpose set forth at the beginning of this book was first to introduce the reader to a general background knowledge of the various types and capabilities of the forecasting methods already in use so that he might then be in a position to evaluate for himself the validity of the rather astonishing empirical correlation that is to follow and to appraise the forecast that its interpretation suggests for the future of farm prices over the years immediately ahead. 5.43952840341129

412. in assessing the outlook for interest rates in 1961 the question as always is the prospect for general business activity. 8.24710587069603

413. by and large what happens to business as a whole will govern the relationship between demand and supply conditions in the capital markets and will thus determine interest rates. 5.244379598405574

414. moreover the trend of general business activity in 1961 will exert a decisive influence on fiscal monetary and other federal policies which affect interest rates. 7.531462277246944

415. nineteen-sixty has been a baffling year for analysts of general business activity. 6.6694398589597395

416. during much of the year the general level of business activity has moved along on a record-high plateau but there have been persistent signs of slack in the economy. 8.725150371275522

417. the tendency for general business activity to soften somewhat is becoming more evident. 7.451621278813451

418. although the pause in the advance of general business activity this year has thus far been quite modest it is hard to escape the conclusion that the softening process will continue into the first quarter of 1961 and possibly somewhat longer. 7.821415672237971

419. it is difficult to see any powerful sources of strength on the horizon at this time which would give the economy a new upward thrust. 8.75020937187674

420. the rate of plant and equipment spending by business and industry now seems to be topping out and facing some decline. 9.573802181444474

421. in earlier business cycles when this occurred the country usually experienced a sharp upturn in residential construction as mortgage financing became easier to obtain. 6.000282688333569

422. at this time however there are signs that increased availability of mortgage credit will not act with the usual speed to stimulate a sharp rise in residential construction. 8.270766653029934

423. these signs are the inventories of unsold houses in some areas of the country and the moderate rise in vacancy rates for apartments . 6.244699261799836

424. on the other hand in a more favorable vein general business activity should receive some stimulus from rising federal spending and the reduction in business inventories has probably run a good part of its course. 8.458842730812647

425. the 2% increase in retail sales in october to a 4-month high is encouraging in this connection as well as the most recent consumer survey by the national industrial conference board which shows a decided pickup in consumer spending plans. 5.434321296452985

426. the pattern of general business activity which probably lies ahead of us is a further moderate softening through the spring of 1961 before a new rise in economic activity gets under way. 7.496129545834734

427. the recovery will probably be sparked by a rising rate of housing starts next spring in response to more readily available mortgage credit as well as by an expansion of government spending well sustained consumer spending and some rebuilding of business inventories. 4.975946076298156

428. what does the general business outlook suggest about the trend of long-term rates in 1961? 9.757317843788147

429. it suggests that during the next several months through the spring of 1961 the demand for long-term capital funds may be moderately lower and that interest rates may tend to move a little lower especially the rates on federal state and local bonds as well as those on publicly offered corporate bonds. 5.408762142994459

430. however as witnessed by the large corporate bond calendar at present as well as the record amount of municipal bond issues approved by voters the over-all demands for capital funds seem likely to remain high so that any downward pressure on rates from reduced demand should not be great. 5.7067947172278215

431. it seems likely moreover that with an increase in the rate of saving in mortgage lending institutions interest rates on residential mortgages may move somewhat lower through the spring of next year although the increased ease in residential mortgage lending may occur primarily in other terms than interest rate eg easier downpayment and amortization terms. 5.580339947440587

432. if the trend of general business activity follows the pattern suggested here we are likely to see additional steps by the federal reserve authorities to ease the availability of credit. 8.502918719811868

433. certainly a further reduction in the discount rate would be a strong possibility as well as an easier reserve position for the banking system. 6.092132771284809

434. however the monetary authorities will continue to be required to pay attention to the consequences of their actions with respect to our international balance of payments position and the outflow of gold as well as with regard to avoiding the creation of excessive liquidity in the economy which would delay the effectiveness of monetary policy measures in the next expansion phase of the business cycle. 7.485287906641234

435. one of the most intriguing questions is whether the recent departures of the federal reserve authorities from confining their open market operations to treasury bills will spread into longer-term government securities in the next few months. 7.402659368120394

436. to the extent that the new administration has its wishes the federal reserve would conduct its open market operations throughout the entire maturity range of government securities and aggressively seek to force down long-term interest rates. 6.452321895656389

437. the principle of bills only or bills preferably seems so strongly accepted by the federal reserve that it is difficult to envision conditions which would persuade the authorities to depart radically from it by extending their open market purchases regularly into long-term government securities. 5.792661700918284

438. however to the extent that the monetary authorities in their effort to ease credit in the next several months conduct their open market operations in longer-term government bonds they will certainly act to accentuate any tendency for long-term interest rates to ease as a result of market forces. 6.381625829586266

439. by the end of the spring of 1961 assuming that a general business recovery gets under way interest rates should begin to edge upward again depending upon the vigor of the recovery and the determination with which the monetary authorities move to restrain credit availability. 6.34045141029453

440. my guess would be that interest rates will decline moderately into the spring of 1961 and during the second half of the year will turn up gradually to recover the ground lost during the downturn. 6.930971193989854

441. it is pertinent to ask the question: has the long upswing of interest rates during the past 15 years just about run its course and are we now entering a period in which both capital market forces and federal policies will produce a prolonged decline of interest rates? 5.477701607027739

442. my answer is in the negative because i believe that total capital demands during the sixties will continue to press against available supplies and interest rates will generally tend to be firm at high levels. 6.7256118001885685

443. this view is based upon several basic economic forces which i believe will be operating in recent events in the general assembly of the united nations confirm that the cold war will remain with us and probably intensify for the foreseeable future. 6.094420265583059

444. this makes it certain that federal expenditures for military preparedness and foreign economic aid are likely to rise further in the next several years. 8.463292341995245

445. we are just beginning the task of trying to win or maintain the friendship of the new african nations against the ruthless competition of the communist bloc. 6.733054333342714

446. our efforts to overcome the lead of the russians in space are bound to mean accelerated federal spending. 7.190743401679699

447. moreover it is likely that federal policies aimed at stimulating a faster rate of economic growth of the country to keep ahead of the communist countries and to demonstrate that our free economic system is better than theirs will lead to rising federal spending in certain areas such as education housing medical aid and the like. 5.044728134389956

448. there are serious dangers involved in this trend toward rising federal expenditures of which i take a dim view but it seems very likely to occur. 8.337015751988256

449. during the sixties we have the prospect of a significant stepping up in the rate of household formations which should contribute to a rising volume of consumer expenditures and home building. 6.9996797657686125

450. according to the latest projections of the bureau of the census the annual rate of household formations will increase for the next 20 years. 7.769677834544098

451. under the most favorable assumptions for increase the bureau of the census projects that the annual rate of household formations will rise from about 883000 in the last two years of the fifties to an annual rate of about 1018000 in the first five years of the sixties and

to a slightly higher annual rate of 1083000 in the second half of the decade. 6.287100115120962

452. during the seventies the projections show a more pronounced rise to an annual rate of 1338000 in the second half of that decade. 10.48537513600651

453. accordingly the expanding markets for consumer goods and housing occasioned by the higher rate of household formation should enhance the general economic prospects of the sixties. 5.058678593975553

454. however the impact of a rising rate of household formation this decade should not be exaggerated. 9.367180306331889

455. the average annual rate of 1083000 in the second half of the sixties is still considerably below the annual rate of 1525000 in with the expansion of family formation in the sixties a continued substantial rise in expenditures by state and local government units seems to be indicated. 0.0

456. this is an area in which there is still a large backlog of demand. 29.83503936838319

457. state and local expenditures increased persistently from \$26. 11.045118697824805

458. 5-billion in 1949 to \$44. 10.472119682746735

459. 3-billion in 1959 and it would not be surprising if they showed a comparable increase in this decade which would carry them to the neighborhood of \$75-billion by 1970. 5.544515918176757

460. here would be a powerful force for raising business activity. 11.196526552036076

461. the rate of business and industrial plant and equipment expenditures should continue to move upward from the levels of the fifties. 6.491403764578628

462. spurred by keen competition in our industrial system and still further increases in the funds devoted to industrial research plant and equipment expenditures by business and industry should rise during the decade. 6.261354008608648

463. i suspect that the reservoir of demand for consumer goods and housing which was dammed-up during the thirties and world war 2 is finally in the process of running dry. 6.396998882318591

464. there is some clear-cut evidence of this. 29.657441313011308

465. for example the huge postwar demand on the part of veterans for housing under the va home loan guaranty program seems to have largely exhausted itself. 7.899503569053473

466. indeed the failure of home-building as a whole to respond this year to somewhat greater availability of mortgage financing and the increasing reports of pockets of unsold homes and rising vacancy rates in apartment buildings may also signal in part that the lush days of big backlog demand for housing are reaching an end. 5.978533333968285

467. in a way we may be witnessing the same thing in the sales of automobilestoday as the public no longer is willing to purchase any car coming on the market but is more insistent on compact cars free of the frills which were accepted in the fifties. 6.329886548599659

468. the huge backlog of demand which was evident in the first decade and a half after the war was fed by liquid assets accumulated by the public during the war and even more so by the easier and easier credit in the consumer loan and home loan fields. 7.301164534361352

469. the consuming public has used up a good part of these liquid assets or they have been drained by the rising price level and we have apparently gotten to the end of the line in making consumer or home mortgage terms easier. 6.265151968676248

470. this is not to say that the level of consumer expenditures will not continue to rise in the sixties. 17.389249975965875



471. i am confident that it will but consumer spending in the sixties will not be fortified by the great backlog of wants and desires which characterized most of the fifties. 0.0

472. markets should become more competitive as consumers become more selective. 8.196044167676531

473. accordingly during the sixties our national economy is likely to grow at as fast a rate as in the fifties and in the process to require enormous amounts of capital funds. 6.7066642067806415

474. wage-price policies of industry are the result of a complex of forces- no single explanation has been found which applies to all cases. 8.355571022862344

475. the purpose of this paper is to analyze one possible force which has not been treated in the literature but which we believe makes a significant contribution to explaining the wage-price behavior of a few very important industries. 5.109450006460001

476. while there may be several such industries to which the model of this paper is applicable the authors make particular claim of relevance to the explanation of the course of wages and prices in the steel industry of the united states since world war 2. 8.264657241765676

477. indeed the apparent stiffening of the industry's attitude in the recent steel strike has a direct explanation in terms of the model here presented. 6.298799455806308

478. the model of this paper considers an industry which is not characterized by vigorous price competition but which is so basic that its wage-price policies are held in check by continuous critical public scrutiny. 6.403496419865711

479. where the industry's product price has been kept below the profit-maximizing and entry-limiting prices due to fears of public reaction the profit seeking producers have an interest in offering little real resistance to wage demands. 5.387003401415467

480. the contribution of this paper is a demonstration of this proposition and an exploration of some of its implications. 9.568470387705613

481. in order to focus clearly upon the operation of this one force which we may call the effect of public-limit pricing on key wage bargains we deliberately simplify the model by abstracting from other forces such as union power which may be relevant in an actual situation. 5.396800420302613

482. for expository purposes this is best treated as a model which spells out the conditions under which an important industry affected with the public interest would find it profitable to raise wages even in the absence of union pressures for higher wages. 5.898567685259947

483. part 1 below describes this abstract model by spelling out its assumptions. 9.402241878138415

484. part 2 discusses the operation of the model and derives some significant conclusions. 17.646198622485493

485. part 3 discusses the empirical relevance and policy implications of the conclusions. 9.402241878138415

486. part 4 is a brief summary. 18.958301390356997

487. the mathematical appendix presents the rigorous argument but is best read after part 1 in order that the assumptions underlying the equations may be explicit. 5.2588932223382265

488. the industry with which this model is concerned is a basic industry producing a substantial share of gross national product. 7.680547411047537

489. for the purposes of setting the product price the industry behaves as a single entity. 7.419583361482161

490. the demand we are concerned with aggregate demand for the industry's product. 10.132857641369208

491. the manner in which this is shared among firms is taken as given.  
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492. in any given time period the aggregate demand for the industry's product is determined by two things: the price charged by the industry and the level of gnp. 8.284700927658132

493. for the purposes of this discussion the problem of relative prices is encompassed in these two variables since gnp includes other prices.  
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494. the form of the industry demand function is one which makes quantity demanded vary inversely with the product price and vary directly with the level of gnp. 7.914375602143917

495. the industry of this model is so important that its wage and price policies are affected with a public interest. 6.445889539651649

496. because of its importance and because the lack of price competition is well recognized the industry is under considerable public pressure not to raise its price any more than could be justified by cost increases. 7.9186265889259735

497. the threat of effective anti-trust action provoked by gouging the public through price increases not justified by cost increases and fears of endangering relations with customers congress the general public and the press all operate to keep price increases in some relation to cost increases. 5.211515995650729

498. for the industry of this model the effect of such public pressures in the past has been to hold the price well below the short-run profit-maximizing price and even below the entry-limited price.  
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499. for such an industry it is only safe to raise its price if such an increase is manifestly justified by rising costs .  
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500. thus if public pressure sets the effective limit to the price that the industry may charge this pressure is itself a function of the wage rate. 7.278809401750381

501. in this model we abstract from all non-wage sources of cost changes so that the public-limit price only rises as the wage rate rises. 6.675706588318595

502. in such circumstances it may well be to the advantage of the industry to allow an increase in the basic wage rate.  
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503. since marginal costs rise when the wage rate rises the profit-maximizing price also rises when the public-limit price is elevated and is likely to remain well above the latter. 5.436345134758126

504. the entry-limiting price will also be raised for potential domestic competition but unless general inflation permits profit margins to increase proportionately throughout the economy we might expect the public-limit price to approach the entry-limit price.  
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505. the foreign-entry-limit price would be approached more rapidly since domestic wage-rates do not enter foreign costs directly.  
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506. where this approach becomes critical the industry can be expected to put much emphasis on this as evidence of its sincerity in resisting the wage pressures of a powerful union requesting tariff relief after it has reluctantly acceded to the union pressure. 6.856003628414112

507. whether or not it is in the industry's interest to allow the basic wage rate to rise obviously depends upon the extent to which the public-limit price rises in response to a basic wage increase and the relation of this response to the increase in costs accompanying the wage increase. 6.519434087516143

508. the extent to which the public-limit price is raised by a given increase in the basic wage rate is itself a function of three things:

the passage of time the level of gnp and the size of the wage increase. 9.57946891104516

509. we are abstracting from the fact of strikes here but it should be obvious that the extent to which the public-limit price is raised by a given increase in the basic wage rate is also a function of the show of resistance put up by the industry. 6.171101474222841

510. the industry may deliberately take a strike not to put pressure on the union but in order to educate the government and the customers of the industry. 7.363291223855055

511. as a strike continues these parties increase their pressure on the industry to reach an agreement. 8.59397126627422

512. they become increasingly willing to accept the price increase that the industry claims the wage bargain would entail. 8.586863099314062

513. public indignation and resistance to wage-price increases is obviously much less when the increases are on the order of 3% per annum than when the increases are on the order of 3% per month. 5.770461951725361

514. the simple passage of an additional eleven months' time makes the second 3% boost more acceptable. 8.510875472925726

515. thus the public-limit price is raised further by a given wage increase the longer it has been since the previous price increase. 5.560711424636097

516. notice however that the passage of time does not permit the raising of prices per se without an accompanying wage increase. 7.964328543437645

517. similarly higher levels of gnp do not in themselves provide grounds for raising prices but they do relax some of the pressure on the industry so that it can raise prices higher for a given wage increase. 6.355777933746499

518. this is not extended to anticipated levels of gnp however- only the current level of gnp affects the public pressure against wage-price increases. 8.291928358643258

519. finally since the public requires some restraint on the part of the companies larger wage increases call for less than proportionately larger price increases a price increase of 7% a wage increase of 10% allows a price . 4.794951715532896

520. we assume that average total unit cost in the relevant region of operation is constant with respect to quantity produced and is the same for every firm. 7.175602276588529

521. the level of this average cost is determined by factor prices technology and so forth. 7.413864179236019

522. as we have noted however we are abstracting from changes in all determinants of this level except for changes in the wage rate. 9.210511820020196

523. the level of average cost is e. 11.903366396315082

524. union policies and collective the single union which faces the industry does not restrict its membership and there is an adequate supply of labor available to the firms of the industry at the going wage rate. 6.962842864600112

525. the union does not regard unemployment of its own members as a matter of concern when setting its own wage policy- its concern with employment makes itself felt in pressure upon the government to maintain full employment. 5.555803646439296

526. the union vigorously demands wage increases from productivity increases and wage increases to offset cost-of-living increases but we abstract from these forces here. 7.210955619203047

527. for our present purposes we assume that the sole subject of bargaining is the basic wage rate and it is this basic wage rate which determines the level of costs. 6.343945375272807

528. productivity is something of an amorphous concept and the amount of productivity increase in a given time period is not even well known to the industry much less to the union or to the public.

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529. disagreement on the amount of productivity increase exacerbates the problem of agreeing how an increase in profit margins related to a productivity increase should be shared.

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530. the existence of conflict and of vigorous union demand for an increase in money wages does not contradict the assumption that the union is willing to settle for cost-of-living and productivity-share increases as distinct from a cost-raising increase in the basic wage rate.

531. we assume further that the union recognizes the possibility that price-level increases may offset wage-rate increases and it does not entirely disregard the effect of price increases arising from its own wage increases upon the realwage rate.

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532. for internal political reasons the union asks for increases in the basic wage rate and would vigorously oppose a reduction in this rate but the adjustment of the basic wage rate upwards is essentially up to the discretion of the companies of the industry.

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533. changes in the basic wage rate are cost-raising and they constitute an argument for raising prices.

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534. however it is not known to either the union or the public precisely how much of a cost increase is caused by a given change in the basic wage rate although the companies are presumed to have reliable estimates of this magnitude.

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535. in this model then the industry is presumed to realize that they could successfully resist a change in the basic wage rate but since such a change is the only effective means to raising prices they may in circumstances to be spelled out in part 2 below find it to their advantage to allow the wage rise.

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536. thus for non-negative changes in the basic wage rate the industry becomes the active wage-setter since any increase in the basic wage rate can occur only by reason of industry acquiescence.

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537. the presumption in the literature would appear to be that the basic wage rate would be unchanged in this case on the grounds that it is clearly not in the interest of the industry to raise wages gratuitously.

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538. from this presumption it is an easy step to the conclusion that any observed increases in the basic wage rate must be due to union behavior different and more aggressive than assumed in our model.

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539. it is this conclusion that we challenge; we do so by disproving the presumption on which it is based.

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540. of the model it is convenient to assume that the union-industry contract is of one year's duration.

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541. in the century from 1815 to 1914 the law of nations became international law.

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542. several factors contributed to this change.

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543. the congress of vienna is a convenient starting point because it both epitomized and symbolized what was to follow.

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544. here in 1815 the great nations assembled to legislate not merely for europe but for the world.

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545. thus the congress marks a formal recognition of the political system that was central to world politics for a century.

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546. international law had to fit the conditions of europe and nothing that could not fit this system or the interests of the great european nations collectively could possibly emerge as law in any meaningful sense.

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547. essentially this imposed two conditions: first international law had to recognize and be compatible with an international political system in which a number of states were competitive suspicious and opportunistic in their political alignments with one another; second it had to be compatible with the value system that they shared.

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548. in both respects international law was europeanized.

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549. it was not always easy to develop theory and doctrine which would square the two conditions. 9.265494440764135

550. on the one hand the major european nations had to maintain vis-a-vis each other an emphasis upon sovereignty independence formal equality- thus insuring for themselves individually an optimal freedom of action to maintain the flexibility of alignment that the system required and to avoid anything approaching a repetition of the disastrous napoleonic experience. 7.368190119787844

551. but there was no pressing need to maintain these same standards with regard to most of the rest of the world. 14.057053281171957

552. thus theory and doctrine applicable among the great nations and the smaller european states did not really comfortably fit less developed and less powerful societies elsewhere. 6.5712493751857

553. political interference in africa and asia and even in latin america by the special interest of the united states as expressed in the monroe doctrine itself from the outset related to european politics was necessary in order to preserve both common economic values and the european balance itself. 6.141119012741397

554. a nation such as switzerland could be neutralized by agreement and could be relied upon to protect its neutrality; more doubtful but possible was the neutralization of the latin american countries; out of the question was the neutralization of asia and africa.

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555. this europeanization of the law was made explicit by a number of 19th century scholars. 7.336738903232112

556. more emphasis was put upon the fact that international law was the law of civilized nations; kent and story the great early american scholars repeatedly made use of this phrase or of christian nations which is a substantial equivalent. 8.09091364691852

557. wheaton stated that the public law was essentially limited to the civilized and christian peoples of europe or to those of european origin. 5.5870627374518325

558. of course it had always been of european origin in fact but it had maintained a universal outlook under the natural law theory.

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559. now with virtually every writer not only was the european origin of public law acknowledged as a historical phenomenon but the rules thus established by the advanced civilizations of europe were to be imposed on others. 5.516751111784525

560. the european customs on which international law was based were to become by force and fiat the customs that others were to accept as law if they were to join this community as sovereign states.

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561. hall for example was quite explicit on this point when he said states outside european civilization must formally enter into the circle of law-governed countries. 5.031061973382939

562. they must do something with the acquiescence of the latter or some of them which amounts to an acceptance of the law in its entirety beyond all possibility of misconstruction. 8.547440744412572

563. during the nineteenth century these views were protested by virtually all the latin american writers though ineffectively just

as the new nations of africa and asia protest them with more effect today. 6.633074813899798

564. a number of other nineteenth-century developments contributed to the transmutation of the law of nations into international law; that is from aspects of a universal system of justice into particular rules governing the relations of sovereign states. 8.96969692551629

565. the difference is important for although the older law of nations did cover relationships among sovereigns this was by no means its exclusive domain. 5.800747303873487

566. the law of nature governed sovereigns in their relationship to their own citizens to foreigners and to each other in a conceptually unified system. 10.579873523647176

567. the theory of international law which in the nineteenth century became common to virtually all writers in europe and america broke this unity and this universality. 6.413080507903362

568. it lost sight of the individual almost entirely and confined itself to rules limiting the exercise of state power for reasons essentially unconnected with justice or morality save as these values might affect international relations. 6.869095168730342

569. no longer did the sovereign look to the law of nations to determine what he ought to do; his search was merely for rules that might limit his freedom of action. 5.806997634055077

570. to appreciate this development we must relate it to other aspects of nineteenth-century philosophy. 8.985884733762152

571. first and most obvious was the growing nationalism and the tendency to regard the state and the individual's identification with the state as transcending other ties of social solidarity. 5.662242888225814

572. national identification was not new but it was accelerating in intensity and scope throughout europe as new unifications occurred. 7.758550376765831

573. it reached its ultimate philosophical statement in notions of state will put forward by the germans especially by hegel although political philosophers will recognize its origins in the rejected doctrines of hobbes. 5.437096434310103

574. national identification was reflected jurisprudentially in law theories which incorporated this hegelian abstraction and saw law domestic and international simply as its formal reflection. 6.290129093830134

575. in the international community this reduced law to jellinek's auto-limitation. 10.466002073342645

576. a state the highest form of human organization in fact and theory could be subjected to law only by a manifestation of self-will or consent. 7.110216203716876

577. according to the new theories the nineteenth century corporate sovereign was sovereign in a quite new and different sense from his historical predecessors. 6.598466918976268

578. he no longer sought to find the law; he made it; he could be subjected to law only because he agreed to be. 8.50328803992675

579. there was no law domestic or international except that willed by acknowledged by or consented to by states. 7.114600149770193

580. hidden behind hegelian abstractions were more practical reasons for a changing jurisprudence. 7.615092762846159

581. related to but distinguishable from nationalism was the growth of democracy in one form or another. 6.2553469477383485

582. increased participation in politics and the demands of various groups for status and recognition had dramatic effects upon law institutions. 6.54093796655646

583. the efforts of various interest groups to control or influence governmental decisions particularly when taken in conjunction with the impact of industrialization led to a concentration of attention on

the legislative power and the means whereby policy could be formulated and enforced as law through bureaucratic institutions. 5.736287051074467  
584. law became a conscious process something more than simply doing justice and looking to local customs and a common morality for applicable norms. 6.559337496133126

585. particularly was this true when the norms previously applied were no longer satisfactory to many when customs were rapidly changing as the forces of the new productivity were harnessed. 5.491981963951048  
586. the old way of doing things which depended on a relatively stable community with stable ideas dealing with familiar situations was no longer adequate to the task. 6.09983039226678

587. first was the period of codification of existing law: the code napoleon in france and the peculiar codification that in fact resulted from austin's restatement and ordering of the common law in england. 5.906828534379776

588. codification was followed in all countries by a growing amount of legislation some changing and adjusting the older law much dealing with entirely new situations. 6.157942065974489

589. the legislative mills have been grinding ever since and when its cumbersome processes were no longer adequate to the task a limited legislative authority was delegated in one form or another to the executive. 4.908401855518352

590. whereas the eighteenth century had been a time in which man sought justice the nineteenth and twentieth have been centuries in which men are satisfied with law. 7.448313248280783

591. indeed with developed positivism the separation of law from justice or from morality generally became quite specific. 5.8021300063904535

592. in municipal systems we tend to view what is called positivism as fundamentally a movement to democratize policy by increasing the power of parliament- the elected representatives- at the expense of the more conservative judiciary. 7.306761231795977

593. when the power of the latter was made both limited and explicit- when norms were clarified and made more precise and the creation of new norms was placed exclusively in parliamentary hands- two purposes were served: government was made subservient to an institutionalized popular will and law became a rational system for implementing that will for serving conscious goals for embodying the public policy. 5.440480453301142

594. it is true that initially the task was to remove restrictions that it was thought inhibited the free flow of money goods and labor; but even laissez-faire was a conscious policy. 9.614481769026716

595. law was seen as an emanation of the sovereign will. 6.661604752959209

596. however the sovereign was not hobbes' absolute monarch but rather the parliamentary sovereign of austin. 8.890041874635154

597. it was too an optimistic philosophy and though it separated law from morality it was by no means an immoral or amoral one. 7.01808663325341

598. man through democratic institutions of government and economic freedom was master of his destiny. 8.582490004035838

599. the theory did not require though it unfortunately might acquire a hegelian mystique. 7.098087065137257

600. it was merely a rationalization and ordering of new institutions of popular government. 12.325109250313941

601. it was not opposed to either justice or morality; it merely wished to minimize subjective views of officials who wielded public authority. 7.6621748616035825

602. particularly was this true as laissez-faire capitalism became the dominant credo of western society. 7.810415301301886

603. to free the factors of production was a major objective of the rising bourgeoisie and this objective required that governmental authority- administrative officials and judges- be limited as precisely and explicitly as possible; that old customs which inhibited trade be abrogated; that business be free from governmental supervision and notions of morality which might clog the automatic adjustments of the free market; that obligations of status that were inconsistent with the new politics and the new economics be done away with.

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604. contract- conceived as the free bargain of formal equals- replaced the implied obligations of a more static and status-conscious society.

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605. indeed contract was the dominant legal theme of the century the touchstone of the free society.

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606. government itself was based upon contract; business organization- the corporation- was analyzed in contractual terms; trade was based on freedom of contract and money was lent and borrowed on contractual terms; even marriage and the family was seen as a contractual arrangement.

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607. it is not surprising that the international obligations of states were also viewed in terms of contract.

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608. in fact some- anzilotti is the principle example- went so far as to say that all international law could be traced to the single legal norm pacta sunt servanda.

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609. the displacement of the ethical jurisprudence of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries by positivism reshaped both international law theory and doctrine.

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610. in the first place the new doctrine brought a formal separation of international from municipal law rejecting the earlier view that both were parts of a universal legal system.

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611. one result was to nationalize much that had been regarded as the law of nations.

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612. admiralty law the law merchant and the host of problems which arise in private litigation because of some contact with a foreign country were all severed from the older law of nations and made dependent on the several national laws.

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613. private international law was thus segregated from international law proper or as it is often called public international law.

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614. states were free to enact within broad though determinate limits their own rules as to the application of foreign law by their courts to vary the law merchant and to enact legislation with regard to many claims arising on the high seas.

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615. the change was not quite so dramatic as it sounds because in fact common norms continued to be invoked by municipal courts and were only gradually changed by legislation and then largely in marginal situations.

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616. mr justice black was one of the minority that rested on the article 1 power.

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617. in this view supported by only three members of the court a power denied by the specific provisions of article 3 was granted by the generality of article 1.

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618. if this seems arbitrary its effect was to treat citizens of the district of columbia equally with citizens of the states- at the expense of expanding a troublesome jurisdiction.

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619. for almost a hundred years we relied upon state courts for the protection of most rights arising under national law.

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620. then in 1875 apparently in response to the nationalizing influence of the civil war congress first gave the lower federal courts general



authority- concurrently with state tribunals- to decide cases involving federal-right questions. 8.091251517131603

621. one purpose of the change was to attain sympathetic enforcement of rights insured by the civil war amendments against state interference. 6.4441271001144615

622. serious difficulty arose with the advent of substantive due process. 8.843367331156275

623. an amendment presumably designed to deal with the problems of newly freed slaves became a laissez-faire limitation upon state economic policy. 6.9640844673372415

624. a flood of federal lower court injunctions seriously impeded the processes of local government. 8.40106343233402

625. congress reacted with a series of measures modifying in various ways what it had granted in 1875. 6.2016166993573245

626. in 1910 it required the convening of a special three-judge court for the issuance of certain injunctions and allowed direct appeals to the supreme court. 8.160106390452345

627. such legislation was clarified and extended from time to time thereafter. 7.795383746932392

628. in 1913 an abortive provision was made for the stay of federal injunction proceedings upon institution of state court test cases. 8.482212948039292

629. the essential ineffectiveness of these measures resulted in 1934 in substantial elimination of federal jurisdiction to enjoin state public utility rate orders. 5.670580783382225

630. three years later similar restraints were imposed upon injunctions against collection of state taxes. 8.371670676500804

631. this saved for state adjudication in the first instance the two major areas where federal injunctions had been most obnoxious but other areas remained vulnerable. 5.736786668550141

632. meanwhile the supreme court like congress showed misgivings concerning this aspect of government by injunction. 9.061818430428321

633. drawing upon the traditional discretion of the chancellor mr justice holmes introduced a series of self-imposed judicial restraints that culminated in mr justice frankfurter's famous doctrine of abstention. 5.076847533455262

634. whereas the earlier cases turned rather narrowly upon the availability of adequate state remedies the new emphasis is upon the nature of the state policy at issue. 6.458755637005268

635. the classic case is railroad commission v pullman. 9.377114209797627

636. the commission had issued an administrative order which was challenged as discriminatory against negroes. 9.45273821686523

637. its enforcement was enjoined by a federal trial court. 7.432382072063545

638. on review the supreme court via mr justice frankfurter found southern racial problems a sensitive area of social policy on which the federal courts ought not to enter unless no alternative to h adjudication is open. 6.757773177684674

639. an alternative was found in the vagueness of state law as to whether the offending order had in fact been authorized. 6.135225267642463

640. reluctant as usual to interpret state legislation- such interpretation can only be a forecast rather than a determination- mr justice frankfurter led a unanimous court to vacate the injunction. 6.324432667118434

641. but it is crucial that here unlike burford the trial court was ordered to retain the case until the state courts had had a reasonable opportunity to settle the state-law question. 6.834754824926213

642. the resources of equity are equal to an adjustment that will avoid the waste of a tentative decision as well as the friction of a premature constitutional adjudication. 6.830397971433521

643. temporary abstention ie postponement is one thing; refusal to adjudicate is another. 6.002446559592496

644. to the extent that the jurisdictional principle of 1875 stands unmodified by subsequent legislation federal equitable relief against state action must be available- or so it seems to mr justice frankfurter. 7.40347327650156

645. in alabama public service commission v southern ry co the commission had refused to permit abandonment of certain uneconomic train facilities. 6.012361463777105

646. the railroad claiming deprivation of property without due process of law sought injunctive relief. 8.346523409839932

647. the court held that federal jurisdiction should not be exercised lest the domestic policy of the state be obstructed; this in the name of equitable discretion. 9.128661418672582

648. justices frankfurter and jackson concurred in the court's result for they found no merit in the railroad's claim. 6.643215071337043

649. but they objected vigorously to the proposition that federal courts may refuse to exercise jurisdiction conferred in a valid act of congress: by one fell swoop the court now finds that congress indulged in needless legislation in the acts of 1910 1913 1925 1934 and 1937. 4.948211519546795

650. by these measures congress so the court in effect now decides gave not only needless but inadequate relief since it now appears that the federal courts have inherent power to sterilize the act of 1875 against all proceedings challenging local regulation. 5.746588852777003

651. a most revealing recent case is textile workers union v lincoln mills. 7.190017756155806

652. the taft-hartley act gave the federal courts jurisdiction over suits for violation of contracts between an employer and a labor organization representing employees in an industry affecting commerce. 6.605761073447593

653. on its face this merely provides a federal forum; it does not establish any law for the federal judges to enforce. 5.84258359218675

654. how can judges exercise jurisdiction to enforce national rights when congress has created none? 7.391013650626644

655. the court held that congress had intended the federal judiciary to fashion an appropriate law of labor-management contracts. 7.930088552995078

656. in short congressional power to grant federal-question authority to federal courts is now apparently so broad that congress need not create or specify the right to be enforced. 7.729890560022165

657. the lincoln mills decision authorizes a whole new body of federal common law which as mr justice frankfurter pointed out in dissent leads to one of the following incongruities: conflict in federal and state court interpretations of collective bargaining agreements; displacement of state law by federal law in state courts h in all actions regarding collective bargaining agreements; or exclusion of state court jurisdiction over these matters. 4.986091856538282

658. the justice's elaborate examination of the legislative history of the provision in question suggests that congress' purpose was merely to make unions suable. 6.955804554600195

659. with a few exceptions the lawmakers seemed unaware of the technical problems of federal jurisdiction involved- to say nothing of the delegation of lawmaking power to judges. 6.38148884954061

660. to avoid these constitutional difficulties mr justice frankfurter  
 was prepared to read the taft-hartley provision as concerned with  
 diversity rather than federal question jurisdiction. 7.526093915719312

661. this would satisfy what presumably was congress' major purpose- the  
 suability of unions. 6.002446559592496

662. it would also leave intact the states' traditional authority in the  
 realm of contract law. 13.670035913708034

663. and york decisions require federal courts in diversity cases here  
 again mr justice frankfurter could not lightly accept the principle of  
 wholesale judicial legislation. 5.998727237315507

664. if congress wants to displace the states from areas which they have  
 customarily occupied let it do so knowingly and explicitly.  
 7.547626412291326

665. and let it do its own lawmaking and not leave that to federal  
 judges. 7.195806614831201

666. does lincoln mills suggest that if congress granted jurisdiction  
 over interstate divorce cases the federal courts would be  
 authorized to fashion a national law for the dissolution of  
 marriages? 7.009568153780609

667. there is a common problem behind most of these federal question  
 and diversity cases. 6.308942906593172

668. congress has not clearly defined the bounds between state and  
 federal court competence. 8.55795084636185

669. it has the power to do so but for the most part has left the matter  
 for solution by judges on a case-by-case basis. 9.768059765417965

670. a careful student has suggested that in any new revision of the  
 judicial code the legislators would do well to remember that the  
 allocation of power to the federal courts should be limited to those  
 matters in which their expertise in federal law might be used leaving  
 to the state judiciaries the primary obligation of pronouncing state  
 law. 6.1626295077968525

671. obviously the goal here proposed is the guiding principle in mr  
 justice frankfurter's opinions- to the extent that congress leaves  
 the problem to judicial discretion. 5.439876757492909

672. the same rule of specialization and division of labor guides him in  
 the fela certiorari cases in the administrative law area and indeed  
 in the whole realm of judicial review. 7.471042682756322

673. mr justice black no doubt concurs in principle but is more apt to  
 make exceptions to achieve a generous and just result.  
 5.475825608292139

674. he will not be fooled by technicalities. 22.184678737871383

675. with few exceptions congress has not given federal courts  
 exclusive authority to enforce rights arising under federal law.  
 6.21477470017956

676. to put it differently state and federal courts have concurrent  
 jurisdiction with respect to most claims of federal right.  
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677. to insure uniformity in the meaning of national law however  
 state interpretations are subject to supreme court review.  
 6.093144786683763

678. it may be noted parenthetically that to evade desegregation an  
 ex-justice and former southern governor has urged congress to abolish  
 this reviewing authority. 9.768417744115498

679. the result of course would be that federal law inevitably would  
 mean different things in different states. 8.53640913803731

680. it would also probably mean different things within the same state-  
 depending upon what court rendered decision. 11.022160136999576

681. we consider here only a few of many problems involved in this  
 crucial federal-state relationship. 8.937712413973937

682. the first is that enforcement of national law in state litigation raises in reverse the old diversity puzzle of the relation of procedure to substance. 7.427227232736106

683. subject to certain constitutional restraints in favor of fair trials each level of government is free to devise its own judicial procedures. 5.688768559615062

684. litigants who choose to assert federal claims in a state court go into that court subject to its rules of procedure. 6.703888492474915

685. a similar canon applies to those who press state claims in federal tribunals eg in diversity cases. 6.20469847978654

686. in an fela controversy the state court followed established state procedure by construing a vague complaint most strongly against the complainant. 8.144935308854754

687. in other words the burden of pleading clearly rested upon the pleader by state law. 10.806022916250093

688. the result was that the plaintiff's case was dismissed. 17.557469861921223

689. mr justice black led a reversing majority: strict local rules of pleading cannot be used to impose unnecessary burdens upon rights of recovery authorized by federal law. 5.50077428060064

690. here as in the byrd case another element of state procedure was subsumed to federal judge-made law. 8.168656102496268

691. justices frankfurter and jackson dissented: one state may cherish formalities more than another one state may be more responsive than another to procedural reforms. 4.903693293796623

692. if a litigant chooses to enforce a federal right in a state court he cannot be heard to object if he is treated exactly as are plaintiffs who press like claims arising under state law with regard to the form in which the claim must be stated- the particularity for instance with which a cause of action must be described. 6.0787118207407165

693. federal law though invoked in a state court delimits the federal claim- defines what gives a right to recovery and what goes to prove it. 5.321182526784233

694. but the form in which the claim must be stated need not be different from what the state exacts in the enforcement of like obligations created by it so long as a requirement does not add to or diminish the right as defined by federal law nor burden the realization of this right in the actualities of litigation. 6.640919829430761

695. another problem in the area of federal-state relationships is this: what constitutes reversible error in a state decision? 7.618675711827995

696. terminello v chicago involved a conviction for disorderly conduct under a local ordinance. 7.391013650626644

697. the conduct in question was a speech. 9.802060557618772

698. the accused did not object to the trial court's charge to the jury that discourse may constitute a breach of the peace if it stirs the public to anger invites dispute brings about a condition of unrest h. 6.678516632233705

699. for present purposes it may be assumed that this charge so narrowly limited speech as to violate the federal constitution. 6.650938479010989

700. though the accused raised many other objections he did not object on this crucial point at any stage of the proceedings. 7.621359693134935

701. that is he did not claim in any of the four courts through which his case progressed that the jury charge had denied him any federal right. 7.581696088016995

702. how else can one explain for example allowing the survival of the right to amortize bond discount and premium but not the right to

amortize bond issue expenses; or allowing a deduction for payment of certain obligations of a transferor assumed in the reorganization but not a deduction for theft losses sustained by a transferor prior to a reorganization but discovered after it; or requiring a transferor to carry over its method of depreciation but not allowing rapid amortization of emergency facilities transferred in a reorganization; or allowing survival of a dividend carryover to a personal holding company 381 but not carryover of excess tax credits for foreign taxes?

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703. these items and most of the others listed above seem quite comparable to items whose right of survival is provided for in section 381. 6.634885315513075

704. there does not seem to be any reasonable basis for distinction either in terms of the nature of the tax attribute or in terms of tax-avoidance possibilities. 14.753173423342616

705. with respect to items such as these the provisions of section 381 viewed in historical perspective suggest a rule requiring survival whether the items are beneficial or detrimental to the surviving corporation. 5.559283008340014

706. to this extent some stretching of the literal meaning of the committee report seems justified since the literal meaning conflicts with the clear implication if not the language of the statute.

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707. it is not contended that section 381 should prescribe the survival of all of the transferor's tax attributes. 11.727342546857113

708. such an interpretation could not be justified by a construction of the statute alone; it would certainly violate the intention of congress as expressed in the committee report; and in at least one instance involving refund claims it might be contrary to

another provision of the united states code. 8.522585692541186

709. section 203 of the united states code voids an assignment of a claim against the government unless made after it has been allowed the amount due has been ascertained and a warrant for its payment has been issued. 5.642704308197593

710. if it were not for judicial development of certain exceptions this section would prohibit a suit for refund by an acquiring corporation for taxes paid by a transferor corporation even though the reorganization meets the requirements of section 381. 7.498761370764141

711. a clearly recognized exception is a statutory merger or consolidation. 7.563545188002981

712. the leading case seaboard air line railway v united states held that the transferee could sue for a refund of taxes paid by the transferor and it has been consistently followed. 7.138324771884965

713. the court said the purpose of the section was principally to spare the government the embarrassment and trouble of dealing with several parties one of them a stranger to the claim and to prevent traffic in claims particularly tenuous claims against the government.

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714. neither reason said the court applied to the case at hand; furthermore congress could not be presumed to have intended to obstruct mergers approved by the states. 7.262193183316376

715. other exceptions are assignments for the benefit of creditors corporate dissolutions transfers by descent or transfers by subrogation.

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716. exceptions are often classified as transfers by operation of law. 8.196044167676531

717. a tax-free reorganization not complying with the merger or consolidation statutes of the states involved is difficult to fit into an operation of law mold. 6.428042594137934

718. although it is in some ways comparable to a voluntary sale of assets for cash to which section 203 quite clearly applies the courts and treasury have held that acquiring corporations in several types of non-taxable reorganizations may sue for refund of taxes paid by transferors. 7.1967541645501045

719. a recent case in point is mitchell canneries v united states in which a claim against the government was transferred first from a corporation to a partnership whose partners were former stockholders and then to another corporation formed by the partners. 0.0

720. holding the final corporation entitled to sue on the claim the court cited the seaboard novo trading and roomberg cases for the proposition that transfers by operation of law or in conjunction with changes of corporate structure are not assignments prohibited by the statute. 5.757453938655412

721. in an earlier case kingan + co v united states an american corporation was formed for the purpose of acquiring the stock of a british corporation in exchange for its own stock and then liquidating the british corporation. 5.968420493411964

722. the anti-assignment statute was held not to prevent the american corporation from suing for a refund of taxes paid by the british corporation. 7.500466656432886

723. the transaction presumably would have qualified under section 368 as a contractual reorganization followed by a section 332 liquidation but not under section 368 as a statutory merger of consolidation. 5.086785850344256

724. the court nevertheless relied on the seaboard case and also mentioned that the shareholders of the two corporations were the same. 7.710501149062964

725. in substance said the court there was no transfer of equitable title. 7.8924097041785695

726. the treasury arrives at substantially the same conclusion but skirts the problem of section 203 of the united states code. 12.00857468294896

727. revenue ruling 54-17 provides that if the corporation against which a tax was assessed has since been liquidated by merger with a successor corporation a claim for refund should be filed by the successor in the name and on behalf of the corporation which paid the tax followed by the name of the successor corporation. 5.483503900639054

728. proper evidence of the liquidation and succession must also be filed. 8.574928159153368

729. if the succession is a matter of public record certificates of the secretaries of state or other public officials having custody of the documents will suffice; if the succession is not of record all documents relating to such succession properly certified are required. 5.583164282154521

730. the former proof seems applicable to a statutory merger or consolidation the latter to a contractual acquisition. 8.185228423961119

731. the ruling would not however apply to an acquisition of assets for cash. 6.817408452020724

732. a recent ruling although rather confusing cites and follows rev rul 54-17. 9.12172255696927

733. the ruling suggests also that it applies to either a statutory or contractual reorganization. 6.88426636131984

734. hence a successor corporation in a c reorganization appears entitled to sue for a refund of taxes paid by the merged corporation despite section 203. 6.8750612108477425

735. in a reorganization followed by a section 332 liquidation those cases which hold that section 203 is inapplicable to transfers in

liquidation appear to permit the successor corporation to sue for refund of taxes paid by the transferor. 5.534405781745756

736. in fact a cash purchase of a corporation's stock followed by liquidation might also be an effective way to transfer a claim for refund if the kimbell-diamond doctrine is not applied to eliminate the intermediate step. 7.081106674528976

737. as stated in seaboard and numerous other cases the two primary reasons for the enactment of section 203 of the united states code were to prevent the government from having to deal with more than one claimant and to prevent the assignment of meretricious claims on a contingent-fee basis. 6.198766535614133

738. the cases have allowed transfer of claims if beneficial ownership is not changed. 8.988549970243525

739. the first reason would never apply to a reorganization transfer which meets the conditions of section 381 which is the only type presently under discussion. 6.84324716232423

740. section 381 applies only to a transfer by liquidation of a subsidiary owned to the extent of at least 80 per cent a statutory merger or consolidation an acquisition of substantially all a corporation's assets solely in exchange for voting stock or a change of identity form or place of organization. 6.7160766240447245

741. in virtually every case the transferor corporation is liquidated and its former stockholders either own outright or have a continuing stock interest in the assets which gave rise to the tax. 5.623288987766043

742. in these circumstances the possibility of multiple or conflicting claims is exceedingly remote. 11.398853737876168

743. furthermore in a c reorganization the continuing interest of stockholders of the corporation which paid the tax must be greater than is necessary in a statutory merger to which the statute is clearly inapplicable. 4.922682199475459

744. nor is it at all likely that a desperate claim against the government will be assigned on a contingent-fee basis in the guise of a tax-free reorganization. 7.022035670826433

745. if the transferor has substantial assets other than the claim it seems reasonable to assume no corporation would be willing to acquire all of its properties in the dim hope of collecting a claim for refund of taxes. 6.175078871902545

746. if such an unlikely transaction were to take place it would more logically be accomplished by a stock purchase followed by the prosecution of the claim by the wholly-owned subsidiary followed by liquidation. 7.059689915203386

747. in the rare case where a corporation's only substantial asset or its most important one is a claim for refund perhaps its transfer should not be permitted whether the reorganization takes the form of a statutory merger or of the acquisition of assets for stock. 6.127724970658562

748. it appears then that although the matter is not dealt with in section 381 a successor corporation in a reorganization of a type specified in section 381 is entitled to sue for refund of taxes paid by a transferor corporation. 7.584985073860341

749. section 203 of the united states code has been interpreted as not applying to claims against the government transferred in tax-free reorganizations. 5.26078977701207

750. the successor corporations have been held entitled to sue on such claims. 9.439803099895592

751. tax attributes of the transferor there are certain tax attributes of a corporation whose nature and effect might depend on the facts of the particular reorganization involved. 5.365079544176685

752. for example property used in the trade or business of a transferor corporation as defined in section 1231 presumably would not

retain its special status following a non-taxable reorganization if it is not so used in the business of the acquiring corporation.

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753. the parent of a group filing consolidated returns might be treated as the same corporation following a reorganization defined in section 368 but as a different corporation for this purpose after a tax-free acquisition by another corporation which had not for example elected to file consolidated returns with its own subsidiaries.

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754. similar considerations presumably made it difficult to prescribe a general rule where the acquired and acquiring corporations have different methods of accounting or depreciation. 6.551339090505491

755. other sections of the 1954 internal revenue code provide for survival of certain of a transferor's tax attributes following a tax-free reorganization. 5.280011632582226

756. section 362 requires carryover of the transferor corporation's basis for property transferred and section 1223 provides for tacking on the transferor's holding period for such property to that of the transferee. 6.943969103411335

757. section 169 permits a person acquiring grain-storage facilities to elect to continue amortization over a 60-month period.

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758. however a similar privilege was not specifically provided in section 168 for attributes similar to a loss there may be certain items which are quite similar to a net operating loss carryover or operating deficit and whose right to survive a reorganization should perhaps be subject to the conditions applicable to those items.

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759. for example suppose another excess profits tax similar to prior laws is enacted providing for carryover of excess profits credits.

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760. this carryover right has a number of things in common with a net operating loss carryover. 9.765064975238827

761. it is an averaging device intended to ease the tax burden of fluctuating income; it is a tax benefit which might be of substantial value to a corporation which expects to have a high excess profits tax. 6.961470608139972

762. under the 1939 code this item was permitted to survive a tax-free reorganization in the stanton brewery case but only over the dissent of judge learned hand who wrote the majority opinion in the sansome case a leading case requiring carryover of earnings and profits in a non-taxable reorganization. 6.032286788469066

763. since this type of item was not in the statute when section 381 was enacted in 1954 one cannot say with certainty what effect the enactment of that section should have. 6.080643184489887

764. with respect to this type of item one might properly apply the language of the committee report quoted above which cautions against using section 381 as a basis for treating other tax attributes not mentioned therein. 7.234953563956535

765. actually there do not presently appear to be items in the statute comparable to a net operating loss carryover. 6.965778513435225

766. probably the primary reason for special treatment of a net operating loss carryover is the unique opportunity it presents for tax avoidance. 7.5340394207877655

767. there were two methods that could have been used for conducting the study within the resources available: interviews in depth with a few selected companies and the more limited interrogation of a large number of companies by means of a mail questionnaire. 8.253737241627519

768. while the method of interviewing a small number of companies was appealing because of the opportunity it might have furnished to probe



fully the reasons and circumstances of a company's practices and opinions it also involved the risk of paying undue attention to the unique and peculiar problems of just a few individual companies.

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769. as a result it was decided that a mail questionnaire sent to a large number of companies would be more effective in determining the general practices and opinions of small firms and in highlighting some of the fundamental and recurring problems of defense procurement that concern both industry and government. 7.223953997092721

770. it was also hoped that responses to a mail questionnaire would suggest fruitful inquiries that might be made in subsequent studies of a more detailed nature. 9.703149147297152

771. it is recognized that a mail questionnaire has inherent limitations. 15.059863694715913

772. there is the danger that the questions will mean different things to different respondents. 15.195843488785012

773. simple yes or no answers do not reveal the different shades of opinion that the various respondents may have. 5.236383152695367

774. a respondent may want to make alternative answers because he does not know the precise circumstances assumed in the question.

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775. there is also the problem of the respondent's frame of reference.

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776. is the respondent making a recommendation for his own benefit for the benefit of his industry for the benefit of a specific government department or service for the benefit of the defense program for the benefit of small business or for the benefit of the taxpayers?

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777. there is also the question of whether the respondent based his answers on factual information and carefully considered judgment or whether his answers were casual guesses. 8.452075412352073

778. finally there is the question of how strongly an expressed opinion is held- whether it is a firm opinion or one that the respondent favors only slightly over the alternatives. 6.809880297573636

779. the research team was very mindful of these dangers and limitations of a mail questionnaire. 7.15388948075286

780. under the circumstances however the team considered it would provide the most useful information at this point. 8.879663939865784

781. in the preparation of the questionnaire the problems noted above were carefully considered and the structure and phraseology used were designed to minimize the effects of these limitations.

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782. the questionnaire was designed to elicit three types of information: the facts regarding certain characteristics of the respondents including their experience with and interest in securing defense business; the actual selling and buying practices of the respondents; and the attitudes and opinions of the respondents concerning bidding procedures and the methods of awarding defense contracts. 5.776892081063983

783. it was hoped that the facts concerning the characteristics and practices of the respondents would offer clues to the reasons why they took the positions and made the recommendations which they did.

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784. the major sections of the questionnaire are devoted to the following: information for classifying respondents characteristics of defense sales activities respondents' practices in participating in advertised bidding for defense business respondents' practices in participating in negotiated bidding for defense purposes respondents' opinions regarding advertised bidding respondents' opinions regarding negotiated bidding respondents' preferences regarding the

methods of awarding defense contracts the questionnaire provided a place for the name of the respondent but stated that identification of the respondent was optional.6.305925741288328

785. the questionnaire also stated that in any event all replies would be treated confidentially. 7.447004472385779

786. it is interesting to note that 75 per cent of those who returned the questionnaire identified themselves. 16.91153336519083

787. the questionnaire the research team prepared and then revised the questionnaire over a period of six months.6.839756460544422

788. in june 1960 an early draft of the questionnaire along with a cover letter was mailed to fourteen companies in the state of washington. 9.5893335865743

789. several days after the companies had received the questionnaire members of the research team contacted the presidents of eleven of these companies in person or by phone to discuss any ambiguities or difficulties the addressees might have experienced in completing the questionnaire. 5.256113899212793

790. this test resulted in further revisions of the questionnaire. 11.814400607264279

791. the research team was concerned that responses from firms in the state of washington might not be typical of those throughout the country or that the results might be different when no phone or personal follow-up was made. 5.683351152834546

792. accordingly another test of the questionnaire was made. 9.924684914768017

793. the revised draft was mailed in july 1960 to 100 firms throughout the united states. 6.427949924727989

794. fifty of the 100 firms were selected on a random basis from 3500 names submitted by member companies of the aerospace industries association and fifty were selected in a similar manner from a list of 1500 names compiled by the research team from the thomas register. 6.276833382497373

795. the method of compiling the aia and tr lists will be described later. 8.457169416997049

796. ten days after the questionnaires were mailed follow-up airmail postcards were sent urging those companies which had not yet returned their questionnaires to do so at once.7.243544023981133

797. twenty-eight returns in all were received. 7.622507342753323

798. the responses were carefully checked for obvious errors in the answers or for questions that were apparently not understood by the respondent.7.373312151862096

799. the cover letter questionnaire and follow-up postcard were then revised into final form of mailing lists the objective of the study was to determine the opinions and practices of small firms selling to defense programs. 4.948504412373319

800. the firms to receive the questionnaires were selected with this objective in mind. 8.54612616210626

801. three lists of companies were made and used in the study. 6.860261309434493

802. the first was a list of fourteen manufacturing companies located in the state of washington which were personally known to the research team to be active in defense work. 9.262072811263138

803. the primary consideration in the compilation of this list was convenience in discussing the questionnaire with company officers. 6.229494865611091

804. the second list was derived from a group of approximately 8000 names supplied to the research team by the aerospace industries association. 8.158622531805037

805. these names were secured from member companies by the association from the forty-four sources listed in appendix f.  
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806. each source selected from its approved bidders list about 200 firms which it believed to be small businesses that participated in the production of weapons and weapon support systems. 7.61028224925057

807. where possible the name of an executive was supplied along with the company name and address. 6.783254518102284

808. the forty-four lists supplied by the aia member companies were merged and duplicate names were eliminated. 8.086542342015262

809. there was further elimination of all companies that were not accompanied by the name of a responsible company executive.  
10.02397722600672

810. the remaining names were then checked against the thomas register list and duplicate names were removed from the aia lists.  
7.104730996997934

811. by these steps the final aia list was reduced from 8000 to 3500.  
6.3755586977207015

812. the third list was selected by the research team on a random basis from the thomas register. 8.757421584114246

813. it was compiled as a control sample to determine if the opinions and practices of companies on the lists submitted by the members of the aerospace industries association were materially different from those of other small firms selling to defense programs. 7.184200545339284

814. such a difference might have resulted from: the fact that the aerospace industries association members whose lists were used did not comprise all firms engaged in defense programs. 7.26705123501818

815. the fact that companies on the aia lists were already participating in the defense program because of the manner of their selection. 8.888080866931421

816. accordingly as in-group they might have different opinions and practices than an out-group composed of those companies not so participating but interested in defense business. 6.5710356015636435

817. the fact that aia lists might not have been selected on a random basis. 11.4684985267224

818. the control sample was selected by taking the bottom name of each of the two columns of names on each page of the alphabetical listing of manufacturers in the thomas register. 7.047356150136758

819. if the bottom name in each column did not have a responsible executive identified the next name above which identified such a responsible executive was substituted. 7.272045395288467

820. fifteen hundred names were selected in this fashion.  
9.538254989242564

821. mailing the questionnaire each questionnaire was mailed with a cover letter addressed personally to the president or other executive of each firm. 5.399049522604094

822. the questionnaires were mailed in seattle washington and sent by regular mail to addresses in the states of idaho montana oregon and washington. 7.993676812918697

823. airmail was used for the addresses outside the pacific northwest.  
8.680340325235223

824. each letter contained a postage-prepaid return envelope by regular mail for addresses in the pacific northwest and by airmail for those outside the pacific northwest. 6.559894907864099

825. approximately ten days after the questionnaire was mailed a follow-up airmail postcard was sent to each of the original names.  
6.834648817376402

826. the first test mailing was made in june 1960. 11.37892951050938

827. the second test mailing was made in july 1960.  
10.065313461484436

828. the final mailing of the questionnaire was made late in august  
1960 to 4900 firms consisting of 3450 from the aia list and 1450 from  
the tr list. 6.593952525060604

829. returns received over 1000 returns were received within two weeks  
after the final mailing was made. 5.616354153675394

830. they continued to arrive until the end of december 1960 by which  
time a total of 1343 returns were received representing 26.  
8.392403624382913

831. 8 per cent of the 5014 questionnaires sent out. 20.36367234640105

832. fifty-seven returns could not be used because they were incomplete  
or received too late to be processed. 7.755142236734654

833. the remaining 1286 returns that were processed came from the  
categories in table 2. 7.638222000087766

834. each questionnaire was audited for obvious mistakes and for  
comments and was identified by a serial number by the source list from  
which the company name was selected and by the geographical location  
of the company as determined by the postmark on the return envelope.  
6.600118210882239

835. all responses except comments were numerically coded to permit use  
of data-processing equipment. 6.8100295407073

836. the codes were key-punched into ibm punch cards and verified.  
10.582206877639416

837. each return required three cards and involved key punching 228  
digital columns. 6.726027084384736

838. in order to be able to properly relate the data for a single company  
each of the three cards comprising the set for each firm was  
identified with the appropriate serial number of the respondent.  
9.216792185500433

839. the cards were then processed using standard ibm punch card  
equipment including an ibm 650 computer. 6.374057384651866

840. the first step in processing was to analyze the returns from  
questions 1 2 and 3 to determine whether the respondents were large  
businesses or small businesses in accordance with the definitions  
contained in aspr section 1-701. 7.194966094567295

841. the results are shown in table 3. 10.90212423231241

842. the returns from companies classified as large businesses were set  
aside and not used because they were not relevant to a study of the  
opinions and practices of small firms. 7.677450945120173

843. the second step in processing was to compare the responses from  
companies on the aia list with those from companies on the tr list in  
order to determine whether it would be appropriate to merge the  
responses for the purposes of the study. 5.232061254614165

844. the methods and results of this comparative analysis are described  
in appendix h. 9.067595429414526

845. it was concluded that it would be appropriate to process the two  
groups of responses as a single sample of all small businesses  
engaged in or wishing to sell to defense programs. 7.035277132077582

846. in the first place the two groups of firms when combined had  
characteristics and practices that were more representative of companies  
that were the subject of this study than did the firms from the aia  
list alone. 8.18028471635713

847. the vast central valley of california is one of the most productive  
agricultural areas in the world. 8.34274690420831

848. during the summer of 1960 it became the setting for a bitter and  
basic labor-management struggle. 11.343015132391393

849. the contestants in this economic struggle are the agricultural  
workers organizing committee of the afl-cio and the agricultural  
employers of the state. 5.809607547793546

850. by virtue of the legal responsibilities of the department of employment in the farm placement program we necessarily found ourselves in the middle between these two forces. 9.394732976370623

851. it is not a pleasant or easy position but one we have endeavored to maintain. 11.168281659199216

852. we have sought to be strictly neutral as between the parties but at the same time we have been required frequently to rule on specific issues or situations as they arose. 9.857649597648038

853. inevitably one side was pleased and the other displeased regardless of how we ruled. 6.60424116319818

854. often the displeased parties interpreted our decision as implying favoritism toward the other. 8.47193481424953

855. we have consoled ourselves with the thought that this is a normal human reaction and is one of the consequences of any decision in an adversary proceeding. 8.081065687929836

856. it is disconcerting nevertheless to read in a labor weekly perluss knuckles down to growers and then to be confronted with a growers' publication which states perluss recognizes obviously phony and trumped-up strikes as bona fide. 6.514631564022131

857. for a number of years there have been sporadic attempts in california to organize farm workers. 9.251525457015324

858. these attempts met with little success for a variety of reasons. 9.665391441256943

859. they were inadequately financed without experienced leadership and lacked the general support of organized labor as a whole. 6.749079213941157

860. this past year the pattern has been different: the organizing program had the full support of the afl-cio which supplied staff and money to the awoc as well as moral support. 7.465787803596465

861. leadership was experienced and skillful and financial resources were significant. 6.460370037324521

862. regardless of where personal sympathies may lie as between the parties failure to recognize these changed conditions would be to ignore the facts of life. 6.723339753771885

863. as a result of these changed conditions the impact of the organizational effort on agricultural labor-management relations has been much greater than in the past. 8.277936850588098

864. the awoc has been able to employ the traditional weapons of labor- the strike and the picket line- with considerable success particularly in the area of wages. 7.665853002647101

865. by the very nature of the situation it is the union which has been able to select the time and place to bring pressure upon management. 8.058587436719753

866. to date at least the strategy of the awoc has been selective; that is to say to concentrate on a particular crop or activity in a particular area at a strategic time rather than any broadside engagement with management throughout an area or the state. 7.207160569149256

867. primarily we became involved in these disputes because of our referral obligations under our farm placement program. 5.326519577128725

868. normally because agricultural labor is not covered by unemployment insurance we would not expect any issues to arise regarding benefit payments under the trade dispute provision of the unemployment insurance code although such a situation is quite within the realm of possibility. 6.100526369167851

869. but the current issues arose out of the wagner-peyser act concerning referrals to an establishment where a labor dispute exists and out of public law 78 and the migrant labor agreement if mexican nationals were employed at the ranch. 5.942045425290292

870. most of us remember and think of the wagner-peyser act in its historical sense as a major milestone in the development of public placement services. 9.285243180456082

871. infrequently do we think of it as a living continuing operating control over the system. 6.352983581404954

872. however when labor disputes arise its provisions come clearly into play. 7.879513779734377

873. california has accepted the provisions of that act by enacting into our code a provision that the state of california accepts the provisions of the wagner-peyser act and will observe and comply with the requirements of that act. 4.506734639447049

874. with respect to labor disputes the wagner-peyser act states only in carrying out the provisions of this act the secretary is authorized and directed to provide for the giving of notice of strikes or lock-outs to applicants before they are referred to employment. 6.629365664168166

875. other provisions of the act empower the secretary to adopt regulations necessary to carry out its provisions and he has done so. 6.049512904794806

876. the pertinent regulation for our purposes is section 602. 10.582206877639416

877. 2 as follows: referrals in labor dispute situations. 9.148655398712318

878. no person shall be referred to a position the filling of which will aid directly or indirectly in filling a job which is vacant because the former occupant is on strike or is being locked out in the course of a labor dispute or the filling of which is an issue in a labor dispute. 6.667599842844862

879. with respect to positions not covered by subparagraph of this paragraph any individual may be referred to a place of employment in which a labor dispute exists provided he is given written notice of such dispute prior to or at the time of his referral. 5.392521482661337

880. in analyzing this regulation let us take the last sentence first. 10.680886366150174

881. it permits referrals under certain circumstances even when there is a labor dispute provided the individual is given written notice of such a dispute. 7.281563596698024

882. assume for example a situation where a farm has a packing shed and fields. 7.8854260369698626

883. the packing shed workers go on strike. 9.802060557618772

884. there is no dispute involving fieldwork. 31.247677617749154

885. we concluded that we may refer workers to the fieldwork provided we give them written notice of the packing shed dispute. 6.157602370458302

886. so far no troublesome cases have arisen under this provision. 12.07111099429687

887. it is the first part of the regulation that is currently at issue. 14.435980485479014

888. note that it prohibits referrals under either condition or condition. 9.89936252589347

889. employer representatives have contended that the secretary has gone beyond his authority by such a prohibition on the grounds that the wagner-peyser act requires only written notice to the prospective worker that a dispute exists. 4.5421746389230675

890. the matter got into the courts this way: one of the early strikes called by the awoc was at the digiorgio pear orchards in yuba county. 8.27132987741457

891. we found that a labor dispute existed and that the workers had left their jobs which were then vacant because of the dispute. 7.42388720933535

892. accordingly under clause of the secretary's regulation we suspended referrals to the employer. 7.615092762846159

893. the employer seeking to continue his harvest challenged our right to cease referrals to him and sought relief in the superior court of yuba county. 5.707979950475336

894. the court issued a temporary restraining order directing us to resume referrals. 10.015072012940244

895. we of course obeyed the court order. 10.717432709549398

896. however the attorney general of california at the request of the secretary of labor sought to have the jurisdiction over the issue removed to the federal district court on grounds that it was predominantly a federal issue since the validity of the secretary's regulation was being challenged. 8.006703027421517

897. however the federal court held that since the state had accepted the provisions of the wagner-peyser act into its own code and presumably therefore also the regulations it was now a state matter. 5.20300760161347

898. it accordingly refused to assume jurisdiction whereupon the california superior court made the restraining order permanent. 9.459368085401477

899. under that order we have continued referring workers to the ranch. 7.609953496595128

900. a similar case arose at the bowers ranch in butte county and the superior court of that county issued similar restraining orders. 7.350730863883087

901. the growers have strenuously argued that i should have accepted the superior court decisions as conclusive and issued statewide instructions to our staff to ignore this provision in the secretary's regulation. 5.037374730288671

902. i cannot accept that view either as a lawyer or as an administrator. 10.530755366033473

903. first let us examine briefly some of the legal considerations involved. 8.724519088073281

904. it is an accepted juridical principle in california that a superior court decision does not constitute a binding legal precedent. 10.000235435545846

905. it is conclusive unless appealed only upon the particular parties to the particular action which was heard. 5.917806687549367

906. it is not binding upon another superior court which could rule to the contrary. 13.711587323548112

907. only when a decision is rendered by the district court of appeal is a binding precedent established. 6.173037007079485

908. in that event we can correctly say that we have received an authoritative interpretation of the matter and one which we can follow statewide with confidence that the policy will not be overthrown in other superior courts. 7.751317274788524

909. but over and beyond the compelling need for a binding precedent decision i am convinced that the decisions of the superior courts which in effect nullify the secretary's regulation are not a correct interpretation of the secretary's power under the federal law. 5.6882979937125135

910. i believe i am in good company in this view. 12.027581026306956

911. the attorney general of california concurs in this interpretation and has filed an appeal from these decisions to the district court of appeal. 5.645494733601075

912. the attorney general of the united states in considering the power of the secretary to issue similar regulations under the wagner-peyser act relating to the interstate recruitment of farm workers has rendered an opinion sustaining his authority. 8.537841045544956

913. further and as an evidence of legislative intent only the senate of the united states recently defeated by a substantial majority the holland amendment to the fair labor standards act which would have specifically limited the regulatory authority of the secretary in these matters. 6.501144586839923

914. next let us consider briefly the program and administrative implications of a failure on our part to pursue our appeals.

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915. there is far too much at stake for all of the parties concerned to leave the matter hanging in midair. 10.924237391904724

916. the ramifications of the issue are enormous. 11.387658710676023

917. a decision to refer workers to jobs vacant because of a strike would have to be applied equally to nonagricultural situations and might in effect place the public employment services in the position of acting as strikebreakers. 5.203443827008611

918. the public interest is so dominant in such an issue that i cannot be so presumptuous as to attempt to settle it by an administrative order based upon conclusions reached in a summary action in one or two superior courts in the state. 6.816983349539488

919. it is an issue which may well reach the supreme court of the united states before judicial finality is achieved.

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920. as an administrator i cannot place the employment service in california in jeopardy of being out of compliance with the federal laws by my failure to pursue the avenues of appeal open to me.

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921. to have applied statewide the decisions of the two cases heard in superior court in my opinion would have placed us clearly out of compliance with the wagner-peyser act and would have immediately opened the way for the secretary of labor were he so inclined to notify the governor of such noncompliance set a date for hearing and issue his finding. 5.540270385491435

922. the impact of noncompliance under the wagner-peyser act is clear: the withdrawal of some \$11 million a year of administrative funds which finance our employment service program or as a corollary the taking over by the federal government of its operation.

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923. thus far the cases which have come before the courts have involved only the issue of referral where the job is vacant due to a strike- condition in the regulation of the secretary. 4.972167907959598

924. none has yet arisen under condition relating to referral to jobs the filling of which is an issue in a labor dispute. 8.234100177747301

925. here the problem is essentially one of defining the word filling.

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926. should it be defined in a narrow sense to include only such elements as job specifications union membership union jurisdiction and the like? 6.783435031846547

927. or should it have a broader connotation of including wage demands and other factors not necessarily associated with the mechanics of filling the job. 5.261226014965208

928. because of the uncertainty of this definition i solicited the interpretation of the secretary of labor. 12.429249586316454

929. he has advised me that the narrower interpretation is the proper one; that is that if wages for example is the only issue in a labor dispute and no workers have left their jobs because of the dispute we may continue to make referrals. 5.36872064862156

930. martin and stendler present evidence that infants and young children can and do solve many problems at a relatively simple perceptual level simply by combining objects and counting them.

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931. after they have developed concepts they are free from the necessity of manipulating objects; they do symbolically what they once had to do concretely. 7.426019817682833

932. the ability to think seems to increase consistently with age. 10.842380275899938

933. one experiment showed the greatest one-year difference occurring between the eleventh and twelfth years. 5.825820622377272

934. many studies indicate that elementary-school children's interests cover the whole field of science; that their questions indicate a genuine interest in social processes and events; and that as they mature their interests and capabilities change and broaden. 6.1052656878841915

935. how a child feels about himself about other people and about the tasks confronting him in school may have as much influence on his success in school as his physical and intellectual characteristics. 5.230707060086062

936. a considerable amount of evidence exists to show that an unhappy and insecure child is not likely to do well in school subjects. 7.7184905354990265

937. emotional maturity is the result of many factors the principal ones being the experiences of the first few years of the child's life. 5.036725221053489

938. however the teacher who understands the influence of emotions on behavior may be highly influential in helping pupils gain confidence security and satisfaction. 7.726515163157427

939. concerning this responsibility of the teacher suggestions for helping children gain better control of the emotions are presented in chapter 11. 6.5063210612718665

940. the following generalizations about the emotional characteristics of elementary-school children may be helpful. 9.919242564275502

941. typically the young child's emotional reactions last for a relatively short time as contrasted to those of an adult. 6.011680697138881

942. as the child grows older his emotional reactions lead to moods or emotional states drawn out over a period of time and expressed slowly rather than in short abrupt outbursts. 9.317683042739707

943. studies of the growth and decline of children's fears indicate that fears due to strange objects noises falling and unexpected movement decline during the preschool years but that fears of the dark of being alone and of imaginary creatures or robbers increase. 4.538216972561754

944. ridiculing a child for being afraid or forcing him to meet the feared situation alone are poor ways of dealing with the problem; more effective solutions include explanations the example of another child or conditioning by associating the feared object place or person with something pleasant. 5.792963746401121

945. children need help in learning to control their emotions. 6.764147616291221

946. the young child learns from parents and teachers that temper tantrums screaming kicking and hitting will not get him what he wants; the older child learns that intense emotional outbursts will not win approval by his peers and therefore makes a real effort to control his emotions. 6.0900286843600515

947. children differ widely in their emotional responses. 7.14162538120728

948. among infants the patterns of emotional responses are similar; as the influence of learning and environment are felt emotional behavior becomes individualized. 7.2700340562052705

949. although no national norms exist for the social development of children the teacher can find a great deal of information concerning

types of social behavior normally displayed by children at various age levels. 5.465852293767151

950. the following summary will give the student some idea about the social characteristics of elementary-school children; the student will certainly want to explore more deeply into the fascinating study of immature individuals struggling to meet their developmental needs and at the same time trying to learn the rules of the game in the ever-expanding number of groups in which they hold membership.

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951. during early childhood children are more interested in the approval of their parents and teachers than they are in the approval of other children; after they have been in school a few years their interest in playmates of their own age increases and their interest in adults decreases; the child who had once considered it a treat to accompany his parents on picnics and family gatherings now considers it a bore.

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952. in late childhood the influence of the group on the social behavior of the child continues to increase; the group sets the styles in clothing the kind of play engaged in and the ideals of right and wrong behavior. 0.0

953. in early childhood the choice of a companion is likely to be for another child of his own age or a year or two older who can do the things he likes to do; such factors as sex intelligence and status in the group do not influence his choice much at this time. 5.855979668935667

954. in later childhood an interest in team games replaces individual play; loyalty to the group a feeling of superiority over those who are not members and unwillingness to play with members of the opposite sex become dominant traits. 7.983996165091388

955. during early childhood boys tease and bully on the average more than girls; those who feel inferior or insecure engage in these activities more than do well-adjusted children. 5.591812762439252

956. during late childhood boys like to tease jostle and talk smart to girls; girls who are more mature than boys frown upon the youthful antics of boys of their own age. 6.221575167356117

957. by the time pupils reach the sixth grade their ethical and moral standards are fairly well developed; they exhibit a keen interest in social political and economic problems but they frequently have vague and incorrect notions about the terms they use rather glibly in their routine school work. 5.1102616481061975

958. between the ages of two and four years negativism or resistance to adult authority is noticeable; after the fourth year it begins to decline. 6.257511103075432

959. however as we have seen in later childhood the child begins to substitute the standards of the peer group for those of parents and teachers. 6.665619053070675

960. the elementary-school child grows gradually in his ability to work in groups. 9.005093323721033

961. the child in the primary grades can play harmoniously with one companion but his desire to be first in everything gets him into trouble when the group gets larger; he wants to be with people but he hasn't yet learned to cooperate. 5.671692206617755

962. in the middle grades however he begins to participate more effectively in group activities such as selecting a leader helping to make plans and carry on group activities and setting up rules governing the enterprise. 7.792491002394017

963. the teacher should study the individual pupil much progress has been made in the last two decades in developing techniques for understanding children yet in almost any classroom today can be found children whose needs are not being met by the school program.

5.98418881596091

964. some are failing to achieve as much as their ability would permit; others never seem able to enter fully into the life of the classroom.  
9.504098229645852

965. these children have been described as those who were trying to say something to adults who did not understand. 6.055805157036741

966. many school systems now employ school psychologists and child guidance specialists. 9.310984932657822

967. these specialists perform valuable services by helping teachers learn to identify children who need special attention by suggesting ways of meeting the needs of individual children in the regular classroom and by providing clinical services for severely maladjusted children.  
5.114940505008844

968. it is the classroom teacher however who has daily contacts with pupils and who is in a unique position to put sound psychological principles into practice. 9.625938887065374

969. indeed a study of the individual child is an integral part of the work of the elementary-school teacher rather than merely an additional chore. 7.343751036392902

970. teachers and administrators in many elementary schools have assumed that dividing the pupils in any grade into groups on the basis of test scores solves the problem of meeting the needs of individuals.  
6.612952039089439

971. what they should recognize is that children who have been placed in one of these groups on a narrow academic basis still differ widely in attributes that influence success and that they still must be treated as individuals. 5.844711758112916

972. although the teacher must be concerned with maintaining standards he must also be concerned about understanding factors that inhibit studies conducted in various sections of the united states indicate that many children in elementary schools are maladjusted emotionally and that many of them are failing to make satisfactory progress in school subjects. 7.864305926257026

973. one study which involved 1524 pupils in grades one to six found that 12 percent of the pupils were seriously maladjusted and that 23 percent were reading a year below capacity. 5.217237238796266

974. it is apparent therefore that the teacher needs to know what factors have a vital bearing on the learning and adjustment of children. 10.533288261713468

975. when a child fails to meet the standards of the school in his rate of learning insecurity unhappiness and other forms of maladjustment frequently follow. 6.412217595248203

976. these maladjustments in turn inhibit learning and a vicious cycle is completed. 8.540901980461344

977. it is easy for the teacher to rationalize that the child who is not achieving in accordance with his known ability is just plain lazy or that the child who lacks interest in school who dislikes the teacher or who is overaggressive is a hopeless delinquent. 5.208458567803553

978. the causes of retardation and maladjustment may be found in physical factors such as defective speech or hearing impaired vision faulty motor coordination a frail constitution chronic disease malnutrition and glandular malfunctioning. 7.043473888800443

979. they may be caused by poor health habits such as faulty eating and sleeping habits. 8.253914042356069

980. they may be related to mental immaturity or lack of aptitude for certain types of school work. 10.181913802671334

981. the curriculum may be too difficult for some and too easy for others. 7.265235339142375

982. teaching methods learning materials and promotion policies may inhibit learning and lead to maladjustments for some children.

6.984452365343655

983. unwholesome family relations broken homes and undesirable community influences may also be contributing factors. 6.5480514549903335

984. this is only a minimum list of the factors that inhibit learning and contribute to maladjustment among children. 12.596554648853818

985. moreover these conditions do not influence all children in the same manner. 7.867703638253523

986. a vision handicap that may produce nervous tension and reading disability for one child may spur another child on to even greater achievement in reading. 6.290129093830134

987. an impoverished home that may discourage one child may constitute the motivation causing another to work harder for successful achievement in school. 5.3633055147404045

988. at any rate the teacher who recognizes common causes of retardation and maladjustment can frequently do a great deal to eliminate the causes of pupil discouragement failure and maladjustment. 7.799603995101946

989. successful teaching involves getting enough information about each pupil to understand why he behaves as he does in certain situations and how his achievement in school is being influenced by various factors in his environment. 4.849973382004667

990. the classroom teacher cannot be expected to be as proficient in the use of the techniques of child study as the clinical psychologist; he cannot be expected to administer all the tests and gather all the information needed about each child in his classroom. 7.235331035332512

991. he can be expected however to examine and interpret the information already available; to refine and extend his own techniques for studying individual children; and to utilize opportunities arising in connection with regular classroom activities for gaining a better understanding of his pupils. 5.691487117936141

992. this section deals with some of the sources of information that can be tapped by the classroom teacher; chapter 15 provides more detailed information about specific techniques used in evaluating pupil progress. 8.488813143506048

993. most school systems today maintain a system of cumulative records of pupils. 7.066813008944771

994. these records when systematically maintained provide much information about the children which the teacher can use in guidance instruction grouping and reporting to parents. 7.252587982881909

995. each teacher has in his classroom a metal file equipped with a lock which is used to store cumulative record folders. 5.870969790912406

996. during summer vacation periods these records are stored in the office of the principal. 7.8628030788588825

997. only the teacher and other professional personnel are permitted to see or use these records. 7.0131443394104815

998. each new teacher to whom the pupil goes is expected to study the information in the cumulative record and to bring it up to date. 7.556189694289375

999. some school systems provide written instructions to principals and teachers designating when certain information is to be recorded on cumulative record forms and explaining how the information is to be summarized and used. 5.207650146420509

1000. the summary report on desegregation progress in education in the middle-south region 1959-1960 clearly shows two pieces of information. 7.48837548295765

1001. the summary report which was prepared for this conference indicates first that actual or pending school desegregation is increasing; second that both actual and pending desegregation is with few exceptions the product or result of court order. 4.914313482511109

1002. the report together with other information suggests that desegregation in the schools is slow. 8.649006242526841

1003. the middle-south region as defined by the national association of intergroup relations officials consists of the states of kentucky maryland tennessee west virginia delaware virginia and the district of columbia. 5.616582412627677

1004. the states and the nation's capital all have some desegregation in fact some dating back to 1954; but the region also embraces some of the staunchest opposition. 6.09983039226678

1005. desegregation has been opposed by massive resistance interposition pupil assignment and hate bombings. 6.21335703944963

1006. now let's look at the evidence that shows the increase in desegregation and such increase as a result of court order. 11.784653133941777

1007. elementary school desegregation came to owen and union counties which already had high school desegregation. 5.542917982132687

1008. the action was a result of a court order the citation for which is taken from the summary report for this conference. 8.15695185456378

1009. in maryland the harford county board of education had prepared a desegregation plan which the court approved but which a plaintiff had challenged; thus county school board and federal court joined hands here to promote school desegregation. 5.16038968630919

1010. additional school desegregation in tennessee resulted from a court order opening a school serving children of military personnel. 6.757567981697296

1011. similarly further desegregation may come from suits pending in three tennessee cities chattanooga knoxville and memphis. 5.542917982132687

1012. in west virginia the number of white and negro children attending the same school has increased almost twofold. 8.749404314322682

1013. there are no court decisions here. 19.958364912133884

1014. as in maryland a district court has approved an official plan of school desegregation in delaware. 9.424725859175071

1015. as a result of the state board of education plan negro children entered heretofore white elementary schools in five districts. 9.913616810611966

1016. the third circuit court of appeals is reviewing an appeal from the plan. 9.43134784087491

1017. in virginia court orders led to desegregation in charlottesville and floyd counties. 7.764524855587911

1018. desegregation in pulaski county is pending because of court order although date of admission is not yet determined. 7.06553080737244

1019. negro parents have filed application for admission of additional children to schools in alexandria arlington fairfax and warren counties. 5.526213915303859

1020. desegregation can also result from additional suits brought by negro plaintiffs against school boards in newport news fairfax county arlington county and norfolk. 6.365727389270327

1021. as a school district the district of columbia has had desegregated schools since 1954 shortly after the supreme court decision. 8.242176773026923

1022. this recapitulation makes it clear that school desegregation continues including the old dominion state in spite of its stern resistance. 8.520606208420734

1023. the record is clear that increase in school desegregation last year came largely as a result of a court order; that on the immediate horizon if further large-scale desegregation comes it will result from court orders on suits filed in several middle-south states. 4.89019406951158

1024. knowledge that thousands of school districts are involved and observation that school desegregation has occurred in only a handful in 1959-1960 leads to a conclusion that desegregation-from-court-order is slow. 6.174865662068697

1025. before turning to my views as to the problems and issues before us at this regional conference i wish to note a small item in the summary report as it refers to the district of columbia. 5.608378724760888

1026. that reference in the report is continuation of the trend toward an all-negro school system a remark apparently occasioned by the increase of negro school population from 74. 7.23341234556487

1027. 1 per cent to 76. 18.159921720998078

1028. i see no real prospects for an all-negro school population. 10.853733375513935

1029. west of rock creek park is still monolithically white and is in fact increasingly white as a result of georgetown's conversion-by-renovation housing program. 7.637176790013891

1030. nearby foggy bottom is ousting negroes. 9.670406878971576

1031. the large acreage in the southwest redevelopment area beckons white people- what with high-priced town houses and elevator apartments. 6.241511921909045

1032. the capitol hill rehabilitation like foggy bottom replaces negroes with whites. 9.430036403335416

1033. the sharpest break with tradition the past and present of white ring arounda black core may come with the opening of nearby montgomery county suburbs to negro residents and presumably the consequent conclusion of some whites that they cannot escape the negro by fleeing to the suburbs. 5.393095269041167

1034. in fact short of fleeing to warrenton virginia or rockville maryland white people may have to live with negroes. 11.243567652193885

1035. all of this must be taken into account before the image of an all-negro dc public school system is conjured up. 0.0

1036. solvefrom the summary report before us at this conference a number of problems are apparent. 7.032105024464237

1037. they vex us and perplex us but generally do not divide us like the issues which follow the problems. 6.165728248550333

1038. first how can we step up the desegregation movement? 10.525836280374072

1039. it is slow. 36.00803266626256

1040. i believe we all want more schools where white and negro together can and do attend. 10.160786003411646

1041. i believe we all want no child denied admission to a school on account of his color. 7.834138346144816

1042. in general members of nairo would certainly want a child admitted to a school nearest his residence or within his residence zone. 8.23689773845506

1043. how to achieve this objective is a problem but we are not divided on what we want. 8.146047738832012

1044. second as we increase the number of desegregated school districts and schools themselves how can we achieve this action through school board action? 7.150025474360661

1045. it may be county school board or state school board action as well as that of municipal school boards. 5.491101831995351

1046. correlatively can we reduce the role of the district courts so that the action is that of the people of the community or other school district and not that of the law court? 8.512051346397202

1047. this is a problem and i believe there is little difference of opinion that wherever possible a local school board should devise and effect a plan of desegregation. 6.20438690488103

1048. third how can we insure a systematic and continuing group relations education in the schools? 8.949204387592383

1049. not simply a brief program when the schools are actually desegregated but a continuing program that also promotes integration that encourages the children and teachers not to look at each other as white or negro but as human beings. 5.146252086216957

1050. again the problem is how to get it done and in what form to offer the group relations education; not whether it should be done. 9.62410916260667

1051. fourth in the segregated school system during the period before desegregation how can we assure equal opportunity? 5.687143305087192

1052. in fact in the desegregated school system which may have a good many schools with all-negro population how can we assure equal opportunity? 6.870182299201061

1053. this is a problem but we are not divided over its importance or by its existence. 7.689518665736176

1054. fifth in the segregated school system or in the all-negro or all-white schools how can we encourage better group relations or an improved attitude toward people who do not belong to the group? 6.418498781227117

1055. can we help children adjust to images of other children when the latter are not actually present. 6.548128333577244

1056. if we have five problems whose solution we seek in relatively united fashion then there are twice as many issues which i judge sharply issue since on the one hand school desegregation has come in virginia hand-in-glove with pupil assignment shall we support the plan? 7.468626253551224

1057. on the basis of pupil assignment criteria judge albert bryan has assigned negro children to formerly white schools in arlington and alexandria virginia. 7.566995301365297

1058. shall we support pupil assignment? 12.08571470746697

1059. on the other hand looking at the larger picture is it true that pupil assignment has effectively cut off blocked or reduced school desegregation to a trickle? 7.238291033951676

1060. shall we therefore oppose the plan? 10.887392182380525

1061. this question is an issue because it likely divides issue no 2. 8.243506903035994

1062. in large cities like baltimore louisville and washington dc should school desegregation be extended to all-negro and all-white schools by assigning white and negro teachers respectively? 7.50900266382061

1063. on the one hand do we argue the supreme court decision required only that a child not be denied admission to a school on account of his race? 7.742430282571253

1064. or should we argue that if we want adjustment of children to children of different races and that that is impossible in an all-something-or-the-other school we must at least provide him some opportunity to adjust to people of another race within the school namely to a teacher of another race. 6.174419021617177

1065. we can argue that where residence makes pupil desegregation impossible teacher assignment can create a partially desegregated issue no 3. 6.9024427847783665

1066. the earlier part of my statement deals with the court orders that resulted in desegregation. 8.974001790468822

1067. in each instance the plaintiff was a private citizen. 11.748931559410442

1068. in thousands of school districts indeed in the entire state of mississippi no plaintiff has come forth. 8.621803017189182

1069. and i have established that the action of municipal county or state school boards or boards of education is small infinitesimally small in comparison with the number of districts. 6.901257031030996

1070. is the requirement that the plaintiff be a person actually denied admission to a school a sound requirement? 9.596201387549032

1071. should congress authorize the attorney general to file suit to accomplish admission of a child to a school to which he is denied entrance? 0.0

1072. even though in civil rights legislation in 1957 and 1960 the provision for the attorney general to act was eliminated should we nevertheless support such a clause? 6.902872009265514

1073. this is an issue for it divides issue no 4.12.213840627304437

1074. withholding of funds to schools that deny children on account of race. 8.392032887190927

1075. which in 1957 divided even a liberal group like the american veterans committee. 6.92414119425721

1076. should we support a clause in federal school construction or school assistance legislation that would deny federal funds to a school district that denies admission to a child on account of his race? 6.477241619526408

1077. this is softer than earlier powell amendments which would have denied funds to all segregated school districts. 7.523821884502484

1078. there is nonetheless considerable argument against the clause softened though it be on the grounds that federal aid is so necessary to the public schools. 10.605516123639461

1079. the federal funds limitation enlists the support issue no 5. 8.276403335092047

1080. state or county or municipality be required to furnish public education? 9.554555841575683

1081. for the school year 1959-1960 the prince edward county board of supervisors voted not to provide funds for public education and the school board therefore could provide no public education- for white or negro children. 5.102165593191952

1082. is public education in this american democracy of such importance that no child should be denied public education? 8.107627726014146

1083. or is this subject a matter of self-determination a matter of states rights or county rights? 7.210974487494139

1084. if people don't want to provide public education should they be forced to do so? 9.79738818399648

1085. even if we marshal substantial agreement behind mandatory public education we likely cannot expect that all the states will enact the legislation. 7.323296889232142

1086. should the requirement which must therefore be federal in nature be legislated by the united states congress? 8.945938718826888

1087. or must it become law by amendment of the united states constitution? 8.329196984053567

1088. we actually have two issues issue no 6.12.350455461918722

1089. federal responsibility if the above issue is settled by requiring public education for all citizens issue no 6 may be moot. 5.236383152695367

1090. if on the other hand it is not settled or while it is being debated and resolved does the federal government have a responsibility in situations like that in prince edward county? 9.25882300053806

1091. nearly half the children still receive no education. 7.14162538120728

1092. must or should the federal government help? 11.370484883642249

1093. should the government directly provide education for the children who want public education? 6.555286197930895

1094. the next question is whether board members favor their own social classes in their roles as educational policy-makers. 7.754381775881478



1095. on the whole it appears that they do not favor their own social classes in an explicit way. 8.425242012536481

1096. seldom is there an issue in which class lines can be clearly drawn. 7.391013650626644

1097. a hypothetical issue of this sort might deal with the establishment of a free public junior college in a community where there already was a good private college which served the middle-class youth adequately but was too expensive for working-class youth. 5.683552629648356

1098. in situations of this sort the board generally favors the expansion of free education. 10.719333657765663

1099. campbell studied the records of 172 school board members in twelve western cities over the period of 1931-40 and found little or no relationship between certain social and economic factors and school board competence as judged by a panel of professional educators who studied the voting records on educational issues. 4.724966825105998

1100. the few cases of clear favoritism along social-class lines are as likely as not to involve representatives of the working class on the school board who favor some such practice as higher wages for janitors rather than pay increases for teachers and such issues are not issues of educational policy. 6.367977412875587

1101. in general it appears that trustees and board members attempt to represent the public interest in their administration of educational policy and this is made easier by the fact that the dominant values of the society are middle-class values which are generally thought to be valid for the entire society. 6.361855879047815

1102. there have been very few cases of explicit conflict of interest between the middle class and any other class in the field of educational policy. 12.699315043633343

1103. if there were more such cases it would be easier to answer the question whether the policy-makers favor their own social classes. 9.748992772700257

1104. there is currently a major controversy of public education in which group interests and values are heavily engaged. 11.893664365676829

1105. this is the issue of segregated schools in the south. 13.702921946106619

1106. in this case it is primarily a matter of conflict of racial groups rather than social-class groups. 12.308892810911882

1107. thus the white middle and lower classes are arrayed against the negro middle and lower classes. 7.263647365339972

1108. this conflict may be resolved in a way which will suit white middle-class people better than it suits white lower-class people. 8.617809549820223

1109. if this happens there may be some class conflict in the south with school boards and school teachers taking the middle-class position. 7.347898120065516

1110. profession the members of the educational profession have a major voice in the determination of educational policy their position being strongest in the universities. 6.89969586624074

1111. they are mostly upper-middle- and lower-middle-class people with a few in the upper class. 8.787595714730568

1112. do they make class-biased decisions? 18.261201714858576

1113. in a society dominated by middle-class values and working in an institution which transmits and strengthens these social values it is clear that the educational profession must work for the values which are characteristic of the society. 7.154243147573318

1114. there is no problem here. 38.54824360862788

1115. the problem arises if it does arise when the educator has to make a choice or a decision within the area of his professional

competence but which bears some relation to the social structure.

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1116. for instance in giving school grades or in making recommendations for the award of a college scholarship does he consciously or unconsciously favor students of one or another social class?

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1117. again in deciding on the content and method of his teaching does he favor a curriculum which will make his students stronger competitors in the race for higher economic status or does he favor a curriculum which strengthens students in other ways?

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1118. the answers to questions such as these certainly depend to some extent upon the educator's own social-class position and also upon his social history as well as upon his personality and what he conceives his mission to be as an educator.

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1119. in a set of case studies of teachers with various social-class backgrounds wattenberg illustrates a variety of approaches to students and to teaching which depend upon the teacher's personality as well as on his social-class background.

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1120. one upward-mobile teacher may be a hard taskmaster for lower-class pupils because she wants them to develop the attitudes and skills that will enable them to climb while another upward-mobile teacher may be a very permissive person with lower-class pupils because he knows their disadvantages and deprivations at home and he hopes to encourage them by friendly treatment.

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1121. one social-class factor which plays a large part in educational policy today is the fact that a great many school and college teachers are upward mobile from urban lower-class and lower-middle-class families.

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1122. their own experience in the social system influences their work and attitudes as teachers.

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1123. while this influence is a complex matter depending upon personality factors in the individual as well as upon his social-class experience there probably are some general statements about social-class background and educational policy that can be made with a fair degree of truth.

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1124. teachers who have been upward mobile probably see education as most valuable for their students if it serves students as it has served them; that is they are likely to favor a kind of education that has vocational-advancement value.

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1125. this does not necessarily mean that such teachers will favor vocational education as contrasted with liberal education but they are likely to favor an approach to liberal education which has a maximal vocational-advancement value as against a kind of pure liberal education that is not designed to help people get better jobs.

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1126. there is no doubt that higher education since world war 2 has moved away from pure liberal education toward greater emphasis on technology and specialization.

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1127. there are several causes for this one being rapid economic development with increasing numbers of middle-class positions requiring engineering or scientific training.

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1128. but another cause may lie in the experience of so many new postwar faculty members with their own use of education as a means of social advancement.

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1129. compared with the college and university faculty members of the period from 1900 to 1930 the new postwar faculty members consist of more children of immigrants and more children of urban working-class fathers.

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1130. their experience is quite in contrast with that of children of upper- and upper-middle-class native-born parents who are more likely

to regard education as good for its ownsake and to discount the vocational emphases in the curriculum. 5.975020594050363

1131. public interest groups educational policies are formed by several groups who are officially or unofficially appointed to act in the public interest. 5.436915451534505

1132. legislators are one such group and state legislators have major responsibility for educational legislation. 7.573678157029758

1133. they generally vote so as to serve their own constituency and if the constituency should be solidly middle class or solidly lower class they might be expected to vote and work for middle- or for lower-class interests in education. 5.384436755662661

1134. however there are relatively few such political constituencies and as has been pointed out there is seldom a clear-cut distinction between the educational interests of one social class and those of another. 8.188238995637574

1135. another public interest group is the commission of laymen or educators which is appointed to study an educational problem and to make recommendations. 5.1810199162904835

1136. generally these commissions work earnestly to represent the interest of the entire society as they conceive it. 9.294980793470286

1137. nevertheless their conclusions and recommendations cannot please everybody and they often represent a particular economic or political point of view. 5.540612788665263

1138. for instance there have been two presidential commissions on higher education since world war 2. 9.954621313235615

1139. president truman's commission on higher education tended to take a liberal expansionist position while president eisenhower's committee on education beyond the high school was slightly more conservative. 5.454939918723396

1140. both commissions consisted of upper-middle- and upper-class people who attempted to act in the public interest. 9.482598161344603

1141. an example of a more definite class bias is noted in proceedings of the commission on the financing of higher education sponsored by the association of american universities and supported by the rockefeller foundation and the carnegie corporation. 5.880463582323862

1142. this commission recommended against the use of federal government funds for the assistance of private universities and against a broad program of government-supported scholarships. 7.63730999433199

1143. this might be said to be an upper- or an upper-middle-class bias but the commission published as one of its staff studies a book by byron s hollingshead entitled who should go to college? 7.727089597623813

1144. which recommended a federal government scholarship program. 9.917546257747134

1145. furthermore the commission set up the council for financial aid to education as a means of encouraging private business to increase its support of private higher education. 5.302159047362073

1146. thus the commission acted with a sense of social responsibility within the area of its own convictions about the problem of government support to private education. 8.440386484331679

1147. then there are the trustees and officers of the great educational foundations who inevitably exert an influence on educational decisions by their support or refusal to support various educational programs experiments and demonstrations. 5.104444336480956

1148. these people are practically always upper- or upper-middle-class persons who attempt to act in what they regard as the interest of the entire society. 9.103410757568346

1149. finally there are the parent organizations and the laymen's organizations such as the national association of parents and teachers and the citizens committee on public schools. 5.213142008167744

1150. these have an upper-middle-class leadership and a middle-class membership with rare exceptions where working-class parents are active in local p-ta matters. 7.102710703707135

1151. like the other policy-making groups these are middle class in their educational attitudes and they attempt to act in the general public interest as they see it. 6.439371841790622

1152. in general it appears that educational decisions and educational policies are made by people who intend to act in the interests of the society as a whole. 8.1074534664535

1153. they are predominantly middle- and upper-class people and undoubtedly share the values and attitudes of those classes. 6.9981532216848175

1154. they may be unaware of the existence of lower-class values and consequently fail to take them into account. 11.14482350074271

1155. but there is very little frank and conscious espousal of the interests of any one social class by the people who have the power to make decisions in education. 8.060959254816881

1156. they think of themselves as trustees for the entire society and try to serve the entire society. 10.117231603742042

1157. structure through education educational policy in the united states has as an explicit goal the maximization of economic and cultural opportunity. 6.768046299083138

1158. in so far as this goal is achieved the society becomes more fluid artificial barriers to social mobility are reduced and people at the lower end of the social hierarchy share more fully in the material and cultural goods of society. 7.165973639630922

1159. on the other hand there is a counterbalancing purpose in education which is to pass on the advantages of the parents to their children. 9.727633695331967

1160. this leads to efforts at exclusiveness through private schools and to the maintenance of social stratification in the schools. 11.345119129267111

1161. both of these purposes exist side by side without much overt conflict under present conditions. 7.9972330755528285

1162. cultural opportunity the broad expansion of free education results both in raising the average economic and cultural level of the society and in promoting fluidity within the social structure. 6.441138201362311

1163. fifty years ago the general raising of the school-leaving age to sixteen was an example of this movement. 6.002215013717486

1164. during the past decade the program has been carried on through expansion of free higher education in state universities state colleges and community colleges. 10.054652246647121

1165. the reaffirmation of american faith in the comprehensive high school as expressed in the conant study is another indication of the liveliness of the ideal of maximizing opportunity through the equalizing of educational opportunity. 5.932533542136036

1166. the recent federal government's student-loan program is another step in the direction of making higher education more available to lower-status youth. 8.649388165460405

1167. it is probably more effective than the expanded scholarship programs of the past decade because the scholarship programs mainly aided the students with the best academic records and these students tended to use the scholarship funds to go to more expensive colleges. 7.495286101715725

1168. meanwhile the private colleges have increased their tuition rates so much that they have raised an economic barrier which dwarfs their scholarship funds. 7.676127303733819

1169. the gains in educational opportunity during the past decade have taken place largely in the publicly supported institutions.

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1170. unfortunately however and for reasons to be discussed in the following chapter no rate relationships can be made completely nondiscriminatory as long as all or some of the rates must be set above marginal costs in order to yield adequate revenues.

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1171. and this fact may explain some of the disagreements among the experts as to the more rational formulas for the apportionment of total costs among different units of service.

1172. one such disagreement which will receive attention in this next chapter concerns the question whether rates for different kinds of service in order to avoid the attribute of discrimination must be made directly proportional to marginal costs or whether they should be based instead on differences in marginal costs.

1173. here the choice is that between the horns of a dilemma.

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1174. of fully distributed cost analysis despite an ambiguity due to its failure clearly to define relative costs the above exposition of fully distributed costing goes about as far as one can go toward expressing the basic philosophy of the practice.

1175. for more explicit expositions one must distinguish different types of analyses.

1176. by all means the most important distinction is that between those total-cost apportionments which superimpose a distribution of admittedly unallocable cost residues on estimates of incremental or marginal costs and those other apportionments which recognize no difference between true cost allocation and mere total-cost distribution.

1177. the first or double-step type might also be called the railroad type because of its application to railroads by the cost section of the interstate commerce commission.

1178. the cost section distinguishes between variable costs and constant costs in a manner noted in the preceding chapter.

1179. the variable costs alone are assigned to the different units of freight traffic as representing long-run out-of-pocket costs- a term with a meaning here not distinctly different from that of the economist's long-run marginal costs.

1180. there remains a residue of total costs or total revenue requirements which since it is found to behave as if it were constant over substantial variations in traffic density is strictly unallocable on a cost-finding basis.

1181. nevertheless because the cost section has felt impelled to make some kind of a distribution of total costs it has apportioned this residue which it sometimes calls burden among the units of carload traffic on a basis which is concededly quite arbitrary from the standpoint of cost determination.

1182. in recent years this burden has amounted to about one third of those total revenue requirements which the carload freight business is supposed to be called upon to meet.

1183. since this book is concerned only incidentally with railroad rates it will not attempt to analyze the methods by which the staff of the interstate commerce commission has estimated out-of-pocket costs and apportioned residue costs.

1184. suffice it to say that the usefulness of the latter apportionment is questionable.

1185. but in any event full credit should be given to the cost section for its express and overt recognition of a vital distinction too often ignored in utility-cost analyses: namely that between a cost

allocation designed to reflect the actual behavior of costs in response to changes in rates of output of different classes of utility service; and a mere cost apportionment which somehow spreads among the classes and units of service even those costs that are strictly unallocable from the standpoint of specific cost determination. 4.943969441475346

1186. we turn now to a type of fully distributed cost analysis which unlike the railroad type draws no distinction between cost allocation and cost apportionment: the single-step type. 6.800110163833493

1187. it might be called the public utility type because of the considerable use to which it has been put in gas and electric utility rate cases. 7.829481784314367

1188. here no attempt is made first to determine out-of-pocket or marginal costs and then to superimpose on these costs reasonably distributed residues of total costs. 7.598128215981978

1189. instead all of the total costs are treated as variable costs although these costs are divided into costs that are deemed to be functions of different variables. 6.246346625347419

1190. moreover whereas in interstate commerce commission parlance variable cost means a cost deemed to vary in direct proportion to changes in rate of output in the type of analysis now under review variable cost has been used more broadly so as to cover costs which while a function of some one variable are not necessarily a linear function. 5.956240182645304

1191. as already noted in an earlier paragraph the more familiar cost analyses of utility enterprises or utility systems divide the total costs among a number of major classes of service such as residential commercial industrial power street lighting etc. 5.149423346456481

1192. this grand division permits many costs to be assigned in their entirety to some one class such as street lighting or at least to be excluded completely from some important class or classes. 6.383022820802808

1193. high-tension industrial power service for example would not be charged with any share of the maintenance costs or capital costs of the low-tension distribution lines. 5.255287088186279

1194. but the major portions of the total costs of a utility business are common or joint to all or nearly all classes of customers; and these costs must somehow be apportioned among the various classes and then must somehow be reapportioned among the units of service in order to report unit costs than can serve as tentative measures of reasonable rates. 6.172384540920799

1195. the general basis on which these common costs are assigned to differently measured units of service will be illustrated by the following highly simplified problem of an electric-utility cost analysis. 5.498561634147128

1196. but before turning to this example we must distinguish two subtypes of analysis both of which belong to the single-step type rather than to the double-step type. 7.802811247176351

1197. in the first subtype the analyst distributes both total operating costs and total annual capital costs among the different classes and units of service. 7.15854186241599

1198. here an apportionment say of \$5000000 of the total costs to residential service as a class would include an allowance of perhaps 6 per cent as the cost of whatever capital is deemed to have been devoted to the service of the residential consumers. 7.098185761692722

1199. but in the second subtype which i take to be the one more frequently applied only the operating expenses and not the cost of capital or fair return are apportioned directly among the various classes of service. 6.5484560153267966

1200. to be sure the capital investments in the plant and equipment are apportioned among the different classes as are also the gross

revenues received from the sales of the different services.

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1201. but any resulting excess of revenues received from a given class of service over the operating costs imputed to this class is reported as a return realized on the capital investment attributed to the same service. 4.900359208359081

1202. thus during any given year if the revenues from the residential service are \$7000000 if the operating expenses imputed to this class of service come to \$5000000 and if the net investment in the plant and equipment deemed devoted to this service amounts to \$30000000 the cost analyst will report that residential service in the aggregate has yielded a return of \$2000000 or 6-23 per cent.

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1203. other services will show different rates of return some probably much lower and some higher. 5.932668809030131

1204. there are obvious reasons of convenience for this practice of excluding cost of capital from the direct apportionment of annual costs among the different classes of service- notably the avoidance of the controversial question what rate of return should be held to constitute cost of capital or fair rate of return. 6.482706657363348

1205. but the practice is likely to be misleading since it may seem to support a conclusion that as long as the revenues from any class of service cover the imputed operating expenses plus some return on capital investment however low the rates of charge for this service are compensatory. 5.4897241803631935

1206. needless to say any such inference would be quite unwarranted. 9.765079463883898

1207. for the reason just suggested i shall assume the use of the first subtype of fully distributed cost apportionment in the following simplified example. 8.019190568547684

1208. that is to say an allowance for cost of capital will be assumed to be included directly in the cost apportionment. 7.872567421239768

1209. of the costs of an electric utility business in order to simplify the exposition of a typical fully apportioned cost analysis let us assume the application of the analysis to an electric utility company supplying a single city with power generated by its own steam-generation plant. 5.602163009530796

1210. let us also assume the existence of only one class or type of service all of which is supplied at the same voltage phase etc to residential commercial and industrial customers. 9.420640188772014

1211. this latter assumption will permit us to center attention on the most controversial aspect of modern public utility cost analysis- the distinction among costs that are functions of outputs of the same service measured along different dimensions. 5.262086440614487

1212. since the company under review is supplying what we are here regarding as only one kind of service we might suppose that the problem of total cost apportionment would be very simple; indeed that it would be limited to a finding of the total annual operating and capital costs of the business followed by a calculation of this total in terms of annual cost per kilowatt-hour of consumption. 7.161203170768335

1213. in fact however the problem is not so simple. 15.219523859943813

1214. for a statement of costs per kilowatt-hour would ignore the fact that many of these costs are not a function of kilowatt-hour output of energy. 9.928002026307343

1215. a recognition of multiple cost functions is therefore required. 8.152205351147632

1216. the simplest division and the one most frequently used in gas and electric rate cases is a threefold division of the total operating and

capital costs into customer costs energy or volumetric costs and demand or capacity costs. 6.29138468634276

1217. if this threefold division of costs were to have its counterpart in the actual rates of charge for service as it actually does have in some rates there would result a three-part rate for any one class of service. 5.163121678757553

1218. for example the monthly bill of a residential consumer might be the sum of a \$1 customer charge a \$5 charge for 250 kilowatt-hours of energy at 2 per kilowatt-hour and a \$2 charge for a maximum demand of 2 kilowatts during the month at the rate of \$1 per kilowatt- a total bill of \$8 for that month. 6.991417721034758

1219. but our present interest lies in the measurement of costs of service and only indirectly in rates that may or may not be designed to cover these costs. 6.626742685067913

1220. let us therefore consider each of the three types of cost in turn recognizing that this simplified classification is used only for illustrative 1. 7.6901410232041085

1221. the these are those operating and capital costs found to vary with number of customers regardless or almost regardless of power consumption. 5.083242045036259

1222. included as a minimum are the costs of metering and billing along with whatever other expenses the company must incur in taking on another consumer. 6.696093201836714

1223. these minimum costs may come to \$1 per month more or less for residential and small commercial customers although they are substantially higher for large industrial users who require more costly connections and metering devices. 4.7645920265937844

1224. while costs on this order are sometimes separately charged for in residential and commercial rates in the form of a mere service charge they are more frequently wholly or partly covered by a minimum charge which entitles the consumer to a very small amount of gas or electricity with no further payment. 6.726592819681311

1225. but the really controversial aspect of customer-cost imputation arises because of the cost analyst's frequent practice of including not just those costs that can be definitely earmarked as incurred for the benefit of specific customers but also a substantial fraction of the annual maintenance and capital costs of the secondary distribution system- a fraction equal to the estimated annual costs of a hypothetical system of minimum capacity. 5.469290066905308

1226. the preconditions of sociology have remained largely unexamined by the sociologist. 9.430036403335416

1227. like primitive numbers in mathematics the entire axiological framework is taken to rest upon its operational worth. 5.898636882953763

1228. but what is the operational worth of a sociology which mimetically reproduces the idea of physical models? 10.543828561426215

1229. is it not the task of philosophy to see what intelligible meaning can be assigned to the most sacred canons in social science? 8.43492871995475

1230. it has become painfully clear that the very attempt to make the language of social research free of values by erecting mathematical and physical models is itself a conditioned response to a world which pays a premium price for technological manipulation. 7.847253396487836

1231. this push to confine the study of mass behaviour to the measurements of parameters involved in differential equations has led sociology perilously close to the reduction of the word mass to mean a small group in which certain relations between all pairs of individuals in such a group can be studied. 5.859074110365147

1232. here i think the role of the philosopher becomes apparent. 14.688678557602351



1233. the simple pragmatic success of the sociology of small groups needs to be questioned. 8.157035641407274

1234. for if the small group notion involves the implicit claim that the phenomena of sociological investigations are of atomic or subatomic proportions the philosopher needs to know the extent to which such entities are valid. 7.016367880833384

1235. the mere exploration of the unconscious ground of present-day sociology offers a rich vein of philosophical and logical investigation. 6.1911212416779

1236. a parallel function for philosophy is the study of the relation between perceptions experientially received and conceptions logically formed. 9.575372008066365

1237. philosophy can supply adequate criteria of meaning in the selection of socially viable categories. 6.367407910234083

1238. this involves a sifting of the empirical and rational elements entering into each social science statement. 7.994071539716753

1239. merton's functional sociology may have great practical use in the study of different cultures yet it is perfectly clear as nagel and hempel indicate that the concept of function in sociology has been built up from physiological and biological models in which the notions of teleology ie metaphysical purpose are central. 4.715509317355069

1240. functionalism as a sociological credo is therefore not a direct consequence of observations but rather an indirect consequence of philosophical inference and judgment. 6.365727389270327

1241. the purpose of this sort of philosophical study of sociology is not to tyrannize but to clarify the principles of socialscience. 9.402195775359038

1242. it is absurd to speak of philosophy as a superior enterprise to sociology since the former is a logical rational discipline where sociology is essentially descriptive and empirical. 8.018844848075974

1243. such a position entails the negation of philosophy in its platonic form as something soaring above and embracing the empirical and mathematical sciences. 5.7929353629881115

1244. but contrary to whitehead philosophy is not a synonym for plato. 11.404277255950271

1245. the uses of philosophy as a logical clearing house are manifest to any approach that does not descend to pure sensationalism. 6.102898869250824

1246. however when philosophy attempts to stand above the sciences to dictate the conditions of empirical research it becomes formal metaphysics; shaping the contours of life to fit the needs of legends. 6.696397702691348

1247. the notion of philosophy as queen bee may fit well with authoritarian modes of political ideology but it has been noted that the price of such an imperial notion of philosophy is the frustration and flagellation of the social sciences. 6.095514496605017

1248. metaphysics is no longer a direct grappling with nature as it was in antiquity. 11.157379083582882

1249. it has surrendered any claims of description in favor of psychological accounts of nothingness as in heidegger's system. 8.021836531942338

1250. science is mocked for wishing to know nothing of nothing in a last ditch effort to save the gods at the expense of men. 7.804761911388139

1251. it is not positivism which has isolated metaphysics from reality by distinguishing between description and prescription. 9.660710924929665

1252. it is simply revealing the state to which metaphysical thinking has fallen during this century. 10.49146609895339

1253. consider the traditional four fields of philosophy: logic ethics epistemology and esthetics. 7.261543109985577

1254. it is a commonplace that to the degree these special preserves of past philosophic hunting grounds establish an empirical content and suitable methodological criteria they move away from philosophy as such. 8.06188135958303

1255. what is left to traditional systems of philosophy is in effect only the history of these fields prior to their becoming rigorous enough to abide by the canons of scientific method. 5.654245249855714

1256. in this situation philosophy has survived by separating itself from metaphysics by showing the ultimate questions to be the meaningless questions. 9.743056835887879

1257. the relinquishing by philosophy of pretentious claims to empirical priority gives it an ability to treat problems of meaning and truth which in the past it was unable to examine because of its missionary attitude to knowledge of more humble sorts. 5.513643653089337

1258. in the new situation philosophy is able to provide the social sciences with the same guidance that mathematics offers the physical sciences a reservoir of logical relations that can be used in framing hypotheses having explanatory and predictive value. 7.947251282487832

1259. beyond this philosophy may urge the social sciences forward by asking the type of question that falls outside the present scope of social inquiry but within its potential domain of relevance. 4.656645272807095

1260. in this connection it might be noted that the theory of games was a mathematical discovery long before its uses in political science were exploited. 9.543527831997404

1261. likewise kant formulated the nebular hypothesis according to which the solar system was evolved from a rotating mass of incandescent gas nearly a half century before its scientific value was made plain by laplace in his systeme du monde. 4.682905547111112

1262. this does not mean that philosophy resolves the problems it generates any more so than riemann's geometry settled the physical status of the space-time continuum. 11.027680812644316

1263. but the forceful presentation of new issues for the sciences to work on is itself a monumental task. 8.038703595484005

1264. to those raised on marcel's homo viator and heidegger's das nichtige this may seem a modest role for philosophy. 7.833253706904074

1265. however modesty and triviality are different qualities. 8.921104766067472

1266. philosophy conceived of as servant to the sciences might appear as less dramatic than philosophy which jeers as the sciences evolve. 6.626280802859932

1267. the ceaseless effort to understand and measure the distance mankind has traversed since its primitive anthropological status offers a more durable sort of drama. 5.584198977541488

1268. by clarifying fundamental premises in the social sciences and defining the logical problems emergent at the borderlands of each new scientific discipline philosophy can offer the sort of distinction that can accelerate growth in human understanding. 6.046793257967282

1269. philosophy can prevent the working scientist from becoming slothful and self-content by noting the assumptions and level at which a hypothesis or theory is framed. 5.0091594061022

1270. the dissection of scientific theory the examination of a theory from the vantage-points of language epistemology and ethics is itself a distinct contribution to knowledge no less so because of its removal from empirical research. 6.604928934093401

1271. the realm of science whatever the degree of precision in formulations covers the range of prediction and explanation. 6.629853932146729

1272. whatever philosophy is conceived to be its rationalist logistic attitude to evidence should make it clear that it is something other than science. 7.196029026127741

1273. for some forms of philosophy this very division between the empirical and the rational becomes a sign of the metaphysical superiority of the latter. 6.312604101438946

1274. bergson and leroy announce that the secret is the center of a philosophy and thereafter a hundred followers declare secrecy a higher verity. 8.154860344546112

1275. this is simply a confession of intellectual sterility spruced up to look virtuous. 8.971206041118126

1276. for as merleau-ponty indicated it is not the secret which is important but the removal of secrecy. 9.416504865346

1277. in this philosophy and science share a common goal. 11.289188492680237

1278. the hypostatization of the secret nonetheless guarantees that the division of analytical and synthetic philosophies shall not be overcome by even the most persuasive argument; for this division is but an abstract representation of the social struggle between mysticism and science. 6.5515977130091265

1279. the mystification of metaphysical systems does not imply the demise of philosophy only the close of a philosophic age which demanded metaphysics to be rational and logical. 6.1336004932451464

1280. the tenacity with which present metaphysical attitudes fetishize private intuition offers the strongest evidence that the gulf between scientific and delphic ways of philosophizing is built into the present conflict over the limits and purpose of science religion and ideology. 6.298762235740595

1281. scientific systems and this includes even the relation of mechanist to relativist physics are built upon refined and corrected. 5.236383152695367

1282. philosophic systems by the very nature of their completeness are overthrown by rival systems. 7.198778874655976

1283. in addition to the incompleteness of science and the completeness of metaphysics they differ in that science is essentially descriptive while philosophy in its inherited forms tends to be goal-oriented teleological and prescriptive. 6.959931780696591

1284. the threadbare notion that belief unlike behaviour is not subject to objective analysis has placed intuitive metaphysics squarely against the sociology of knowledge since it is precisely the job of the sociology of knowledge to treat beliefs as social facts no less viable than social behaviour. 6.570956485993961

1285. when dealing with the actual relation of philosophy to the sociology of knowledge or better the role of philosophy in assisting research on the social sources of ideas one has to become necessarily selective. 5.768583696158625

1286. certain features we have touched upon: philosophy as a logical deductive system from which a social science methodology can be built up; philosophic analysis of the assumptions and presumptions of the social sciences; and philosophy as a guide to possible integration of supposedly disparate sociological investigations. 6.290778560527093

1287. the objection will be raised that the most important role of philosophy in relation to social science has been omitted namely the status of ultimate value questions and norms operative in the social sciences. 5.768460878890224

1288. specifically it will be asked whether the real questions people ask are not the ultimate questions that social science finds itself impotent in the face of. 8.066707171169428

1289. what then is the status of such questions as: is society the ground of human existence or a means to an individual goal? 6.203584787227825

1290. do societies develop according to cosmic patterns or are they subject only to the free choice of individuals? 9.82027051272064

1291. does society really exist as an entity over and above the agglomeration of men? 5.916704755177494

1292. i think it must be said that contrary to metaphysical insistence these are questions so framed as to defy either empirical exploration or rational solutions. 11.19925791115224

1293. as simmel and dilthey indicated questions of whether the value of life is individual or social are not questions but assertions of faith made to appear as legitimate questions. 5.8119128086058645

1294. such pseudo-questions assume that answers of concrete significance can be supplied to statements involving undefined universals. 8.18406868512247

1295. social theory has no more right to expect results from meaningless questions than physics has the right to expect a theological solution to the wave-particle controversy. 5.888960893337554

1296. it is not that such questions are not asked. 17.744974402673652

1297. it is rather that introducing them into social analysis reflects not so much a search for truth as for certainty. 9.285833073983893

1298. an operational approach to sociology can never expect abstract certainty since it is certainty which every new discovery in science either replaces or reshapes. 7.331893982877648

1299. to raise the added objection that men require certainty on psychological grounds answers to ultimate questions having an irrational rather than scientific basis is in a real sense to undermine the objection itself. 5.498075971750319

1300. for what concerns all scientific disciplines is precisely that which can be captured for the rational ie for the scientific determination of what in past ages was considered ultimate and irrational. 7.095486907174545

1301. a philosophy which attempts to supply ultimate answers in an ultimate way reveals its acquiescence in the shortcomings of men an impatience with partial tentative solutions. 5.23666488506328

1302. men have always lived in a tentative world and in suspension of ultimate judgments where and when necessary. 7.2569122533878225

1303. uncertainty overcoming itself is the precondition of the quest for new and more precise information about the world. 5.326519577128725

1304. without such uncertainty we are left with a set of dogmas and myths. 8.400219018728693

1305. the functional interplay of philosophy and science should as a minimum guarantee a meaningful option to myth-making. 6.196120048044738

1306. a degree of indefiniteness is a salutary condition for the growth of science. 10.813708723159403

1307. but neither was the statement empirical for goodness was not a quality like red or squeaky that could be seen or heard. 7.1836338993191795

1308. what were they to do then with these awkward judgments of value? 9.692079389089505

1309. to find a place for them in their theory of knowledge would require them to revise the theory radically and yet that theory was what they regarded as their most important discovery. 5.726373782489891

1310. it appeared that the theory could be saved in one way only.  
11.258873390551564

1311. if it could be shown that judgments of good and bad were not judgments at all that they asserted nothing true or false but merely expressed emotions like hurrah or fiddlesticks then these wayward judgments would cease from troubling and weary heads could be at rest.  
5.404611986844873

1312. this is the course the positivists took. 20.334890541159552

1313. they explained value judgments by explaining them away.  
7.14162538120728

1314. now i do not think their view will do. 10.368578803405029

1315. but before discussing it i should like to record one vote of thanks to them for the clarity with which they have stated their case.  
6.22393678386507

1316. it has been said of john stuart mill that he wrote so clearly that he could be found out. 12.51688530636644

1317. this theory has been put so clearly and precisely that it deserves criticism of the same kind and this i will do my best to supply.  
6.096872517459443

1318. the theory claims to show by analysis that when we say that is good we do not mean to assert a character of the subject of which we are thinking. 11.240501213712339

1319. i shall argue that we do mean to do just that. 8.923546411515362

1320. let us work through an example and the simpler and commoner the better. 10.125374979086894

1321. there is perhaps no value statement on which people would more universally agree than the statement that intense pain is bad.  
8.033060748645113

1322. let us take a set of circumstances in which i happen to be interested on the legislative side and in which i think every one of us might naturally make such a statement. 8.000885227806465

1323. we come upon a rabbit that has been caught in one of the brutal traps in common use. 8.116833964093411

1324. there are signs that it has struggled for days to escape and that in a frenzy of hunger pain and fear it has all but eaten off its own leg. 9.234232032382986

1325. the attempt failed: the animal is now dead. 8.341215694113531

1326. as we think of the long and excruciating pain it must have suffered we are very likely to say: it was a bad thing that the little animal should suffer so. 8.510625837032896

1327. the positivist tells us that when we say this we are only expressing our present emotion. 7.4411082812347225

1328. i hold on the contrary that we mean to assert something of the pain itself namely that it was bad- bad when and as it occurred.  
10.211940025399086

1329. consider what follows from the positivist view.  
12.161668309955505

1330. on that view nothing good or bad happened in the case until i came on the scene and made my remark. 10.35351239423101

1331. for what i express in my remark is something going on in me at the time and that of course did not exist until i did come on the scene.  
6.877796607418832

1332. the pain of the rabbit was not itself bad; nothing evil was happening when that pain was being endured; badness in the only sense in which it is involved at all waited for its appearance till i came and looked and felt. 7.0471158366080555

1333. now that this is at odds with our meaning may be shown as follows.  
5.968604654030783

1334. let us put to ourselves the hypothesis that we had not come on the scene and that the rabbit never was discovered. 7.126191845416098

1335. are we prepared to say that in that case nothing bad occurred in the sense in which we said it did? 8.515448268364052

1336. clearly not. 15.594944937291627

1337. indeed we should say on the contrary that the accident of our later discovery made no difference whatever to the badness of the animal's pain that it would have been every whit as bad whether a chance passer-by happened later to discover the body and feel repugnance or not. 5.46007231885016

1338. if so then it is clear that in saying the suffering was bad we are not expressing our feelings only. 13.212564759804785

1339. we are saying that the pain was bad when and as it occurred and before anyone took an attitude toward it. 7.219688575065933

1340. the first argument is thus an ideal experiment in which we use the method of difference. 11.048057435051081

1341. it removes our present expression and shows that the badness we meant would not be affected by this whereas on positivist grounds it should be. 6.281944763543696

1342. the second argument applies the method in the reverse way. 11.169842010263045

1343. it ideally removes the past event and shows that this would render false what we mean to say whereas on positivist grounds it should not. 6.285690082683112

1344. let us suppose that the animal did not in fact fall into the trap and did not suffer at all but that we mistakenly believe it did and say as before that its suffering was an evil thing. 7.158910930266926

1345. on the positivist theory everything i sought to express by calling it evil in the first case is still present in the second. 6.924455521964547

1346. in the only sense in which badness is involved at all whatever was bad in the first case is still present in its entirety since all that is expressed in either case is a state of feeling and that feeling is still there. 7.490734055108306

1347. and our question is is such an implication consistent with what we meant? 7.343441585467238

1348. clearly it is not. 11.928189820845404

1349. if anyone asked us after we made the remark that the suffering was a bad thing whether we should think it relevant to what we said to learn that the incident had never occurred and no pain had been suffered at all we should say that it made all the difference in the world that what we were asserting to be bad was precisely the suffering we thought had occurred back there that if this had not occurred there was nothing left to be bad and that our assertion was in that case mistaken. 4.971295212623237

1350. the suggestion that in saying something evil had occurred we were after all making no mistake because we had never meant anyhow to say anything about the past suffering seems to me merely frivolous. 6.828284528631298

1351. if we did not mean to say this why should we be so relieved on finding that the suffering had not occurred? 7.508544814856821

1352. on the theory before us such relief would be groundless for in that suffering itself there was nothing bad at all and hence in its nonoccurrence there would be nothing to be relieved about. 7.80343428303392

1353. the positivist theory would here distort our meaning beyond recognition. 7.43304005989246

1354. so far as i can see there is only one way out for the positivist. 20.27256580798165

1355. he holds that goodness and badness lie in feelings of approval or disapproval. 7.233226891479716

1356. and there is a way in which he might hold that badness did in this case precede our own feeling of disapproval without belonging to the pain itself. 12.120643333138174

1357. the pain in itself was neutral; but unfortunately the rabbit on no grounds at all took up toward this neutral object an attitude of disapproval and that made it for the first time and in the only intelligible sense bad. 5.548704733651973

1358. this way of escape is theoretically possible but since it has grave difficulties of its own and has not so far as i know been urged by positivists it is perhaps best not to spend time over it.

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1359. i come now to a third argument which again is very simple.

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1360. when we come upon the rabbit and make our remark about its suffering being a bad thing we presumably make it with some feeling; the positivists are plainly right in saying that such remarks do usually express feeling. 6.613184097134126

1361. but suppose that a week later we revert to the incident in thought and make our statement again. 6.478669021782826

1362. and suppose that the circumstances have now so changed that the feeling with which we made the remark in the first place has faded.

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1363. the pathetic evidence is no longer before us; and we are now so fatigued in body and mind that feeling is as we say quite dead.

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1364. in these circumstances since what was expressed by the remark when first made is on the theory before us simply absent the remark now expresses nothing. 6.943964466192859

1365. it is as empty as the word hurrah would be when there was no enthusiasm behind it. 10.120428910697212

1366. and this seems to me untrue. 29.352099229253493

1367. when we repeat the remark that such suffering was a bad thing the feeling with which we made it last week may be at or near the vanishing point but if we were asked whether we meant to say what we did before we should certainly answer yes. 4.710835872769226

1368. we should say that we made our point with feeling the first time and little or no feeling the second time but that it was the same point we were making. 9.5077435902551

1369. and if we can see that what we meant to say remains the same while the feeling varies from intensity to near zero it is not the feeling that we primarily meant to express. 7.537574229451851

1370. i come now to a fourth consideration. 12.626880398769476

1371. we all believe that toward acts or effects of a certain kind one attitude is fitting and another not; but on the theory before us such a belief would not make sense. 5.544510884606459

1372. broad and ross have lately contended that this fitness is one of the main facts of ethics and i suspect they are right. 7.627130553067126

1373. but that is not exactly my point. 20.04813221899233

1374. my point is this: whether there is such fitness or not we all assume that there is and if we do we express in moral judgments more than the subjectivists say we do. 8.788314684896072

1375. in his novel the house of the dead dostoevsky tells of his experiences in a siberian prison camp. 8.410915942656272

1376. whatever the unhappy inmates of such camps are like today dostoevsky's companions were about as grim a lot as can be imagined.

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1377. i have heard stories he writes of the most terrible the most unnatural actions of the most monstrous murders told with the most spontaneous childish merry laughter. 6.989398233852944

1378. most of us would say that in this delight at the killing of others or the causing of suffering there is something very unfitting.  
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1379. if we were asked why we thought so we should say that these things involve great evil and are wrong and that to take delight in what is evil or wrong is plainly unfitting. 5.6539799967742805

1380. now on the subjectivist view this answer is ruled out.  
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1381. for before someone takes up an attitude toward death suffering or their infliction they have no moral quality at all.  
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1382. there is therefore nothing about them to which an attitude of approval or condemnation could be fitting. 11.072749685673482

1383. they are in themselves neutral and so far as they get a moral quality they get it only through being invested with it by the attitude of the onlooker. 7.375647301228128

1384. but if that is true why is any attitude more fitting than any other? 11.22895877731358

1385. would applause for example be fitting if apart from the applause there were nothing good to applaud? 6.062397058960812

1386. would condemnation befitting if independently of the condemnation there were nothing bad to condemn? 8.382575625068137

1387. in such a case any attitude would be as fitting or unfitting as any other which means that the notion of fitness has lost all point.  
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1388. indeed we are forced to go much farther. 12.270278937355695

1389. if goodness and badness lie in attitudes only and hence are brought into being by them those men who greeted death and misery with childish merry laughter are taking the only sensible line.  
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1390. if there is nothing evil in these things if they get their moral complexion only from our feeling about them why shouldn't they be greeted with a cheer? 9.706282980517644

1391. to greet them with repulsion would turn what before was neutral into something bad; it would needlessly bring badness into the world; and even on subjectivist assumptions that does not seem very bright.  
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1392. on the other hand to greet them with delight would convert what before was neutral into something good; it would bring goodness into the world. 7.753978209307249

1393. the injured german veteran was a former miner twenty-four years old who had been wounded by shrapnel in the back of the head.  
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1394. this resulted in damage to the occipital lobe and very probably to the left side of the cerebellum also. 7.286428797910562

1395. in any event the extraordinary result of this injury was that he became psychically blind while at the same time apparently the sense of touch remained essentially intact. 8.238266674411097

1396. psychical blindness is a condition in which there is a total absence of visual memory-images a condition in which for example one is unable to remember something just seen or to conjure up a memory-picture of the visible appearance of a well-known friend in his absence. 6.5405366399743325

1397. this circumstance in the patient's case plus the fact that his tactual capacity remained basically in sound working order constitutes its exceptional value for the problem at hand since the evidence presented by the authors is overwhelming that when the patient closed his eyes he had absolutely no spatial awareness whatsoever.  
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1398. the necessary inference as the authors themselves interpret it would seem to be this: spatial qualities are not among those grasped by the sense of touch as such. 8.198056813487872

1399. we do not arrive at spatial images by means of the sense of touch by itself. 11.570436899743278

1400. spatiality becomes part of the tactual sensation only by way of visual representations; that is there is in the true sense only a visual space. 8.166566807153272

1401. the underlying assumption of course is that only sight and touch enable us in any precise and fully dependable way to locate objects in space beyond us the other senses being decidedly inferior if not totally inadequate in this regard. 4.958391598343503

1402. this is an assumption with which few would be disposed to quarrel. 13.224849506787775

1403. therefore if the sense of touch is functioning normally and there is a complete absence of spatial awareness in a psychically-blind person when the eyes are closed and an object is handled the conclusion seems unavoidable that touch by itself cannot focus and take possession of the third-dimensionality of things and that actual sight or visual representations are necessary. 5.1695071891800115

1404. the force of the authors' analysis can be felt by the reader i believe only after three questions have been successfully answered. 7.832328644858158

1405. what allows us to think that the patient had no third-dimensional representations when his eyes were closed? 6.374930091531647

1406. what evidence is there that he was psychically blind? 13.195968635049278

1407. how can we be sure that his sense of touch was not profoundly disturbed by his head injury? 8.489611535864501

1408. we shall consider these in the inverse order of their presentation. 12.265526820187853

1409. obviously a satisfactory answer to the third question is imperative if the argument is to get under way at all for if there is any possibility of doubt whether the patient's tactual sensitivity had been impaired by the occipital lesion any findings whatsoever in regard to the first question become completely ambiguous and fail altogether of course as evidence to establish the desired conclusion. 5.290912277678595

1410. the answer the authors give to it therefore is of supreme importance. 12.044144448452037

1411. it is as follows: the usual sensitivity tests showed that the specific qualities of skin-perceptiveness as well as the kinesthetic sensations were as such essentially intact although they seemed in comparison with normal reactions to be somewhat diminished over the entire body. 6.291470996684294

1412. the supposed tactual sense of spatial location and orientation in the patient and his ability to specify the location of a member as well as the direction and scope of a movement passively executed proved to have been on the contrary very considerably affected. 6.681805800004582

1413. the authors insist however that these abnormalities in the sense of touch were due absolutely to no organic disorders in that sense faculty but rather to the injuries which the patient had sustained to the sense of sight. 5.346012869445197

1414. first of all what is their evidence that the tactual apparatus was fundamentally undamaged? 10.549054631422335

1415. when an object was placed in the patient's hand he had no difficulty determining whether it was warm or cold sharp or blunt rough or smooth flexible soft or hard; and he could tell simply by the feel of

it whether it was made of wood iron cloth rubber and so on.

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1416. and he could recognize by touch alone articles which he had handled immediately before even though they were altogether unfamiliar to him and could not be identified by him; that is he was unaware what kind of objects they were or what their use was. 6.299198933199174

1417. the patient attained an astonishing efficiency in a new trade.

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1418. because of his brain injury and the extreme damage suffered to his sight the patient had to train himself for a new line of work that of a portfolio-maker an occupation requiring a great deal of precision in the making of measurements and a fairly well-developed sense of form and contour. 8.51852383809026

1419. it seems clear when one takes into consideration the exceedingly defective eyesight of the patient second question the one concerning the psychical blindness of the that he had to rely on his sense of touch much more than the usual portfolio-maker and that consequently that faculty was most probably more sensitive to shape and size than that of a person with normal vision. 5.9918007265612605

1420. and so the authors conclude: the conduct of the patient in his every-day life and in his work even more than the foregoing facts mentioned above under 1 leave positively no room for doubt that the sense of touch in the ordinary sense of the word was unaffected; or to put the same thing in physiological terms that the performance-capacity of the tactual apparatus from the periphery up to the tactual centers in the brain- that is from one end to the other-was unimpaired.

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1421. if the argument is accepted as essentially sound up to this point it remains for us to consider whether the patient's difficulties in orienting himself spatially and in locating objects in space with the sense of touch can be explained by his defective visual condition.

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1422. but before we can do this we must first find answers to our original questions 1 and 2; then we shall perhaps be in a position to provide something like a complete answer to the question at hand.

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1423. in what ways then did the patient's psychical blindness manifest itself? 10.66101787283389

1424. he could not see objects as unified self-contained and organized figures as a person does with normal vision. 10.341068677090052

1425. the meaning of this as we shall see is that he had no fund of visual memory-images of objects as objects; and therefore he could not recognize even long-familiar things upon seeing them again.

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1426. instead he constantly became lost in parts and components of them confused some of their details with those of neighboring objects and so on unless he allowed time to trace the object in question through minute movements of the head and hands and in this way to discover its contours. 6.890469490964571

1427. according to his own testimony he never actually saw things as shaped but only as generally amorphous blots of color of a more or less indefinite size; at their edges they slipped pretty much out of focus altogether. 5.747270502395169

1428. but by the tracing procedure he could in a strange obviously kinesthetic manner find the unseen form; could piece as it were the jumbled mass together into an organized whole and then recognize it as a man or a triangle or whatever it turned out to be. 7.630158624283312

1429. if however the figure to be discerned were complicated composed of several interlocking subfigures and so on even the tracing process

failed him and he could not focus even relatively simple shapes among its parts. 0.0

1430. this meant concretely that the patient could not read at all without making writing-like movements of the head or body became easily confused by hash marks inserted between hand-written words and thus confused the mark for one of the letters and could recognize a simple straight line or a curved one only by tracing it.

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1431. the patient himself denied that he had any visual imagery at all; and there was ample evidence of the following sort to corroborate him. 7.459773820305406

1432. after a conversation with another man he was able to recount practically everything that had been said but could not describe at all what the other man looked like. 9.619966038091068

1433. nor could he call up memory-pictures of close friends or relatives. 7.118308360432635

1434. in short both his own declarations and his figural blindness when he looked at objects seem to present undeniable evidence that he had simply no visual memory at all. 7.533727914227042

1435. he was oblivious of the form of the object actually being viewed precisely because he could not assign it to a visual shape already learned and held in visual memory as persons of normal vision do.

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1436. he could not recognize it; he was absolutely unfamiliar with it because he had no visual memory at all. 8.200736707514775

1437. therefore his only recourse was to learn the shape all over again for each new visual experience of the same individual object or type of object; and this he could do only by going over its mass with the tracing procedure. 5.18698805348644

1438. then he might finally recognize it apparently by combining the visual blot actually being seen with tactual feelings in the head or body accompanying the tracing movements. 7.783352347862678

1439. this would mean it can readily be seen that again for each new visual experience the tracing motions would have to be repeated

because of the absence of visual imagery. 7.121765966612089

1440. as one would surmise the procedure however could be repeated with the same object or with the same type of object often enough so that the corresponding visual blots and the merest beginning of the tracing movement would provide clues as to the actual shape which the patient then immediately could determine by a kind of inference.

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1441. men trees automobiles houses and so on- objects continually confronted in everyday life-had each its characteristic blot-appearance and became easily recognizable at the very beginning of tracing by an inference as to what each was. 4.782427601717655

1442. dice for example he inferred from black dots on a white surface.

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1443. he evidently could not actually see the corners of these objects but their size and the dots gave them away. 5.909009505545415

1444. and the authors give numerous instances of calculated guessing on the patient's part to show how large a role it played in his process of readapting himself and how proficient he became at it.

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1445. often he seems even to have been able to guess correctly without the tracing motions solely on the basis of qualitative differences among the blot-like things which appeared in his visual experience.

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1446. perhaps the very important question- what is then exactly the role of kinesthetic sensations in the patient's ability to recognize

forms and shapes by means of the tracing movements when he is actually looking at things? 8.076113859240523

1447. - has now been raised in the reader's mind and in the following form. 5.277288353642859

1448. if the patient can perceive figure kinesthetically when he cannot perceive it visually then it would seem the sense of touch has immediate contact with the spatial aspects of things in independence of visual representations at least in regard to two dimensions and as we shall see even this much spatial awareness on the part of unaided touch is denied by the authors. 7.800117953792519

1449. how then do the kinesthetic sensations function in all this? 7.8677709187355696

1450. the authors set about answering this fundamental question through a detailed investigation of the patient's ability tactually to perceive figure and to locate objects in space with his eyes closed. 6.915848666227844

1451. quite naturally they make the investigation first by prohibiting the patient from making any movements at all and then later by repeating it and allowing the patient to move in any way he wanted to. 5.5423911158436905

1452. when the patient was not allowed to move his body in any way at all the following striking results occurred. 8.672286564180547

1453. whenever artists indeed turned to actual representations or molded three-dimensional figures which were rare down to 800 bc they tended to reflect reality; a schematic abstract treatment of men and animals by intent rose only in the late eighth century. 4.560595853257773

1454. to speak of this underlying view of the world is to embark upon matters of subjective judgment. 7.7301584124722975

1455. at the least however one may conclude that geometric potters sensed a logical order; their principles of composition stand very close to those which appear in the homeric epics and the hexameter line. 5.964133532885743

1456. their world again was a still simple traditional age which was only slowly beginning to appreciate the complexity of life. 6.873056576178914

1457. and perhaps an observer of the vases will not go too far in deducing that the outlook of their makers and users was basically stable and secure. 5.535330184528866

1458. the storms of the past had died away and the great upheaval which was to mark the following century had not yet begun to disturb men's minds. 7.311018707717815

1459. throughout the work of the later ninth century a calm severe serenity displays itself. 7.030965030328297

1460. in the vases this spirit may perhaps at times bore or repel one in its internal self-satisfaction but the best of the geometric pins have rightly been considered among the most beautiful ever made in the greek world. 7.455863291615242

1461. the ninth century was in its artistic work the spiritually freest and most self-sufficient between past and future and the loving skill spent by its artists upon their products is a testimonial to their sense that what they were doing was important and was appreciated. 5.173247456563615

1462. geometric pottery has not yet received the thorough detailed study which it deserves partly because the task is a mammoth one and partly because some of its local manifestations as at argos are only now coming to light. 5.8429768720186015

1463. from even a cursory inspection of its many aspects however the historian can deduce several fundamental conclusions about the progress of the aegean world down to 800 bc the general intellectual

outlook which had appeared in the eleventh century was now consolidated to a significant degree. 4.837424933957377

1464. much which was in embryo in 1000 had become reasonably well developed by 800. 8.30113943624519

1465. in this process the minoan-mycenaean inheritance had been transmuted or finally rejected; the aegean world which had existed before 1000 differed from that which rises more clearly in our vision after 800. 5.881478577874554

1466. those modern scholars who urge that we must keep in mind the fundamental continuity of aegean development from earliest times- granted occasional irruptions of peoples and ideas from outside- are correct; but all too many observers have been misled by this fact into minimizing the degree of change which took place in the early first millennium. 7.046926684865647

1467. the focus of novelty in this world now lay in the south-eastern districts of the greek mainland and by 800 virtually the entire aegean always excepting its northern shores had accepted the geometric style of pottery. 5.4147442380388755

1468. while protogeometric vases usually turn up especially outside greece proper together with as many or more examples of local stamp these non-greek patterns had mostly vanished by the later ninth century. 6.215959203217916

1469. in their place came local variations within the common style- tentative as it were in protogeometric products but truly distinct and sharply defined as the geometric spirit developed. 5.963087912880838

1470. attica though important was not the only teacher of this age. 10.199045301202903

1471. one can take a vase of about 800 bc and without any knowledge of its place of origin venture to assign it to a specific area; imitation and borrowing of motifs now become ascertainable. 5.761308961377743

1472. the potters of the aegean islands thus stood apart from those of the mainland and in greece itself argive corinthian attic boeotian and other geometric sequences have each their own hallmarks. 7.150273158334768

1473. these local variations were to become ever sharper in the next century and a half. 6.880944114051817

1474. the same conclusions can be drawn from the other physical evidence of the dark ages from linguistic distribution and from the survivals of early social political and religious patterns into later ages. 7.401229121130267

1475. by 800 bc the aegean was an area of common tongue and of common culture. 6.521322125807565

1476. on these pillars rested that solid basis for life and thought which was soon to be manifested in the remarkably unlimited ken of the iliad. 7.238599081909383

1477. everywhere within the common pattern however one finds local diversity; greek history and culture were enduringly fertilized and plagued by the interplay of these conjoined yet opposed factors. 5.026336780800867

1478. further we cannot go for the dark ages deserve their name. 8.48113929740002

1479. many aspects of civilization were not yet sufficiently crystallized to find expression nor could the simple economic and social foundations of this world support a lofty structure. 5.697294892059446

1480. the epic poems the consolidation of the greek pantheon the rise of firm political units the self-awareness which could permit painted and sculptured representations of men- all these had to await the progress of following decades. 6.773815154849202

1481. what we have seen in this chapter we have seen only dimly and yet the results however general are worth the search. 7.878998474365192

1482. these are the centuries in which the inhabitants of the aegean world settled firmly into their minds and into their institutions the foundations of the hellenic outlook independent of outside forces.

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1483. to interpret indeed the era from 1000 to 800 as a period mainly of consolidation may be a necessary but unfortunate defect born of our lack of detailed information; if we could see more deeply we probably would find many side issues and wrong turnings which came to an end within the period. 4.9264434793706275

1484. the historian can only point out those lines which were major enough to find reflection in our limited evidence and must hope that future excavations will enrich our understanding. 6.453426237206616

1485. throughout the dark ages it is clear the greek world had been developing slowly but consistently. 8.121231513790214

1486. the pace could now be accelerated for the inhabitants of the aegean stood on firm ground. 8.003498092197411

1487. the landscape of greek history broadens widely and rather abruptly in the eighth century bc the age of homer's rosy-fingered dawn.

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1488. the first slanting rays of the new day cannot yet dispel all the dark shadows which lie across the aegean world; but our evidence grows considerably in variety and shows more unmistakably some of the lines of change. 7.417974433639382

1489. for this period as for earlier centuries pottery remains the most secure source; the ceramic material of the age is more abundant more diversified and more indicative of the hopes and fears of its makers who begin to show scenes of human life and death.

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1490. figurines and simple chapels presage the emergence of sculpture and architecture in greece; objects in gold ivory and bronze grow more numerous. 6.44893033609597

1491. since writing was practiced in the aegean before the end of the century we may hope that the details of tradition will now be occasionally useful. 7.941244313576755

1492. though it is not easy to apply the evidence of the iliad to any specific era this marvelous product of the epic tradition had certainly taken definitive shape by 750. 8.800064024108055

1493. the dipylon geometric pottery of athens and the iliad are amazing manifestations of the inherent potentialities of greek civilization; but both were among the last products of a phase which was ending.

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1494. greek civilization was swirling toward its great revolution in which the developed qualities of the hellenic outlook were suddenly to break forth. 6.637209929101421

1495. the revolution was well under way before 700 bc and premonitory signs go back virtually across the century. 6.726009350745573

1496. the era however is janus-faced. 13.848082117783294

1497. while many tokens point forward the main achievements stand as a culmination of the simple patterns of the dark ages.

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1498. the dominant pottery of the century was geometric; political organization revolved about the basileis; trade was just beginning to expand; the gods who protected the greek countryside were only now putting on their sharply anthropomorphic dress. 6.6898948707734744

1499. the modern student who knows what was to come next is likely to place first the factors of change which are visible in the eighth century. 5.565331198642477

1500. not all men of the period would have accepted this emphasis.  
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1501. many potters clung to the past the more determinedly as they were  
confronted with radically new ideas; the poet of the iliad deliberately  
archaized. 6.982078179306438

1502. although it is not possible to sunder old and new in this era i  
shall consider in the present chapter primarily the first decades of  
the eighth century and shall interpret them as an apogee of the first  
stage of greek civilization. 7.981602771143404

1503. on this principle of division i must postpone the evolution of  
sculpture architecture society and politics; for the developments in  
these areas make sense only if they are connected to the age of  
revolution itself. 6.012785356369535

1504. the growing contacts between aegean and orient are also a  
phase which should be linked primarily to the remarkable broadening  
of hellenic culture after 750. 7.103179321311508

1505. we shall not be able entirely to pass over these connections to  
the east as we consider ripe geometric pottery the epic and the myth and  
the religious evolution of early greece; the important point however is  
that these magnificent achievements unlike those of later decades were  
only incidentally influenced by oriental models. 5.431519492104782

1506. the antecedents of dipylon vases and of the iliad lie in the  
aegean past. 9.469172564136413

1507. the pottery of the first half of the eighth century is commonly  
called ripe geometric. 6.932178049483514

1508. the severe yet harmonious vases of the previous fifty years the  
strong geometric style of the late ninth century display as firm a  
mastery of the principles underlying geometric pottery; but artists  
now were ready to refine and elaborate their inheritance.  
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1509. the vases which resulted had different shapes far more complex  
decoration and a larger sense of style. 6.196120048044738

1510. beyond the aesthetic and technical aspects of this expansion we  
must consider the change in pottery style on broader lines.  
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1511. in earlier centuries men had had enough to do in rebuilding a  
fundamental sense of order after chaos. 7.879836024405837

1512. they had had to work on very simple foundations and had not  
dared to give rein to impulses. 10.020058785614506

1513. the potters in particular had virtually eschewed freehand drawing  
elaborate motifs and the curving lines of nature while yet expressing a  
belief that there was order in the universe. 5.11429832726188

1514. in their vases were embodied the basic aesthetic and logical  
characteristics of greek civilization at first hesitantly in  
protogeometric work and then more confidently in the initial stages  
of the geometric style. 7.097741880663101

1515. by 800 social and cultural security had been achieved at least  
on a simple plane; it was time to take bigger steps to venture on  
experiments. 5.633991441985808

1516. ripe geometric potters continued to employ the old syntax of  
ornaments and shapes and made use of the well-defined though limited  
range of motifs which they had inherited. 7.176868875855017

1517. in these respects the vases of the early eighth century  
represent a culmination of earlier lines of progress. 6.683177069989069

1518. to the ancestral lore however new materials were added.  
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1519. painters left less and less of a vase in a plain dark color;  
instead they divided the surface into many bands or covered it by  
all-over patterns into which freehand drawing began to creep.  
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1520. wavy lines feather-like patterns rosettes of indefinitely floral nature birds either singly or in stylized rows animals in solemn frieze bands- all these turned up in the more developed fabrics as preliminary signs that the potters were broadening their gaze.

6.22998845547813

1521. the rows of animals and birds in particular suggest awareness of oriental animal friezes transmitted perhaps via syrian silver bowls and textiles but the specific forms of these rows on local vases and metal products are nonetheless greek. 4.802357795086472

1522. though the spread of this type of decoration in the aegean has not yet been precisely determined it seems to appear first in the cyclades which were among the leading exporters of pottery throughout the century. 8.65160503175289

1523. as the material at the command of the potters grew and the volume of their production increased the local variations within a common style became more evident. 6.758901611179321

1524. plate 12 illustrates four examples which are ripe or late geometric work of common spirit but of different schools.

6.643215071337043

1525. cook had discovered a beef in his possession a few days earlier and when he could not show the hide arrested him. 5.857526863129048

1526. thinking the evidence insufficient to get a conviction he later released him. 8.443393651209309

1527. even while suffering the trip to his home cook swore to moore and lane that he would kill the indian. 6.129185436985127

1528. three weeks later following his recovery armed with a writ issued by the catskill justice on affidavits prepared by the district attorney cook and russell rode to arrest martinez. 6.508544118114881

1529. arriving at daybreak they found julio in his corral and demanded that he surrender. 5.947098824708746

1530. instead he whirled and ran to his house for a gun forcing them to kill him cook reported. 8.502722757247785

1531. both cook's and russell's lives were threatened by the mexicans following the killing but the company officers felt that in the end it would serve to quiet them despite their immediate emotion.

6.057620752132065

1532. general manager pels even suggested that it might be wise to keep the mexicans in suspense rather than accept their offers to sell out and move away and try to have a few punished. 6.824020722901343

1533. on february 17 russell and cook were sent to the pena flor community on the vermejo to see about renting out ranches the company had purchased. 5.871290491689238

1534. while talking with julian m beall francisco archuleta and juan marcus appeared both heavily armed and after watching the house for a while rode away. 8.102320724118668

1535. it was nearly sundown before they finished the business with beall and began riding down the stream. 7.905462152810838

1536. they had traveled only a short distance when they spotted five mexicans riding along a horse-trail across the stream just ahead of them. 7.973594027949788

1537. suspecting an ambush the two deputies decided to ride up a side canyon taking a short cut into catskill. 5.15576524365156

1538. after spending two nights in catskill the deputies again headed for the vermejo to finish their business. 8.636934852609928

1539. they stayed with a rancher friday night and by eleven o'clock saturday morning passed the old garnett lee ranch. 6.167907030019931

1540. half a mile below at the mouth of salyer's canyon was an old ranch that the company had purchased from a j armstrong occupied by a mexican his wife and an old trapper. 8.249126216127896



1541. there were three houses in salyer's canyon just at the foot of a low bluff the road winding along the top entering above and then passing down in front of the houses thence to the vermejo.

6.860402501824046

1542. to the west of this road was another low bluff forty or fifty feet high covered with scrub oak and other brush. 8.639477047078552

1543. as they were riding along this winding road on the bench of land between the two bluffs a volley of rifle fire suddenly crashed around the two officers. 5.319475204457148

1544. not a bullet touched cook who was nearer the ambush but one hit russell in the leg and another broke his arm passing on through his body. 7.217988580009604

1545. with the first reports russell's horse wheeled to the right and ran towards the buildings while cook followed by a hail of bullets raced towards the arroyo of salyer's canyon immediately in front of him just reaching it as his horse fell. 5.6398411999174005

1546. grabbing his winchester from its sheath cook prepared to fight from behind the arroyo bank. 7.198778874655976

1547. bullets were so thick throwing sand in his face that he found it difficult to return the fire. 5.475368239469199

1548. noticing russell's horse in front of the long log building he assumed his friend had slipped inside and would be able to put up a good fight so he began working his way down the ditch to join him.

7.288400213494972

1549. at a very shallow place two mexicans rushed into the open for a shot. 8.178036018227619

1550. dropping to one knee cook felled one and the other struggled off with his comrade sending no further fire in his direction.

7.60822696835822

1551. just before leaving the arroyo where he was partially concealed he did hear shots down at the house. 7.118009902851495

1552. russell had reached the house as cook surmised dismounted but just as the old trapper opened the door to receive him he fell into the trapper's arms- dead. 6.656304016967121

1553. a bullet fired by one of the mexicans hiding in a little chicken house had passed through his head tearing a hole two-inches square on the outgoing side. 5.852203420596012

1554. finding him dead cook caught russell's horse and rode to the cattle foreman's house to report the incident and request bloodhounds to trail the assassins. 6.224411152267093

1555. before daylight sunday morning a posse of twenty-three men under the leadership of deputy sheriff frank macpherson of catskill followed the trail to the house of francisco chaves where 100 to 150 mexicans had gathered. 5.496482868596408

1556. macpherson boldly approached the fortified adobe house and demanded entrance. 8.196044167676531

1557. the men inside informed him that they had some wounded men among them but he would not be allowed to see them even though he offered medical aid. 8.23308020862287

1558. the officer demanded the names of the injured men; the mexicans not only refused to give them but told the possemen if they wanted a fight they could have it. 6.595236728929305

1559. since the strength of the mexicans had been underrated too small a posse had been collected and since the deputy had not been provided with search warrants macpherson and his men decided it was much wiser to withdraw. 5.188764866452444

1560. the posse's retreat encouraged the mexicans to be overbearing and impudent. 9.430036403335416

1561. during the following week six tons of hay belonging to one rancher were burned; some buildings farm tools two horses plows and

hay owned by bonito lavato a friendly interpreter for the company and pedro chavez' hay were stolen or destroyed; and a store was broken into and robbed. 5.120464087512787

1562. district attorney m w mills warned that he would vigorously prosecute persons caught committing these crimes or carrying arms- he just didn't catch anyone. 6.902202699322327

1563. increasing threats on his life finally convinced cook that he should leave new mexico. 5.761555547031071

1564. his friends advised that it would be only a question of time until either the mexicans killed him by ambush or he would be compelled to kill them in self-defense perpetuating the troubles.

7.0217872108372275

1565. by early summer he wrote from laramie that he was suffering from the wound inflicted in the ambush and was in a bad way financially so pels sent him a draft for \$100 warning that it was still not wise for him to return. 5.2521212721999255

1566. pels also sent a check for \$100 to russell's widow and had a white marble monument erected on his grave. 6.798076821904667

1567. cattle stealing and killing again serious during the spring of 1891 placed the land grant company officers in a perplexing position.

5.3857728005229974

1568. they were reluctant to appoint sheriffs to protect the property thus running the risk of creating disturbances such as that on the vermejo and yet the cowboys protested that they got no salary for arresting cattle thieves and running the risk of being shot.

7.4229825789676

1569. and the law virtually ignored the situation. 7.746395066640683

1570. the judge became ill just as the colfax district court convened no substitute was brought in no criminal cases heard only 5 out of 122 cases docketed were tried and court adjourned sine die after sitting a few days instead of the usual three weeks.

6.530699070126721

1571. pels complained: litigants and witnesses were put to the expense and inconvenience of going long distances to transact business; public money spent; justice delayed; nothing accomplished and the whole distribution of justice in this county seems to be an absolute farce. 4.647150841837471

1572. word reached the company that the man behind these depredations was manuel gonzales a man with many followers including a number who were kept in line through fear of him. 7.3663227432260205

1573. although wanted by the sheriff for killing an old man named asher jones the warrant for his arrest had never been served. 5.933418473101486

1574. on may 19 a deputy sheriff's posse of eight men left maxwell city and rode thirty-five miles up the vermejo where they were joined by juan jose martinez. 8.1829438594255

1575. by 3:00 am they reached his house and found it vacant.

8.830844762089015

1576. when they were refused entrance to his brother's house nearby they smashed down the door broke the window and threw lighted clothes wet with kerosene into the room. 7.435844098371478

1577. still there was no gonzales and the family would say nothing.

8.634279813656036

1578. about 300 yards up the creek was a cluster of mexican houses containing six rooms in the form of a square. 8.341340390614565

1579. while prowling around these buildings two of the posse recognized the voice of gonzales speaking to the people inside.

6.797467701440585

1580. he was promised that no harm would befall him if he would come out but he cursed and replied that he would shoot any man coming near the door. 8.492087679747664

1581. the posse then asked that he send out the women and children as the building would be fired or torn down over his head if necessary to take him dead or alive. 5.422556600741444

1582. in deadly earnest the besiegers methodically stripped away portions of the roof and tossed lighted rags inside only to have most stamped out by the women as soon as they hit the floor. 7.3079661704494505

1583. when it became obvious that he could stay inside no longer taking a thousand to one chance gonzales rushed outside square against the muzzle of a winchester. 6.323336067345265

1584. shot near the heart he turned to one side and plunged for a door to another room several feet away three bullets following him. 6.921217574523595

1585. as he pushed open the door he fell on his face one of his comrades pulling him inside. 7.861733841126591

1586. not realizing the seriousness of the wound the besiegers warned that if he did not surrender the house would be burned down around him. 8.407415323559801

1587. receiving no answer they set the fire. 7.622507342753323

1588. when the house was about half consumed his comraderan to the door and threw up his hands declaring repeatedly that he did not know the whereabouts of manuel. 8.598621483440365

1589. finding it true that he was not inside the deputies returned to the first house and tore holes through the side and the roof until they could see a body on the bed covered by a blanket. 5.714023997855092

1590. several slugs fired into the bed jerked aside the blanket to reveal an apparently lifeless hand. 7.407107524233722

1591. shot six or eight times the body was draped with russell's pistol belt and cartridges. 5.959119080209658

1592. there was no extra horse so it was left to his comrades who though numbering in the fifties had stood around on the hillside nearby without firing a shot during the entire attack. 9.677203143613418

1593. early the next morning a mexican telephoned pels that celso chavez one of the posse members was surrounded by ten mexicans at his father's home on the upper vermejo. 5.351971181719254

1594. the sheriff and district attorney mills hastily swore out a number of warrants against men who had been riding about armed according to signed statements by chavez and dr i p george and ordered deputy barney clark of raton to rescue the posseman. 6.7537453183770895

1595. traveling all night clark and twelve men arrived at about seven o'clock may 22. 5.725106139771221

1596. occasionally they heard gun-shot signals and a number of horsemen were sighted on the hills disappearing at the posse's approach. 7.487708292793125

1597. a mexican justice of the peace had issue a writ against chavez for taking part in the murder of manuel gonzales so he and his father were anxious to be taken out of danger. 7.54260211294121

1598. the men helped them gather their belongings and escorted them to raton alongwith three other families desiring to leave. 7.333060553020843

1599. the ten or more dangerous parties singled out for prosecution were still at large and pels realized that if these men entrenched themselves in their adobe houses defending themselves through loopholes it would be most difficult to capture them. 5.2356598059063675

1600. thus he wired j p lower and sons of denver: have you any percussion hand grenades for throwing in a house or across a well loaded with balls or shrapnel shot? 6.42698075235119

1601. if not how long to order and what is the price? 11.127374728485375

1602. he wisely decided that it would be foolish to create a disturbance during the coming roundup particularly since the mexicans were on their guard. 7.5434713225101095

1603. his problem then became one of restraining the american fighters who wanted to cleanout the vermejo by force immediately. 6.366315086709718

1604. the plant was located west of the battenkill and south of the location of the former electric light plant. 8.992672818145518

1605. the manchester depot sewer company issued 214 shares of stock at \$10 each for construction of a sewer in that locality and assessments were made for its maintenance. 5.1400253740636375

1606. it has given considerable trouble at times and empties right into the battenkill. 12.330817059542609

1607. fire district no 1 discussed its possible purchase in 1945 but considered it an unwise investment. 5.540639992325806

1608. the sewer on bonnet street was constructed when there were only a few houses on the street. 8.757248200230896

1609. as new homes were built they were connected so that all residences south of school street are served by it. 5.93016699618996

1610. b j connell is the present treasurer and manager. 8.581436094141479

1611. the 1946 town meeting voted to have the selectmen appoint a committee to investigate and report on the feasibility of some system of sewage disposal and a disposal plant to serve manchester center depot and way's lane. 5.516261048888771

1612. the committee submitted a report signed by louis martin and leon wiley with a map published in the 1946 town report. 7.966141252745827

1613. the layout of the sewer lines was designed by henry w taylor who was the engineer for the manchester village disposal plant. 5.571976520698639

1614. no figures were submitted with the report and no action was taken on it by the town. 8.731424912668537

1615. the 1958 town meeting directed town authorities to seek federal and state funds with which to conduct a preliminary survey of a proposed sewage plant with its attendant facilities. 5.59658091176633

1616. the final step was a vote for a \$230000 bond issue for the construction of a sewage system by the 1959 town meeting later confirmed by a two-thirds vote at a special town meeting june 21 1960. 6.662708931992104

1617. there the matter stands with the prospect that soon manchester may be removed from the roster of towns contributing raw sewage to its main streams. 7.204156457122857

1618. telegraph manchester's unusual interest in telegraphy has often been attributed to the fact that the rev j d wickham headmaster of burr and burton seminary was a personal friend and correspondent of the inventor samuel f b morse. 7.66893264748424

1619. at any rate manchester did not lag far behind the first commercial system which was set up in 1844 between baltimore and washington. 6.275758069063542

1620. in 1846 matthew b goodwin jeweler and watchmaker became the town's first telegrapher in a dwelling he built for himself and his business two doors north of the equinox house or one door north of the bank manchester vermont. 6.171520640387803

1621. goodwin was telegrapher for the american telegraph company and the troy and canada junction telegraph company. 5.830914561307949

1622. shares of capital stock at \$15 each in the latter company were payable at the bank of manchester or at various other vermont banks. 6.393212300604575

1623. a message of less than fifteen words to bennington cost twenty-five cents. 7.298111365751387

1624. by 1871 l c orvis manager of the western union telegraph company expressed willingness to send emergency telegrams on sundays from his village drugstore. 7.153027105642105

1625. orvis even needed to hire an assistant clark j wait. 6.210871206873012

1626. the manchester journal commented editorially on the surprising amount of local telegraphic business. 8.649006242526841

1627. in the fall of 1878 the popular telegraph line was established between manchester and factory point by the owners paul w orvis henry gray j n hard and clark j wait. 6.654604015167823

1628. the line soon lived upto its name as local messages of moderate length could be sent for a dime and the company was quickly able to declare very liberal dividends on its capital stock. 6.65745493441558

1629. in 1879 the same clark wait with h h holley of south dorset formed the american telegraph line extending from manchester depot via factory point and south dorset to dorset. 5.312532867322121

1630. besides being most convenient the line soon proved a good investment for the owners. 7.814182100863163

1631. telegraphers at the depot at this time were aaron c burr and mark manley of burr and manley dealers in lumber and dry goods. 5.503386313631937

1632. early equipment was very flimsy; the smallest gusts of wind toppled poles making communications impossible. 8.963416206156325

1633. but companies continued to springup. 12.754707820148809

1634. by 1883 the battenkill telegraph company was in existence and alvin pettibone was its president. 7.850190528484775

1635. operating in 1887 was the valley telegraph line officers of which were e c orvis president; h k fowler vice-president and secretary; j n hard treasurer; f h walker superintendent; h s walker assistant superintendent. 4.868358237401049

1636. two companies now had headquarters with clark j wait who by then had his own drugstore at factory point- the northern union telegraph company and the western union. 6.403413817864956

1637. operators were arthur koop and norman taylor. 8.254441635698543

1638. still existing on a northern union telegraph form is a typical peremptory message from peru grocer j j hapgood to burton and graves' store in manchester- get and send by stage sure four pounds best porterhouse or serloin stake for mrs hapgood send six sweet oranges. 5.763867264603636

1639. about 1888 j e mcnaughton of barnumville and e g bacon became proprietors of the green mountain telegraph company connecting all offices on the western union line and extending over the mountain from barnumville to peru londonderry south londonderry lowell lake windham north windham grafton cambridgeport saxton's river and bellows falls. 4.48344081196359

1640. from 1896 until 1910 john h whipple was manager of western union at the center in the drugstore he purchased from clark wait. 9.24654350631988

1641. the village office of western union with george towsley as manager and telegrapher continued in hard's drugstore until 1905. 5.902564164932943

1642. during the summers towsley often needed the assistance of a company operator. 12.444739627302019

1643. these were the years when people flocked to manchester not only to play golf which had come into vogue but also to witness the ekwanok country club tournaments. 6.066026152480751

1644. new yorkers were kept informed of scores by reporters who telegraphed fifteen to twenty thousand words daily to the metropolitan newspapers. 7.200512570764348

1645. this boosted local telegraph business and manchester basked in all the free advertising. 6.954879689604739

1646. in 1914 when the town was chosen for the u s amateur golf tournament a representative hurried here from the boston manager's office. 7.727822897565601

1647. in his wake came the district traffic supervisor and the cream of the telegraphic profession ten of boston's best chosen for their long experience and thorough knowledge of golf. 5.64245094933822

1648. during that tournament alone some 250000 words winged their way out of manchester. 11.433714500764301

1649. the old morse system was replaced locally by the simplex modern automatic method in 1929 when ellamae heckman was manager of the western union office. 6.410011003269741

1650. during summers business was so brisk that mrs wilcox had two assistants and a messenger. 7.198778874655976

1651. she was succeeded by clarence goyette. 11.92992468941445

1652. sincethat time the telegraph office has shifted in location from the railroad station at the depot and shops at the center back to the town clerk's office and drugstore at the village. 7.519080398299627

1653. after being located for some years in the village at the equinox pharmacy under the supervision of mrs harry mercier it is presently located in the hill and dale shop manchester center. 6.320270702148634

1654. the first known telephone line in manchester was established in july 1883 between burr and manley's store at manchester depot and the kent and root marble company in south dorset. 6.891639305732946

1655. this was extended the following year to include the railroad station agent's office and thayer's hotel at factory point. 6.679029513865414

1656. in november 1887 a line connecting several dwelling houses in dorset was extended to manchester depot. 8.437918402470649

1657. telephone wires from louis dufresne's house in east manchester to the dufresne lumber job near bourn pond were up about 1895. 5.083242045036259

1658. eber l taylor of manchester depot recorded the setting of phone poles in east dorset and barnumville in his diary for 1906. 6.365727389270327

1659. these must have been for local calls strictly as in may 1900 the only long distance telephone in town was transferred from c b carleton's to young's shoe store. 5.005794569219594

1660. a small single switchboard was installed in the village over woodcock's hardware store. 9.058408794348596

1661. george woodcock was manager and troubleshooter; elizabeth way was the first operator; and a night operator was also employed. 6.043013632325737

1662. anyone fortunate enough to have one of those early phones advertised the fact along with the telephone number in the manchester journal. 8.989074456028128

1663. in 1918 the new england telephone company began erecting a building to house its operations on the corner of u s rte 7 and what is now memorial avenue at manchester center. 6.119711977783284

1664. service running through barnumville and to bennington county towns east of the mountains was in the hands of the gleason telephone company in 1925 but major supervision of telephone lines in manchester was with the new england telephone and telegraph company which eventually gained all control. 8.068255991000015

1665. more aerial and underground equipment was installed as well as office improvements to take care of the expanding business. 6.768731214709255

1666. in 1931 mrs f h briggs agent and chief operator who was to retire in 1946 with thirty years' service led agency offices in sales for the year with \$2490. 7.434562626689017

1667. william hitchcock who retired in 1938 was a veteran of thirty-four years' local service. 8.047699610036657

1668. another veteran telephone operator was edith fleming blackmer who had been in the office forty years at the time of her death in 1960. 8.574679991695337

1669. in 1932 dorset received its own exchange which made business easier for the manchester office but it was not until february 1953 that area service was extended to include manchester and dorset. 5.351049744512415

1670. this eliminated toll calls between the two towns. 12.52498293278141

1671. within a month calls were up seventy per cent. 9.119662490149233

1672. power electricity plays such an important part in community life today that it is difficult to envision a time when current was not available for daily use. 8.117106755323983

1673. yet one has to go back only some sixty years. 8.630527772736395

1674. the first mention of an electric plant in manchester seems to be one installed in reuben colvin's and houghton's gristmill on the west branch in factory point. 7.07368542005431

1675. no records are available as to the date or extent of installation but it may have been in 1896. 7.47862430515581

1676. on june 14 1900 the manchester journal reported that an electrical engineer was installing an electric light plant for edward s isham at ormsby hill. 7.223712375579748

1677. this was working by the end of august and giving satisfactory service. 8.438845311202073

1678. in november 1900 surveying was done under john marsden on the east mountains to ascertain if it would be possible to get sufficient water and fall to operate an electric power plant. 8.082414837682888

1679. nothing came of it perhaps due to lack of opportunity for water storage. 6.389243502986665

1680. the next step was construction by the manchester light and power company of a plant on the west bank of the battenkill south of union street bridge. 7.265961278961862

1681. this was nearly completed may 23 1901 with a promise of lights by june 10 but the first light did not go on until september 28. 5.943133449088754

1682. it was at the end of the sidewalk in front of the dellwood cemetery cottage. 17.656095976850317

1683. the first directors of the manchester light and power company were john marsden m l manley william f orvis george smith and john blackmer. 5.3997984678994015

1684. the officers were john marsden president; john c blackmer vice-president; george smith treasurer; and william f orvis secretary. 8.040138836822692

1685. marsden was manager of the company for ten years and manager of its successor company the colonial light and power company for one year. 5.4893721757971

1686. at about the time the marsden enterprise was getting under way the vail light and lumber company started construction of a chair stock factory on the site of the present bennington co-operative creamery intending to use its surplus power for generating electricity. 6.530492157315557

1687. manchester then had two competing power companies until 1904 when the manchester light and power company purchased the transmission system of the vail company. 4.958070100322966

1688. this was fortunate as the vail plant burned in 1905. 11.350691961998146

1689. the colonial light and power company was succeeded by the vermont hydro-electric corporation which in turn was absorbed by the central vermont public service corporation. 5.852546799710591

1690. the latter now furnishes the area with electricity distributed from a modern sub-station at manchester depot which was put into operation february 19 1930 and was improved in january 1942 by the installation of larger transformers. 6.601821037808512

1691. for a time following the abandonment of the local plant electric current for manchester was brought in from the south with an emergency tie-in with the vermont marble company system to the north. 6.769365940609563

1692. some who have written on utopia have treated it as a learned diversion of a learned world a phantasy with which more amused himself a holiday work a spontaneous overflow of intellectual high spirits a revel of debate paradox comedy and invention. 6.093656081597252

1693. with respect to this view two points are worth making. 7.187365013754166

1694. first it appears to be based on the fact that on its title page utopia is described as festivus gay. 10.304233160642921

1695. it overlooks the other fact that it is described as nec minus salutaris quam festivus no less salutary than gay. 6.853641928480741

1696. it also overlooks the fact that in a rational lexicon and quite clearly in more's lexicon the opposite of serious is not gay but frivolous and the opposite of gay is not serious but solemn. 8.395362613648137

1697. more believed that a man could be both serious and gay. 7.849247445858565

1698. that a writer who is gay cannot be serious is a common professional illusion sedulously fostered by all too many academics who mistakenly believe that their frivolous efforts should be taken seriously because they are expressed with that dreary solemnity which is the only mode of expression their authors are capable of. 6.603967255903179

1699. secondly to find a learned diversion and a pleasing joke in more's account of the stupid brutalities of early sixteenth century wars of the anguish of the poor and dispossessed of the insolence and cruelty of the rich and powerful requires a callousness toward suffering and sin that would be surprising in a moral imbecile and most surprising in more himself. 4.800773437968194

1700. indeed it is even surprising in the canon of christ church and regius professor of ecclesiastical history who fathered this most peculiar view and in the brilliant professor of medieval and renaissance english at cambridge who inherited it and is now its most eminent proponent. 5.943773571418687

1701. but to return to the main line of our inquiry. 13.421664945931663

1702. it is doubtful that utopia is still widely read because more was medieval or even because he was a martyr- indeed it is likely that these days many who read utopia with interest do not even know that its author was a martyr. 6.910725142464559

1703. utopia is still widely read because in a sense more stood on the margin of modernity. 6.051743225543437

1704. and if he did stand on the margins of modernity it was not in dying a martyr for such unity as papal supremacy might be able to force on western christendom. 9.251469489427912

1705. it was not even in writing latin epigrams sometimes bawdy ones or in translating lucian from greek into latin or in defending the study of greek against the attack of conservative academics or in attacking the conservative theologians who opposed erasmus's philological study of the new testament. 5.696840260430347



1706. similar literary exercises were the common doings of a christian humanist of the first two decades of the sixteenth century.

8.129844902668426

1707. had more's writings been wholly limited to such exercises they would be almost as dimly remembered as those of a dozen or so other authors living in his time whose works tenuously survive in the minds of the few hundred scholars who each decade in pursuit of their very specialized occasions read those works.

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1708. more stands on the margins of modernity for one reason alone- because he wrote utopia.

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1709. and the evidence that he does indeed stand there derives quite simply from the vigorous interest with which rather casual readers have responded to that book for the past century or so.

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1710. only one other contemporary of more's evokes so immediate and direct a response and only one other contemporary work- niccolo machiavelli and the prince.

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1711. can we discover what it is in utopia that has evoked this response?

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1712. remember that in seeking the modern in utopia we do not deny the existence of the medieval and the renaissance there; we do not even need to commit ourselves to assessing on the same inconceivable scale the relative importance of the medieval the renaissance and the modern.

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1713. the medieval was the most important to chambers because he sought to place thomas more the author of utopia in some intelligible relation with st thomas more the martyr.

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1714. to others whose concern it is to penetrate the significance of christian humanism the renaissance elements are of primary concern.

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1715. but here we have a distinctly modern preoccupation; we want to know why that book has kept on selling the way it has; we want to know what is perennially new about utopia.

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1716. what is new about it?

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1717. to that question the answer is simple; it can be made in two words utopian communism.

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1718. but it is an answer which opens the door wide to an onrush of objections and denials.

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1719. surely there is nothing new about communism.

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1720. we find it in plato's republic and in utopia more acknowledges his debt to that book.

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1721. we find it in that common way of life h pleasing to christ and h still in use among the truest societies of christians that is the better monasteries which made it easier to convert the utopians to christianity.

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1722. we find it in the later stoic conception of man's natural condition which included the community of all possessions.

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1723. this conception was taken up by the early church fathers and by canon lawyers and theologians in the middle ages; and more was far too well read not to have come across it in one or several of the forms thus given it.

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1724. but although the idea of communism is very old even in more's day and did not spring full-clad from his imagination in 1515 it is not communism as such that we are concerned with.

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1725. we are concerned not with the genus communism nor with other species of the genus: platonic stoic early christian monastic canonist or theological communism; we are concerned with utopian communism- that is simply communism as it appears in the imaginary commonwealth of utopia as more conceived it.

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1726. perhaps one way to sharpen our sense of the modernity of utopian communism is to contrast it with the principal earlier types of communistic theory. 8.549480168129186

1727. we will achieve a more vivid sense of what it is by realizing what it is not. 10.730475444439154

1728. in plato's republic communism is- to speak anachronistically- a communism of janissaries. 9.047975442535272

1729. its function is to separate from the base ruled mass among whom private ownership prevails the governing warrior elite. 5.650746150781882

1730. moreover it is too readily forgotten that in the republic what gave the initial impetus to plato's excursus into the construction of an imaginary commonwealth with its ruling-class communism of goods wives and children was his quest for a canon for the proper ordering of the individual human psyche; and it is to this problem that the republic ultimately returns. 6.674330339536156

1731. in more's utopia communism is nota means of separating out a warrior elite from the lumpish mass. 6.293307836623727

1732. utopian communism applies to all utopians. 11.624761621269448

1733. and in the economy of the book it is not peripheral but central. 13.71127166671565

1734. the concern of utopia is with the optimo reipublicae statu the best ordering of a civil society; and it is again and again made clear that utopian communism provides the institutional array indispensable to that best ordering. 6.790628496489725

1735. to derive utopian communism from the jerusalem christian community of the apostolic age or from its medieval successors-in-spirit the monastic communities is with an appropriate shift of adjectives misleading in the same way as to derive it from plato's republic: in the republic we have to do with an elite of physical and intellectual athletes in the apostolic and monastic communities with an elite of spiritual and religious athletes. 5.240320169558137

1736. the apostolic community was literally an elite: chosen by christ himself. 9.430036403335416

1737. and the monastic communities were supposed to be made up of volunteers selected only after a novitiate which would test their religious aptitude for monastic rigors their spiritual athleticism. 6.985223359130126

1738. finally the conception of the natural community of all possessions which originated with the stoics was firmly fixed in a tradition by more's time although it was not accepted by all the theologian-philosophers of the middle ages. 6.0352088719041825

1739. in that tradition communism lay a safe distance back in the age of innocence before the fall of man. 7.4489019043886096

1740. it did not serve to contrast the existing order of society with a possible alternative order because the age of innocence was not a possible alternative once man had sinned. 8.558893150584547

1741. the actual function of patristic-civilian-canonist-scholastic communism was adequately set forth by st gregory almost a millenium before more wrote utopia. 5.8855750083716

1742. the soil is common to all men h. 11.958446886300605

1743. when we give the necessities of life to the poor we restore to them what is already theirs. 8.779267424699814

1744. we should think of it more as an act of justice than compassion. 13.756933105628148

1745. because community not severalty of property is the law of nature no man can assert an absolutelyunalterable right to what is his. 7.682065645336881

1746. indeed of all that is his every man is by nature and reason and therefore by conscience obligated to regard himself as a custodian.

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1747. he is a trustee for the common good however feeble the safeguards which the positive or municipal law of property provides against his misuse of that share of the common fund wisely or unwisely entrusted to his keeping. 6.086671158878822

1748. in contrast to this stoic-patristic view utopia implies that the nature of man is such that to rely on individual conscience to supply the deficiencies of municipal law is to embark on the bottomless sea of human sinfulness in a sieve. 8.095617244393683

1749. the utopians brace conscience with legal sanctions.

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1750. in a properly ordered society the massive force of public law performs the function which in natural law theory ineptly is left altogether to a small voice so often still. 6.134376786444851

1751. in all the respects just indicated utopian communism differs from previous conceptions in which community of possessions and living plays a role. 7.19656741681345

1752. neither from one of these conceptions nor from a combination of them can it be deduced. 10.583829172177266

1753. we do not deny originality to the agamemnon because aeschylus found the tales of the house of atreus among the folk lore of the greeks.

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1754. in a like sense whatever bits or shreds of previous conceptions one may find in it utopian communism remains as an integral whole original- a new thing. 6.5062665218547036

1755. it is not merely a new thing; it is one of the very few new things in utopia; most of the rest is medieval or humanist or part of an old tradition of social criticism. 8.85407928288562

1756. but to say that at a moment in history something is new is not necessarily to say that it is modern; and for this statement the best evidence comes within the five years following the publication of utopia when martin luther elaborates a new perception of the nature of the divine's encounter with man. 7.218971680341956

1757. new indeed is luther's perception but not modern as anyone knows who has ever tried to make intelligible to modern students what luther was getting at. 5.316736446672056

1758. although utopian communism is both new in 1516 and also modern it is not modern communism or even modern socialism as they exist or have ever existed in theory or in practice. 6.7355149487724075

1759. consider the features of utopian communism: generous public provision for the infirm; democratic and secret elections of all officers including priests meals taken publicly in common

refectories; a common habit or uniform prescribed for all citizens; even houses changed once a decade; six hours of manual labor a day for all but a handful of magistrates and scholars and careful measures to prevent anyone from shirking; no private property no money; no sort of pricing at all for any goods or services and therefore no market in the economic sense of the term. 4.497430251962994

1760. whatever the merits of its intent utopian communism is far too naive far too crude to suit any modern socialist or communist.

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1761. it is not the details of utopian communism that make utopia modern it is the spirit the attitude of mind that informs those details.

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1762. what that spirit and attitude were we can best understand if we see more precisely how it contrasts with the communist tradition with the longest continuous history the one which reached christianity by

the way of stoicism through the church fathers of late antiquity.

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1763. during the dorr trial the democratic press condemned the proceedings and heralded dorr as a martyr to the principles of the declaration of independence. 7.001334280461251

1764. during the brown trial however the state's most powerful democratic newspaper the providence daily post stated that brown was a murderer a man of blood and that he and his associates with the assistance of republicans and abolitionists had plotted not only the liberation of the slaves but also the overthrow of state and federal governments. 7.406407422726786

1765. the providence daily journal answered the daily post by stating that the raid of john brown was characteristic of democratic acts of violence and that he was acting in direct opposition to the republican party who proclaim as one of their cardinal principles that they do not interfere with slavery in the states. 5.654446132520343

1766. the two major newspapers in providence continued throughout the crisis to accuse each other of misrepresenting the facts and attempting to falsify history. 7.508653903448094

1767. while the daily post continued to accuse republicans and the daily journal continued to accuse democrats the woonsocket patriot complained that the virginia authorities showed indecent and cowardly haste to condemn brown and his men. 4.78552257252053

1768. editor foss stated of their guilt h there can be no doubt h but they are entitled to sufficient time to prepare for trial and h a fair trial. 0.0

1769. the providence daily post thought that there were probably good reasons for the haste in which the trial was being conducted and that the only thing gained by a delay would be calmer feelings. 6.29375376296826

1770. the providence daily journal stated that although the guilt of brown was evident the south must guarantee him a fair trial to preserve domestic peace. 7.403948156801749

1771. on october 31 1859 john brown was found guilty of treason against the state of virginia inciting slave rebellion and murder. 6.8365422417799415

1772. for these crimes he was sentenced to be hanged in public on friday december 2 1859. 9.850008953398907

1773. upon receiving the news northern writers editors and clergymen heaped accusations of murder on the southern states particularly virginia. 5.602530471305461

1774. although rhode islanders were preparing for the state elections they watched john brown's trial with extreme interest. 7.7788803119653105

1775. on wednesday morning november 2 1859 the providence daily journal stated that although brown justly deserved the extreme penalty no man however criminal ought to suffer the penalty without a fairer trial. 5.166550092484673

1776. the editor's main criticism of the trial was the haste with which it was conducted. 10.505052883989906

1777. the readers of the providence daily post however learned that it was generally conceded that old brown had a fair trial. 6.41675664931855

1778. concerning the sentence the editor asked what else can virginia do than to hang the men who have defied her laws organized treason and butchered her citizens. 6.09983039226678

1779. in the eastern section of the state the newspapers' reaction to brown's trial and sentence were basically identical. 9.471559271359766

1780. j wheaton smith editor of the warren telegraph stated that the ends of justice must be satisfied a solitary example must be set in order that all those misnamed philanthropists sic who actuated

by a blind zeal dare to instigate riot treason and murder may heed it and shape their future course accordingly. 5.7572138103775785

1781. the editor of the newport advertiser could discover no evidence of extenuating circumstances in the brown trial which would warrant making an exception to the infliction of capital punishment.

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1782. in direct contrast to the other rhode island editors samuel s foss of the woonsocket patriot outwardly condemned the trial as being completely unfair. 7.494024241141003

1783. concerning the sentence foss wrote if it be possible h that mercy shall override vengeance h and that john brown's sentence shall be commuted to imprisonment it would be well- well for the country h and for virginia. 4.693837359448853

1784. despite the excitement being caused by the trial and sentence of john brown rhode islanders turned their attention to the state elections. 9.831834914418453

1785. the state had elected republican candidates in the past two years. 10.629471928084733

1786. there was no doubt as to the control the republican party exercised throughout the state. 15.019297435414208

1787. if it failed on occasion to elect its candidates for general state offices by majorities the failure was due to a lingering remnant of the know-nothing party which called itself the american republican party. 5.813004471775559

1788. the american republicans and the republicans both nominated lieutenant-governor turner for governor. 9.863462450239794

1789. elisha r potter was the democratic candidate. 7.622507342753323

1790. the results of the election of 1859 found republican candidates not only winning the offices of governor and lieutenant-governor but also obtaining the two congressional offices from the eastern and western sections of the state. 7.486905181040149

1791. during the month of november hardly a day passed when there was not some mention of john brown in the rhode island newspapers.

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1792. on november 7 1859 the providence daily journal reprinted a letter sent to john brown from e b a quaker lady in newport.

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1793. in reference to brown's raid she wrote though we are non-resistants and religiously believe it better to reform by moral and not by carnal weapons h we know thee was anemated sic by the most generous and philanthropic motives. 4.665147571492932

1794. e b compared john brown to moses in that they were both acting to deliver millions from oppression. 7.45847403908173

1795. in contrast to e b most rhode islanders hardly thought of john brown as being another moses. 7.672765922445077

1796. most attempts to develop any sympathy for brown and his actions found an unresponsive audience in rhode island. 8.012492325072822

1797. on wednesday evening november 23 1859 in warren rev mark trafton of new bedford gave a mission of sympathy lecture in which he favorably viewed the harper's ferry insurrection. 5.83276718117318

1798. the warren telegraph stated that many of rev trafton's remarks were inappropriate and savored strongly of radicalism and fanaticism.

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1799. in its account of the trafton lecture the providence daily post said that the remarks of rev trafton made the people indignant.

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1800. no sympathy or admiration for brown could be found in the providence daily post for the editor claimed that there were a score of men in the state prison who were a thousand times more deserving of sympathy. 9.470009324029682

1801. the providence daily journal however stated that brown's courage  
bravery and heroism in a good cause would make a man a martyr; it  
gives something of dignity even to a bad one. 5.482722974299088

1802. the woonsocket patriot admitted that john brown might deserve  
punishment or imprisonment but he should no more be hung than henry a  
wise or james buchanan. 6.759075170978014

1803. the newport mercury exhibited more concern over the possibility  
of the abolitionists making a martyr of brown than it did over the  
development of sympathy for him. 6.076611907364692

1804. in her letter to john brown e b the quakeress from newport had  
suggested that the american people owed more honor to john brown  
for seeking to free the slaves than they did to george washington.  
7.49089515317016

1805. during the latter days of november to the day of brown's  
execution it seems that most rhode islanders did not concur in e b's  
suggestion. 5.493310502061078

1806. on november 22 1859 the providence daily journal stated that  
although brown's pluck and honest fanaticism must be admired any honor  
paid to brown would only induce other fanatics to imitate his  
actions. 6.986245709640826

1807. a week later the daily journal had discovered the initial plans  
of some providence citizens to hold a meeting honoring john brown on  
the day of his execution. 5.754655149236935

1808. the editor of the daily journal warned h that if such a  
demonstration be made it will not find support or countenance from any  
of the men whose names are recognized as having a right to speak for  
providence. 7.437772766422768

1809. the providence daily post's editor wrote that he could not  
believe that a meeting honoring brown was to be held in providence.  
7.5854605012165575

1810. he further called upon the people of providence to rebuke the  
meeting and avoid disgrace. 10.1924612667147

1811. on december 2 1859 john brown was hanged at charles town virginia.  
8.165444542962874

1812. extraordinary precautions were taken so that no stranger be  
allowed in the city and no citizen within the enclosure surrounding  
the scaffold. 8.265355556400815

1813. in many northern towns and cities meetings were held and church  
bells were tolled. 7.819176677560846

1814. such was not the case in rhode island. 11.127501089043744

1815. the only public demonstration in honor of john brown was held at  
pratt's hall in providence on the day of his execution. 6.301229890986515

1816. despite the opposition of the city newspapers the pratt hall  
meeting brought together a very respectable audience composed in part of  
those who had been distinguished for years for their radical views upon  
the subject of slavery of many of our colored citizens and of those who  
were attracted to the place by the novelty of such a gathering.  
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1817. seated on the platform were amos c barstow ex-mayor of  
providence and a wealthy republican stove manufacturer; thomas davis  
an uncompromising garrisonian; the reverend augustus woodbury a  
unitarian minister; the reverend george t day a free-will baptist;  
daniel w vaughan and william h h clements. 4.478998089126696

1818. the latter two were appointed secretaries. 15.015277771480363

1819. the first speaker was amos c barstow who had been unanimously  
chosen president of the meeting. 8.387117123230578

1820. he spoke of his desire to promote the abolition of slavery by  
peaceable means and he compared john brown of harper's ferry to the  
john brown of rhode island's colonial period. 7.635116256816683

1821. barstow concluded that as rhode island's john brown became a canonized hero if not a saint so would it be with john brown of harper's ferry. 4.939408800593548

1822. the next speaker was george t day. 14.768257079976625

1823. although admitting brown's guilt on legal grounds day said that brown is no common criminal; his deed was not below but above the law. 5.3605096340555365

1824. following day was woodbury who spoke of his disapproval of brown's attempt at servile insurrection his admiration of brown's character and his opposition to slavery. 6.903884072338288

1825. woodbury's remarks were applauded by a portion of the audience several times and once there was hissing. 7.649633957434579

1826. the fourth and last speaker was thomas davis. 14.713057650315097

1827. by this time large numbers of the audience had left the hall. 13.323422565952614

1828. davis commenced his remarks by an allusion to the general feeling of opposition which the meeting had encountered from many of the citizens and all the newspapers of the city. 6.746800252800647

1829. he said that the propriety or impropriety of such a gathering was a question that was to be settled by every man in accordance with the convictions of private judgments. 8.960813389182205

1830. in the remainder of his speech davis spoke of his admiration for brown and warned those who took part in the meeting that they are liable to the charge that they are supporting traitors and upholding men whom the laws have condemned. 8.016356252822971

1831. he recalled that in rhode island a party opposed to the state's condemnation of a man proclaimed the state's action as a violation of the law of the land and the principles of human liberty. 7.065964602967641

1832. at the close of davis's speech the following preamble and resolutions were read by the president and on the question of their adoption passed unanimously: whereas john brown has cheerfully risked his life in endeavoring to deliver those who are denied all rights and is this day doomed to suffer death for his efforts in behalf of those who have no helper: therefore resolved that while we most decidedly disapprove the methods he adopted to accomplish his objects yet in his willingness to die in aid of the great cause of human freedom we still recognize the qualities of a noble nature and the exercise of a spirit which true men have always admired and which history never fails to honor. 6.453207087225804

1833. resolved that his wrongs and bereavements in kansas occasioned by the violence and brutality of those who were intent on the propagation of slavery in that territory call for a charitable judgment upon his recent efforts in virginia to undermine the despotism from which he had suffered and commend his family to the special sympathy and aid of all who pity suffering and reverence justice. 4.544304520807469

1834. resolved that the anti-slavery sentiment is becoming ripe for resolute action. 8.090086871834746

1835. resolved that we find in this fearful tragedy at harper's ferry a reason for more earnest effort to remove the evil of slavery from the whole land as speedily as possible. 5.277318820493475

1836. on the morning following the pratt hall meeting the editor of the providence daily journal wrote that although the meeting was milder and less extreme than those held in other areas for similar purposes it could have been avoided completely. 8.36543660274874

1837. rather than being deceived the eye is puzzled; instead of seeing objects in space it sees nothing more than- a picture. 6.445496664123035

1838. through 1911 and 1912 as the cubist facet-plane's tendency to adhere to the literal surface became harder and harder to deny the task of keeping the surface at arm's length fell all the more to eye-undeceiving contrivances. 6.183186985638247

1839. to reinforce and sometimes to replace the simulated typography braque and picasso began to mix sand and other foreign substances with their paint; the granular texture thus created likewise called attention to the reality of the surface and was effective over much larger areas. 5.764218648621162

1840. in certain other pictures however braque began to paint areas in exact simulation of wood graining or marbleizing. 8.392442651917648

1841. these areas by virtue of their abrupt density of pattern stated the literal surface with such new and superior force that the resulting contrast drove the simulated printing into a depth from which it could be rescued- and set to shuttling again- only by conventional perspective; that is by being placed in such relation to the forms depicted within the illusion that these forms left no room for the typography except near the surface. 4.4918623870537076

1842. the accumulation of such devices however soon had the effect of telescoping even while separating surface and depth. 9.329718690063466

1843. the process of flattening seemed inexorable and it became necessary to emphasize the surface still further in order to prevent it from fusing with the illusion. 6.293482407274422

1844. it was for this reason and no other that i can see that in september 1912 braque took the radical and revolutionary step of pasting actual pieces of imitation-woodgrain wallpaper to a drawing on paper instead of trying to simulate its texture in paint. 8.40862933168598

1845. picasso says that he himself had already made his first collage toward the end of 1911 when he glued a piece of imitation-caning oilcloth to a painting on canvas. 6.608654188169467

1846. it is true that his first collage looks more analytical than braque's which would confirm the date he assigns it. 11.95018499411066

1847. but it is also true that braque was the consistent pioneer in the use of simulated textures as well as of typography; and moreover he had already begun to broaden and simplify the facet-planes of analytical cubism as far back as the end of 1910. 7.798869797692726

1848. when we examine what each master says was his first collage we see that much the same thing happens in each. 10.009650139710573

1849. that braque's collage is on paper and eked out in charcoal by its greater corporeal presence and its greater extraneousness the affixed paper or cloth serves for a seeming moment to push everything else into a more vivid idea of depth than the simulated printing or simulated textures had ever done. 4.575231936727398

1850. but here again the surface-declaring device both overshoots and falls short of its aim. 9.063763358105355

1851. for the illusion of depth created by the contrast between the affixed material and everything else gives way immediately to an illusion of forms in bas-relief which gives way in turn and with equal immediacy to an illusion that seems to contain both- or neither. 5.155399326705275

1852. because of the size of the areas it covers the pasted paper establishes undepicted flatness bodily as more than an indication or sign. 13.06503371473196

1853. literal flatness now tends to assert itself as the main event of the picture and the device boomerangs: the illusion of depth is rendered even more precarious than before. 5.061022894047201

1854. instead of isolating the literal flatness by specifying and circumscribing it the pasted paper or cloth releases and spreads it and



the artist seems to have nothing left but this undepicted flatness with which to finish as well as start his picture. 7.323443848917472  
1855. the actual surface becomes both ground and background and it turns out- suddenly and paradoxically- that the only place left for a three-dimensional illusion is in front of upon the surface.

5.9103807356432965

1856. in their very first collages braque and picasso draw or paint over and on the affixed paper or cloth so that certain of the principal features of their subjects as depicted seem to thrust out into real bas-relief space- or to be about to do so- while the rest of the subject remains imbedded in or flat upon the surface. 6.851875011958627  
1857. and the surface is driven back in its very surfaceness only by this contrast. 7.5619610009659075

1858. in the upper center of braque's first collage fruit dish a bunch of grapes is rendered with such conventionally vivid sculptural effect as to lift it practically off the picture plane.

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1859. the trompe-l'oeil illusion here is no longer enclosed between parallel flatnesses but seems to thrust through the surface of the drawing paper and establish depth on top of it. 5.934725622977054

1860. yet the violent immediacy of the wallpaper strips pasted to the paper and the only lesser immediacy of block capitals that simulate window lettering manage somehow to push the grape cluster back into place on the picture plane so that it does not jump. 7.816019890583046

1861. at the same time the wallpaper strips themselves seem to be pushed into depth by the lines and patches of shading charcoaled upon them and by their placing in relation to the block capitals; and these capitals seem in turn to be pushed back by their placing and by contrast with the corporeality of the woodgraining. 5.685060518747864

1862. thus every part and plane of the picture keeps changing place in relative depth with every other part and plane; and it is as if the only stable relation left among the different parts of the picture is the ambivalent and ambiguous one that each has with the surface.

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1863. and the same thing more or less can be said of the contents of picasso's first collage. 12.48426561568046

1864. in later collages of both masters a variety of extraneous materials are used sometimes in the same work and almost always in conjunction with every other eye-deceiving and eye-undeceiving device they can think of. 7.17395119863937

1865. the area adjacent to one edge of a piece of affixed material- or simply of a painted-in form- will be shaded to pry that edge away from the surface while something will be drawn painted or even pasted over another part of the same shape to drive it back into depth.

5.3741721271424

1866. planes defined as parallel to the surface also cut through it into real space and a depth is suggested optically which is greater than that established pictorially. 6.046219493410928

1867. all this expands the oscillation between surface and depth so as to encompass fictive space in front of the surface as well as behind it. 7.392144884266809

1868. flatness may now monopolize everything but it is a flatness become so ambiguous and expanded as to turn into illusion itself- at least an optical if not properly speaking a pictorial illusion.

6.669091043463327

1869. depicted cubist flatness is now almost completely assimilated to the literal undepicted kind but at the same time it reacts upon and largely transforms the undepicted kind- and it does so moreover without depriving the latter of its literalness; rather it underpins and reinforces that literalness re-creates it. 5.227113559961203

1870. out of this re-created literalness the cubist subject reemerged. 15.839022710561869

1871. for it had turned out by a further paradox of cubism that the means to an illusion of depth and plasticity had now become widely divergent from the means of representation or imaging. 5.924143006945969

1872. in the analytical phase of their cubism braque and picasso had not only had to minimize three-dimensionality simply in order to preserve it; they had also had to generalize it- to the point finally where the illusion of depth and relief became abstracted from specific three-dimensional entities and was rendered largely as the illusion of depth and relief as such: as a disembodied attribute and expropriated property detached from everything not itself. 6.273115724412167

1873. in order to be saved plasticity had had to be isolated; and as the aspect of the subject was transposed into those clusters of more or less interchangeable and contour-obliterating facet-planes by which plasticity was isolated under the cubist method the subject itself became largely unrecognizable. 5.821668751334879

1874. cubism in its 1911-1912 phase was on the verge of abstract art. 7.615092762846159

1875. it was then that picasso and braque were confronted with a unique dilemma: they had to choose between illusion and representation. 7.940053434527958

1876. if they opted for illusion it could only be illusion per se- an illusion of depth and of relief so general and abstracted as to exclude the representation of individual objects. 7.544992431196737

1877. if on the other hand they opted for representation it had to be representation per se- representation as image pure and simple without connotations of the three-dimensional space in which the objects represented originally existed. 5.4381683460706505

1878. it was the collage that made the terms of this dilemma clear: the representational could be restored and preserved only on the flat and literal surface now that illusion and representation had become for the first time mutually exclusive alternatives. 7.94894832720447

1879. in the end picasso and braque plumped for the representational and it would seem they did so deliberately. 10.530728638869983

1880. but the inner formal logic of cubism as it worked itself out through the collage had just as much to do with shaping their decision. 8.84590206424632

1881. when the smaller facet-planes of analytical cubism were placed upon or juxtaposed with the large dense shapes formed by the affixed materials of the collage they had to coalesce- become synthesized- into larger planar shapes themselves simply in order to maintain the integrity of the picture plane. 5.615217721960097

1882. left in their previous atom-like smallness they would have cut away too abruptly into depth; and the broad opaque shapes of pasted paper would have been isolated in such a way as to make them jump out of plane. 7.22308603525201

1883. large planes juxtaposed with other large planes tend to assert themselves as independent shapes and to the extent that they are flat they also assert themselves as silhouettes; and independent silhouettes are apt to coincide with the recognizable contours of the subject from which a picture starts. 5.089574935992049

1884. it was because of this chain-reaction as much as for any other reason- that is because of the growing independence of the planar unit in collage as a shape- that the identity of depicted objects or at least parts of them re-emerged in braque's and picasso's papiers collés and continued to remain more conspicuous there- but only as flattened silhouettes- than in any of their paintings done wholly in oil before the end of 1913. 6.781089267002746

1885. analytical cubism came to an end in the collage but not conclusively; nor did synthetic cubism fully begin there.

5.236383152695367

1886. only when the collage had been exhaustively translated into oil and transformed by this translation did cubism become an affair of positive color and flat interlocking silhouettes whose legibility and placement created allusions to if not the illusion of unmistakable three-dimensional identities.

6.200461707338752

1887. synthetic cubism began with picasso alone late in 1913 or early in 1914; this was the point at which he finally took the lead in cubist innovation away from braque never again to relinquish it.

5.351618960068526

1888. but even before that picasso had glimpsed and entered for a moment a certain revolutionary path in which no one had preceded him.

9.323592251036969

1889. it was as though in that instant he had felt the flatness of collage as too constricting and had suddenly tried to escape all the way back- or forward- to literal three-dimensionality.

6.425611220251034

1890. this he did by using utterly literal means to carry the forward push of the collage literally into the literal space in front of the picture plane.

8.890041861443022

1891. some time in 1912 picasso cut out and folded a piece of paper in the shape of a guitar; to this he glued and fitted other pieces of paper and four taut strings thus creating a sequence of flat surfaces in real and sculptural space to which there clung only the vestige of a picture plane.

4.583650624155594

1892. the affixed elements of collage were extruded as it were and cut off from the literal pictorial surface to form a bas-relief.

7.7036145166949765

1893. and without high density in the core rapid-transit systems cannot be maintained economically let alone built from scratch at today's prices.

5.780015580284884

1894. however the building of freeways and garages cannot continue forever.

11.045492157375909

1895. the new interchange among the four los angeles freeways including the grade-constructed accesses occupies by itself no less than eighty acres of downtown land one-eighth of a square mile an area

about the size of rockefeller center in new york.

5.592635127419237

1896. it is hard to believe that this mass of intertwined concrete constitutes what the law calls the highest and best use of centrally located urban land.

10.073806918041567

1897. as it affects the city's fiscal situation such an interchange is ruinous; it removes forever from the tax rolls property which should be taxed to pay for the city services.

7.282524625225396

1898. subways improved land values without taking away land; freeways boost valuation less and reduce the acreage that can be taxed.

7.238056180642532

1899. downtown los angeles is already two-thirds freeway interchange street parking lot and garage- one of those preposterous if statistics has already come to pass.

5.257307633900222

1900. the freeway with narrowly spaced interchanges concentrates and mitigates the access problem but it also acts inevitably as an artificial isolating boundary.

7.4566280023606915

1901. city planners do not always use this boundary as effectively as they might.

6.409536690321955

1902. less ambitious freeway plans may be more successful- especially when the roadways and interchanges are raised allowing for cross access at many points and providing parking areas below the ramp.

6.204855426926829

1903. meanwhile the automobile and its friend the truck have cost the central city some of its industrial dominance. 5.8019468101117315

1904. in ever greater numbers factories are locating in the suburbs or in industrial parks removed from the city's political jurisdiction. 8.255405050793478

1905. the appeal of the suburb is particularly strong for heavy industry which must move bulky objects along a lengthy assembly line and wants enough land area to do the entire job on one floor. 5.71810131098908

1906. to light industry the economies of being on one floor are much slighter but efficiency engineers usually believe in them and manufacturers looking for ways to cut costs cannot be prevented from turning to efficiency engineers. 6.300809634716768

1907. this movement of industry away from the central cities is not so catastrophically new as some prophets seem to believe. 6.223081203743542

1908. it is merely the latest example of the leapfrog growth which formed the pattern of virtually all american cities. 7.95603204054056

1909. the big factories which are relatively near the centers of our cities- the rubber factories in akron chrysler's detroit plants ussteel's pittsburgh works- often began on these sites at a time when that was the edge of the city yet close to transport and power. 5.788081919159148

1910. the leapfrog was a phenomenon of the railroad and the steam turbine and the time when the belts of residence surrounding the old factory area were not yet blighted. 7.497288527224647

1911. the truck and the car gave the manufacturer a new degree of freedom in selecting his plant site. 6.040227447879625

1912. until internal combustion became cheap he had to be near a railroad siding and a trolley line or an existing large community of lower-class homes. 7.817525253817118

1913. the railroad siding is still important- it is usually though not always true that long-haul shipment by rail is cheaper than trucking. 5.782847598766815

1914. but anybody who promises a substantial volume of business can get a railroad to run a short spur to his plant these days and many businesses can live without the railroad. 6.763332865946206

1915. and there are now many millions of workers for whom the factory with the big parking lot which can be reached by driving across or against the usual pattern of rush hour traffic and grille-route bus lines is actually more convenient than the walk-to factory. 5.155500035426077

1916. willow run general electric's enormous installations at louisville and syracuse the pentagon boeing in seattle douglas and lockheed in los angeles the new automobile assembly plants everywhere- none of these issubstantially served by any sort of conventional mass rapid transit. 5.930123421182118

1917. they are all suburban plants relying on the roads to keep them supplied with workers. 8.865091841116

1918. and wherever the new thruways go up their banks are lined by neat glass and metal and colored brick light industry. 7.199656001293057

1919. the drive along massachusetts' route 128 the by-pass which makes an arc about twenty miles from downtown boston may be a vision of the future. 5.3596486551143485

1920. the future could be worse. 13.848082117783294

1921. the plants along route 128 are mostly well designed and nicely set against the new england rocks and trees. 6.727556652604531

1922. they can even be rather grand like edward land's monument to the astonishing success of polaroid. 9.493647800865702

1923. but they deny the values of the city- the crowded competitive tolerant city the melting pot which gave off so many of the most admirable american qualities. 7.461231532667947

1924. they are segregated businesses combining again on one site the factory and the office drawing their work force from segregated communities. 7.955076995961806

1925. it is interesting to note how many of the plants on massachusetts' route 128 draw most of their income either from the government in non-competitive cost-plus arrangements or from the exploitation of patents which grant at least a partial monopoly. 7.301972951377558

1926. while the factories were always the center of the labor market they were often on the city's periphery. 9.012698603219029

1927. in spreading the factories even farther the automobile may not have changed to any great extent the growth pattern of the cities. 6.564544075999645

1928. even the loss of hotel business to the outskirts' motel has been relatively painless; the hotel-motel demarcation is becoming harder to find every year. 8.023860528380537

1929. what hurts most is the damage the automobile has done to central-city retailing especially in those cities where public transit is feeble. 5.698896856754638

1930. some retailing of course always spreads with the population- grocery stores drugstores local haberdasheries and dress shops candy stores and the like. 6.928982445761588

1931. but whenever a major purchase was contemplated forty years ago- a new bedroom set or a winter coat an easter bonnet a bicycle for junior- the family set off for the downtown department store where the selection would be greatest. 4.991884827465006

1932. department stores congregated in the one hundred per cent location where all the transit lines converged. 6.886249538313906

1933. these stores are still there but the volume of the downtown store has been on a relative decline while in many cities the suburban branch sells more and more dry goods. 6.171683885655582

1934. if the retailer and hotelman's downtown unit sales have been decreasing however his dollar volume continues to rise and it is dollars which you put in the bank. 8.181246581774989

1935. in most discussions of this phenomenon the figures are substantially inflated. 9.122329610706158

1936. no suburban shopping-center branch- not even hudson's vast northland outside detroit- does anything like the unit volume of business or carries anything like the variety of merchandise to be found in the home store. 8.114174863986696

1937. telephone orders distort the picture: the suburbanite naturally calls a local rather than a central-city number if both are listed in an advertisement especially if the local call eliminates city sales tax. 4.8544455515306915

1938. the suburban branch is thereby credited with a sale which would have been made even if its glass doors had never opened. 9.41309394558814

1939. accounting procedures which continue to charge a disproportionate overhead and warehouse expense to the main store make the branches seem more profitable than they are. 4.881197498992359

1940. in many cases that statement we break even on our downtown operation and make money on our branches would be turned around if the cost analysis were recalculated on terms less prejudicial to the old store. 6.895907892894721

1941. fear of the competition- always a great motivating force in the american economy- makes retailers who do not have suburban

operations exaggerate both the volume and the profitability of their rival's shiny new branches. 6.035995758520743

1942. the fact seems to be that very many large branch stores are uneconomical that the choice of location in the suburbs is as important as it was downtown and that even highly suburbanized cities will support only so many big branches. 7.960241431505064

1943. moreover the cost of operations is always high in any new store as the conservative bankers who act as controllers for retail giants are beginning to discover. 6.061537554093685

1944. when all has been said however the big branch store remains a major break with history in the development of american retailing. 9.536753302738177

1945. just as the suburban factory may be more convenient than the downtown plant to the worker with a car the trip to the shopping center may seem far easier than to the downtown department store though both are the same distance from home. 5.172178175753143

1946. indeed there are some cities where the suburban shopping pulls customers who are geographically much nearer to downtown. 8.02998543183852

1947. raymond vernon reports that residents of east st louis have been driving across the mississippi through the heart of downtown st louis and out to the western suburbs for major shopping simply because parking is easier at the big branches than it is in the heart of town. 5.926729970273374

1948. to the extent that the problem is merely parking an aggressive downtown management like that of lazarus brothers in columbus ohio can fight back successfully by building a garage on the lot next door. 8.055514959195731

1949. if the distant patron of the suburban branch has been frightened away from downtown by traffic problems however the city store can only pressure the politicians to do something about the highways or await the completion of the federal highway program. 6.012365124161359

1950. and if the affection for the suburban branch reflects a desire to shop with nice people rather than with the indiscriminate urban mass which supports the downtown department store the central location may be in serious trouble. 7.713098629745551

1951. today according to land economist homer hoyt shopping centers and their associated parking lots cover some 46000 acres of land which is almost exactly the total land area in all the nation's central business districts put together. 5.097751349861165

1952. the downtown store continues to offer the great inducement of variety both within its gates and across the street where other department stores are immediately convenient for the shopper who wants to see what is available before making up her mind. 7.280943023347293

1953. if anything may be predicted in the quicksilver world of retailing it seems likely that the suburban branch will come to dominate children's clothing household gadgetry and the discount business in big-ticket items. 5.234991302337023

1954. department stores were built on dry goods especially ladies' fashions and in this area in the long run the suburban branches will be hard put to compete against downtown. 8.73053719635555

1955. if this analysis is correct the suburban branches will turn out to be what management's cost accountants refuse to acknowledge marginal operations rather than major factors. 6.965441976260615

1956. historically in america the appeal of cities has been their color and life the variety of experience they offered. 7.561275596970306

1957. how ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm? 9.223623211138529

1958. was a question that had to be asked long before they saw paree. 8.382891477782778

1959. though americans usually lived in groups segregated by national origin or religious belief they liked to work and shop in the noise and vitality of downtown. 5.0099227635573635

1960. only a radical change in the nature of the population in the central city would be likely to destroy this preference- and we must now turn our attention to the question of whether such a change gloomily foreseen by so many urban diagnosticians is actually upon us. 8.698759369225792

1961. in their book american skyline christopher tunnard and henry hope reed argue that franklin roosevelt's new deal was what made the modern suburb a possibility-a fine ironical argument when you consider how suburbanites tend to vote. 5.333529430372453

1962. the first superhighways- new york's henry hudson and chicago's lake shore san francisco's bay bridge and its approaches a good slice of the pennsylvania turnpike- were built as part of the federal works program which was going to cure the depression. 6.947300776652275

1963. at the same time roosevelt's federal housing administration coupled with henry morganthau's cheap-money policy permitted ordinary lower-middle-class families to build their own homes. 7.812264881662542

1964. bankers who had been reluctant to lend without better security than the house itself got that security from the u s government; householders who had been unable to pick up the burden of short-term high-interest mortgages found they could borrow for twenty-five years at 4 per cent under government aegis. 7.256996481802477

1965. before losing itself in the sands of the 19th century the grand stream of italian renaissance architectural decoration made a last appearance in the brumidi frescos of the capitol rotunda in washington. 5.816322137650395

1966. the artistic generation after brumidi was trained in the paris of that time to a more meticulous standard of execution and tended to overlook greatness of conception where faults and weakness were easy to find. 6.573065341955498

1967. but it is a great conception. 31.023995328800048

1968. the open ceiling with allegorical and classical figures thrown in masses against the sky: the closed frieze formally divided into historical scenes and tightly tied to the stone walls belong in their large ordering to the line of correggio and his baroque followers. 5.914708560445037

1969. the descent may be remote but this is surely the only full-scale example of that vigorous inheritance in the united states. 5.670580783382225

1970. constantino brumidi designed the decorative scheme as a whole in collaboration with the architect charles u walter at the time when plans were being made to replace the wooden dome of bullfinch with the present much larger iron structure. 7.157946472103617

1971. after many years and many interruptions he was able to finish the canopy fresco and slightly less than half the frieze beginning with the liberty group opposite the east door and ending with william penn all but one leg when a tragic accident ended his career. 5.138884160069826

1972. he left at his death sketches drawn to scale for the rest of the circle. 11.49359476990295

1973. these were carried out not too faithfully by filippo costaggini who began by supplying the missing member to the founder of pennsylvania and noting in pencil in italian that he began at this point. 4.975640010773229

1974. when costaggini had used up all the sketches thirty-six feet of empty frieze were left over. 9.48316051799394

1975. a blank undecorated void plastered in roughcast disfigured the wall of the rotunda until 1951. 6.567059171052165

1976. then advised by the architect of the capitol the joint committee for the library traditionally responsible for the works of art in the building ordered the space cleared and painted in fresco to show the peace after the civil war the spanish-american war and the birth of aviation to match as nearly as feasible brumidi's technique and composition. 6.722527492001212

1977. later the cleaning and restoration were ordered first of the older part of the frieze finally of the canopy. 8.461464506709005

1978. what follows is therefore a description of three separate undertakings the new frescoing of the gap and the successive essays in conservation with some discussion of problems that arose in connection with each. 7.061981068229096

1979. for the use of students and future restorers a full day-by-day record was kept of all three undertakings complete technical reports on what we found and what we did. 6.966244983637631

1980. these may be consulted in the office of the architect of the capitol or the library of congress. 9.345417824482974

1981. the first preliminary was inspecting the unfinished length of frieze a jumble of roughcast and finish coats all in bad condition. 6.340782016999416

1982. it was decided to strip the whole area down to the bricks and to replace the rough coats up to one inch thickness to agree with the older artists' preparation with a mortar one part slakedlime three parts sand to be put on in two layers. 7.6748607056434786

1983. cartoons were drawn full size after sketches had been made to satisfy all the authorities. 6.514355485609624

1984. there was some difficulty here. 27.620949114990722

1985. one had to manage the given subjects three diverse recent events so as to make them part of a classical frieze- that is a pattern of large figures filling the space with not much else against a blank background. 6.047404509479069

1986. moreover all three representations must be squeezed comfortably into little more than the length brumidi allowed for each one of his. 9.12662716328874

1987. when it was all arranged to fit and not to interrupt the lengthwise flow of movement in the frieze the cartoons were tried in place. 7.3075110916581005

1988. the scaffolding a confusion of heavy beams hanging from the gallery above was strong and safe but obscured visibility. 7.48837548295765

1989. nothing could be seen from the floor but by moving around the gallery one could get glimpses; and we were able to decide on some amplification of scale. 5.777212207710725

1990. to be sure of matching color as well as form pieces of cartoon were traced on the roughcast and large samples painted in fresco then left two months to dry out to their final key. 7.581833024065194

1991. later it was gratifying to note that they had set so solidly as to be hard to remove when the time came. 7.163224651031167

1992. the scaffold was the length of the space to be painted. 12.531617291991449

1993. what bits of brumidi and costaggini could be reached at either end seemed in good order though the roughish sandy surface was thick with dust. 5.555282555067309

1994. washed they came out surprisingly clear and bright. 9.060328853487057

1995. it could be seen that both artists used a very thick final coat of plaster one half inch and that both followed the traditional italian fresco technique as described by cennino cennini in the 14th century and current in italy to this day. 5.829373477226255



1996. that is they used opaque color throughout getting solid highlights with active lime white. 10.082331677013586

1997. painting a secco is much in evidence. 7.622507342753323

1998. a brown hatching reinforces and broadens shadows and much of the background is solidly covered with a dark coat. 7.452530369674391

1999. this brown is sometimes so rich in medium as to appear to be oil paint. 7.256648703888728

2000. in our own practice to have the last intonaco plaster coat thick enough to match and at the same time to avoid fine cracks in drying we found that it had to be put on in two layers letting the first set awhile before applying the second. 8.50378255250806

2001. the mortar was three parts sand to two of lime. 7.839212140222358

2002. some of the lime that is always on hand in the capitol basement for plaster repairs was slaked several months for us; but to make it stiffer of a really putty-like consistency to avoid cracking we added a little hydrated lime- hard on the hands but we could see no other disadvantage. 7.365761283383175

2003. i am told that a mortar longer slaked might have remained longer in condition for painting. 8.46720532004783

2004. as it was it took the pigment well for six hours enough for our purpose and held it firmly in setting. 9.441349582537752

2005. it was obvious that to match brumidi white must be mixed with all but the darkest tones. 9.668912062105015

2006. lime white hard and brilliant has a tendency to jump away from the other colors in drying and also by its capacity to set to preclude the use of ready-made gradations so useful in decorative work. 7.069389621017823

2007. in older italian practice lime dried and reground bianco sangiovanni entered into such prepared shades. 7.121101195010236

2008. for convenience we chose a stronger pigment unknown to the early italians or to brumidi titanium oxide reserving the active lime white for highest lights put on at the end of the day's stint. 7.957295626019905

2009. other pigments were mostly raw umber some burnt umber and a little yellow ochre. 6.097608955841794

2010. this last was probably not in brumidi's palette but was needed to take the chill bluish look off the new work next to the old where softening effects of time were seen even after thorough cleaning. 6.86260344642616

2011. the use of secco we tried to restrict to covering joints. 10.071459845956968

2012. experience showed however that it is very difficult to paint a dark umber background in fresco that will not dry out spotty and uneven. 8.429131558951301

2013. later brumidi and costaggini will be seen coping with this same problem. 7.369192064361683

2014. we were forced as they were to work a good deal of tempera into background and dark areas. 12.067468125857795

2015. we made it by doerner's recipe five parts thoroughly washed cheese curd to one of lime putty; ground together they made a strong adhesive which became waterproof in drying. 6.073431069407304

2016. figure 1 was taken in 1953. 9.670406878971576

2017. the new part is finished. 13.462269274192728

2018. on the right is the brumidi liberty group as it looked after cleaning operations which had not yet come around to the other end; where of costaggini only some foliage has been washed at the point where his work stopped. 7.169834525572387

2019. one is led to speculate as to why the empty space was there left for our century to finish. 7.457717264783016

2020. costaggini said it was brumidi's fault in not providing enough material to fill the circle. 7.7415947424293625

2021. brumidi's son later maintained that costaggini had compressed and mutilated his father's designs ambitiously coveting a bit he could claim for his very own. 4.903693293796623

2022. this question might be settled by comparing the measurement of the actual circumference with the dimensions noted presumably in brumidi's hand above the various sections of his long preparatory drawing which has been kept. 6.709138172196773

2023. whose ever fault it is evident that brumidi intended to fill out the whole frieze with his histories and come full circle with the scene of the discovery of california gold. 5.155227809427053

2024. in painting a fresco the handling of wet mortar compels one always to move from top to bottom and from left to right not to spoil yesterday's work with today's plastering. 6.774772254408945

2025. at the very first then brumidi was required by the classically pyramidal shape of his central group to fill in the triangular space above the seated girl on liberty's right before starting on the allegorical figures themselves. 5.30005285639098

2026. here he put a small man whose missing hands might have left his function doubtful until comparison with the first sketches showed that when the artist came back to the beginning this was to be the closing figure of the party of forty-niners and was to hold a basket. 8.43118717204307

2027. one sees costaggini's rendering of the same figure more than thirty feet away. 7.89407439859102

2028. the photograph figure 1 of the completed frieze shows how having been separated from his fellows in useless isolation for eighty years he has now been given a hand and by juxtaposition given a new job to represent the witnesses of the first flight at kitty hawk in 1903. 6.4885958392164405

2029. the startlingly bright effect of the first washings led the committee to order the rest of the brumidi-costaggini cycle cleaned and restored to go with them. 7.700710895162597

2030. the fixed wooden scaffold was removed and so as to reach all the frieze one of pipe on wheels built up from the floor. 7.562397901164827

2031. every few days in the early morning as the work progressed twenty men would appear to push it ahead and to shift the plank foundation that distributed its weight widely on the rotunda pavement supported as it is by ancient brick vaulting. 5.714975107290679

2032. on this giddy and oscillating platform over fifty feet from the floor after a first dusting we began to wash. 9.117969531229706

2033. a most useful tool for wetting the surface without running down was made from a greenhouse mist spray nozzle welded to a hose connection to be used at low water pressure. 5.751463303409271

2034. a valve in the handle let us cut the pressure still lower. 8.40106343233402

2035. one man sprayed with a sponge in hand to check excess wetting. 6.389442761368852

2036. a second assistant mopped with two sponges. 11.87006678428286

2037. in parts a repeated sponging was needed but everywhere we found that water alone was enough to restore the original brightness. 6.664239250405618

2038. no soap or other cleaning agent was used that might bring in unwanted chemical reactions. 7.979643700582811

2039. the painting a fresco stood up superbly; a little of the secco came off. 6.578982329721101

2040. necessary retouching was put on at once. 9.670406878971576

2041. altogether we found the craftsmanship first rate especially  
brumidi's. 6.764147616291221

2042. we were greatly helped by there being no traces of former  
restoring. 10.394674302063548

2043. apparently not more than dusting had ever been done and not much  
of that. 6.732462722613262

2044. the plaster was sound the intonaco firmly attached all over and the  
pigment solidly incorporated with it in all but a few unimportant places.  
7.0792145543296945

2045. the greatest source of trouble was rain which had repeatedly  
flowed from openings above soaking the surface and leaving streaks of  
dissolved lime very conspicuous even after cleaning particularly in the  
landing of columbus oglethorpe and the indians and yorktown.  
4.842222929822367

2046. here the architect referring to the use of the capitol as a  
public building not a museum requested some repainting to maintain  
decorative effect rather than leaving blank unsightly patches.  
8.834000485289488

2047. these frescos have had no care for eighty years. 8.190487125077498

2048. with naked gas jets below and leaky windows above enough to ruin  
wall paintings in any medium they have survived in a building long  
unheated in winter hot and damp under the iron dome in summer.  
6.369359450741108

2049. those whom i wish to address with this letter are for the most  
part unknown to me. 6.560509073988371

2050. it may well be that when rudy pozzatti and i visited your country  
last spring you were living and working close to the places we saw  
and the streets we walked. 7.885204892251695

2051. as american artists it was natural that we would want to meet as  
many soviet artists as possible. 6.677305202961115

2052. this letter might not have been necessary had our efforts to  
meet and talk with you been more successful. 8.804085024398725

2053. even though we did not see many of your faces it appears now quite  
evident that a considerable number of your profession heard from those  
whom we had the fortune to encounter that we had been in your midst.  
6.338055111999819

2054. i am very pleased that quite a number of you found ways to  
communicate to me your desire to hear of our reactions and experiences  
in the ussr. 7.963062676461319

2055. i can well understand your curiosity. 8.254441635698543

2056. we ourselves are always eager to know how others feel about us  
and the way in which we live. 11.282026938791386

2057. it is my hope that this written message and report will reach you  
through the good offices of the union of soviet artists. 8.046373385701944

2058. there should be no reason to misinterpret or ignore the intent  
of this letter. 12.47660603413133

2059. pozzatti and i endeavored earnestly to record our impressions  
without the prejudice that the anxiety of our time so easily provokes.  
5.847855403616678

2060. the time-span of little more than a month cannot entitle me to  
pose as an expert on anything i saw. 9.321411505695309

2061. too much damage is done by experts who have spent even less time if  
any at all in the ussr. 8.184987634943223

2062. nevertheless i consider it reasonable because of my commitment  
as an artist to assume that the rights and responsibilities of  
creative individuals are related to humanity as a whole rather than to  
specific geo-political interests. 7.930643190096074

2063. if this attitude is seriously questioned in the soviet union it  
does not necessarily follow that the majority of the society in

which i live is too aware of the necessity for clarity on this  
 ethical as well as aesthetic point of view. 6.624200819171611  
 2064. it is a matter of some disappointment to me that still many of my  
 own countrymen are too shortsighted to ascribe any symbolic  
 significance to the plight of a minority such as artists in any social  
 order. 7.435083480990449  
 2065. i encountered many questions and great interest upon my return  
 from the soviet union about my reactions to that experience.  
 6.321775434692772  
 2066. that which i found most profound and most disturbing appeared  
 to evoke a curiously muted reaction. 8.53736587854009  
 2067. almost as if i were talking about something quite unreal.  
 7.76137333722516  
 2068. apparently this is not the time and the climate in which people  
 will listen objectively or at least dispassionately to individual  
 impressions of a subject which preoccupies a good deal of their waking  
 moments. 8.52163432832394  
 2069. personal predispositions tend to blunt the ear and in turn the  
 voice as well. 6.805283987955822  
 2070. i cannot be content with the anecdotal small talk of a somewhat  
 unusual travelogue. 9.601741886163447  
 2071. i am equally impatient with the shrug of the shoulder shake of the  
 head of those who no longer care because they have known it for so  
 long; the aggressive disbelief of those who are romantically lost in a  
 semantic jungle of the word revolution; the belligerent denunciations by  
 the sick fanatics of ignorance who try to build a papier-mache wall  
 of pseudo-patriotism on our physical horizons. 5.492892871268641  
 2072. difficult as it may have been at times pozzatti and i saw  
 enough talked to enough artists historians and others to realize  
 that the issue is quite clear. 6.795346328096994  
 2073. artists and poets are the raw nerve-ends of humanity; they are  
 small in number and their contribution is not immediately decisive  
 in everyday life. 5.006216128454496  
 2074. by themselves they may not be able to save the life on this planet  
 but without them there would be very little left worth saving.  
 7.1905036505459305  
 2075. it cannot be said that our very first day in the soviet union  
 turned out to be an ordinary one. 11.648009580274373  
 2076. on that cold but bright april day we were guests of your government  
 in the reviewing stand of red square to witness the people's  
 celebration for yuri gagarin and later on that day we attended the  
 somewhat more exclusive reception for him in one of the impressive  
 palaces of the kremlin. 6.93381805276375  
 2077. if we thus spent our very first day in the midst of a large  
 number of your people honoring a new hero and a great national  
 achievement our last day to us at least was equally impressive and  
 very moving even though the crowds were absent and there was almost  
 complete silence. 5.999097547888124  
 2078. we stood under a gigantic tree in the rolling country just  
 outside of moscow looking at silent flowers on the grave of a russian  
 poet and writer who cherished the love for his country to the point  
 of foregoing the highest international honor. 6.317991228648421  
 2079. the grave about half-way between his home and the blue turrets of  
 a small church rose above the forms and spaces of gently undisciplined  
 pastures of green the sounds of birds the silence of other graves  
 and the casual paths through small forests. 4.947134026516203  
 2080. just yesterday we had met and talked with a living writer a  
 contemporary of the dead poet who is known for his ability of  
 manipulating his ideas and his craft more advantageously.  
 6.297151095072911

2081. but today we were aware of only two men. 10.293179482668778

2082. one had taken a flight into uncharted space in the service of science to return as a living hero. 9.238164636810307

2083. the other had assumed the right to explore the equally uncharted space of the human spirit. 9.465283274094556

2084. the flowers on his grave attested to the fact that he as well was somebody's hero. 8.841486798399378

2085. these two recollections form the frame around a series of experiences and sights which to me at least symbolize the extremes in the aesthetic as well as ethical conflict between materialism and humanism. 5.866465815174489

2086. a struggle that is being waged all over the world in the half-light of disinterest. 11.857226038602619

2087. the prevalent opinion which we encountered in a variety of expressions in your country denied not only the existence of this conflict but it was elaborated even further with an incredible semantic dexterity. 5.468901746529454

2088. the socialist environment it was stated had cross-fertilized these two extreme seeds and was about to produce a new plant and fruit. 8.749038374892583

2089. when i speculated on one such occasion that the new growth like other mutations might be unable to propagate i was immediately accused of preaching racial prejudice. 6.245747459056707

2090. i could not bring myself to answer that some of my best friends are non-propagating mules. 9.979213348330463

2091. this kind of reasoning and logic takes a little time to get used to. 9.321993967558964

2092. after a while we were perhaps less surprised but still puzzled when a friendly discussion would suddenly jump the track into the most irrelevant and illogical comparisons. 7.378684693025713

2093. a chance remark about lenin's sealed train brought the rejoinder that this was a myth akin to george washington's cherry tree. 6.526487500617972

2094. theories of the behavior pattern of population masses were compared to scientific discoveries concerning the motion-pattern of gaseous masses. 7.604666493087551

2095. no wonder that pozzatti and i had at times difficulty in remembering the real purpose of our presence namely cultural exchange. 5.992799391385868

2096. typical of such an experience was the occasion of a somewhat formal official welcome in the offices of the union of soviet artists. 7.264707011585602

2097. we had looked forward to what we hoped to be our first informal meeting with a number of moscow's artists. 7.5594740825260685

2098. instead we became involved in a series of friendly but overly formal welcoming addresses to which we had no choice but to reply in kind. 9.101534102823583

2099. the terms of friendship understanding cooperation etc tend to become somewhat shopworn because of constant and indiscriminate use. 6.040227447879625

2100. i can only hope that the continuing exchange of groups and individuals between our countries will not wear out all language pertinent to the occasion. 7.720236641145283

2101. the presiding female functionary of massive proportions and forbidding appearance initially did not contribute to the expressions of friendship and welcome by a number of dignified gentlemen representing the arts. 5.844130587240352

2102. it was only after we had responded with what i fear were similar cliches that she went into action by questioning our desire for friendship and understanding with a challenge about aggressive

and warlike actions by the us government in cuba and laos.

7.307493479774024

2103. she retreated by leaving the room when we suggested that our meeting might well terminate right then and there. 5.236383152695367

2104. unfortunately she returned later just as i had taken advantage of the friendlier atmosphere in the room by stating that perhaps an unexpected result of the cultural exchange program would be the re-emergence of abstract art in russia with social realism regaining dominance in the us. 6.675952771977414

2105. this gave her an opportunity to ring down the curtain with the petulant admonition that we should not presume to lecture her on abstraction. 5.718993643496278

2106. she did not go so far as to say as was done on other occasions that abstraction as well as impressionism were a russian invention that had been discarded as unwanted by the people of the ussrpozatti and i could not know then that we would experience this sort of treatment more often in moscow than elsewhere. 7.402022986230212

2107. we were to discover in fact that quite a number of people share with us the impression that in contrast to other soviet regions moscow's atmosphere is depressingly subdued and official. 6.829022243131998

2108. to have one's intentions deliberately or unintentionally misunderstood is always a waste of time. 11.155037549088396

2109. until our moscow experience i had not considered it necessary to prepare any argument formally or informally. 6.20902340932923

2110. artists simply do not talk to each other in that fashion; and furthermore i could not presume the implication that i spoke for american artists as a group. 7.223711590516203

2111. to save time some clarification seemed necessary. 9.119587473979069

2112. the following is a statement read to a large and friendly group of your fellow artists in leningrad: we have come to your land with the express intention of understanding and respecting your ideas and your ways. 7.323197769752837

2113. our presence here should also be considered further sincere evidence of the attempts by our people and their chosen government to seek any and all possible ways to effect closer peaceful ties among all people. 4.766150547538924

2114. we are quite convinced that one of the main hopes for the future depends upon the informal contacts and exchanges of ideas between individuals. 9.769675206434302

2115. in spite of the relatively short period of time that we have experienced among you we have already seen many indications of your character and spirit. 8.439928788414969

2116. we are acutely aware that yours is a society which in spite of several wars and many privations has developed itself into one of the foremost nations of the world. 8.99786200739055

2117. your past history is resplendent with the fruits of the intellect. 7.655753926704058

2118. your present history is equally admirable for its industrial and scientific achievements. 8.205142482231215

2119. we have come to you to experience something of your way of life while also attempting to acquaint you with that of ours. 8.536168516542052

2120. while we as american artists believe deeply in the universal character of all intellectual activity we would be less than honest with you or ourselves if we failed to state a specific attitude toward our own society as well as the international community as a whole. 6.357969977264153

2121. in stating this position we should like to make it clear to you that we cannot expect artists and intellectuals in other lands to share our opinion in every respect. 6.23367665049665

2122. as a matter of fact we prize the diversity among our own people  
so much that we will not presume to speak for all other american  
artists. 10.013009547019598

2123. but certainly all will agree that it is not so much the knowledge  
and search for similarities between you and us but rather the  
thoughtful exploration and acceptance of our differences which may lead  
us to our respective and desired goals with a minimum of  
misunderstanding. 6.177959318434381

2124. like yourselves we have pride and love for our country.  
9.115841268383512

2125. to many of us this is a land to which we or our parents fled from  
totalitarian terror in order to live in dignified freedom.  
8.953477993787729

2126. as artists we feel the same obligation as do other individuals  
in considering ourselves responsible citizens of a great nation.  
8.525893046691978

2127. the sane society is an ambitious work. 8.976097203071156

2128. its scope is as broad as the question: what does it mean to live  
in modern society? 9.35452167365515

2129. a work so broad even when it is directed by a leading idea and  
informed by a moral vision must necessarily fail.  
5.7841270288675535

2130. even a hasty reader will easily find in it numerous blind spots  
errors of fact and argument important exclusions areas of ignorance  
and prejudice undue emphases on trivia examples of broad positions  
supported by flimsy evidence and the like. 6.359052874429053

2131. such books are easy prey for critics. 8.771033092947984

2132. nor need the critic be captious. 12.946764411202565

2133. a careful and orderly man who values precision and a kind of  
tough intellectual responsibility might easily be put off by such a  
book. 5.694134829135892

2134. it is a simple matter for one so disposed to take a work like the  
sane society and shred it into odds and ends. 9.516917760745065

2135. the thing can be made to look like the cluttered attic of a large  
and vigorous family- a motley jumble of discarded objects some  
outworn and some that were never useful some once whole and bright but  
now chipped and tarnished some odd pieces whose history no one  
remembers here and there a gem everything fascinating because it  
suggests some part of the human condition- the whole adding up to  
nothing more than a glimpse into the disorderly history of the makers  
and users. 5.203008301938112

2136. that could be easily done but there is little reason in it.  
14.11974277275505

2137. it would come down to saying that fromm paints with a broad brush  
and that after all is not a conclusion one must work toward but an  
impression he has from the outset. 6.7176044642943795

2138. i mention these features of the book because they are inherent in  
the book's character and therefore must be mentioned. 8.913272091211942

2139. it would be superfluous to build a critique around them.  
15.02125286435465

2140. there are more substantial criticisms to be made of fromm's account  
of capitalist civilization. 15.516482489747535

2141. it is worthwhile to recall that fromm's treatment has both  
descriptive and normative aspects. 9.47607946111833

2142. since i have already discussed his moral position that discussion is  
incorporated by reference into the following pages which will focus  
on the empirical and analytic side of fromm's treatment.  
5.950565555073685

2143. i shall first indicate a couple of weaknesses in fromm's  
analysis then argue that granted these weaknesses he still has much

left that is valuable and finally raise the general question of a philosophical versus a sociological approach to the question of alienation. 5.770037733481585

2144. almost no empirical work has been done on the problem of alienation. 10.976418189748117

2145. despite its rather long intellectual history alienation is still a promising hypothesis and not a verified theory. 6.454874691434237

2146. the idea has received much attention in philosophy in literature and in a few works of general social criticism such as the sane society. 9.765991470953939

2147. what is missing is work that would answer presumably by the use of survey methods and guttman-type attitude scales such questions as these: what are the components of the feeling-state described as alienation? 6.06732482094703

2148. how widespread is alienation? 18.959357004774663

2149. what is its incidence among the various classes and subgroups of the population? 8.156826195943506

2150. taking alienation as a dependent variable with what socio-structural factors is it most highly associated? 7.682241427012676

2151. considered as an independent variable how does it affect behavior in various sectors of life? 5.913639529546835

2152. until such work is done there must remain the nagging suspicion that alienation may be little more than an expression of the malaise of the intellectual who rejected by and in turn rejecting the larger society projects his own fear and despair onto the broader social screen. 6.296145276200928

2153. i am not suggesting that fromm ought to do this kind of work. 11.464257604420723

2154. nor do i think that alienation is nothing more than a projection of the malaise of the intellectual. 9.787607995285752

2155. i am saying only that until a fuller and different kind of evidence comes in any discussion of alienation must be understood to have certain important limitations. 6.011835411903733

2156. until such evidence appears we must make do with the evidence we have. 8.925582376413775

2157. here perhaps fromm is vulnerable for he does not always use the best and most recent evidence available and he sometimes selects and interprets the evidence in rather special ways. 5.640089242660943

2158. fromm's analysis of alienation in the sphere of production centers around the concepts of the bureaucratization of the corporation the separation of ownership from control and the broad dispersion of stock ownership. 6.0728624714611374

2159. for all these points he relies exclusively on berle and means's study of 1932 the modern corporation and private property. 6.521296698411119

2160. the broad conclusions of that pioneering work remain undisturbed but subsequent research has expanded and somewhat altered their empirical support has suggested important revisions in the general analytic frame of reference and has sharpened the meaning of particular analytic concepts in this area. 6.57283498824015

2161. fromm seems unaware of these developments. 7.622507342753323

2162. another example is his very infrequent use of the large amount of data from surveys designed to discover what and how people actually do feel and think on a broad range of topics: he cites such survey-type findings just three times. 6.815722888938181

2163. moreover the conclusions he draws from the findings are not always the only ones possible. 6.98709399282772

2164. for example he cites the following data from two studies on job satisfaction: in the first study 85 percent of professionals and executives 64 per cent of white collar people and 41 per cent of



factory workers expressed satisfaction with their jobs; in the second study the percentages were 86 for professionals 74 for managerial persons 42 for commercial employees 56 for skilled workers and 48 for semi-skilled workers. 6.922265917285735

2165. he concludes that these data show a remarkably high percentage of consciously dissatisfied and unhappy persons among factory and clerical workers. 6.618347809508719

2166. starting from other value premises than fromm's some analysts might conclude that the percentages really tell us very little at all while others might even conclude that the figures are remarkably low. 5.867756097854561

2167. eric hoffer for example once said that america was a paradise- the only one in the history of the world- for workingmen and small children. 5.9574180923949696

2168. what matters is that while fromm's reading of the data is not the only one possible it is precisely the one we would expect from a writer who earnestly believes that every man can and ought to be happy and satisfied. 7.598404158947778

2169. fromm also cites a poll on attitudes toward work restriction conducted by the opinion research corporation in 1945 in which 49 per cent of manual workers said a man ought to turn out as much as he could in a day's work while 41 per cent said he should not do his best but should turn out only the average amount. 4.667035373045725

2170. fromm says these data show that job dissatisfaction and resentment are widespread. 7.615092762846159

2171. that is one way to read the findings but again there are other ways. 7.820346456885255

2172. one might use such findings to indicate the strength of informal primary associations in the factory an interpretation which would run counter to fromm's theory of alienation. 6.921633646929956

2173. or he might remind fromm that the 41 per cent figure is really astonishingly low: after all the medieval guild system was dedicated to the proposition that 100 percent of the workers ought to turn out only the average amount; and today's trade unions announce pretty much the same view. 5.2512252661149335

2174. in view of these shortcomings in both the amount and the interpretation of survey-type findings on public opinion and considering the criticisms which can be brought against fromm's philosophical anthropology such a passage as the following cannot be taken seriously. 6.765690349101724

2175. are people happy are they as satisfied unconsciously as they believe themselves to be? 7.162709377573845

2176. considering the nature of man and the conditions for happiness this can hardly be so. 10.667445180478408

2177. the ambiguities suggested above stem from a more basic difficulty in fromm's style of thought. 6.637326681754935

2178. he seems to use the term alienation in two different ways. 13.131755713671161

2179. sometimes he uses it as a subjective descriptive term and sometimes as an objective diagnostic one. 6.112852567754032

2180. that is sometimes it is used to describe felt human misery and other times it is postulated to explain unfelt anxiety and discontent. 9.555542984138903

2181. the failure to keep these two usages distinct presents hazards to the reader. 7.513801238435493

2182. it also permits fromm to do some dubious things with empirical findings. 11.838738193581237

2183. when alienation is used as an objective and diagnostic category for example it becomes clear that fromm would have to say that awareness of alienation goes far toward conquering it. 6.38270889009178

2184. starting from this and accepting his estimate of the iniquities of modern society it would follow that the really disturbing evidence of alienation would be that of a work-satisfaction survey which reported widespread stated worker satisfaction rather than widespread stated worker dissatisfaction. 6.032823168715323

2185. the point is that in a system such as fromm's which recognizes unconscious motivations and which rests on certain ethical absolutes empirical data can be used to support whatever proposition the writer is urging at the moment. 7.275656140464657

2186. thus in the example cited above fromm rests his whole case on the premise that the workers are being deprived unconsciously unknowingly of fulfillment and then supports this with survey data reporting conscious experienced frustrations. 6.7094122240182985

2187. he has his cake and eats it too: if the workers say they are dissatisfied this shows conscious alienation; if they say they are satisfied this shows unconscious alienation. 5.913908389731324

2188. this sort of manipulation is especially troublesome in fromm's work because although his system is derived largely from certain philosophic convictions he asserts that it is based on empirical findings drawn both from social science and from his own consulting room. 6.348513592991583

2189. while the empirical psychoanalytic label which fromm claims sheds no light on the validity of his underlying philosophy it does increase the marketability of his product. 5.995390196651971

2190. the final example of the failure to use available evidence though evidence of a different kind from that which has so far been considered comes from fromm's treatment of some other writers who have dealt with the same themes. 7.639212524229116

2191. in a brief chapter dealing with various other diagnoses he quotes isolated passages from some writers whose views seem to corroborate his own and finds it most remarkable that a critical view of twentieth-century society was already held by a number of thinkers living in the nineteenth h. 5.20871252147164

2192. he finds it equally remarkable that their critical diagnosis and prognosis should have so much in common among themselves and with the critics of the twentieth century. 7.618991898741296

2193. there is nothing remarkable about this at all. 20.382054071433625

2194. it is largely a matter of finding passages that suit one's purposes. 16.635251464280763

2195. there is a difference between evidence and illustration and fromm's citation of the other diagnosticians fits the latter category. 11.599737281606284

2196. glance at the list: burckhardt tolstoy proudhon thoreau london marx tawney mayo durkheim tannenbaum mumford a r heron huxley schweitzer and einstein. 6.632349365895319

2197. this is a delightfully motley collection. 21.720414160094613

2198. one can make them say the same thing only by not listening to them very carefully and hearing only what one wants to hear. 8.389328918947916

2199. the method of selection fromm uses achieves exactly that. 10.220672023418954

2200. furthermore the list is interesting for its omissions. 9.060328853487057

2201. it omits for example practically the whole line of great nineteenth century english social critics nearly all the great writers

whose basic position is religious and all those who are with more or less accuracy called existentialists. 6.320878626527629

2202. of course the list also excludes all writers who are fairly optimistic about the modern situation; these almost by definition are spokesmen for an alienated ideology. 7.986939146490382

2203. it is not hard to find that concurrence of opinion which fromm finds so remarkable when you ignore all who hold a different opinion. 7.47288586465558

2204. turning from these problems of the use of evidence one meets another type of difficulty in fromm's analysis which is his loose and ambiguous use of certain important terms. 7.596583429467451

2205. one such instance has already been presented: his use of alienation. 9.53533677413014

2206. the only other one i shall mention here is his use of the term capitalism. 11.534500564906686

2207. for fromm capitalism is the enemy the root of all evil. 7.737557619512619

2208. it is of course useful to have a sovereign cause in one's social criticism for it makes diagnosis and prescription much easier than they might otherwise be. 10.010636548054523

2209. if one characteristic distinguishes boris godunov it is the consistency with which every person on the stage- including the chorus- comes alive in the music. 6.523798856294125

2210. much of this lifelike quality results from mussorgsky's care in basing his vocal line on natural speech inflections. 9.739721297461733

2211. in this he followed a path that led back to the very source of opera; such composers as monteverdi lully and purcell with the same goal in mind had developed styles of recitative sensitively attuned to their own languages. 5.815391374855542

2212. through long experimentation in his songs mussorgsky developed a russian recitative as different from others as the language itself. 7.3322587471022365

2213. giving most of his musical continuity to the orchestra he lets the speech fall into place as if by coincidence but controlling the pace and emphasis of the words. 4.9495055662483365

2214. the moments of sung melody in the usual sense come most often when the character is actually supposed to be singing as in folk songs and liturgical chants. 7.163114320776924

2215. otherwise mussorgsky reserves his vocal melodies for prolonged expressions of emotion- boris' first monologue for example. 6.069352188143241

2216. even then the flexibility of the phrasing suggests that the word comes first in importance. 9.394553212230063

2217. aside from boris himself one need but examine the secondary roles to place mussorgsky among the masters of musical portraiture. 6.044347723395408

2218. even those who appear in only one or two scenes are full personalities defined with economical precision. 7.808265573550954

2219. consider the four monks who figure prominently in the action: pimen varlaam missail and the jesuit rangoni. 6.644249059316758

2220. under no circumstances could we mistake one for the other; each musical setting has an individual touch. 8.40828673942554

2221. pimen is an old man weak in body- his voice rarely rises to a full forte- but firm and clear of mind. 5.589010576882641

2222. his calmness offers contrast to grigori's youthful excitement. 9.631463447962453

2223. a quiet but sturdy theme somewhat folklike in character appears whenever the old monk speaks of the history he is recording or of his own past life: this theme comes to represent the outer world the

realm of battles and banquets- seen from a distance quite distinct  
 from the quieter spiritual life in the monastery. 4.789029027344989  
 2224. it changes and develops according to the text; it introduces  
 pimen when he comes before boris in the last act. 10.85864069485859  
 2225. once he has been identified however a new melody is used to  
 accompany his narrative a bleak motif with barren octaves creating a  
 rather ancient effect: an imaginative storyteller pimen takes on  
 the character he describes as if he were experiencing the old  
 shepherd's blindness and miraculous cure. 5.039456935538069  
 2226. here the composer uses a favorite device of his the intensification  
 of the mood through key relationships. 8.666035493847048  
 2227. the original d minor seems to symbolize blindness inescapable in  
 spite of all attempts to move away from it. 7.309755854513507  
 2228. as the child addresses the shepherd in a dream light- in the form  
 of the major mode- begins to appear and at the moment of the miracle we  
 hear a clear and shining d major. 8.014277858073278  
 2229. varlaam and missail always appear together and often sing  
 together in a straightforward rhythmically vigorous idiom that  
 distinguishes them from the more subtle and well-educated pimen.  
 4.903693293796623  
 2230. their begging song might easily be a folk melody: the same  
 could be said for the song to which they make their entrance in the  
 final scene. 7.689530745144533  
 2231. apparently their origin is humble their approach to life direct and  
 unsophisticated. 6.4837705874630664  
 2232. whatever learning they may have had in their order doesn't disturb  
 them now. 9.205094467689216  
 2233. missail is the straight man not very talkative mild-mannered  
 when he does speak. 5.825820622377272  
 2234. varlaam is loud rowdy uninhibited in his pleasures and impatient  
 with anyone who is not the same. 8.244980822622942  
 2235. a rough ostinato figure heard first in the introduction to the  
 inn scene characterizes him amusingly and reappears whenever he comes  
 into the action: the song of kazan in which this figure becomes a  
 wild-sounding accompaniment fills in the picture of undisciplined high  
 spirits. 5.190291898193216  
 2236. the phrasing is irregular and the abrupt key changes have a  
 primitive forcefulness. 8.649006242526841  
 2237. varlaam's music begins to ramble as he feels the effects of the  
 wine but he pulls himself together when the need arises.  
 5.779136912329309  
 2238. both monks respond to the guard's challenge with a few phrases of  
 their begging song; a clever naturalistic touch is varlaam's labored  
 reading of the warrant. 7.13876213627646  
 2239. as the knack gradually comes back to him his rhythm becomes steadier  
 with the rigid monotony of an unskilled reader. 6.635131223833771  
 2240. for the only time in the opera words are not set according to  
 their natural inflection; to do so would have spoiled the dramatic  
 point of the scene. 8.550165616409267  
 2241. musically and dramatically rangoni is as far removed from the  
 conventional monk as varlaam. 7.214872179278036  
 2242. his music shows a sensuality coupled with an eerie quality that  
 suggest somehow a blood-kinship with dappertutto in offenbach's  
 hoffman. 6.966023347421749  
 2243. his speech shows none of the native accent of the russian  
 characters; in spite of the italian name he sounds french.  
 7.178160509753413  
 2244. his personality appears more striking by contrast with marina who  
 is- perhaps purposely- rather superficially characterized.  
 7.407049836017958

2245. rangoni's first entrance is a musical shock a sudden open fifth in a key totally unrelated to what has preceded it.  
5.20949005976464

2246. the effect is as if he had materialized out of nowhere.  
11.261538969150815

2247. he speaks quietly concealing his authority beneath a smooth humility just as the shifting harmonies that accompany him all but hide the firm pedal point beneath them. 5.722903588005325

2248. he addresses marina with great deference calling her princess at first; it is only after he has involved her emotions in his scheme that he uses her given name placing himself by implication in the position of a solicitous father. 6.4019660578626105

2249. curiously this scene is a close parallel to one that verdi was writing at the same time the scene between amonasro and aida.  
7.0219898319458975

2250. rangoni and amonasro have the same purpose- forcing the girl to charm the man she loves into serving her country's cause- and their tactics are much the same. 6.083151600268427

2251. rangoni begins by describing the sad state of the church; this brings a reaction of distress from marina. 5.598483606048827

2252. the music becomes ethereal as he calls up a vision of her own sainthood: it is she he tells her who can bring the truth to russia and convert the heretics. 7.127864319617783

2253. as if in a trance she repeats his words- then realizes with a shock her own audacity. 7.680163033479572

2254. this is no assignment for a frivolous girl she assures him.  
13.44894830897719

2255. now rangoni comes to the point and we hear for the first time a long downward chromatic scale that will become the characteristic motif of his sinister power. 6.477579054244203

2256. it is a phrase as arresting as a magician's gesture with a piquant turn of harmony giving an effect of strangeness. 11.02243407942966

2257. another theme sinuously chromatic appears as he directs her to gain power over grigori by any means even at the cost of her honor.  
6.035141527309219

2258. coming from a priest the music sounds as odd as the advice: marina rebels at this suggestion. 6.757567981697296

2259. her pride is as much at stake as her virtue; she is the unattainable beauty the princess who turns away suitors by the dozen.  
5.813198545147495

2260. indignantly she denounces rangoni for his evil thoughts and orders him to leave her. 7.198778874655976

2261. at once the jesuit pulls out all the stops.  
12.778694209963412

2262. to music of a menacing darkness he describes the powers of satan gaining control of the girl poisoning her soul with pride and destroying her beauty. 7.470208738340757

2263. the combined threat of hell-fire and ugliness is too much for her and she falls terrified at his feet. 6.422408906182968

2264. with another sudden change of mood he is again calm and protective exhorting her to trust and obey him as god's spokesman- and the chromatic scale descends in ominous contradiction. 6.505545451539822

2265. whatever the source of rangoni's power marina is his captive now; we are reminded of this at the end of the next scene when his theme cuts through the warmth of the love duet again throwing a chill over the atmosphere. 6.053142088582488

2266. the most unusual feature of boris however is the use of the greatest character of all the chorus. 11.707622941470449

2267. this is the real protagonist of the drama; the conflict is not boris versus grigori or shuiski or even the ghost of the murdered child but boris versus the russian people. 6.112768918127908

2268. mussorgsky makes this quite clear by the extent to which choral scenes propel the action. 7.032105024464237

2269. boris' first entrance seems almost a footnote to the splendor of the coronation scene with its dazzling confusion of tonalities. 5.15576524365156

2270. we have a brief glimpse of the tsar's public personality the official boris but our real focus is on the excitement of the crowd- a significant contrast with its halfhearted acclamation in the opening scene its bitter resentment and fury in the final act. 7.718606425518384

2271. one reason for the unique vitality of the chorus is its great variety in expression. 7.440804311787194

2272. it rarely speaks as a unit. 18.949080935241245

2273. even in its most conventional appearance the guests' song of praise to marina there are a few female dissenters criticizing the princess for her coldness. 7.125838474182799

2274. in many passages- for example the council of boyars- each section of the chorus becomes a character group with a particular opinion. 9.262177519826015

2275. hot arguments arise between tenors and basses who will sing in harmony only when they agree on an idea. 5.870785048786693

2276. the opening scene shows this method at its most individual. 10.215943051012516

2277. mussorgsky paints a telling picture of the common people those who must suffer the effects of their rulers' struggle for power without understanding the causes. 5.8621295887008245

2278. they are held in control by force but barely. 13.920557496750066

2279. they will kneel and plead for boris' leadership in a strangely intense song its phrases irregularly broken as if gasping for breath but when the police with their cudgels move away they mock and grumble and fight among themselves. 5.311005835378197

2280. there is a quick change from the plaintive song to a conversational tone. 15.923983504229168

2281. hey mityukh asks one group what are we shouting about? 6.930141700027754

2282. and mityukh apparently the intellectual leader of the crowd replies that he has no notion. 11.226761337922127

2283. the jokes and arguments grow louder until the police return; then the people strike up their song with even more fervor than before ending it with a wail of despair. 5.037374730288671

2284. mussorgsky frequently uses liturgical music with considerable dramatic force. 8.581436094141479

2285. in pimen's cell the soft prayers of the monks heard from offstage not only help to set the scene but emphasize the contrast between young grigori's thoughts and his situation. 5.312532867322121

2286. this is especially striking between pimen's quiet exit and grigori's vehement outburst against boris. 11.670818393025478

2287. again as boris feels himself nearing death a procession files into the hall singing a hymn its modal harmonies adding a churchly touch to the grim atmosphere: the words are hardly calculated to put the tsar's mind at ease. 4.87298115481748

2288. they echo the words with which he has described his own vision of the dying child who trembles and begs for mercy- and there is no mercy. 8.366744007769604

2289. the living as well as the dead now accuse him; this final reminder of his guilt is the fatal one. 6.409396413845572

2290. one of the outstanding assets of the present production is the restoration of the st basil's scene usually omitted from performances and rarely included in a published score. 9.98639453439996

2291. though brief it has a sharp dramatic edge and great poignancy. 7.453151796471379

2292. in addition it is an important link in the plot giving us a revealing glimpse of the people's attitude toward boris and the false dimitri. 7.790727819047552

2293. the mayhem in the forest of kromy is a natural sequel. 8.521295541842022

2294. the st basil's scene opens with little groups of beggars milling around the square the ever present police keeping them under scrutiny. 0.0

2295. in the orchestra we hear first a hushed hesitant pizzicato figure then the insistent police motif as it appeared in the opening scene. 6.698442508233473

2296. the service is over and a number of people come from the church with their spokesman mityukh in the lead. 11.69045443331077

2297. they bring the news that the pretender has been excommunicated; this is met with scorn by the hearers who claim that mityukh is lying or drunk. 5.804269485817031

2298. contrasts the two groups by their orchestral accompaniment solemn there is still more news mityukh announces: they have prayed for the soul of the tsarevich. 6.361052125678128

2299. so far these remarks like most criticisms of hardy have tacitly assumed that his poetry is all of a piece one solid mass of verse expressing a sensibility at a single stage of development. 5.685722204246392

2300. for critics hardy has had no poetic periods- one does not speak of early hardy or late hardy or of the london or max gate period but simply of hardy as of a poetic monolith. 7.571888905415643

2301. this seems odd when one recalls that he wrote poetry longer than any other major english poet: domicilium is dated between 1857 and 1860; seeing the moon rise is dated august 1927. 5.6022079535623135

2302. one might expect that in a poetic career of seventy-odd years some changes in style and method would have occurred some development taken place. 8.436592717451486

2303. this is not however the case and development is a term which we can apply to hardy only in a very limited sense. 9.096890694722923

2304. in a time when poetic style and poetic belief as well seem in a state of continual flux hardy stands out as a poet of almost perverse consistency. 8.563285666197848

2305. though he struggled with philosophy all his life he never got much beyond the pessimism of his twenties; the sober opinion of his letter to noyes written when hardy was eighty years old is essentially that of his first philosophical notebook entry made when he was twenty-five: the world does not despise us: it only neglects us . 4.8274065004272115

2306. and though in his later years he revised his poems many times the revisions did not alter the essential nature of the style which he had established before he was thirty; so that while it usually is easy to recognize a poem by hardy it is difficult to date one. 6.618169004842615

2307. there is only one sense in which it is valid to talk about hardy's development: he did develop toward a more consistent and more effective control of that tone which we recognize as uniquely his. 8.267871549888163

2308. there is only one hardy style but in the earlier poems that style is only intermittently evident and when it is not the style is the

style of another poet or of the fashion of the time.  
12.156028076306805

2309. in the later poems        however the personal tone predominates.  
12.134450900135947

2310. the bad early poems are        bad shakespeare or bad swinburne; the  
bad late poems are badhardy.        8.09953302560164

2311. there are two ways of getting at a poet's development: through his  
dated poems and through the revisions which he made in later editions of  
his work. 7.736290719947678

2312. about a quarter of hardy's poems carry an appended date line  
usually the year of completion but sometimes inclusive years or two  
separate dates when hardy worked on the poem or an approximate date  
. 6.964837790668336

2313. these dates are virtually the only clues we have to        the  
chronology of the poems since the separate volumes are neither  
chronological        within themselves nor in relation to each other.  
5.358627608314622

2314. with the exception of satires of circumstance each volume  
contains dated poems ranging over several decades        ; the internal  
organization rarely has any chronological order        except in obvious  
groups like the poems of pilgrimage the poems of 1912-13 and the war  
poems. 6.063719690941672

2315. from the dated poems we can venture certain conclusions about  
hardy's career in poetry        always remembering that conclusions based on  
a fraction of the whole        must remain tentative. 6.2844189372966195

2316. the dated poems suggest that while hardy's concern with poetry  
may have been constant his production was not. 8.112018110528632

2317. he had two productive periods one in the late 1860's the other  
in the decade from 1910 to 1920 latter period and these alone  
total about one-tenth of all hardy's . 6.231425616445089

2318. there was one sterile period: only one poem is dated between 1872  
and 1882 and except for the poems written on the trip to italy        in  
1887 very few from 1882 to 1890. 8.649579383475903

2319. the dated poems also give us an idea of the degree to which hardy  
drew upon past productions for his various volumes and therefore  
probably are an indication of the amount of poetry he was writing at the  
time. 6.222596295354519

2320. poems of the past        and the present and time's laughingstocks  
both published while hardy was at work on the dynasts draw heavily on  
poems written before 1900. 6.567145176406102

2321. satires of circumstance and moments of vision coming during his  
most productive decade are relatively self-contained; the former  
contains no poem dated before 1909-10- that is no poem from a period  
covered by a previous volume- and the latter has only a few such.  
4.660802049974593

2322. the last three volumes are again more dependent on the past as  
hardy's creative powers declined in his old age. 8.370426229102053

2323. these observations about hardy's productivity tally with the  
details of his life as we know them. 7.947046214064194

2324. the first productive period came when he was considering poetry as  
a vocation before he had decided to write fiction for a living he  
wrote that he wrote verses 1865-1868; gave up verse for prose .  
7.018059705840409

2325. during the poetically sterile years he was writing novels at  
the rate of almost one a year and was in addition burdened with bad  
health . 7.6633775472892625

2326. two entries in the early life support the assumption that  
during this period hardy had virtually suspended the writing of  
poetry. 7.874890637764374



2327. mrs hardy records that h at the end of november 1881 he makes a note of an intention to resume poetry as soon as possible ; and on christmas day 1890 hardy wrote: while thinking of resuming 'the viewless wings of poesy' before dawn this morning new horizons seemed to open and worrying pettinesses to disappear. 5.083061685496505

2328. there are more poems dated in the 1890's than in the '80's- hardy had apparently resumed the viewless wings as he decreased the volume of his fiction- but none in 1891 the year of tess and only one in 1895 the year of jude. 6.137477936128797

2329. after 1895 the number increases and in the next thirty years there is only one year for which there is no dated poem- 1903 when hardy was at work on the dynasts. 6.653524911042454

2330. the second productive period the decade from 1910 to 1920 can be related to three events: the completion of the dynasts in 1909 which left hardy free of pressure for the first time in forty years; the death of emma hardy in 1912 which had a profound emotional effect on hardy for which he found release in poetry; and the first world war. 7.068077781103549

2331. it may seem strange that a poet should come to full fruition in his seventies but we have it on hardy's own authority that h he was a child till he was sixteen a youth till he was five-and-twenty and a young man till he was nearly fifty life . 6.230814457743788

2332. we may carry this sequence one step further and say that at seventy he was a poet at the height of his powers wanting only the impetus of two tragedies one personal the other national to loose those powers in poetry. 7.3913825035677805

2333. hardy's two productive decades were separated by forty years yet between them he developed only in that he became more steadily himself- it was a narrowing not an expanding process. 5.074510734093508

2334. like a wise gardener hardy pruned away the shakespearean sonnets and songs and the elements of meter and poetic diction to which his personal style was not suited and let the main stock of his talent flourish. 6.760583683442797

2335. the range of the later poetry is considerably narrower but the number of successful poems is far greater. 7.518574669670681

2336. we can see the general characteristics of the earlier decade if we look at two poems of very different qualities: revulsion and neutral tones. 6.6100764004040125

2337. there is not much to be said for revulsion. 28.46342986330878

2338. like about half of the 1860-70 poems it is a sonnet on a conventional theme- the unhappiness of love. 9.812490293835694

2339. almost anyone could have written it; it is competent in the sense that it makes a coherent statement without violating the rules of the sonnet form but it is entirely undistinguished and entirely unlike hardy. 6.3518786607357

2340. the language is the conventional language of the form; there is no phrase or image that sounds like hardy or that is striking enough to give individuality to the poem. 7.341668954455712

2341. it is smoother than hardy usually is but with the smoothness of anonymity. 10.046011291162289

2342. it is obviously a young man's poem written out of books and not out of experience; it asserts emotion without evoking it- that is to say it is sentimental. 11.232402478716416

2343. there are many such competently anonymous performances among the earlier poems. 11.130481812445225

2344. neutral tones we immediately recognize as a fine poem in hardy's most characteristic style: the plain but not quite colloquial language the hard particular colorless images the slightly odd stanza-form the dramatic handling of the occasion the refusal to

resolve the issue- all these we have seen in hardy's best poems.  
 5.910250016824062

2345. the poem does not distort the syntax of ordinary speech nor draw on  
 exotic sources of diction yet it is obviously not ordinary speech-  
 only hardy would say a grin of bitterness swept therebylike an  
 ominous bird a-wing or wrings with wrong or would describe a  
 winter sun as god-curst. 4.765491282338729

2346. the details of the setting of neutral tones are not strictly  
 speaking metaphorical but they combine to create a mood which is  
 appropriate both to a dismalwinter day and to the end of love and in this  
 way love and weather the emotions and the elements symbolize each  
 other in a way that is common to many of hardy's best poems and  
 to some moving passages in the novels as well . 8.75919743257224

2347. neutral tones is an excellent example of hardy's mature style  
 drawn from his earliest productive period; i cite it as evidence that he  
 did not develop through new styles as he grew older but that he  
 simply learned to use better what he already had. 4.6476390623530195

2348. in the poem we recognize and acknowledge one man's sense of the  
 world; if it is somber it is also precise and the precision lends  
 authority to the vision.7.696337955461577

2349. in revulsion on the other hand the pessimism is a case not  
 proven; the poem offers nothing to persuade us of the speaker's right  
 to speak as he does. 6.875745358358814

2350. in the 1860-70 decade there are many poems like revulsion but  
 there is only one neutral tones. 13.696834210325305

2351. hardy was not hardy very often. 7.622507342753323

2352. the poems of 1912-13 offer a good example of hardy's style as it  
 was manifested in the later productive decade. 8.241635904246959

2353. these are the poems hardy wrote after the death of his first wife;  
 they compose a painful elegy to what might have been to a marriage  
 that began with a promise of happiness and ended in long years of  
 suffering and hatred. 5.578255752184274

2354. hardy obviously felt that these poems were peculiarly personal and  
 private; he sometimes called them an expiation and he would not allow  
 them to be published in periodicals. 6.714116470895795

2355. they are the only poems that he rearranged as a group between  
 their first appearance and the publication of the collected poems.  
 6.613280256005584

2356. the elegiac tone is hardy's natural tone of voice and it is  
 not surprising that the 1912-13 poems are consistently and unmistakably  
 his. 8.891370397772832

2357. the view is always toward the past; but the mood is not quite  
 nostalgic- hardy would not allow sentiment to soften his sense of the  
 irredeemable pastness of the past and the eternal deadness of the  
 dead. 5.587104705062957

2358. the poems are the epigraph tells us the traces of an ancient  
 flame; the fire of love is dead and hardy stands as the speaker does  
 in the last poem of the sequence over the burnt circle of charred  
 sticks and thinks of past happiness and present grief honest and  
 uncomforted. 5.873144082615351

2359. critically invisible modern revolt like x-rays and radioactivity  
 is perceived only by its effects at more materialistic social  
 levels where it is called delinquency. 4.958070100322966

2360. disaffiliation by the way is the term used by the critic and poet  
 lawrence lipton who has written several articles on this subject the  
 first of which in the nation quoted as epigraph we disaffiliate h- john  
 l lewis. 7.085561371326057

2361. like the pillars of hercules like two ruined titans guarding  
 the entrance to one of dante's circles stand two great dead juvenile

delinquents- the heroes of the post-war generation: the great saxophonist charlie parker and dylan thomas. 5.897208715495782

2362. if the word deliberate means anything both of them certainly deliberately destroyed themselves. 8.066087806204921

2363. both of them were overcome by the horror of the world in which they found themselves because at last they could no longer overcome that world with the weapon of a purely lyrical art. 6.584369483265651

2364. both of them were my friends. 15.370539491984484

2365. living in san francisco i saw them seldom enough to see them with a perspective which was not distorted by exasperation or fatigue. 7.2909652413537875

2366. so as the years passed i saw them each time in the light of an accelerated personal conflagration. 10.101773048705413

2367. the last time i saw bird at jimbo's bob city he was so gone- so blind to the world- that he literally sat down on me before he realized i was there. 0.0

2368. what happened man? 23.610868104840403

2369. i said referring to the pretentious jazz concert. 9.95288923829895

2370. evil man evil he said and that's all he said for the rest of the night. 10.19542491990246

2371. about dawn he got up to blow. 9.264418504214198

2372. the rowdy crowd chilled into stillness and the fluent melody spiraled through it. 8.649006242526841

2373. the last time i saw dylan his self-destruction had not just passed the limits of rationality. 0.0

2374. it had assumed the terrifying inertia of inanimate matter. 8.581436094141479

2375. being with him was like being swept away by a torrent of falling stones. 6.380731432796888

2376. now dylan thomas and charlie parker have a great deal more in common than the same disastrous end. 8.702362714379504

2377. as artists they were very similar. 10.86495568007656

2378. they were both very fluent. 18.417974109049254

2379. but this fluent enchanting utterance had compared with important artists of the past relatively little content. 8.232402233828171

2380. neither of them got very far beyond a sort of entranced rapture at his own creativity. 8.904469603528446

2381. the principal theme of thomas's poetry was the ambivalence of birth and death- the pain of blood-stained creation. 6.602231030238404

2382. music of course is not so explicit an art but anybody who knew charlie parker knows that he felt much the same way about his own gift. 8.50701440888751

2383. both of them did communicate one central theme: against the ruin of the world there is only one defense- the creative act. 9.4266575257164

2384. this of course is the theme of much art- perhaps most poetry. 9.14660686660279

2385. it is the theme of horace who certainly otherwise bears little resemblance to parker or thomas. 7.456160179316808

2386. the difference is that horace accepted his theme with a kind of silken assurance. 12.803716807082662

2387. to dylan and bird it was an agony and terror. 8.786420140744127

2388. i do not believe that this is due to anything especially frightful about their relationship to their own creativity. 16.127195476323095

2389. i believe rather that it is due to the catastrophic world in which that creativity seemed to be the sole value. 9.658946899109276

2390. horace's column of imperishable verse shines quietly enough in the lucid air of augustan rome. 7.032105024464237

2391. art may have been for him the most enduring orderly and noble activity of man. 6.578086170536535

2392. but the other activities of his life partook of these values. 13.821102766683222

2393. they did not actively negate them. 15.468949783101795

2394. dylan thomas's verse had to find endurance in a world of burning cities and burning jews. 8.622295217086652

2395. he was able to find meaning in his art as long as it was the answer to air raids and gas ovens. 8.86346437560069

2396. as the world began to take on the guise of an immense air raid or gas oven i believe his art became meaningless to him. 9.380083049246991

2397. i think all this could apply to parker just as well although because of the nature of music it is not demonstrable- at least not conclusively. 7.309552660892469

2398. thomas and parker have more in common than theme attitude life pattern. 8.129673677907498

2399. in the practice of their art there is an obvious technical resemblance. 10.973968230228177

2400. contrary to popular belief they were not great technical innovators. 9.668999315049774

2401. their effects are only superficially startling. 9.316814069021792

2402. thomas is a regression from the technical originality and ingenuity of writers like pierre reverdy or apollinaire. 7.097229679741538

2403. similarly the innovations of bop and of parker particularly have been vastly overrated by people unfamiliar with music especially by that ignoramus the intellectual jitterbug the jazz aficionado. 4.76581317220898

2404. the tonal novelties consist in the introduction of a few chords used in classical music for centuries. 9.420170092916738

2405. and there is less rhythmic difference between progressive jazz no matter how progressive and dixieland than there is between two movements of many conventional symphonies. 7.621336873942011

2406. what parker and his contemporaries- gillespie davis monk roach etc- did was to absorb the musical ornamentation of the older jazz into the basic structure of which it then became an integral part and with which it then developed. 6.825570308604376

2407. this is true of the melodic line which could be put together from selected passages of almost anybody- benny carter johnny hodes. 7.288790332174263

2408. it is true of the rhythmic pattern in which the beat shifts continuously or at least is continuously sprung so that it becomes ambiguous enough to allow the pattern to be dominated by the long pulsations of the phrase or strophe. 8.846349138399919

2409. this is exactly what happened in the transition from baroque to rococo music. 11.90733603805121

2410. it is the difference between bach and mozart. 25.030810209903233

2411. it is not a farfetched analogy to say that this is what thomas did to poetry. 16.857931246053788

2412. the special syntactical effects of a rimbaud or an edith sitwell- actually ornaments- become the main concern. 7.663024046550707

2413. the metaphysical conceits which fascinate the reactionary generation still dominant in backwater american colleges were embroideries. 6.374057384651866

2414. thomas's ellipses and ambiguities are ends in themselves. 9.060328853487057

2415. the immediate theme if it exists is incidental and his main theme- the terror of birth- is simply reiterated. 5.902564164932943

2416. this is one difference between bird and dylan which should be pointed out. 17.43661410097315

2417. again contrary to popular belief there is nothing crazy or frantic about parker either musically or emotionally. 6.573304028508401

2418. his sinuous melody is a sort of nai^ve transcendence of all experience. 9.954970500597222

2419. emotionally it does not resemble berlioz or wagner; it resembles mozart. 7.111950423066715

2420. this is true also of a painter like jackson pollock. 16.6443136855081

2421. he may have been eccentric in his behavior but his paintings are as impassive as persian tiles. 8.45074812051215

2422. partly this difference is due to the nature of verbal communication. 11.763412678947764

2423. the insistent talk-aboutiveness of the general environment obtrudes into even the most idyllic poetry. 6.817408452020724

2424. it is much more a personal difference. 25.534126320034105

2425. thomas certainly wanted to tell people about the ruin and disorder of the world. 6.376389380082628

2426. parker and pollock wanted to substitute a work of art for the world. 8.979297569300416

2427. technique pure and simple rendition is not of major importance but it is interesting that parker following lester young was one of the leaders of the so-called saxophone revolution. 5.826846564016283

2428. in modern jazz the saxophone is treated as a woodwind and played with conventional embouchure. 9.034290540572359

2429. metrically thomas's verse was extremely conventional as was incidentally the verse of that other tragic enrage hart crane. 5.463700333582356

2430. i want to make clear what i consider the one technical development in the first wave of significant post-war arts. 10.278985398086874

2431. ornament is confabulation in the interstices of structure. 7.14162538120728

2432. a poem by dylan thomas a saxophone solo by charles parker a painting by jackson pollock- these are pure confabulations as ends in themselves. 6.731381435890986

2433. confabulation has come to determine structure. 8.254441635698543

2434. uninhibited lyricism should be distinguished from its exact opposite- the sterile extraneous invention of the corn-belt metaphysicals or present blight of poetic professors. 6.365727389270327

2435. just as hart crane had little influence on anyone except very reactionary writers- like allen tate for instance to whom valery was the last word in modern poetry and the felicities of an apollinaire let alone a paul eluard were nonsense- so dylan thomas's influence has been slight indeed. 4.843286672736022

2436. in fact his only disciple- the only person to imitate his style- was w s graham who seems to have imitated him without much understanding and who has since moved on to other methods. 7.652274728384885

2437. thomas's principal influence lay in the communication of an attitude- that of the now extinct british romantic school of the new apocalypse- henry treece j f hendry and others- all of whom were quite conventional poets. 5.6427274801111595

2438. parker certainly had much more of an influence. 11.021613183094136

2439. at one time it was the ambition of every saxophone player in every high school band in america to blow like bird. 6.370277482455107

2440. even before his death this influence had begun to ebb. 14.764505849123005

2441. in fact the whole generation of the founding fathers of bop-  
gillespie monk davis blakey and the rest- are just now at a  
considerable discount. 7.283710886717415

2442. the main line of development today goes back to lester young  
and by-passes them. 10.24550072534126

2443. the point is that many of the most impressive developments in the  
arts nowadays are aberrant idiosyncratic. 10.257535314367495

2444. there is no longer any sense of continuing development of the  
sort that can be traced from baudelaire to eluard or for that matter  
from hawthorne through henry james to gertrude stein.  
12.048875494013984

2445. the cubist generation before world war 1 and on a lower level the  
surrealists of the period between the wars both assumed an accepted  
universe of discourse in which to quote andre breton it was possible  
to make definite advances exactly as in the sciences. 5.665444369780576

2446. i doubt if anyone holds such ideas today. 14.345191843103729

2447. continuity exists but like the neo-swing music developed from lester  
young it is a continuity sustained by popular demand. 5.236383152695367

2448. in the plastic arts a very similar situation exists.  
14.472504058424475

2449. surrealists like hans arp and max ernst might talk of creation by  
hazard- of composing pictures by walking on them with painted soles or  
by tossing bits of paper up in the air. 4.595688357851942

2450. but it is obvious that they were self-deluded. 28.20498113366533

2451. nothing looks anything like an ernst or an arp but another ernst  
or arp. 6.18936217805711

2452. nothing looks less like their work than the happenings of random  
occasion. 7.615092762846159

2453. many of the post-world war 2 abstract expressionists apostles of  
the discipline of spontaneity and hazard look alike and do look like  
accidents. 7.170510863581735

2454. the aesthetic appeal of pure paint laid on at random may exist  
but it is a very impoverished appeal. 9.605882008963722

2455. once again what has happened is an all-consuming confabulation of  
the incidentals the accidents of painting. 7.047649767324945

2456. it is curious that at its best the work of this school of  
painting- mark rothko jackson pollock clyfford still robert motherwell  
willem de-kooning and the rest- resembles nothing so much as the  
passage painting of quite unimpressive painters: the mother-of-pearl  
shimmer in the background of a henry mcfee itself a formula derived  
from renoir; the splashes of light and black which fake drapery in the  
fashionable imitators of hals and sargent. 6.864033054103141

2457. often work of this sort is presented as calligraphy- the pure  
utterance of the brush stroke seeking only absolute painteresque  
values. 6.48518912235855

2458. you have only to compare such painting with the work of say  
sesshu to realize that someone is using words and brushes  
carelessly. 9.979619857777196

2459. at its best the abstract expressionists achieve a simple rococo  
decorative surface. 8.444373836556068

2460. its poverty shows up immediately when compared with tiepolo  
where the rococo rises to painting of extraordinary profundity and  
power. 6.885845530166437

2461. a tiepolo painting however confabulated is a universe of tensions  
in vast depths. 6.62197242591231

2462. a pollock is an object of art- bijouterie- disguised only by its  
great size. 8.121134903484508

2463. in fact once the size is big enough to cover a whole wall it turns  
into nothing more than extremely expensive wallpaper. 6.779142684935131

2464. now there is nothing wrong with complicated wallpaper.  
19.861570628781667

2465. there is just more to tiepolo. 20.465764338977046

2466. the great ashikaga brush painters painted wallpapers too- at least portable ones screens. 9.69584296187422

2467. a process of elimination which leaves the artist with nothing but the play of his materials themselves cannot sustain interest in either artist or public for very long. 5.3830541283342495

2468. so in the last couple of years abstract expressionism has tended toward romantic suggestion- indications of landscape or living figures.  
10.011989724463431

2469. anglo-saxon and greek epic each provide on two occasions a seemingly authentic account of the narration of verse in the heroic age.  
5.2316497178608055

2470. hrothgar's court bard sings of the encounters at finnsburg and improvises the tale of beowulf's exploits in a complimentary comparison of the geatish visitor with sigemund ; alcinou's' court bard sings of the discovered adultery of ares and aphrodite and takes up a tale of odysseus while the ithacan wanderer listens on .  
5.489183308742081

2471. nothing in all this is autobiographical: unlike the poets of deor and widsith the poet of beowulf is not concerned with his own identity; the poet of the odyssey reputed blind reveals himself not at all in singing of the blind minstrel demodocus. 6.107347697335239

2472. since none of these glimpses of poetizing without writing is intended to incorporate a signature into the epic matter there is prima-facie evidence that beowulf and the homeric poems each derive from an oral tradition. 6.376972665209586

2473. that such a tradition lies behind the iliad and the odyssey at least is hard to deny. 7.496353765918881

2474. milman parry rigorously defended the observation that the extant homeric poems are largely formulaic and was led to postulate that they could be shown entirely formulaic if the complete corpus of greek epic survived; he further reasoned that frequent formulas in epic verse indicate oral composition and assumed the slightly less likely corollary that oral epic is inclined towards the use of formulas.  
5.525658946227611

2475. proceeding from parry's conclusions and adopting one of his schemata francis p magoun jr argues that beowulf likewise was created from a legacy of oral formulas inherited and extended by bards of successive generations and the thesis is striking and compelling.  
4.5840097891606915

2476. yet a fresh inspection will indicate one crucial amendment: beowulf and the homeric poems are not at all formulaic to the same extent.  
9.512129793534319

2477. the bondage endurable by an oral poet is to be estimated only by a very skilful oral poet but it appears safe to assume that no sustained narrative in rhyme could be composed without extreme difficulty even in a language of many terminal inflections.  
5.126978866115259

2478. assonance seems nearly as severe a curb although in a celebrated passage william of malmesbury declares that a song of roland was intoned before the battle commenced at hastings. 6.064510266373365

2479. the anglo-saxon alliterative line and the homeric hexameter probably imposed less of a restraint; the verse of beowulf or of the iliad and the odyssey was not easy to create but was not impossible for poets who had developed their talents perforce in earning a livelihood. 4.995286883288707

2480. yet certain aids were valuable and quite credibly necessary for reciting long stretches of verse without a pause. 7.860440992708896

2481. the poet in a written tradition who generally never blots a line may once in a while pause and polish without incurring blame. 5.401704351336071

2482. but the oral poet cannot pause; he must improvise continuously with no apparent effort. 10.07298030171053

2483. even though the bondage of his verse is not so great as the writing poet can manage it is still great enough for him often to be seriously impeded unless he has aids to facilitate rapid composition. 5.631693305072454

2484. the germanic poet had such aids in the kennings which provided for the difficulties of alliteration; the homeric poet had epithets which provided for recurring needs in the hexameter. 6.92244967757774

2485. either poet could quickly and easily select words or phrases to supply his immediate requirements as he chanted out his lines because the kennings and the epithets made possible the construction of systems of numerous synonyms for the chief common and proper nouns. 4.7586405289825215

2486. other synonyms could of course serve the same function and for the sake of ease i shall speak of kennings and epithets in the widest and loosest possible sense and name for example gar-dene a kenning for the danes. 6.612118413818551

2487. verbal and adverbial elements too participated in each epic diction but it is for the present sufficient to mark the large nominal and adjectival supply of semantic near-equivalents and to designate the members of any system of equivalents as basic formulas of the poetic language. 4.995698215649711

2488. limited to a few thousand lines of heroic verse in anglo-saxon as in the other germanic dialects we cannot say how frequently the kennings in beowulf recurred in contemporary epic on the same soil. 6.587538010456491

2489. but we can say that since a writing poet with leisure before him would seem unlikely to invent a technique based upon frequent and substantial circumlocution the kennings like the epithets must reasonably be ascribed to an oral tradition. 5.683519988500159

2490. one of the greatest homerists of our time frederick m combellack argues that when it is assumed the iliad and the odyssey are oral poems the postulated single redactor called homer cannot be either credited with or denied originality in choice of phrasing. 7.654115508483899

2491. any example of grand or exquisite diction may have been created by the poet who compiled numerous lays into the two works we possess or may be due to one of his completely unknown fellow-craftsmen. 6.0576201673376495

2492. the quest of the historical homer is likely never to have further success; no individual word in the iliad or the odyssey can be credited to any one man; no strikingly effective element of speech in the extant poems can with assurance be said not to have been a commonplace in the vaster epic corpus that may have existed at the beginning of the first millennium before christ. 6.56751093092572

2493. this observation is of interest not only to students of homeric poetry but to students of anglo-saxon poetry as well. 6.278496010275255

2494. to the extent that a tale is twice told its final author must be suspect although plagiarism in an oral tradition is less a misdemeanor than the standard *modus dicendi*. 6.489845441307498

2495. combellack argues further and here he makes his main point that once the iliad and the odyssey are thought formulaic poems composed for an audience accustomed to formulaic poetry homeric critics are deprived of an entire domain they previously found arable. 4.528081680082931



2496. with a few important and a few more unimportant exceptions no expression can be deemed *le mot juste* for its context because each was very probably the only expression that long-established practice and ease of rapid recitation would allow. 6.930284920411557

2497. words or phrases that connoisseurs have admired as handsome or ironic or humorous must therefore lose merit and become regarded as mere inevitable time-servers sometimes accurate and sometimes not. 4.726707772215755

2498. this observation too may have reference to anglo-saxon poetry. 10.867675364171879

2499. to the extent that a language is formulaic its individual components must be regarded as no more distinguished than other clichés. 6.800485980416366

2500. w f bryan suggests that certain kennings in beowulf were selected sometimes for appropriateness and sometimes for ironic inappropriateness but such a view would appear untenable unless it is denied that the language of beowulf is formulaic. 5.770010445349895

2501. if the master of scops who was most responsible for the poem ever used kennings that were traditional he was at least partly deprived of free will and not inclined towards shrewd and sophisticated misuse of speech elements. 5.459820631062979

2502. once many significant phrases are found in theory or in recurrent practice to provide for prosodic necessity they are not to be defended for their semantic properties in isolated contexts. 8.225325923752079

2503. it is false to be certain of having discovered in the language of beowulf such effects as intentional irony. 8.826774142520293

2504. yet if the argument is turned awry there may be found a great deal in bryan's view after all. 8.150375262010103

2505. a formulaic element need not be held meaningless merely because it was selected with little conscious reflection. 6.753689599301928

2506. time-servers though the periphrastic expressions are they may nevertheless be handsome or ironic or humorous. 7.032105024464237

2507. a long evolution in an oral tradition caused the poetic language of the heroic age to be based upon formulas that show the important qualities of things and these formulas are therefore potentially rather than always actually accurate. 5.28418895858997

2508. true we do not know how they were regarded in their day but we need not believe the epic audience to have been more insensitive to the formulas than the numerous scholars of modern times who have read germanic or homeric poetry all their lives and still found much to admire in occasional occurrences of the most familiar phrases. 7.244939295888758

2509. nouns and adjectives in a written tradition are chosen for the nonce; in an oral tradition they may be chosen for the entire epic corpus and tend towards idealization rather than distinctive delineation. 4.8778618439062065

2510. reliance is therefore not to be placed upon the archaeological particulars in an oral poem; no-one today would hope to discover the unmistakable ruins of heorot or the palace of priam. 6.435369987839622

2511. a ship at dry-dock could be called a foamy-necked floater in anglo-saxon or a swift ship in greek. 6.133266541338854

2512. even when defenseless of weapons the danes would be gar-dene and priam would be |e|u|m|m|e|l|i|h|s. 9.251300480935768

2513. achilles like siegfried in the nibelungenlied is potentially the swiftest of men and may accordingly be called swift-footed even when he stands idle. 5.176194017828768

2514. in coriolanus the agnomen of marcius is used deliberately and pointedly but the homeric epithets and the anglo-saxon kennings are

used casually and recall to the hearer a familiar story or situation or a useful or pleasant quality of the referent. 6.511591977304625

2515. the epic language was not entirely the servant of the poet; it was partly his master. 6.196120048044738

2516. the poet's intentions are difficult to discern and except to biographers unimportant; the language however is a proper object of scrutiny and the effects of the language are palpable even if sometimes inevitable. 6.806519214711211

2517. beowulf and the homeric poems appear oral compositions. 6.764147616291221

2518. yet they are written; at some stage in their evolution they were transcribed. 7.551142963309131

2519. albert b lord suggests that the homeric poems were dictated to a scribe by a minstrel who held in his mind the poems fully matured but did not himself possess the knowledge of writing since it would be useless to his guild and magoun argues that the beowulf poet and cynewulf may have dictated their verse in the same fashion. 4.764968979983582

2520. this explanation is attractive but is vitiated at least in part by the observation that cynewulf though he used kennings in the traditional manner was a literate man who four times inscribed his name by runes into his works. 6.961063126158051

2521. if cynewulf was literate the beowulf poet may have been also and so may the final redactor of the iliad and the odyssey. 5.83870492964239

2522. in lieu of the amanuensis to the blind or illiterate bard one may conceive of a man who heard a vast store of oral poetry recited and became intimately familiar with the established aids to poetizing and himself wrote his own compositions or his edition of the compositions of the past. 6.785017561187208

2523. other theories of origin are compatible with the formulaic theory: beowulf may contain a design for terror and the iliad may have a vast hysteron-proteron pattern answering to a ceramic pattern produced during the geometric period in pottery. 4.850102344993435

2524. the account of the growth and final transcription of these epics rests partly however upon the degree to which they were formulaic. 9.509584365532179

2525. carl eduard schmidt counted 1804 different lines repeated exactly in the two homeric poems and by increasing this figure so as to include lines repeated with very slight modifications he counted 2118 different lines used a total of 5612 times. 4.79231489244203

2526. thus one line in five from the iliad and the odyssey is to be found somewhere else in the two poems. 9.78255484886359

2527. the ratio is thoroughly remarkable because the lines are so long- half again as long as those of beowulf. 6.78142434277876

2528. anglo-saxon poetry appears to have no comparable amount of repetition; there is no reason to think that the scop used and re-used whole lines and even lengthy passages after the manner of his homeric colleague. 7.950849111100524

2529. in determining the extent to which any poem is formulaic it is idle however to inspect nothing besides lines repeated in their entirety for a stock of line-fragments would be sufficient to permit the poet to extemporize with deftness if they provided for prosodic needs. 5.435650160094619

2530. the closest scrutiny is owed to the anglo-saxon kennings and the homeric epithets; if any words or phrases are formulaic they will be. 6.852952259467768

2531. the iliad has two words for the shield |a|s|p|i|s and |s|a|k|o|s. 7.43304005989246

2532. recent criticism of great expectations has tended to emphasize its symbolic and mythic content to show as m d zabel hassaid of dickens generally that much of the novel's impact resides in its allegoric insight and moral metaphor. 6.629735056239761

2533. j h miller's excellent chapter on great expectations has lately illustrated how fruitfully that novel can be read from such a perspective. 5.24335413163277

2534. in his analysis however he touches upon but fails to explore an idea generally neglected in discussions of the book which i believe is central to its art- the importance of human hands as a recurring feature of the narrative. 6.990891126165973

2535. this essay seeks to make that exploration. 11.111637260897332

2536. dickens was not for nothing the most theatrical of the great victorian writers. 7.9212783525028

2537. he knew instinctively that next to voice and face an actor's hands are his most useful possession- that in fiction as in the theatre gesture is an indispensable shorthand for individualizing character and dramatizing action and response. 5.25066009146314

2538. it is hardly accidental therefore that many of his most vivid figures do suggestive or eccentric things with their hands. 12.133349405580867

2539. in great expectations the hands become almost an obsession. 9.331389223331769

2540. mr jaggars habitually bites his forefinger a gesture which conveys both contempt and the inscrutable abstractedness that half fascinates half terrifies all who have dealings with him. 6.574231878500228

2541. miss havisham's withered hands heavy as if her unhappiness were somehow concentrated in them move in restless self-pity between her broken heart and her walking stick. 5.0773330825786385

2542. pumblechook's signature is the perpetually extended glad hand. 9.060328853487057

2543. wemmick reveals his self-satisfaction by regularly rubbing his hands together. 6.460370037324521

2544. old mr pocket's frantic response to life imprisonment with a useless social-climbing wife is to put his two hands into his disturbed hair and make an extraordinary effort to lift himself up by it whereas joe gargery endures the shrewish onslaughts of mrs joe by apologetically drawing the back of his hand across and across his nose. 5.94763554170693

2545. such mannerisms would be less worthy of remark were it not that in great expectations as in no other of dickens' novels hands serve as a leitmotif of plot and theme- a kind of unifying symbol or natural metaphor for the book's complex of human interrelationships and the values and attitudes that motivate them. 4.852760853751759

2546. dickens not only reveals character through gesture he makes hands a crucial element of the plot a means of clarifying the structure of the novel by helping to define the hero's relations with all the major characters and a device for ordering such diverse themes as guilt pursuit crime greed education materialism enslavement friendship romantic love forgiveness and redemption. 6.165388617048782

2547. we have only to think of lady macbeth or the policeman-murderer in thomas burke's famous story the hands of mr ottermole to realize that hands often call up ideas of crime and punishment. 6.34576232335543

2548. so it is with great expectations whether the hands be orlick's as he strikes down mrs gargery or pip's as he steals a pie from her pantry. 7.823881790210865

2549. such associations suit well with the gothic or mystery-story aspects of dickens' novel but on a deeper plane they relate to the

themes of sin guilt and pursuit that have recently been analyzed by other critics. 4.921988208937112

2550. the novel opens with a fugitive convict frantically trying to avoid the nemesis of being laid hands on- a mysterious figure who looks into pip's frightened eyes in the churchyard as if he were eluding the hands of the dead people stretching up cautiously out of their graves to get a twist upon his ankle and pull him in.

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2551. magwitch terrifies pip into stealing a pork pie for him by creating the image in the boy's imagination of a boggy man who may softly creep h his way to him and tear him open in him. 5.190153937133001

2552. as pip agonizes over the theft that his own hands have committed his guilty conscience projects itself upon the wooden finger of a local signpost transforming it into a phantom devoting me to the hulks.

6.9652890256336715

2553. held upside down in the graveyard pip clings in terror with both hands to his convict; later he flees in panic from the family table just as his theft is about to be discovered and is blocked at the front door by a soldier who accusingly holds out a pair of handcuffs which he has brought to gargery's forge for mending. 4.785847838346531

2554. through such details dickens indicates at the outset that guilt is a part of the ironic bond between pip and magwitch which is so unpredictably to alter both their lives. 8.868133355665853

2555. since they commonly translate thoughts and feelings into deeds hands naturally represent action and since nearly half the characters in great expectations are of the underworld or closely allied to it the linking of hands with crime or violence is not to be wondered at.

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2556. dickens for excellent psychological reasons never fully reveals magwitch's felonious past but pip at the convict's climactic reappearance in london shrinks from clasping a hand which he fears might be stained with blood. 5.830388127029086

2557. orlick slouches about the forge like cain with his hands in his pockets and when he shouts abuse at mrs joe for objecting to his holiday she claps her hands in a tantrum beats them upon her bosom and upon her knees and clenches them in her husband's hair. 4.553092154645561

2558. this last rampage is only the prelude to the vicious blow upon her head dealt by some unknown hand whose identity is later revealed not verbally but through a manual action- the tracing of orlick's hammer upon a slate. 6.454169805465994

2559. pip himself is to feel the terror of orlick's murderous hand in his secret rendezvous at the sluiceway on the marshes.

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2560. dickens lays great emphasis on the hands in this scene.

8.196044167676531

2561. orlick shakes his hand at pip bangs the table with his fist draws his unclenched hand across his mouth as if his mouth watered for his victim lets his hands hang loose and heavy at his sides and pip observes him so intensely that he knows of the slightest action of his fingers. 4.2611486463056485

2562. orlick might almost be magwitch's boggy man come alive a figure of nemesis from pip's phantasy of guilt. 7.086474546528567

2563. the scarred disfigured wrists of mr jagers' housekeeper are the tell-tale marks of her sinister past for her master coolly exhibiting them to his dinner guests makes a point of the force of grip there is in these hands. 5.400391395101165

2564. jagers' iron control over her any dish she put before him hesitatingly as if she dreaded his calling rests on his having once got her acquitted of a murder charge by cleverly contriving her sleeves at the trial to conceal her strength and by passing off the lacerations

on the backs of her hands as the scratches of brambles rather than of human fingernails. 5.440067206524194

2565. it is the similarity between estella's hands and molly's that provides pip with a vital clue to the real identity of both and

establishes a symbolic connection between the underworld of crime and the genteel cruelty of satis house. 6.313363151106085

2566. finally magwitch's pursuit of compeyson his archenemy and betrayer begins by his holding him in a vicelike grip on the river flats to frustrate his escape and culminates in his laying his hand on his cloak to identify him thus precipitating the death-locked struggle in the water during which compeyson drowns. 0.0

2567. magwitch's hand here ironically becomes the agent of justice. 6.764147616291221

2568. but only in one of its aspects is great expectations a tale of violence revenge and retribution. 11.433813223815921

2569. money so important a theme elsewhere in dickens is here central and hands are often associated in some way with the false values- acquisitiveness snobbery self-interest hypocrisy toadyism irresponsibility injustice- that attach to a society based upon the pursuit of wealth. 4.996985353265486

2570. dickens suggests the economic evils of such a society on the first page of his novel in the description of pip's five little dead brothers who gave up trying to get a living exceedingly early in that universal struggle who seemed to have all been born on their backs with their hands in their trousers-pockets and had never taken them out in this state of existence. 6.480494847199475

2571. pip's great expectations his progress through illusion and disillusionment turn somewhat as they do for the naive hero of dreiser's american tragedy upon the lure of genteel prosperity through unearned income- what wemmick calls portable property and what jagers reproaches pip for letting slip through his fingers. 4.364845775266633

2572. since a gentleman must if possible avoid sullying them by work his hands as importantly as his accent become the index of social status. 7.065419389046016

2573. almost the first step in the corruption of pip's values is the unworthy shame he feels when estella cruelly remarks the coarseness of his hands: they had never troubled me before but they troubled me now as vulgar appendages. 4.700315105321459

2574. pip imagines how estella would look down upon joe's hands roughened by work in the smithy and the deliberate contrast between her white hands and his blackened ones is made to symbolize the opposition of values between which pip struggles- idleness and work artificiality and naturalness gentility and commonness coldness and affection- in fact between satis house and the forge. 5.799201731991027

2575. when the snobbery that alienates pip from joe finally gives way before the deeper and stronger force of love the reunion is marked by an embarrassed handshake at which pip exclaims no don't wipe it off- for god's sake give me your blackened hand! pip's abject leave-taking of miss havisham during which he kneels to kiss her hand signals his homage to a supposed patroness who seems to be opening up for him a new world of glamour; when on the journey to london that immediately follows he pauses nostalgically to lay his hand upon the finger-post at the end of the village the wooden pointer symbolically designates a spiritual frontier between innocence and the corruption of worldly vanity. 4.6676412228072355

2576. incidentally one cannot miss the significance of this gesture for dickens reintroduces it associatively in pip's mind at another moral and psychological crisis- his painful recognition in a talk with

herbert pocket that his hopeless attachment to estella is as self-destructive as it is romantic. 6.845474149654412

2577. in both cases the finger-post represents pip's heightened awareness of contrary magnetisms. 10.597918453176668

2578. a variety of hand movements helps dramatize the moral climate of the fallen world pip encounters beyond the forge. 8.391898616931678

2579. the vulturelike attendance of the pocket family upon miss havisham is summed up in the hypocritical gestures of miss camilla pocket who puts her hand to her throat in a feigned spasm of grief-stricken choking then lays it upon her heaving bosom with an unnatural fortitude of manner and finally kisses it to miss havisham in a parody of the lady's own mannerism toward estella. 4.748296250244733

2580. pumblechook's hands throughout the novel serve to travesty greed and hypocritical self-aggrandizement. 7.615092762846159

2581. we first see him shaking mrs joe's hand on discovering the sizable amount of the premium paid to her husband for pip's indenture as an apprentice and later pumping pip's hands for the hundredth time at least in effusive congratulation to pip on his expectations. 4.842494253168722

2582. we take leave of pumblechook as he gloats over pip's loss of fortune extending his hand with a magnificently forgiving air and exhibiting the same fat five fingers one of which he identifies with the finger of providence and shakes at pip in a canting imputation of the latter's ingratitude and his own generosity as pip's earliest benefactor. 5.465585752661384

2583. pip first learns the stupendous power of money from the sycophantic tailor mr trabb whose brutality to his boy helper exactly matches the financial resource of each new customer and whose fawning hands touch the outside of each elbow and rub pip out of the shop. 4.764708082700959

2584. the respectability which money confers implies a different etiquette and upon taking up the life of a london gentleman pip must learn from herbert pocket that the spoon is not generally used over-hand but under. 6.847109727921214

2585. the following items may be specified in actual or symbolic form in the operands of those instructions which refer to the particular items: channel unit combined channel and unit combined arm and file unit record synchronizers inquiry synchronizers and alteration switches. 5.063043270737741

2586. the declarative operation equ is used to equate symbolic names to item numbers. 9.838714388721492

2587. certain autocoder statements make provision for more parameters than may be contained in the operand of a single line on the autocoder coding sheet. 5.348668535799134

2588. when this is the case the appropriate section of this manual will indicate that continuation cards may be used. 10.93026778231761

2589. thus when specifically permitted the operand of a given line on the autocoder coding sheet may be continued in the operand of from one to four additional lines which immediately follow. 4.903697760124407

2590. the label and operation columns must be blank and the continuation of the operand must begin in column 21; ie it must be left-justified in the operand column of the coding sheet. 6.878913808064877

2591. the operand need not extend across the entire operand column of either the header card or continuation cards but may end with the comma following any parameter. 5.363198470112531

2592. remarks may appear to the right of the last parameter on each card provided they are separated from the operand by at least two blank spaces. 9.09766010999487

2593. illustration of the use of continuation cards are included throughout the examples illustrating the various statements.

6.286624152054331

2594. if a continuation card follows a statement that does not permit continuation cards the compiler will generate a nop and issue an error message. 8.477847772553938

2595. additional restrictions regarding the use of continuation cards with macro-instructions appear on page 106. 6.712294971655874

2596. electronic switches the assignment of actual addresses to symbolic index word and electronic switch names occurs in phase 3 of the autocoder processor. 6.365727389270327

2597. the initial availability of index words and electronic switches is determined by a table which is included in the compiler systems tape.

6.5806540713054185

2598. this table originally indicates that index words 1 through 96 and electronic switches 1 through 30 are available for assignment to symbolic references; index words 97 through 99 are not available.

6.454852290796788

2599. the initial setting of this table may be altered however as described in the 70707074 data processing system bulletin ibm 70707074 compiler system: operating procedure form j28-6105.

5.589623670936844

2600. during the first pass of phase 3 references to the actual addresses of index words and electronic switches are collected and the availability table is updated. 8.197770509263021

2601. at the end of this pass the table indicates which index words and electronic switches are not available for assignment to symbolic references. 6.348118347385949

2602. both index words and electronic switches may have been made unavailable before the start of assignment in one of the following ways:

the initial setting of the availability table indicated that the index word or electronic switch was not available for assignment.

8.195034836507617

2603. the one- two-digit number of the index word or electronic switch was used in the operand of a symbolic machine instruction to specify indexing or as a parameter which is always an index word or electronic switch eg the one- or two-digit number of the index word or electronic switch was used in the operand of an equ statement eg when the index words or electronic switches are reserved because of actual usage in the statements described above the position or order of the statements within the program is not important; any such reference will make the index word or electronic switch unavailable at the end of this pass. 4.890238979642212

2604. during the assignment pass of phase 3 index words and electronic switches are reserved as they are encountered during assignment. 7.370185245535542

2605. index words and electronic switches may be reserved in the following ways. 6.545276911798704

2606. the first two methods apply to both index words and electronic switches; the third applies only to index words. 8.53895081204111

2607. during the assignment pass each instruction is examined for reference to the symbolic name of an index word or electronic switch.

7.320447513387866

2608. when such a reference is found an actual address is assigned and the availability table is changed so that the assigned index word or switch is no longer available for later assignment. 7.253451267906203

2609. if the one- or two-digit address of an index word or electronic switch is used or is included in the operand of an xreserve or sreserve statement the corresponding index word or electronic switch is reserved.

5.788402210882935

2610. if a statement has been assigned an address in the index word area by means of an origin statement which refers to an actual address the corresponding index word will be reserved. 7.440882765898774

2611. these entries should normally appear at the beginning of the program or immediately following each litorigin statement. 9.2073821100599

2612. otherwise symbolic names may have previously been assigned to these same index words. 8.18527692242169

2613. the preceding methods allow efficient use of index words and electronic switches during a sectionalized or multi-phase program particularly when used in conjunction with the litorigin statement. 5.595178736654994

2614. extreme caution should be used however to avoid the conflicting usage of an index word or electronic switch which may result from the assignment of more than one name or function to the same address. 7.007645576594056

2615. if the symbolic name or actual address of an index word or electronic switch appears or is included in the operand of an xrelease or srelease statement the specified index word or electronic switch will again be made available regardless of the method by which it was reserved. 5.210395759378588

2616. it will not however be used for symbolic assignment until all other index words or electronic switches have been assigned for the first time. 10.014176698035447

2617. if at any time during the assignment pass the compiler finds that there are no more index words available for assignment the warning message no more index words available will be placed in the object program listing the table will be altered to show that index words 1 through 96 are available and the assignment will continue as before. 5.7696796932705965

2618. if the compiler finds that there are no more electronic switches available for assignment the warning message no more electronic switches available will be placed in the object program listing the table will be altered to show that electronic switches 1 through 30 are available and assignment will continue as before. 6.686420267397363

2619. the resultant conflicting usage of index words or electronic switches may be avoided by reducing the number of symbolic names used eg through the proper use of the equ xrelease or srelease statements. 6.856548145758149

2620. as noted in appendix c index words 97 through 99 are never available for assignment to symbolic names by the compiler; also index words 93 through 96 may have been made unavailable for assignment. 7.3109638834438275

2621. statements autocoder declarative statements provide the processor with the necessary information to complete the imperative operations properly. 5.9866825484836985

2622. declarative statements are never executed in the object program and should be separated from the program instruction area placed preferably at its beginning or end. 6.4823744915593045

2623. otherwise special care must be taken to branch around them so that the program will not attempt to execute something in a data area as an instruction. 5.560023031715399

2624. if the compiler does encounter such statements a warning message will be issued. 10.72322358388218

2625. 70707074 autocoder includes the following declarative statements: da dc drdw dsw dline equ code dtf diocs and duf. 5.825820622377272

2626. da dc dtf and dline require more than one entry. 10.44706794030592

2627. the da statement is used to name and define the positions and length of fields within an area. 6.5115766787898535



2628. the dc statement is used to name and enter constants into the object program. 9.422915133740302

2629. since the 7070 and 7074 make use of record definition words to read write move and otherwise examine blocks of storage the da and dc statements provide the option of generating rdws automatically. 5.279986243667986

2630. when so instructed autocoder will generate one or more rdws and assign them successive locations immediately preceding the area with which they are to be associated. 9.010129818236337

2631. an rdw will be of the form f where xxxx is the starting location of the area and yyyy is its ending location. 6.532041082972151

2632. these addresses are calculated automatically by the processor. 10.594780651883399

2633. in some cases it may be more advantageous to assign locations to rdws associated with da and dc areas in some other part of storage ie not immediately preceding the da or dc areas. 6.0818745322272125

2634. the drdw statement may be used for this purpose. 10.582206877639416

2635. the drdw statement may also be used to generate an rdw defining any area specified by the programmer. 6.808258993355566

2636. as many as ten digital switches may be named and provided by the dsw statement for consideration by the setsw and logic macro-instructions. 8.461087188773208

2637. each switch occupies one digit position in a word can be set on or off and is considered as logically equivalent to an electronic switch. 5.217848998886126

2638. it cannot however be referred to by electronic switch commands eg esn bsn etc. 10.857911690220728

2639. an individual switch or the entire set of switches in a word may be tested or altered as desired. 5.544401316257922

2640. through use of the dline statement a means is provided for specifying both the editing of fields to be inserted in a print line area and the layout of the area itself. 6.5903627288638305

2641. the area may include constant information supplied by the programmer. 9.691408780548091

2642. the area may also be provided with additional data during the running of the object program by means of edmov or move macro-instructions. 9.058265696455496

2643. the declarative statement equ permits the programmer to equate symbolic names to actual index words electronic switches arm and file numbers tape channel and unit numbers alteration switches etc and to equate a symbol to another symbol or to an actual address. 4.687215922478775

2644. the diocs dtf and duf statements are used when required by the inputoutput control system. 8.346523409839932

2645. diocs is used to select the major methods of processing to be used and to name the index words used by iocs. 6.400867349035739

2646. each tape file must be described by tape file specifications produced by dtfs. 8.223277000023264

2647. in addition to information related to the file and its records the file specifications contain subroutine locations and the location of tape label information. 7.7692702543714525

2648. a dufentry must be supplied for every unit record file describing the type of file and the unit record equipment to be used. 6.911593772058188

2649. the duf also supplies the locations of subroutines written by the user that are unique to the file. 6.161534271336119

2650. a full description of the diocs dtf and duf statements is contained in the 7070 data processing system bulletin ibm 7070 inputoutput control system form j28-6033-1. 8.358126438210919

2651. brief descriptions of these three declarative statements and detailed descriptions of the formats and functions of each of the other 70707074 autocoder declarative statements follow below.

5.82519463735035

2652. when the inputoutput control system is to be used in a program a diocs statement must be used to select the major methods of processing to be used. 9.355520245214203

2653. this statement also allows the naming of the indexwords used by iocs. 7.245642828221304

2654. the basic format of the diocs statement is as follows: anylabel is any symbolic label; it may be omitted. 8.251775376411436

2655. the entry diocs must be written exactly as shown. 8.341215694113531

2656. the first item in the operand iocsixf is used to specify the first iocs index word for programs using tape files. 8.597417340887846

2657. this item may be a symbolic name or an actual one-digit or two-digit index word address in the range 3-94. 6.328325912493313

2658. if the first item in the operand is omitted the symbolic name iocsixf will be assigned. 9.420738558882473

2659. when an actual index word or a symbolic address is specified autocoder will equate the name iocsixf to it. 6.186438963862652

2660. the second item in the operand iocsixg is used to specify the second iocs index word for programs using tape files.

7.682048778551802

2661. this item may be a symbolic name or an actual one-digit or two-digit index word address in the range 3-94. 6.183966301200223

2662. if the second item in the operand is omitted the symbolic name iocsixg will be assigned. 9.789235504658443

2663. when an actual index word or a symbolic address is specified autocoder will equate iocsixg to it. 6.345609006316045

2664. in the midwest oxidation ponds are used extensively for the treatment of domestic sewage from suburban areas. 9.840946374000778

2665. the high cost of land and a few operational problems resulting from excessive loadings have created the need for a wastewater treatment system with the operational characteristics of the oxidation pond but with the ability to treat more organic matter per unit volume.

6.2038413982458795

2666. research at fayette missouri on oxidation ponds has shown that the bod in the treatedeffluent varied from 30 to 53 mgl with loadings from 8 to 120 lb boddacres. 6.424135885208428

2667. since experience indicates that effluents from oxidation ponds do not create major problems at these bod concentrations the goal for the effluent quality of the acceleratedtreatment system was the same as from conventional oxidation ponds. 5.452655230970084

2668. recent studies by weston and stack had indicated that a turbine aerator could be added to an oxidation pond to increase the rate of oxygen transfer. 7.2400370508582625

2669. their study showed that it was possible to transfer 3 to 4 lb of oxygenhrhp. 6.701018786004922

2670. o'connor and eckenfelder discussed the use of aerated lagoons for treating organic wastes. 8.515652468252126

2671. they indicated that a 4-day retention aerated lagoon would give 60 to 76 per cent bod reduction. 7.210805058639721

2672. later eckenfelder increased the efficiency of treatment to between 75 and 85 per cent in the summer months. 9.320800707885818

2673. it appeared from the limited information available that the aerated lagoon might offer a satisfactory means of increasing the capacity of existing oxidation ponds as well as providing the same degree of treatment in a smaller volume. 5.6333478737936415

2674. with the development of the red bridge subdivision south of kansas city missouri the developer was faced with the problem of providing adequate sewage disposal. 9.60829237625108

2675. the sewage system from kansas city was not expected to serve the red bridge area for several years. 6.1464908696889475

2676. this necessitated the construction of temporary sewage treatment facilities with an expected life from 5 to 15 yr. 8.345251576975276

2677. for the initial development an oxidation pond was constructed as shown in figure 1. 9.379422340318634

2678. the oxidation pond has a surface area of 4. 10.582206877639416

2679. 77 acres and a depth of 4 ft. 6.764147616291221

2680. the pond is currently serving 1230 persons or 260 persons per acre. 9.005093323721033

2681. in the summer of 1960 the oxidation pond became completely septic and emitted obnoxious odors. 8.206079708398445

2682. it was possible to maintain aerobic conditions in the pond by regular additions of sodium nitrate until the temperature decreased and the algae population changed from blue-green to green algae. 7.561315979692343

2683. the anaerobic conditions in the existing oxidation pond necessitated examination of other methods for supplying additional oxygen than by sodium nitrate. 5.670580783382225

2684. at the same time further expansion in the red bridge subdivision required the construction of additional sewage treatment facilities. 12.560622500171817

2685. the large land areas required for oxidation ponds made this type of treatment financially unattractive to the developer. 6.802931569028676

2686. it was proposed that aerated lagoons be used to eliminate the problem at the existing oxidation ponds and to provide the necessary treatment for the additional development. 9.625044068038882

2687. the lack of adequate data on the aerated lagoon system prompted the developer to construct an aerated lagoon pilot plant to determine its feasibility for treating domestic sewage. 5.581517617895818

2688. the pilot plant was a circular lagoon 81 ft in diam at the surface and 65 ft in diam at the bottom 4 ft below the surface with a volume of 121000 gal. 6.553692419703626

2689. the side slopes were coated with fiberglass matting coated with asphalt to prevent erosion. 5.825820622377272

2690. the pilot lagoon was located as shown in figure 1 to serve the area just south of the existing housing area. 8.650325074844528

2691. the major contributor was a shopping center with houses being added to the system as the subdivision developed. 7.432493179009017

2692. the pilot lagoon was designed to handle the wastes from 314 persons with a 4-day aeration period. 7.87588018922744

2693. initially the wastewater would be entirely from the shopping center with the domestic sewage from the houses increasing over an 18-month period. 5.254525271336449

2694. this operation would permit evaluation of the pilot plant with a slowly increasing load over a reasonable period of time. 6.966367697860506

2695. the pilot plant was equipped with a 3-hp turbine aerator. 8.907332140370261

2696. the aerator had a variable-speed drive to permit operation through a range of speeds. 7.391013650626644

2697. the sewage flow into the treatment plant was metered and continuously recorded on 24-hr charts. 6.374057384651866

2698. the raw sewage was introduced directly under the turbine aerator to insure maximum mixing of the raw sewage with the aeration tank contents. 6.955804554600195

2699. the effluent was collected through two pipes and discharged to the blue river through a surface drainage ditch. 6.040227447879625

2700. composite samples were collected at weekly intervals. 9.670406878971576

2701. the long retention period and the complete mixing concept prevented rapid changes in either the mixed liquor or in the effluent. 7.388362954087809

2702. weekly samples would make any changes more readily discernible than daily samples. 7.615092762846159

2703. the composite samples were normally collected over a 6-hr period but an occasional 24-hr composite was made. 6.040227447879625

2704. examination of the operations of the shopping center permitted correlation of the 6-hr composite samples with 24-hr operations. 7.002811256141389

2705. the data indicated that the organic load during the 6-hr composites was essentially 50 per cent of the 24-hr organic load. 7.613169571421967

2706. grab samples were collected from the existing oxidation pond to determine its operating conditions. 7.391013650626644

2707. efforts were made to take the grab samples at random periods so that the mass of data could be treated as a 6-hr composite sample. 6.386391653003863

2708. a single 24-hr composite sample indicated that the sewage flow pattern and characteristics were typical. 7.88014969880378

2709. operations the bod of the influent to the pilot plant varied between 110 and 710 mg/l with an average of 350 mg/l. 6.092760097295938

2710. this was equivalent to 240 mg/l bod on a 24-hr basis. 11.350691961998146

2711. the bod of the raw sewage was typical of domestic sewage from a subdivision. 6.339593267021628

2712. the bod in the effluent averaged 58 mg/l a 76-per cent reduction over the 24-hr period. 7.860799503526907

2713. examination of the data in table 1 shows that a few samples contributed to raising the effluent bod. 5.556266996023954

2714. the periods of high effluent bod occurred during cold periods when operational problems with the aerator resulted. 7.663024046550707

2715. ice caused the aerator to overload straining the drive belts. 6.210871206873012

2716. the slippage of the drive belts caused the aerator to slow down and reduce oxygen transfer as well as the mixing of the raw sewage. 8.242375935376941

2717. the organic loading on the unit averaged 32 lb of bod/day or about 2 lb bod/day/1000 cu ft aeration capacity. 5.15576524365156

2718. needless to say the organic load was very low on a volumetric basis but was 270 lb bod/day/acre on a surface loading basis. 6.290129093830134

2719. it seems that the aerated lagoon was a very heavily loaded oxidation pond or a lightly loaded activated sludge system. 7.719431741412256

2720. the flow rate remained relatively constant during the winter months as shown in table 1. 9.71091530954216

2721. with the spring rains the flow rose rapidly due to infiltration in open sewers. 5.8846857302725235

2722. as construction progresses the volume of storm drainage will be sharply reduced. 11.603955132301552

2723. the retention period in the aerated lagoon ranged from 9.  
7.839212140222358

2724. 6 days averaging 6. 12.394146838145783

2725. the large amount of vegetable grindings from the grocery store in the shopping center created a suspended solids problem.  
6.549549937527686

2726. the vegetables were not readily metabolized by the bacteria in the aeration unit and tended to float on the surface. 7.333060553020843

2727. a skimming device at the effluent weir prevented loss of most of these light solids. 6.708653314639865

2728. the average volatile suspended solids in the effluent was 75 mg/l while mlss averaged 170 mg/l volatile suspended solids.  
7.960529186426104

2729. the average sludge age based on displacement of solids was calculated to be 14. 7.0951425106264026

2730. the oxygen uptake rate in the mixed liquor averaged 0.  
9.945332631078985

2731. 8 mg/l-hr during the first four months of this study.  
7.32293423922612

2732. variations in aerator speeds during the latter two months of this study caused increased mixing and increased oxygen demand.  
6.643215071337043

2733. the increase in oxygen uptake rates from 1. 11.489145403071232

2734. 6 mg/l-hr which followed an increase in rotor speed was believed to be related to resuspension of solids which had settled at the lower rotor speeds. 6.797475780076201

2735. it appeared that most of the mixed liquor suspended solids were active microbial solids with the heavier less active solids settling out. 8.043593500078211

2736. the suspended solids discharged in the effluent were found to be the major source of the bod. 8.886690034331954

2737. removal of the suspended solids by a membrane filter yielded an average effluent containing only 20 mg/l bod. 5.326519577128725

2738. the bod in the drainage ditch receiving the pilot plant effluent averaged 12 mg/l. 8.346523409839932

2739. this low bod was due to removal of the excess suspended solids by sedimentation since the only dilution was surface runoff which was very low during this study. 5.255118792764251

2740. routine microscopic examinations were made of the mixed liquor as indicated by mckinney and gram for the various types of protozoa.  
7.356231877558946

2741. it was found that the aerated lagoon was an activated sludge system rather than an oxidation pond. 8.5129815528823

2742. at no time were algae found in the mixed liquor.  
13.639820170647662

2743. the bacteria formed typical activated sludge floc.  
9.802060557618772

2744. the floc particles were all small as the heavier floc settled out.  
9.005093323721033

2745. initially the flagellated protozoa predominated but they soon gave way to the free swimming ciliated protozoa. 8.029519841016684

2746. as the temperature decreased the number of free swimming ciliated protozoa decreased. 12.585716178468099

2747. very little protozoa activity existed below 40°f. 9.35484721045803

2748. when the temperature reached 32°f all protozoan activity ceased; but as the temperature rose the numbers of protozoa increased rapidly.  
9.450213239200245

2749. only once were stalked ciliates found in the mixed liquor.  
7.796565768573885

2750. the predomination of free swimming ciliated protozoa is indicative of a high bacterial population. 8.82047645748646

2751. one of the important aspects of this study was to determine the oxygen transfer relationships of the mechanical aerator. 10.138682454736504

2752. routine determinations were made for dissolved oxygen in the mixed liquor and for oxygen uptake rates. 7.091561345451085

2753. the data given in table 2 show the routine operation of the aerator. 6.817408452020724

2754. the dissolved oxygen in the aeration unit was consistently high until january 29 1961. 8.346523409839932

2755. an extended cold spell caused ice to build up on the aerator which was mounted on a floating platform and caused the entire platform to sink lower in the water. 5.668567926512969

2756. the added resistance to the rotor damaged the drive belts and reduced the oxygen transfer capacity. 8.477747475614223

2757. it was approximately one month before the belt problem was noticed and corrected but at no time was there a deficiency of dissolved oxygen. 6.894034524516866

2758. a series of eight special tests were conducted at different rotor speeds to determine the oxygen transfer rate. 9.956092303905336

2759. five of the tests were conducted with a polyethylene cover to simulate an ice cover. 7.521866993389534

2760. the rate of oxygen transfer at 1.14.83532703533098

2761. 0-mg/l dissolved oxygen concentration and 10°c for various rotor speeds is given in table 3. 5.674295354649883

2762. the maximum rate of oxygen transfer at 1. 10.582206877639416

2763. 0 mg/l dissolved oxygen was calculated as 220 lb/day at a maximum rate of 9. 5.674295354649883

2764. the actual power requirements indicated 21b oxygen transfer/hrhp. 11.806889261435519

2765. the polyethylene cover reduced the oxygen transfer rate by 10 per cent indicating that the maximum oxygen transfer is at the rotor rather than through the surface. 6.575589020825765

2766. pond during this study septic conditions developed in the oxidation pond in the spring when the ice melted. 7.7472252938178

2767. shortly after this study ended septic conditions resulted which required the addition of sodium nitrate. 6.571940114745015

2768. the location of the oxidation pond in a high-value residential area makes odor nuisances a sensitive problem for the developer. 7.782659215118071

2769. the organic concentration in the influent raw sewage ranged from 160 to 270 mg/l of bod with an average of 230 mg/l. 6.46281560696641

2770. the bod data are given in table 4. 10.582206877639416

2771. a single 24-hr composite sample had a bod of 260 mg/l indicating a typical domestic sewage. 6.211372457527363

2772. the daily sewage volume to the oxidation pond averaged 147000 gpd giving a retention period of 42 days. 7.48837548295765

2773. the organic loading on the pond was slightly under 60 lb bod/day/acre. 7.839212140222358

2774. the effluent bod averaged 34 mg/l a little lower than that of the study at fayette indicated for a loading of 60 lb bod/day/acre. 7.57906676832516

2775. the bod of the effluent ranged from a minimum of 13 to a maximum of 47 mg/l. 7.0636989512927855

2776. microscopic examination of the effluent showed that minimum bod occurred when the algae began to decrease with cold weather. 6.643215071337043

2777. when the algae began to build up again the effluent bod rose. 8.540565160818552

2778. during the two weeks when the algae disappeared from the effluent bod's in the effluent were 18 and 16 mgl. 8.768487718687751

2779. thus the three main categories of antisubmarine warfare operations are defense of shipping defense of naval forces and area defense. 6.088073323933754

2780. the last category overlaps the others in amphibious operations and near terminals and bases. 10.052907741076972

2781. to effect these operations five elements exist fixed installations. 9.119587473979069

2782. surface forces have been used to provide defense zones around naval and merchant ship formations air to furnish area surveillance and mines for protection of limited areas. 7.334849362012845

2783. submarines and shore installations are new elements. 7.622507342753323

2784. the submarine now has a definite place in submarine defense particularly in denying enemy access toocean areas. 7.663024046550707

2785. fixed installations offer possibilities for area detection. 7.14162538120728

2786. mine warfare is being reoriented against submarine targets. 8.581436094141479

2787. a sixth element not always considered is intelligence. 8.023923068000494

2788. it includes operational intelligence of the enemy and knowledge of the environment. 0.0

2789. operational intelligence presumably will be available from our national intelligence agencies; intelligence on the environment will come from the recently augmented program in oceanography. 4.903693293796623

2790. the major postwar development is the certainty that these elements should not be considered singly but in combination and as being mutually supporting. 7.352410900831424

2791. thinking on submarine defense has not always been clear-cut. 6.764147616291221

2792. proponents of single elements tend to ensure predominance of that element without determining if it is justified and the element with the most enthusiastic and vociferous proponents has assumed the greatest importance. 6.796698519224445

2793. consequently air surface and submarine elements overshadow the mine fixed installations and intelligence. 6.063398628075623

2794. these have sought more and more of what they have. 12.113110325638354

2795. each seems to strive for elimination of the necessity for the others. 6.6813625361563895

2796. this despite postwar experience demonstrating that all elements are necessarily mutually supporting. 9.198913718222784

2797. thus the most productive areas are not necessarily the most stressed. 8.833286308908676

2798. this is stated to emphasize the necessity for an over-all concept of submarine defense one which would provide positions of relative importance to asw elements based on projected potentialities. 8.046161153953731

2799. then the enthusiasm and energy of all elements can be channeled to produce cumulative progress toward a common objective. 6.361462262301334

2800. an over-all concept would have other advantages. 10.477725297338463

2801. it would allow presentation to the public of a unified approach. 10.368684421273127

2802. now the problem is presented piecemeal and sometimes contradictorily. 12.152571981005552

2803. while one element is announcing progress another is delineating its problems. 7.321972785933993

2804. the result can only be confusion in the public mind. 10.824033822709982

2805. a unified concept can serve as a guide to budgeting and if public support is gained will command congressional support. 6.130963165601821

2806. industry's main criticism of the navy's antisubmarine effort is that it cannot determine where any one company or industry can apply its skills and know-how. 7.352561550041772

2807. lacking guidance industry picks its own areas. 8.762426024314411

2808. the result coupled with the salesmanship for which american industry is famous is considerable expenditure of funds and efforts in marginal areas. 8.506140216384392

2809. an over-all concept will guide industry where available talents and facilities will yield greatest dividends. 6.2338487675332335

2810. therefore a broad concept of over-all submarine defense is needed for co-ordination of the navy's efforts for a logical presentation to the public for industry's guidance and as a basis for a program to the congress. 6.637234384017638

2811. concept that which follows will be a discussion of principles and possible content for an over-all concept of antisubmarine warfare. 6.109491189080505

2812. russia possesses the preponderance of submarines in the world divided between her various fleets. 10.042467815380848

2813. some are also in albania and others are on loan to egypt. 7.583775777699051

2814. other countries which may willingly or unwillingly become communist can furnish bases. 8.26207590452333

2815. communist target areas can be assumed but there is no certainty that such assumptions coincide with soviet intentions. 7.370310609769442

2816. attack can come from almost any direction against many locations. 8.196044167676531

2817. logically then the first principle of the plan must be that it is not rigidly oriented toward any geographical area. 6.646515052475208

2818. it is often stated that the submarine can be destroyed while building at bases in transit and on station. 9.995396910362448

2819. destruction of the enemy's building and base complex however requires attacks on enemy territory which is possible only in event of all-out hostilities. 5.693578257441505

2820. in transit or on station it may not be possible to attack the submarines until commission of an overt act. 8.02021381973691

2821. the communists are adept at utilizing hostilities short of general war and will do so whenever it is to their advantage. 6.49989374794633

2822. therefore the second principle of the plan must be that while providing for all-out hostilities its effectiveness is not dependent on general war. 7.262176264192017

2823. antisubmarine warfare does not involve clashes between large opposing forces with the decision a result of a single battle. 5.236383152695367

2824. it is a war of attrition of single actions of an exchange of losses. 15.861792798818417

2825. this exchange must result in our ending up with some effective units. 7.250862165373997

2826. initially having fewer units of some elements- especially submarines- than the opponent our capabilities need to be sufficiently greater than theirs so that the exchange will be in our favor. 6.352388959314798



2827. therefore the third principle of the plan must be that it does not depend for effectiveness on engagement by the same types unless at an assured favorable exchange rate. 5.719195656854624

2828. the submarine has increased its effectiveness by several orders of magnitude since world war 2. 8.346523409839932

2829. its speed has increased it operates at increasingly greater depths its submerged endurance is becoming unlimited and it will become even more silent. 5.18742509826831

2830. the next developments will probably be in weaponry. 13.314096035204095

2831. the missile can gradually be expected to replace the torpedo. 9.204644232367036

2832. as detection ranges increase weapons will be developed to attack other submarines and surface craft at these ranges. 8.197482826165501

2833. therefore the fourth principle of the plan must be that it provide for continuously increasing capabilities in the opponent. 6.159638137837797

2834. no element can accomplish the total objective of submarine defense. 9.76376045036682

2835. some elements support the others but all have limitations. 8.592800318346152

2836. some limitations of one element can be compensated for by a capability of another. 8.114131125286105

2837. elements used in combination will increase the over-all capability more than the sum of the capabilities of the individual elements. 6.325311163473002

2838. therefore the plan's fifth principle must be that it capitalize on the capabilities of all elements in combination. 7.476488229392695

2839. conceivably the submarine defense problem can be solved by sufficient forces. 6.210871206873012

2840. numbers would be astronomical and current fiscal policies make this an impractical solution. 7.391013650626644

2841. shipbuilding aircraft procurement and weapon programs indicate that there will not be enough of anything. 6.066941276481856

2842. therefore any measures taken in peacetime which will decrease force requirements in war will contribute greatly to success when hostilities occur. 6.748802289035621

2843. therefore the sixth principle of the plan must be that it concentrate on current measures which will reduce future force requirements. 5.689166266815458

2844. the world is constantly changing; what was new yesterday is obsolescent today. 12.321059980898383

2845. the seventh principle of the plan is self-evident; it must be flexible enough to allow for technological breakthroughs scientific progress and changes in world conditions. 5.989795157616825

2846. to this point the need for an over-all plan for submarine defense has been demonstrated the mission has been stated broad principles delineating its content laid down and the supporting elements listed. 7.369551939108993

2847. before considering these elements in more detail an additional requirement should be stated. 6.791049676473546

2848. large area coverage will accomplish all other tasks. 9.30371038265301

2849. therefore because reduction in tasks results in reduction of forces required the plan should provide for expanding area coverage. 5.406664019112

2850. but it must be remembered that the plan should not be oriented geographically. 16.794073807785615

2851. consequently the system giving area coverage must be flexible and hence at least partially mobile. 5.725106139771221

2852. since effective area coverage appears fairly remote the requirement can be borne in mind while considering the elements: air surface sub-surface fixed installations mines and intelligence. 6.6384731410985784

2853. these are arranged approximately in the order of the vociferousness of their proponents but will be discussed in the reverse order in the hope that the true order of importance will result. 7.873299667697262

2854. intelligence as used herein will include information on possible opponents and on the environment which can affect operations. 7.519188723481248

2855. these can be referred to as operational intelligence and environmental intelligence. 8.010081924658726

2856. in submarine defense these must have maximum stress. 11.838405196350237

2857. good operational intelligence can ensure sound planning greatly reduce force requirements and increase tactical effectiveness. 6.302470714181657

2858. environmental intelligence is just as important. 10.472119682746735

2859. the ocean presently co-operates with the target. 9.802060557618772

2860. full knowledge of the science of oceanography can bring the environment to our side resulting in an increase in effectiveness of equipment and tactics a decrease in enemy capabilities and the development of methods of capitalizing on the environment. 6.343712616334543

2861. therefore improved intelligence will result in reduced force requirements and as it supports all other elements rates a top priority. 5.406664019112

2862. gathering intelligence is important but of equal importance is its translation into usable form. 7.391013650626644

2863. a program is needed to translate the results of oceanographic research into tactical and operating instructions. 7.17999136448753

2864. approaching this problem on a statistical basis is invalid because the opponent has the same sources available and will be encountered not under average conditions but under the conditions most advantageous to him. 6.3268751469330775

2865. therefore the on-the-scene commander must have detailed operating instructions based on measurement of conditions in the area at the time of encounter. 5.801816149505095

2866. all capabilities must be used to maximum advantage then. 12.548120470661539

2867. temperature wind oxygen content depth bottom character and animal life are the chief environmental variables. 5.90870224590401

2868. variations in sound velocity should be measured rather than temperature because more of the variables would be encompassed. 7.357756497138044

2869. these variations must eventually be measured horizontally as well as vertically. 8.40276774381342

2870. progress in predicting water conditions is encouraging but little guidance is available to the man at sea on the use of such information. 9.928013458050904

2871. a concurrent effort is needed to make oceanographic data useful on the spot. 6.62197242591231

2872. mine warfare has in the past been directed against surface targets. 9.151803601223891

2873. by its nature it has always been of great psychological advantage and small efforts have required considerably greater counter-efforts.  
6.357213028433671

2874. mines are being increasingly oriented against submarine targets.  
9.060328853487057

2875. they are still considered to be for use in restricted waters however and targets must come within a few yards of them.  
8.350340367640717

2876. mines need to be recognized as a major element in anti-submarine warfare employment extended to deep water and have their effective area per unit increased. 6.38769540514313

2877. mines can be used to deny access to great areas; they are difficult to counter cost little to maintain until required and can be put into place quickly. 5.790072726947081

2878. a most attractive feature is that detection and attack are combined in a single package. 8.405340457262655

2879. effective employment will reduce force requirements.  
8.254441635698543

2880. for example effective mine barriers from florida to cuba and across the yucatan channel from cuba to mexico would remove all requirements for harbor defense inshore patrol convoy escort shipping control and mine defense for the entire gulf of mexico. 6.894498875494615

2881. more extended systems covering all passage into the caribbean would free the caribbean and the gulf of mexico from the previously listed requirements. 5.563375759127216

2882. systems covering the gulf of st lawrence and possibly the entire coasts of the united states are not impossible. 6.85267062431164

2883. such mine defense systems could permit concentration of mobile forces in the open oceans with consequent increase in the probability of success. 6.92578822529471

2884. the advantages inherent in mine warfare justify as great an importance for this element as is accorded any of the other elements.  
7.068970569960655

2885. fixed installations are increasingly advocated as the problem of area defense emerges. 6.771690794857863

2886. the proponents are scientific and technical men who exercise considerable influence on their military counterparts. 8.346523409839932

2887. systems which detect submarines over wide areas are attractive although they can be only burglar alarms. 5.967602403211639

2888. mobile forces are required to localize and attack detected targets since the systems are not capable of pinpointing a target.  
7.39383563555266

2889. such systems are expensive and are oriented geographically.  
8.771033092947984

2890. in an over-all asw concept dependence on and effort expended for such systems should be limited to those with proven capabilities.  
9.227902432166399

2891. no general installation should be made until a model installation has been proved and its maximum capability determined.  
6.1207706529024115

2892. in addition proposals for fixed installations should be carefully weighed against a counterpart mobile system.  
10.757927046801495

2893. for fixed installations will always lack the flexibility that should be inherent in naval systems. 6.576251425143321

2894. the submarine has become increasingly attractive as an antisubmarine weapon system. 9.430036403335416

2895. it operates in its target's environment and any advantage gained therefrom by the target is shared by the attacker.  
7.724715166504337

2896. but the submarine is a weapon of ambush and therefore always in danger of being ambushed. 9.742935294239802

2897. two metabolites which act as cofactors for the hydroxylation of aniline by acid-fast bacteria are biosynthesized from paba. 5.788801185383924

2898. the 7 carbons of paba are incorporated directly into metabolite 2 . 9.430036403335416

2899. thirty-five of the 36 carbon atoms arise from paba. 6.764147616291221

2900. all 28 carbons of metabolite 1 arise from paba. 10.566937912973131

2901. metabolite 1 isolated from the medium however showed a lower specific activity which indicates endogenous synthesis of this metabolite. 5.15576524365156

2902. vigorous acid hydrolysis of metabolite 1 destroyed the biological activity of the compound and liberated two aryl amines. 6.643215071337043

2903. fragment a has been obtained in crystalline form as a dioxalate salt and free base. 5.542917982132687

2904. preliminary evidence tentatively indicates that the molecule is cleaved at a secondary amide bond. 7.198778874655976

2905. h sloane; chemical studies are being pursued with the cooperation - research on esterases in mammalian sera was continued. 5.714421194550266

2906. one of the most interesting findings was the extreme sensitivity of plasma arylesterases to rare earth ions. 12.941462857514958

2907. the inhibition of the enzyme by very low concentrations of lanthanum ion is probably the strongest known biological effect of rare earth salts. 5.71098065430772

2908. various metal ions have been found to protect plasma arylesterase against inactivation by urea and guanidine. 8.401528899871506

2909. the effects can be related to the structure of this -sh enzyme. 9.984412662365113

2910. the non-identity of serum and red blood cell arylesterase was also established. 9.005093323721033

2911. furthermore the hydrolysis of paraoxon was studied in mammalian sera and it was found that it is hydrolyzed by albumin in addition to arylesterase. 6.134739308693741

2912. selective inhibitors can distinguish the two activities. 9.818077947137997

2913. investigations on the acceleration of human plasma cholinesterase were carried further. 6.210871206873012

2914. biophysical studies on- electron-microscopical and physical-chemical methods were used to demonstrate the renaturation of heat-denatured collagen and ribonucleic acid. 7.21372885036404

2915. a method was devised for extracting and purifying soluble earthworm collagen . 7.190017756155806

2916. it was observed that ewc macromolecules are the same diameter than vertebrate tropocollagen. 13.123583514934909

2917. this unusual collagen also was shown to undergo a reversible thermal phase transformation. 6.954879689604739

2918. this investigation involved several aspects. 16.48682148135584

2919. substance z an active urinary peptide was purified by extraction in organic solvents and repeated column chromatography; high-voltage electrophoresis and paper chromatography were used in preliminary structural studies; pharmacological effects in vitro on isolated surviving organs and in vivo on blood pressure were assayed; special equipment required for registering respiration and for recording the contraction of smooth muscles under various conditions was developed by the instruments section ; and enzymes which terminate

the action of peptides such as bradykinin and perhaps substance z were studied. 4.193079706729175

2920. experiments are in progress to develop ultraviolet spectrophotometric techniques for assaying these enzymes and for studying their sensitivity to metal ions. 6.711839494474785

2921. c d mackey a g renfrew w b severs- in a physiochemical study of seed proteins the globulins of the brazil nut have been investigated. 5.2640668649253595

2922. in addition to the known principal globulin excels in three other ultracentrifugally distinct components have been observed. 13.016333920119122

2923. a water-soluble protein of quite low molecular weight has also been found in this system and partly characterized. 6.094905714546496

2924. on the basis of a differentiability assumption in function space it is possible to prove that for materials having the property that the stress is given by a functional of the history of the deformation gradients the classical theory of infinitesimal viscoelasticity is valid when the deformation has been infinitesimal for all times in the past. 8.22990109267718

2925. by strengthening the differentiability assumption it has been possible to derive second and higher order theories of viscoelasticity. 6.388589539526145

2926. in the second-order theory one of the normal stress differences can be calculated from the first-order stress relaxation function. 10.042047327287436

2927. an extensive series of measurements was made on a high-density polyethylene in a torsion pendulum instrument using forced sinusoidal oscillation free vibration and creep measurements over the temperature range of f to 80°c. 4.816956594793347

2928. as many as seven decades of the time scale were thus covered isothermally. 13.145135728649471

2929. the simple time-temperature equivalence valid for many amorphous systems did not hold here. 7.491986582426858

2930. it was possible however to decompose the compliance into a sum of a frequency-independent component and two viscoelastic mechanisms each compatible with the boltzmann superposition principle and with a consistent set of time-temperature equivalence factors. 7.815674469999594

2931. and related - the results of microanalysis of tektites for gallium and germanium have shown that these glasses are probably produced from terrestrial matter by impact of a celestial body. 5.615440609795537

2932. the galliumgermanium ratio is higher than that for ordinary igneous metamorphic or sedimentary matter as a result of selective volatilization of the components of the tektite. 8.573782880155465

2933. gallium oxide is less volatile than silica and germanium oxide is more volatile. 5.825820622377272

2934. australites give the appearance of a second melting. 12.06721634463939

2935. in conformity with this conclusion a higher trace gallium content was found in the portion that has undergone a second melting. 6.918024593705916

2936. the silicate fractions of stony meteorites show galliumgermanium ratios similar to those of tektites because they too have undergone melting at some point in their histories. 8.152513571606534

2937. libyan desert silica-glass another natural glass is composed of nearly pure silica and has the same trace germanium content as sands in the area. 4.903693293796623

2938. the gallium content however has been enhanced five-fold. 11.387658710676023

2939. this glass is probably formed from libyan desert sands by comet or stony-meteorite impact. 6.954879689604739

2940. nickel-iron meteorites with sufficient kinetic energy to produce large terrestrial-explosion craters may nevertheless melt only small quantities of material. 6.643215071337043

2941. most of the impact energy is spent in crushing and fragmentation. 11.413496497053176

2942. when rapid quenching follows melting impact glasses may result. 11.488842477267742

2943. these always contain metallic inclusions. 9.993906161063114

2944. impact glasses not containing elemental nickel-iron may have been produced by stony meteorites or comets. 7.032105024464237

2945. no meteorites have ever been recovered from paleoexplosion craters and recent craters containing impact glass have all been produced by metallic meteorites with the exception of auelloul crater adrar western sahara desert. 4.9552960254551754

2946. this crater contains impact glass with no metallic inclusions and no meteoritic material has been recovered. 7.032105024464237

2947. preparation of a coordination compound is often accomplished by the simple method of reacting a metal salt with a ligand in a suitable solvent such as an alcohol. 4.785390059535166

2948. by applying this general principle a great number of complex compounds of osmium ruthenium iridium and rhenium with triphenylphosphine triphenylarsine and triphenylstibine have been obtained in this laboratory during the past few years. 7.24670187723743

2949. in the absence of direct evidence to the contrary decomposition of solvent alcohol and coordination of its fragments to the metal were not considered following the above heretofore-accepted assumption in preparative coordination chemistry. 6.290438088796698

2950. recent work with radiocarbon and deuterated alcohols as solvents however has given evidence that metal-hydrido and -carbonyl complexes may be readily formed by reaction with alcohol in some of these systems. 7.456443453887742

2951. some of the previously reported compounds have thus been reformulated and a series of new hydrido and carbonyl compounds discovered the more representative examples being f f f f and f. 6.912542543615947

2952. the coordination complexes formed by transition metals with primary and secondary phosphines and arsines are being investigated. 7.860799503526907

2953. particular interest is directed towards the condensation of these ligands with metal halides to form substituted phosphide or arside complexes. 5.15576524365156

2954. during the past year these ligands have yielded some unusual five-coordinate complexes of nickel and some interesting binuclear phosphorus-bridged complexes of palladium as well as new compounds of the well-known type f. 7.463903078947821

2955. the structures properties and reactions of these compounds are being studied. 7.559893176392705

2956. in another study chromium-substituted aluminum oxyhydroxides and related species prepared homogeneously by high-temperature hydrolysis are being characterized and investigated spectrally in the ultraviolet region with a view to identification and semiquantitative estimation of the phases formed under varying preparative conditions. 6.4379704660999675

2957. \_elasticity - the theory of elasticity of gaussian networks has been developed on a more general basis and the equations of state relating variables of pressure volume temperature stress and strain have been precisely formulated. 4.810368095862098

2958. simple elongation has been treated in detail. 9.670406878971576

2959. the various stress-temperature coefficients for constancy of volume and strain constancy of pressure and strain and constancy of pressure and length have been interrelated. 5.624564446073024

2960. the dilation accompanying elongation and the simultaneously developed anisotropy of compressibility have been related to the elongation. 7.626829793242358

2961. in continuation of these theoretical studies a more precise elucidation of the effects of imperfections in network structure is sought. 6.144849616704715

2962. chain conformations of polymeric - recent theoretical work to calculate the dimensions of polymeric chains by volkenstein and lifson has been extended to includemore general types of chains. 6.186898478723534

2963. the mean-square end-to-end distance of the polyisobutylene chain has been calculated in reasonable agreement with values deduced from viscosity data. 5.780140237098333

2964. these studies are being extended to different polymers to increase our knowledge about the hindrances to rotation around chain bonds. 7.153483977539913

2965. the crystallization of copolymers comprising f units interspersed with a minor percentage of f is limited by the inability of the crystal lattice characteristic of the former to accommodate the bulky side group of the latter. 5.918390288898053

2966. only uninterrupted sequences of the former are eligible for formation of crystallites. 8.962620827604098

2967. limitations on the lengths of these sequences diminish the stability of the comparatively short crystallites which can be formed and this is reflected in a broadening of the melting range. 6.07038760772742

2968. carefully executed melting studies on this system permit quantitative estimation of the instability engendered by reduced crystallite length. 6.757567981697296

2969. the complex morphology of polycrystalline homopolymers is necessarily dependent on the same factor. 8.594270015414326

2970. hence the present studies offer a possible basis for interpretations in the latter field. 9.031728760064738

2971. glycerinated muscle in the presence of the physiological agent. 8.497029033662841

2972. responsible for delivering energy to the mechanochemically active proteins of muscle has been shown to undergo a contraction which is highly sensitive both to temperature and to solvent composition in mixtures of alcohols and water. 5.795373458792256

2973. experiments carried out over long periods of time in order to allow establishment of a steady state have shown that the onset of contraction and its completion are confined to an interval of several degrees centigrade and to a concentration range of only several per cent. 4.790021212810407

2974. the contraction therefore partakes of the character of a phase transition. 9.430036403335416

2975. while atp appears to be necessary for the occurrence of contraction its presence and enzymatic hydrolysis of it by the muscle protein myosin are not the only criteria for contraction. 6.006509264093857

2976. one of the principal aims of anionic polymerization techniques is the synthesis of polymers of extremely narrow molecular weight distribution. 10.953923197699167

2977. a simple process for the preparation of nearly monodisperse polystyrene of predictable molecular weight has been developed. 5.901300571347011

2978. the preparation of such products is not new but the systems heretofore employed in polymerizations have commanded considerable experimental skill and starting materials of a high purity.

7.144428852003552

2979. in the new process impurities present in the solvent the monomer and in the reaction system which would cause deactivation of propagation centers are rendered inactive prior to polymerization by gradual addition of initiator a mixture of butyl-lithium and telomeric styryl-lithium at a temperature low enough to suppress chain growth.

5.514885465856123

2980. upon completion of the purging step additional initiator appropriate for the molecular weight of the sample desired is added and the system is then warmed to the polymerization temperature at which the reaction is allowed to go to completion. 6.51076062562578

2981. the predictability of the molecular weights was found to be within 10% for the polymers prepared with f ratios less than 1.

5.571976520698639

2982. contrary to observations with ethers no apparent change of the reactivity of the chain ends takes place over considerable periods of time in benzene as solvent. 6.586321198107421

2983. in this publication measurements of interfacial angles of crystals are used to classify and identify chemical substances.

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2984. t v barker who developed the classification-angle system was about to begin the systematic compilation of the index when he died in 1931. 7.6503009001508

2985. the compilation work was undertaken by a number of interested crystallographers in the department of mineralogy of the university museum at oxford. 6.626782367679802

2986. since 1948 the working headquarters has been the department of geology and mineralogy. 8.918175713502764

2987. numerous cooperating individuals in great britain holland the united states and belgium have contributed editorially or by making calculations. 6.654562667190157

2988. great interest and practical help have been given by the barker index committee. 8.892356809881338

2989. financial and material help have come from academic governmental and industrial organizations in england and holland. 5.69489617089282

2990. editors for volumes 1 and 2 were m w porter and the late r c spiller both of oxford university. 7.060557807295238

2991. a third volume remains to be published. 10.746779783863802

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2993. volume 3 in preparation will treat the anorthic compounds described in groth's chemische krystallographie. 5.674295354649883

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2995. other morphological sources the index is essentially a new treatment of previously compiled morphological data. 6.5991476694513

2996. most of the data used are from groth's chemische krystallographie. 16.670811742935356

2997. every calculation has been made independently by two workers and checked by one of the editors. 5.9128358458783925

2998. accepted crystallographic symbolism has been used; other symbols related to the index necessarily have been introduced.

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3018. the continuity of the project is suggested by plans for an eventual third edition. 10.645023104565944

3019. elements alloys inorganic and organic compounds. 7.622507342753323

3020. not be included in the second edition since these have been collected independently by w b pearson national research council ottawa and published as a handbook of lattice spacings and structures crystallographic data resulting mainly from x-ray and electron diffraction measurements are presented. 6.814671865003145

3021. cell dimensions number of formula units per cell space group and specific gravity are given for all substances. 5.326519577128725

3022. for some substances auxiliary properties such as the melting point are given. 10.45749072460345

3023. part 1 of the present edition covers the literature to mid-1948; part 2 up to the end of 1951. 8.553157229010859

3024. much of the material comes directly from secondary sources such as strukturbericht. 13.5242988709928

3025. the vast number of compounds to be covered the limited resources to do the job and the immediate need for this type of compilation precluded a thorough evaluation of all available data in the present edition. 5.871038294933236

3026. future editions may be more critical. 10.472119682746735

3027. physical constants: were prepared independently the abbreviation schemes and the chemical symbols used differ in the two parts. 6.000938759725488

3028. the second edition should have greater uniformity. 13.06263632702246

3029. a second edition is in preparation and there are long range plans for a third. 7.765099937554796

3030. data in the present edition are presented in tables and lists. 8.100807408852253

3031. part 1 deals with the classification of crystalline substances by space groups and is not a numerical data compilation. 7.215192612730185

3032. the compounds are divided according to composition into seven categories. 9.945332631078985

3033. part 2 contains determinative tables for the identification of crystalline substances. 11.431066178096161

3034. these are arranged according to crystal system. 11.486495764507303

3035. there are formula and name indexes covering both parts. 13.359845151173804

3036. references for part 1 are given at the end and for part 2 in the tables. 7.2628435485607765

3037. the present edition of crystal data published in 1954 as memoir 60 of the geological society of america is now out of print. 6.258292615536997

3038. the manuscript of the second edition will probably be ready by the end of 1960. 11.137631597628364

3039. the author of crystal structures is ralph wg wyckoff university of arizona tucson arizona. 7.8320902207194285

3040. the first section of this publication appeared in 1948 and the last supplement in 1960. 9.055274805188393

3041. though now complete the publication is included in this directory because of its importance and because of the long-term nature of its preparation. 6.2373712587585945

3042. elements inorganic and organic compounds. 10.472119682746735

3043. the data presented are derived almost entirely from x-ray diffraction measurements and include sources of data: the aim was to state the results of all available determinations of atomic positions in crystals. 5.6153524449850645

3044. presumably the tabulated data are best available values. 9.239055781974468

3045. the critical comments in the textual sections of this publication are invaluable. 7.098087065137257

3046. the terminology used conforms to that of internationale tabellen zur bestimmung von kristallstrukturen. 10.133001786068867

3047. during the years of publication supplement and replacement sheets were issued periodically. 11.505619146371103

3048. coverage of the literature extends through 1954 and includes some 1955 references. 7.615092762846159

3049. it is to be hoped that some way will be found to keep this important work current. 10.475488395207291

3050. the publication form is that of loose-leaf sheets contained in binders. 11.411238887251548

3051. the book is divided into chapters and in each chapter the material is grouped into text tables illustrations and bibliography. 7.037795989397381

3052. each group is paginated separately; numbers sometimes followed by letters are used so that insertions can be made. 7.205857621832629

3053. inorganic structures are found in chapters 2-12 organic structures in chapters 13-15. 6.695688752339251

3054. within each chapter an effort has been made to group together those crystals with similar structures. 7.859489022705534

3055. there are three indexes ie an inorganic formula index a mineralogical publication publisher of crystal structures is interscience publishers 250 fifth avenue new york 1 n y. 5.214739736807675

3056. the work consists of four sections and 5 supplements. 8.581436094141479

3057. price of the complete work including all necessary binders is \$148. 6.370375905390405

3058. system of mineralogy six editions of james dwight dana's system appeared between 1837 and 1892. 7.198778874655976

3059. in 1915 edward s dana editor of the sixth edition asked w e ford of yale university to prepare a seventh edition of his father's work. 6.242681875718092

3060. a number of people became involved in the preparation but work was slow until 1937. 13.13314875568218

3061. in that year a grant was obtained from the penrose fund of the geological society of america to finance additional full-time workers. 6.935975613567854

3062. money was also advanced by the publishers john wiley + sons inc. 7.87269759001131

3063. volume 1 was completed in 1941 and published in 1944. 6.460370037324521

3064. the editors of this volume and volume 2 were the late charles palache clifford frondel and the late harry berman all of harvard university. 7.310871545804058

3065. work on volume 2 was begun in 1941 interrupted by the war in 1942 and resumed in 1945. 7.193251601895997

3066. the volume was completed in 1950 and published in 1951. 8.196044167676531

3067. a supplementary grant from the geological society of america helped finance its publication. 7.391884477244865

3068. besides the editors there were many contributors in the united states and great britain to volumes 1 and 2. 10.023000665420312

3069. w e ford for example continued to supply data on the occurrence of minerals until his death in 1939. 6.0245979751138075

3070. volume 3 is nearing completion and there are plans to revise volume 1. 7.391013650626644

3071. the project is currently supported by harvard university. 8.976097203071156

3072. crystallographic physical optical and chemical properties. 10.472119682746735

3073. the crystallographic data given include interaxial angles and unit cell dimensions; the physical property values include hardness melting point and specific gravity. 5.571976520698639

3074. almost entirely original articles in journals; abstracts and other compilations on rare occasions when original papers are not available. 6.643215071337043

3075. all information is carefully appraised and uncertain facts are designated by. 7.423846201535696

3076. an authentic diffraction pattern use recommendations of international authorities such as the international union of crystallography are followed. 8.514857789125932

3077. there is a complete synonymy at the beginning of each species description. 16.6633036151035

3078. currency in the usual sense cannot be maintained in an undertaking of this sort. 7.198778874655976

3079. the data are presented in text and tables in boundvolumes. 7.43304005989246

3080. volume 1 of the seventh edition contains an introduction and data for eight classes of minerals; volume 2 contains data for forty-two classes. 6.484303263848362

3081. references are given at the end of each mineral description and a general index is given at the end of each volume. 7.716535440925759

3082. there will be a comprehensive index in volume 3 covering all three volumes. 16.49027865447134

3083. volume 1 of the seventh edition of dana's system of mineralogy was published in 1944 and volume 2 in 1951 by john wiley + sons inc new york n y. 4.6904158433825796

3084. with the dana mineralogies dates back to 1844 when they published the two volumes are available from the publisher for \$14. 8.074155385840125

3085. the groth institute the groth institute which was established in 1958 is a group activity affiliated with the physics department of the pennsylvania state university university park pa. 5.377780605372492

3086. ray pepinsky is the director. 10.472119682746735

3087. the institute derives its name from paul von groth's chemische krystallographie a five-volume work which appeared between 1906 and 1919. 5.902597869659227

3088. the resident staff is large and consists of professional assistants graduate students abstractors librarian technical editor machine operators secretarial help and others. 7.068970569960655

3089. there are also corresponding members and outside advisory groups. 14.790401175433564

3090. the air force office of scientific research has provided financial assistance in the early stages of the institute's program. 10.325209085069847

3091. all crystalline substances and other solid-state materials. 9.785091048588368

3092. the aim is to collect a very broad range of physical chemical morphological and structural data for crystals on an encyclopedic scale and to seek all possible useful and revealing correlations of properties with internal structure. 6.059420117428869

3093. the first stage of operation has centered on the literature imaging of critical or summarizing tabulations such as the barker index. 7.112554440478764

3094. coverage of primary literature will follow. 10.472119682746735

3095. unpublished data will be available to the groth institute from cooperating groups and individuals. 6.360513988104634

3096. critical evaluation of all data compiled is not a primary aim of this project. 7.935508743752098

3097. however the proposed correlation of the many interrelated properties of crystals will reveal discrepancies in the recorded data and suggest areas for reinvestigation. 6.272606309499311

3098. in addition the availability of computers will permit recalculation and refinement of much structural information. 11.910480238450534

3099. physical for punched-card or tape storage of information all literature values must be conformed to a common language. 5.473954887180538

3100. in this way a degree of unification of nomenclature symbols and units will be realized. 10.080523213791063

3101. because individual classes of foods differ in their requirements for preservation a number of methods have been developed over the

years involving one or a combination of procedures such as dehydration fermentation salting chemical treatment canning refrigeration and freezing. 5.719067707831121

3102. the basic objectives in each instance are to make available supplies of food during the intervals between harvesting or slaughter to minimize losses resulting from the action of microorganisms and insects and to make it possible to transport foods from the area of harvest or production to areas of consumption. 6.98455210734029

3103. in earlier years the preservation of food was essentially related to survival. 7.764524855587911

3104. in the more sophisticated atmosphere of today's developed nations food-preservation techniques have sought also to bring variety peak freshness and optimum taste and flavor in foods at reasonable cost to the consumer. 6.087154974475937

3105. with the development of nuclear technology isotopic materials and machine radiation sources in recent years the possibilities of applying ionizing radiation to the preservation of foods attracted the attention of investigators in the united states and throughout the world. 7.434975307084773

3106. an early hope that irradiation might be the ultimate answer to practically all food preservation problems was soon dispelled. 7.926222413188676

3107. interest remained however in the possibility that it would serve as a useful supplementary method for counteracting spoilage losses and for preserving some foods at lower over-all costs than freezing or without employing heat or chemicals with their attendant taste alterations. 5.004280946492509

3108. the chief factors responsible for the spoilage of fresh foodstuffs are microorganisms such as bacteria molds and yeasts insects sprouting and chemical reactions. 7.679939295969844

3109. microorganisms are often responsible for the rapid spoilage of foods. 6.698212654347557

3110. of special concern is the growth of bacteria such as clostridium botulinum which generate poisonous products. 8.825011300776067

3111. enzymatic action in stored food produces changes which can adversely affect the appearance of food or its palatability. 5.81866042908065

3112. spoilage by chemical action results from the reaction of one group of components in the food with others or with its environment as in corrosion of the walls of metal containers or the reaction of fats with oxygen in the air to produce rancidity. 6.388572225022519

3113. sprouting is a naturally occurring phenomenon in stored potatoes onions carrots beets and similar root vegetables. 5.542917982132687

3114. insect infestation is a problem of importance chiefly in stored grain. 9.478204968151388

3115. the presence of parasitic organisms such as trichinella spiralis in pork introduces another factor which must be dealt with in food processing. 6.527787621701744

3116. to permit the storage of food for long periods of time a method of preservation must accomplish the destruction of microorganisms and inhibition of enzymatic action. 7.9028072183209686

3117. the term sterilization applies to methods involving essentially complete destruction of all microorganisms. 7.1608087034330055

3118. food treated in this manner and protected from recontamination by aseptic methods of packaging and containment presumably could be stored for long periods without refrigeration. 6.635988228731769

3119. the process of pasteurization involves milder and less prolonged heat treatment which accomplishes the destruction of most but not all of the microorganisms. 7.570289442277925

3120. less severe thermal treatment as by blanching or scalding serves to inactivate enzymes. 8.015211952457786

3121. effects of ionizing radiation ionizing radiation can cause the destruction of microorganisms and insects involved in food spoilage or at lower doses can inhibit their action. 4.853876284793092

3122. it furnishes a means of destroying insects in stored grain products as well as certain parasitic organisms present in meats. 9.344674831222017

3123. deactivation of enzymes is also possible although some types require extremely heavy doses of 10 mrad or more. 5.326519577128725

3124. because of undesirable flavors odors colors and generally low palatability associated with radiation treatment of this magnitude the inactivation of enzymes is best accomplished prior to irradiation by the conventional heat-processing methods of blanching. 7.099659194319115

3125. radiation does not retard the chemical spoilage of food. 6.460370037324521

3126. it will however inhibit the sprouting of potatoes and other root vegetables. 10.869444022902801

3127. the radiation doses required for the preservation of foods are in the following ranges: for radiosterilization to destroy all organisms for long-term preservation- about 4. 5.916343226482999

3128. 5 mrad for nonacid foods of low salt content. 11.894105583821753

3129. for radiopasteurization to partially destroy microorganisms; results vary with types of food storage conditions and objectives of treatment- commonly of the order of 0.5. 8.08866235652457

3130. 2 mrads but up to about 0. 14.411919543913791

3131. for destruction of insects- about 25000 rads. 7.622507342753323

3132. for inhibiting the sprouting of root vegetables- 4000 to 10000 rads. 9.816367117220269

3133. preserving foods with ionizing radiation leads to some undesirable side effects particularly at the higher radiation dosages. 5.326519577128725

3134. in this respect the general palatability and individual acceptance of most radiosterilized foods has to date been found to be low in comparison with fresh and commercially processed foods. 7.593689736903686

3135. a number of foods are quite acceptable as regards taste and palatability however at dosages substantially less than sterilization levels. 7.123467306335329

3136. moreover the nutritive value of irradiated foods apparently undergoes little if any change although some of the fat-soluble vitamins are affected by sterilization doses. 7.431242172740858

3137. for irradiation of food the results obtained depend upon the dose rather than the specific type of radiation and x-ray gamma and high-energy electron radiation are suitable. 5.635679345667413

3138. aside from availability and economic considerations each has certain practical advantages; for example gamma rays give deeper penetration but cannot be focused or collimated whereas unidirectional electron beams may be split and directed to both the top and bottom of the food package to be irradiated. 6.3898820060448465

3139. selection of a source for commercial irradiation would involve consideration of numerous factors including required dose rate load factor throughput convenience safety and most important costs. 4.853876284793092

3140. of the potentially useful sources of ionizing radiations gamma sources cobalt-60 cesium-137 fission products or a reactor irradiation loop system using a material such as an indium salt have received most attention for food-preservation systems. 6.796228521202161

3141. of the various particle accelerators the van de graff machines resonant transformers and linear accelerators are the principal ones available for commercial use. 6.55782030867378

3142. costs of the effective energy produced by these sources is a major obstacle in the development of food-preservation processes. 9.271403564062782

3143. estimated production costs of radiation energy from machine and nuclide sources range from \$1 to \$10 per kwhr. 5.236383152695367

3144. conventional energy for processing foods is available in the range of at most a few cents per kwhr for electric power and the equivalent of a few mills per kwhr for process steam. 6.559180980563432

3145. radiation therefore is at an initial cost disadvantage even though only 1 to 10 per cent as much radiation energy as heat energy is required for radiopasteurization or radiosterilization. 5.407323869298529

3146. what are the possibilities of lowered radiation production costs for the future? 13.69055793383496

3147. it has been estimated that for applications on a megawatt scale costs might reach values in the neighborhood of 10 cents per kwhr for large-scale accelerators or for gamma radiation generated in a reactor core. 5.970744407689593

3148. no comparable reductions in the cost of nuclide radiation are foreseen. 10.594314053604894

3149. such projections however appear highly speculative and the capacities involved are far beyond those foreseen for food-preservation facilities. 6.113769289643686

3150. because agricultural activities are seasonal and the areas of production and harvest of many foods are widely scattered geographically and because of the high cost of transporting bulk food items any substantial distance to a central processing location the use of large central processing stations where low-cost radiation facilities approaching the megawatt range might be utilized is inherently impracticable. 6.249974144697622

3151. of irradiation preservation of foods the objective of complete sterilization of foods is to produce a wholesome and palatable product capable of being stored without refrigeration for extended periods of time. 5.618424604867241

3152. chief interest in radiosterilization resides in the military services. 9.390603782275125

3153. for them providing appetizing food under battle or emergency conditions is a paramount consideration. 6.800157167832778

3154. they require completely sterile foods capable of being stored without refrigeration preferably items already cooked and ready to eat. 7.685753391288286

3155. high nutritional value variety palatability and appetizing appearance are important for reasons of morale. 6.80337331187083

3156. foods for rear stations which require cooking but no refrigeration are also of interest. 7.322582207589122

3157. of primary interest are meats. 12.351857851149944

3158. radiopasteurization which produces fewer adverse sensory changes in food products has potential usefulness in prolonging the keeping qualities of fresh and refrigerated food items. 6.221143152558621

3159. thus food so processed might reach more remote markets and permit the consumer to enjoy more produce at peak freshness and palatability. 5.936991473365929

3160. commercial interest is chiefly in this type of treatment as is military interest under peacetime conditions. 7.775458885858585

3161. the present status of food preservation by ionizing radiation is discussed by food classes in the following paragraphs. 7.20427560805382

3162. the radiation processing of meat has received extensive investigation. 11.107107959362367

3163. to date the one meat showing favorable results at sterilization doses is pork. 6.892147632398339

3164. of particular interest to the military services is the demonstration that roast pork after radiosterilization is superior in palatability to available canned pork products. 7.836394009972727

3165. tests with beef have been largely unsuccessful because of the development of off-flavors. 6.9253581715417205

3166. a prime objective of the army quartermaster corps program is to find the reasons for beef's low palatability and means of overcoming it since it is a major and desirable dietary item. 9.627908346520304

3167. partly because low-level heat treatment is needed to inactivate enzymes before radiosterilization treated fresh meats have the appearance of boiled or canned meat. 5.0176589645046334

3168. off-flavor is a less severe problem with the radiopasteurization of meats but problems of commercial acceptability remain. 6.886249538313906

3169. moderate radiation doses of from 100000 to 200000 rads can extend the shelf life of fresh beef from 5 days to 5 or 6 weeks. 4.853876284793092

3170. however the problem of consumer acceptability remains. 15.673572866548046

3171. the preradiation blanching process discolors the treated beef and liquid accumulates in prepackaged cuts. 6.578982329721101

3172. cooked beef irradiated in the absence of oxygen assumes an unnatural pink color. 7.391013650626644

3173. when lamb and mutton are irradiated at substerilization doses the meat becomes dehydrated the fat become chalky and again unnatural changes in color occur. 5.703434887995785

3174. ground meats such as fresh pork sausage and hamburger have a relatively short shelf life under refrigeration and radiopasteurization might be thought to offer distinctly improved keeping qualities. 6.252533361664298

3175. however a major problem here is one of scale of processing; ground meats are usually prepared from scrap meats at the local level whereas irradiation at economic volumes of production would require central processing and distribution facilities. 5.407362030088933

3176. the problems of color change by blanching and liquid accumulation within the package are the same as for solid cuts. 8.333362590655405

3177. specialty cooked items containing meat portions as in frozen dinners might offer a potential use for radiopasteurization. 5.427950274147271

3178. the principal potential advantage would be that the finished product could be transported and stored at lower cost under refrigeration instead of being frozen. 7.112393625717184

3179. a refrigerated item could also be heated and served in less time than is required for frozen foods of the same type. 6.102983128436069

3180. competitive processes for preserving meats are by canning and freezing. 8.196044167676531

3181. costs of canning meat are in the range of 0.7.355680552736413

3182. 8 to 5 cents per pound; costs of freezing are in the area of 2 to 3. 8.173275019763205

3183. the table on page 10 shows costs of canning and freezing meat and estimated costs for irradiation under certain assumed conditions. 5.670580783382225

3184. under the conditions of comparison it will radiosterilization is more radiopasteurization by either the electron accelerator or cesium-



137 irradiation using the nuclide source is more expensive than use of an electron accelerator. 7.431230425092606

3185. results of irradiation tests with poultry have been quite successful. 6.460370037324521

3186. at sterilizing doses good palatability results with a minimum of changes in appearance taste and odor. 9.690103204771864

3187. radiopasteurization has also been successful and the shelf life of chicken can be extended to a month or more under refrigerated storage as compared with about 10 days for the untreated product. 5.023232342000959

3188. acceptable taste and odor are retained by the irradiated and refrigerated chicken. 7.615092762846159

3189. acceptance of radiopasteurization is likely to be delayed however for two reasons: the storage life of fresh chicken under refrigeration is becoming a minimal problem because of constantly improved sanitation and distributing practices and treatment by antibiotics a measure already approved by the federal food and drug administration serves to extend the storage life of chicken at a low cost of about 0. 4.916963481981913

3190. fresh seafood products are extremely perishable. 10.472119682746735

3191. although refrigeration has served to extend the storage life of these products substantially increased consumption might be possible if areas remote from the seacoast could be served adequately. 5.409173123205315

3192. furthermore it has made an exact assessment of the removal mechanisms possible. 8.066087806204921

3193. the instrument is shown in fig 1 and consists essentially of a hard sharp tungsten carbide knife which is pushed along the substrate to remove the coating. 6.1087530504434815

3194. the force required to accomplish removal is plotted by means of an electronic recorder against distance of removal. 8.458510492086722

3195. since the removal force is a function of coating thickness a differential transformer pickup has been incorporated into the instrument to accurately measure film thickness. 5.673086325235781

3196. this too is recorded against distance by a repeat run over the same track previously cut. 8.610921896061667

3197. a number of adjustment features are included in the hesiometer to facilitate measurement and permit ready removal of coatings deposited on such substrates as iron and other metals glass wood and plastic surfaces. 6.226849784191787

3198. the measurement of topcoats on primers can also readily be carried out. 9.005093323721033

3199. hesiometer results have been found to compare excellently with manual knife scratching tests. 6.9463712601859715

3200. the instrumental method however is about 100 times more sensitive and yields numerical results which can be accurately repeated at will over a period of time. 7.936307284371113

3201. if a wedge-shaped coating of increasing thickness is removed from a substrate by an instrument like the hesiometer with a knife of constant rake angle a number of removal mechanisms are often observed which depend upon the thickness of the coating. 5.617220309501041

3202. at low thicknesses a cutting phenomenon is often encountered. 11.71351514332805

3203. as the coating becomes thicker the cutting may abruptly change to a cracking type of failure. 7.544677787280255

3204. if the coating becomes still thicker a peeling type failure finally can occur. 10.72322358388218

3205. the typical appearance of these various mechanisms is illustrated in figs 2 3 and 4 which are single frame enlargements of high speed movies taken during the course of the knife removal process. 5.972641820047624  
3206. it can be seen from fig 2 that the cutting removal of a coating from its substrate involves pure cohesive failure of the coating. 10.065540309426087

3207. the molecular forces holding the coating to the substrate are obviously greater than the cohesive strength of the coating and failure occurs by shear along a plane starting at the tip of the knife and extending to the coating surface. 5.322154394325318

3208. the pictures of figs 3 and 4 show the cracking and peeling types of removal where the coating is detached by failure in a region at or close to the interface between coating and substrate. 6.714092963077151

3209. if the force required to remove the coatings is plotted against film thickness a graph as illustrated schematically in fig 5 may characteristically result. 6.165702921912899

3210. here  $h$  is the coatings removal force measured parallel to the surface of the substrate and  $t$  is the film thickness. 9.909658482959113

3211. it can be seen that the force is characteristic of the removal process and changes abruptly from cutting to cracking to peeling removal. 8.959321006754546

3212. also it can be readily seen that the cutting and peeling types of failure show a steady state response while the cracking mechanism is of a dynamic nature. 7.0145225515164125

3213. it should be recalled that these three mechanisms can occur on the same coating deposited upon the same substrate merely as a function of changes in coatings thickness. 7.63296546060657

3214. presumably the interfacial bond strength and gross cohesive properties are identical in each case. 7.290347670517163

3215. what then are the factors that contribute to these phenomena? 8.172042307755929

3216. why should the practical adhesion of a coating as assessed by a knife method change initially increasing rather rapidly and then decreasing stepwise to very low values as the knife is forced through a coating of increasing thickness? 6.073238484235858

3217. the cutting removal process has been previously described. 7.14162538120728

3218. it was found that the coating is separated from its substrate entirely by cohesive failure. 12.101549542797414

3219. the details of the removal process are shown schematically in fig 6. 9.942667879566706

3220. the various forces result from the reaction of the removed paint chip against the face of the knife and along the shear plane which makes an angle  $\phi$  with the substrate. 7.839984668539578

3221. the action and reaction forces are  $r$  and  $f$  respectively and are equal and opposite in direction. 5.504013763918864

3222. all the other force vectors are derived from these. 14.75695949617052

3223.  $f$  is the force required to cut a coating of thickness  $t$  from the substrate. 6.195671823596846

3224.  $f$  is the shear force along the shear plane;  $f$  and  $f$  are the thrust forces acting against coating and knife respectively;  $f$  is the normal compressive force acting on the shear plane;  $f$  is the friction force between chip and knife surfaces and  $p$  is the normal force acting on the face of the knife. 5.815072742533981

3225.  $\alpha$  is the rake angle of the knife;  $\phi$  is the angle the shear plane makes with the substrate;  $\theta$  is the friction angle; and  $\beta$  is the angle the resultants make with the plane of the substrate. 4.473134263127645

3226. an analysis of the vector relationships shows that the rake angle  $\alpha$  and the friction angle  $\phi$  determine the vector direction  $f$  of the force resultants  $r$  and  $f$ . 7.056142647473741

3227. consequently both the rake angle of the knife as well as the friction occurring between the back of the removed coating and the front of the knife will determine in large part the detailed mechanism of the cutting removal process. 6.534303111787784

3228. it is difficult to measure the direction and magnitude of  $r$  directly. 19.069878647075285

3229. in actual practice the values most readily amenable to measurement are the cutting force  $f$  and the shear angle  $\phi$ . 6.144849616704715

3230. these two values and the rake angle  $\alpha$  are sufficient to determine the other parameters of these relationships. 8.798547020654512

3231.  $\alpha$  is defined by the geometry of the knife;  $\phi$  can readily be determined by measuring the thickness of the coating before and after cutting from the substrate;  $f$  is instrumentally determined. 4.926198120782607

3232. from fig 6 the relationship between these parameters can readily be derived and the cutting force is  $f$  where  $\phi$  is the shear strength of the coating and is a parameter of the coatings material  $w$  is the width of the removed coating and  $t$  is its thickness. 5.881729196226396

3233. if the cutting force  $f$  is plotted against film thickness a straight line should result passing through the origin and having slope  $f$ . 6.517396121441633

3234. however in the actual assessment of the cutting force by instrumental methods for any thickness of coating a number of spurious effects occur which must be taken into account and which make the measured value larger than the true cutting force indicated by eqn. 0.0

3235. one of these is the fact that the knife employed no matter how well sharpened will have a slightly rounded cutting edge. 10.390780708029016

3236. this signifies that  $\alpha$  the rake angle is no longer a constant to zero film thickness. 9.06649552733653

3237. the curvature of this bluntness is in the case of the carboloy knife employed in the hesiometer determined by the grain sizes of the polished grit and the tungsten carbide crystals cemented together in the knife body and is in the order of 0. 6.442923355315638

3238. the force vector concept of fig 6 can readily be applied to this condition also. 8.483713382005185

3239. because the rake angle  $\phi$  at the tip of the knife is very much smaller when compared to the value of  $\alpha$  for the major portion of the knife a very rapid increase in cutting force with thickness will result. 6.188890245149814

3240. this reduces to the relationship:  $f$  where  $f$  is the intercept at zero thickness of the extrapolation of the slope indicated in eqn  $f$  is the thickness of the coating equivalent to the rounding off of the knife tip  $f$  is a straight line first approximation of this roundness and the other symbols are equivalent to those of eqn. 6.150998561151396

3241. it can be seen that  $f$  is a constant and is determined for the most part by the geometry of the knife. 8.580937438440444

3242. the blunter the knife the higher is the value of  $f$ . 9.430036403335416

3243. the importance of a hard abrasion resistant knife material like the carboloy employed in the hesiometer immediately becomes apparent. 6.788627930487371

3244. softer knives would blunt very rapidly making the value of  $f$  inexact. 7.615092762846159

3245. in extreme cases of very soft knives this value may even change during the course of a measurement. 8.516670420680711

3246. a second factor which enters into the practical measurement of the instrumentally determined cutting force is the frictional resistance caused by the bottom of the knife against the substrate. 7.522740496252002

3247. this is not a constant value like  $f$  but varies with the thickness of the coating and the direction and magnitude of the resultants  $r$  and  $f$  of fig 6. 7.607171463682988

3248. under equilibrium conditions of cutting the chip exerts a thrust  $f$  against the knife which tends to push it into the substrate or lift it away from the substrate depending on the vector direction of  $f$ . 7.349134743676916

3249. the resultant friction force  $f$  is thus directly proportional to  $f$  and consequently also to film thickness. 6.161534271336119

3250. the value of  $f$  can readily be assessed by determining the frictional force exerted on the knife while running over the previously stripped coating track under various external loadings. 7.391760813846135

3251. a straight line relationship is usually observed in a plot of  $f$  against load  $l$  having slope  $k$  and  $f$  since the load  $l$  under actual cutting conditions is caused by  $f$  it can be seen that  $f$  the measured force  $h$  in cutting removal of coatings from their substrates consequently can be seen to be the sum of that force required to cut the coating  $f$  that due to the bluntness of the knife  $f$  and that due to the friction between the bottom of the knife and the substrate  $f$  or  $f$  the first two forces are directly interrelated and depend upon film thickness whereas  $f$  is independent of these two and is a constant for a given knife coating combination. 4.820942016153744

3252. these theoretical relationships are more clearly illustrated in fig 7 and their sum can be seen to correlate in form with practical measurements made with the hesiometer as illustrated in the first portion of fig 5 for the cutting mechanism. 7.517477050756409

3253. although a large number of coatings systems particularly at low thicknesses fail cohesively by the cutting mechanism frequently a second type of cohesive failure may also take place. 6.658768457673502

3254. this is a chipping dynamic type failure encountered with very brittle coatings resins or very highly pigmented films. 10.056703068196963

3255. this is shown in the photomicrograph of fig 8. 12.028312619574876

3256. the basic difference between the continuous cutting mechanism and that of the chipping mechanism is that instead of shear occurring in the coating ahead of the knife continuously without fracture rupture intermittently occurs along the shear plane. 7.471800079255708

3257. the detailed mechanisms of this type of failure have been studied extensively by merchant for metal cutting and the principles found can be directly applied to coatings. 6.319948449042945

3258. by studying high speed movies made of this type of failure the sequence of relationships as schematically illustrated in fig 9 could be observed. 8.870772111304845

3259. in the first picture the knife is just beginning to advance into the inclined surface which was left from the previous chip formation. 7.523963690989004

3260. in the next the shear plane angle is high and extends to the inclined work surface. 10.739140770264825

3261. with increasing advance of the knife into the coating the shear plane extends to the coatings surface and the shear angle rapidly decreases. 5.838619445834961

3262. eventually rupture occurs along the shear plane and the cycle repeats itself. 8.106037171194833

3263. merchant has found that the same basic relationships which describe the geometry and force systems in the case of the cutting mechanism can also be applied to the discontinuous chip formation provided the proper values of instantaneous shear angle and instantaneous chip thickness or cross-sectional area are used.

5.51153769381625

3264. consequently if the shear angle  $\phi$  is replaced by the rupture angle  $\phi$  the relationships as described in eqns will directly apply.

6.406051459100846

3265. mechanism under equilibrium cutting conditions the chip exerts a force  $f$  against the coating and an equal opposite force  $f$  against the knife in the plane of the substrate as shown in fig 6.

5.772533502858223

3266. if the rake angle  $\alpha$  of the knife is high enough and the friction angle  $\mu$  between the front of the knife and the back of the chip is low enough to give a positive value for  $f$  the resultant vector  $r$  will lie above the plane of the substrate. 8.059278969844982

3267. within only a few years foamed plastics materials have managed to grow into an integral and important phase of the plastics industry- and the end is still not yet in sight. 6.457755946111507

3268. urethane foam as only one example was only introduced commercially in this country in 1955. 8.525583087680541

3269. yet last year's volume probably topped 100 million lb and expectations are for a market of 275 million lb by 1964.

5.485931181203066

3270. many of the other foamed plastics particularly the styrenes show similar growth potential. 12.278358887072866

3271. and there are even newer foamed plastics that are yet to be evaluated. 10.436154828200001

3272. as this issue goes to press for example one manufacturer has announced an epoxy foam with outstanding buoyancy and impact strength; another reports that a cellular polypropylene primarily for use in wire coating applications is being investigated.

6.385677499349384

3273. on the following pages each of the major commercial foamed plastics is described in detail as to properties applications and methods of processing. 6.851886196020947

3274. it might be well to point out however some of the newer developments that have taken place within the past few months which might have a bearing on the future of the various foamed plastics involved. 12.105711476534378

3275. in urethane foams for example there has been a definite trend toward the polyether-type materials and the emphasis is definitely on one-shot molding. 6.997230691079737

3276. most manufacturers also seem to be concentrating on formulating fire-resistant or self-extinguishing grades of urethane foam that are aimed specifically at the burgeoning building markets.

7.414876302737737

3277. urethane foam as an insulator is also coming in for a good deal of attention. 8.359944943702645

3278. in one outstanding example whirlpool corp found that by switching to urethane foam insulation they could increase the storage capacity of gas refrigerators to make them competitive with electric models. 7.32496540144219

3279. much interest has also been expressed in new techniques for processing the urethane foams including spraying frothing and molding

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3280. and in meeting the demands for urethane foam as a garment interlining new adhesives and new methods of laminating foam to a substrate have been developed. 7.525738943187172

3281. new techniques for automatic molding of expandable styrene beads have helped boost that particular material into a number of new consumer applications including picnic chests beverage coolers flower pots and flotation-type swimming toys. 5.309829195605387

3282. two other end-use areas which contributed to expandable styrene's growth during the year were packaging and foamed-core building panels. 8.984778455137109

3283. extruded expandable styrene film or sheet- claimed to be competitive price-wise with paper- also showed much potential particularly for packaging. 5.385438797509822

3284. sandwich panels for building utility shelters that consist of kraft paper skins and rigid styrene foam cores also aroused interest in the construction field. 6.45017848021491

3285. in vinyl foam the big news was the development of techniques for coating fabrics with the material. 7.852229804556866

3286. better hand a more luxurious feel and better insulating properties were claimed to be the result. 8.585782221724756

3287. several companies also saw possibilities in using the technique for extruding or molding vinyl products with a slight cellular core that would reduce costs yet would not affect physical properties of the end product to any great extent. 5.013150524332601

3288. readers interested in additional information on foams are referred to the foamed plastics chart appearing in the technical data section and to the list of references which appears below. 8.220763843648731

3289. since the mid 1950s when urethane foam first made its appearance in the american market growth has been little short of fantastic. 6.7691658041170095

3290. present estimates are that production topped the 100-million-lb mark in 1960 ; by 1965 production may range from 200 to 350 million lb for flexible and from 115 to 150 million lb for rigid. 5.887531629745734

3291. the markets that have started to open up for the foam in the past year or so seem to justify the expectations. 7.053103960926812

3292. furniture upholstery as just one example can easily take millions of pounds; foamed refrigerator insulation is under intensive evaluation by every major manufacturer; and use of the foam for garment interlining is only now getting off the ground with volume potential in the offing. 6.455932355510766

3293. urethane foams are basically reaction products of hydroxyl-rich materials and polyisocyanates. 6.210871206873012

3294. blowing can be either one of two types- carbon dioxide gas generated by the reaction of water on the polyisocyanate or mechanical blowing through the use of a low-boiling liquid such as a fluorinated hydrocarbon. 7.439604548528602

3295. the most important factor in determining what properties the end-product will have is quite naturally the type of hydroxyl-rich compound that is used in its production. 6.490318775158334

3296. originally the main types used were various compositions of polyesters. 7.879513779734377

3297. these are still in wide use today particularly in semi-rigid formulations for such applications as cores for sandwich-type structural panels foamed-in-place insulation automotive safety padding arm rests etc. 5.355513216681253

3298. more recently polyethers- again in varied compositions molecular weights and branching- have come into use at first for the flexible foams just lately for the rigids. 7.097388920346894

3299. the polyether glycols are claimed to give flexible urethanes a spring-back action which is much desired in cushioning.

6.040227447879625

3300. although the first polyether foams on the market had to be produced by the two-step prepolymer method today thanks to new catalysts they can be produced by a one-shot technique.

7.6682722512463695

3301. it is possible that the polyether foams may soon be molded on a production basis in low-cost molds with more intricate contours and with superior properties to latex foam.

7.484037565070679  
3302. the polyester urethane foam is generally produced with adipic acid polyesters; the polyether group generally consists of foams produced with polypropylene glycol one shot vs prepolymer the isocyanate and resin are mixed anhydrously and no foaming occurs.

6.179445157832027  
3303. the foaming can be accomplished at some future time at a different location by the addition of the correct proportion of catalyst in solution.

5.974328120188307  
3304. in one-shot the isocyanate polyester or polyether resin catalyst and other additives are mixed directly and a foam is produced immediately.

7.627671452943762  
3305. basically this means that simpler processing equipment and less external heat are required in one-shot foaming although at the same time the problems of controlling the conditions of one-shot foaming are critical ones.

5.663860842704784  
3306. most commercial uses of urethane foams require densities between 2 and 30 lb/cu ft for rigid foams between 1 and 3 lb/cu ft for flexible foams.

6.742514284582904  
3307. this latter figure compares with latex foam rubber at an average of 5.

7.240935833372005  
3308. 5 lb/cu ft in commercial grades.

14.307736303917144  
3309. graph in fig 1 p 392 indicates how the ratio of compressive strength to density varies as the latter is increased or decreased.

5.354120926558409  
3310. the single curve line represents a specific formulation in a test example.

10.610389404430002  
3311. by varying the formula this curve may be moved forward or backward along the coordinates to produce any desired compression strength density ratio.

5.449382304158965  
3312. in flexible urethane foams we are referring to the range between the highest and lowest temperatures under which the materials' primary performance remains functionally useful.

7.1045938508144015  
3313. in temperature resistance this quality is usually related to specific properties eg flexural tensile strengths etc.

6.869006664561913  
3314. thermal conductivity is directly traceable to the material's porous air-cell construction which effectively traps air or a gas in the maze of minute bubbles which forms its composition.

6.046219493410928  
3315. these air or gas bubbles make highly functional thermal barriers.

7.374827443110157  
3316. the k factor a term used to denote the rate of heat transmission through a material ranges from 0.

7.48837548295765  
3317. 28 for flexible urethane foams and from 0.

7.14162538120728  
3318. 16 for rigid urethane foams depending upon the formulation density cell size and nature of blowing agents used.

7.051090252770527  
3319. table 1 p 394 shows a comparison of k factor ratings of a number of commercial insulating materials flexural this term refers to the ability of a material to resist bending stress and is determined by measuring the load required to cause failure by bending.

5.171087020184271

3320. the higher-density urethane semi-rigid foams usually have stronger flex fatigue resistance ie the 12 lb cu ft foam has 8 times the flexural strength of the 3 lb cu ft density. 6.520969347794568

3321. note that flexural strength is not always improved by simply increasing the density nor is the change always proportional from one formulation to another. 5.58385264866827

3322. where flexural strength is an important factor be sure that your urethane foam processor is aware of it. 8.589322475425199

3323. this property refers to the greatest longitudinal stress or tension a material can endure without tearing apart. 6.978827002504195

3324. like compression strength of urethane foams it has a direct relationship to formulation. 9.249715969044932

3325. exceptional tensile strength is another of urethane foam's strong features. 6.460370037324521

3326. figure 2 above shows the aging properties of urethane foams as determined by the percent of change processing there are many ways of producing a foamed urethane product. 6.924139435025499

3327. the foam can be made into slab stock and cut to shape it can be molded it can be poured-in-place it can be applied by spray guns etc. 7.0520547354915

3328. slab stock is still one of the most important forms of urethane end-product in use today. 9.214312472973445

3329. basically the foam machines that produce such stock consist of two or more pumping units a variable mixer a nozzle carriage assembly and in many cases a conveyor belt to transport and contain the liquid during the reaction process and until it solidifies into foam. 4.836742672395702

3330. the ingredients are fed from tanks through a hose and into the mixer at a predetermined rate. 8.01155127112603

3331. the mixing head moves back and forth slowly across the width of the receptacle. 7.022129115845684

3332. it only takes a few minutes for the foaming action to be completed and after a short cure the material can be cut into lengths as desired. 9.446203023405877

3333. much has been done in the way of ingenious slitters to fabricate the slab stock into finished products. 10.575321215900773

3334. profile cutting machines are available which can split foam to any desired thickness and produce sine triangle trapezoid and other profiles in variable heights dimensions etc. 6.157942065974489

3335. the convoluted sheets can be combined to attain certain cushioning effects mechanically rather than chemically. 6.714724581145861

3336. also available is a slitter which peels the inside of a folded block of foam and can be used to slit continuous sheets up to 300 yd in length down to 116 in thick. 7.731807563733047

3337. the low cost and ease of fabrication of the dies for three-dimensional foam cutting plus the wide variety of shapes dimensions and contours that can be tailor-made to customer requirements has made the technique useful for producing caseliner materials handling containers packaging and cushioning devices and such novelties as soap dishes toys head rests arch supports and gas pedal covers. 4.659062406980548

3338. although slab stock appeared first it soon became apparent that for the production of cushions with irregular shapes crowned contours or rounded edges the cutting of slab stock is a wasteful and uneconomical process. 7.415995619325177

3339. only by resorting to molding techniques can the cushion manufacturer hope to compete satisfactorily in the established cushion market. 5.882665434718879



3340. the closed molding of flexible urethane foams has been a problem ever since the introduction of the material. 9.092991655875728

3341. satisfactory methods for polyester foams and even prepolymer polyether foams were never fully achieved. 5.674295354649883

3342. closed molding generally resulted in parts weighing more than parts fabricated from free-blown foams. 7.391013650626644

3343. this counteracted the gain from having no scrap loss. 8.566230593895058

3344. in addition there were difficulties with the flow and spreading of the foam mixture over the mold surface trouble with lack of gel strength in the rising foam and problems of splits. 7.692723202922561

3345. the introduction of one-shot polyether foam systems aided by the development of new catalysts helped to alleviate some of the problems of closed molding. 6.894536374148562

3346. while there are still many bugs to be ironed out the technique is fast developing. 7.6975600878509125

3347. simple systems are available that make it possible for urethane foam components to be poured pumped etc into a void where they foam up to fill the void. 5.303716636048607

3348. in a typical application- the making of rigid urethane foam sandwich panels- an amount of foam mixture calculated to expand 10 to 20% more than the volume of the panel is poured into the panel void and the top of the panel is locked in place by a jig. 7.7378734610729065

3349. temperature of the wash and rinse waters is maintained at 85-90`f . 6.002446559592496

3350. the top rolls are loaded with 40 lbs. 12.601182857101412

3351. sixty lbs loading is possible but 40 lbs is adequate. 6.460370037324521

3352. the suds box drain is arranged at the start to deliver into the raised main drain pipe and the machine is started. 7.885353697184124

3353. the 160-ml bath containing the calculated amount of detergent is applied slowly and directly to the running specimen. 6.4740661036925005

3354. washing is continued for 30 minutes or for a period of time sufficient to allow 100 nips or passes through the squeeze rolls. 8.487882770863258

3355. at the conclusion of the washing 8 liters of water at 90`f are automatically metered from the rinse reservoir to the washing tubs 4 liters to each tub. 6.378180457996978

3356. this operation requires from 10 to 12 minutes. 11.750463804107763

3357. during the rinsing operation the volume in the tubs gradually increases until overflow from the main drain begins. 7.408794115284575

3358. at this point the drains are readjusted so that the suds box drain will discharge directly into the waste line and the main tub drain is set at the 2-12 mark on the drain gauge. 7.33779820552428

3359. when all of the rinse water has passed from the reservoir to the tubs the main drains are lowered to permit complete draining of the tubs. 4.949927667637509

3360. the run is complete when all the water has drained off into the waste line. 8.642994674678409

3361. by this procedure rinsing progresses in two stages first by dilution until the time when the drains are separated and thereafter by displacement of the soil-bearing liquor by clean rinse water since soiled liquor squeezed from the specimens at the nip passes directly to waste from the suds box drains. 5.1156691275363455

3362. this method of rinsing appears to produce maximum cleansing with minimum soil redeposition. 9.799021184397427

3363. evaluation and classification      evaluation may be made on  
either a soil-removal or a grease-removal basis as desired.  
5.734108506263463

3364. a      reflectance-measuring instrument may be desirable to measure  
cleaning whereas soxhlet extraction is necessary to measure grease  
removal.      7.779119985264115

3365. this test method is intended for determining the dimensional  
changes of woven or knitted fabrics made of fibers other than wool to be  
expected when the cloth is subjected to laundering procedures commonly  
used in the commercial laundry and the home. 5.4765050568064275

3366. four washing test procedures are established varying in severity  
from very severe to very mild and are intended to cover the range of  
practical washing from commercial procedure to hand washing.  
6.598565700936248

3367. five drying test procedures are established to cover the range of  
drying techniques      used in the home and commercial laundry.  
7.632363747279384

3368. three methods for determining      the dimensional restorability  
characteristics are established for those      textiles which require  
restoration by ironing or wearing after laundering.  
6.7459188857164945

3369. these tests are not accelerated and must be repeated to evaluate  
dimensional changes after repeated launderings.      6.508858350093015

3370. table 1      summarizes all of the various washing drying and  
restoration procedures available. 9.457765873464483

3371. the person using these tests must determine which combination of  
procedures is practical for any specific item in order to      evaluate  
the dimensional changes of textile fabrics or garments after laundering  
procedures commonly used in the home or commercial laundry.  
5.541039049574238

3372. it is possible to identify the test procedure completely with a  
code consisting of a roman numeral a letter and an arabic number.  
10.878770592246754

3373. for example test 3 e 1 refers to a specimen which has been washed  
by procedure 3      in the machine has been dried in a tumble dryer by  
procedure e and has been subjected to restorative forces on the tension  
presser by procedure 1.      4.852867660438463

3374. a specimen or garment is washed in a cylindrical reversing wash  
wheel dried and subjected      to restorative forces where necessary.  
7.179569449552881

3375. temperature and time of agitation in the wash wheel are varied to  
obtain different degrees of severity. 5.326519577128725

3376. drying procedures and application of restorative force procedures  
are varied to conform with end-use handling during home or  
commercial laundering. 6.54093796655646

3377. distances marked on the specimen in warp and filling      directions  
are measured before      and after laundering. 5.542917982132687

3378. wash wheel-      the wheel is 20 to 24 inches inside diameter and  
20 to 24 inches inside length.      7.137333130715894

3379. there are three fins each approximately three inches wide extending  
the full length of the inside of the wheel.      6.291949575572088

3380. one fin is located every 120`      around the inside diameter of the  
wheel.      9.677751589986263

3381. the wash wheel rotates at a speed of 30 revolutions per minute  
making five to ten revolutions before reversing. 5.902564164932943

3382. the water inlets are large enough to permit filling the wheel to an  
eight-inch level in less than two minutes and the outlet is large enough  
to permit discharge of this same amount of water in      less than two  
minutes.      7.366050028669344

3383. the machine is equipped with a pipe for injecting live steam that is capable of raising the temperature of water at an eight-inch level from 110` to 140`f in less than two minutes. 5.754813639941096

3384. the machine shall contain an opening for the insertion of a thermometer or other equivalent equipment for determining the temperature of the water during the washing and rinsing procedures. 7.05027424372479

3385. it is equipped with an outside water gauge that will indicate the level of the water in the wheel. 9.245691576660937

3386. a domestic automatic washer that will give equivalent results may be used. 8.729997945191078

3387. the wash wheel is the pressing equipment- flat-bedany flat-bed press capable of pressing a specimen 22 inches square may be used as an alternative. 6.024748803384935

3388. the flat-bed press is maintained at a temperature not less dryer- dryer of the rotary tumble type having a cylindrical basket approximately 30 inches in diameter the dryer is provided with a means of maintaining a drying temperature of 120`-160`f measured in the exhaustscreen drying racks- 16-mesh screening. 6.341937578465616

3389. drying room-facilitiesfor drip- or line-drying. 8.254441635698543

3390. extractor- centrifugal extractor of the laundry-type with a perforated basket approximately 11 inches deep by 17 inches in diameter with an operating speed of approximately 1500 rpm. 6.09983039226678

3391. pen and ink indelible- or other suitable marking device. 7.592498988449206

3392. soap neutral \_softener- eg sodium metaphosphate or sodium hexametaphosphate . 8.581436094141479

3393. flatiron electric- approximately 3 lbtension presser- consisting of a padded ironing board two of the clamps are fixed to the edges of the board whereas two clamps travel on guide rails opposite the fixed clamps. 5.639512925844798

3394. the movable clamps travel on carriages which ride the rails and are drawn by dead-weight loading. 7.860799503526907

3395. sets of weights are provided so that the load can be selected in the range of 12 to 4 pounds. 5.514789082078943

3396. a perforated aluminum plate used to provide the drying surface is heated by means of a flatiron. 8.618384793363235

3397. a special template is furnished with the apparatus to enable marking a specimen for a central measuring area and the fabric extensions to the clamps knit shrinkage gauge- consisting of a set of 20 mounting each pin is individually sprung to a tensioning member which is driven outwardly in the slot. 4.755966690044694

3398. the springs have an extension of 1 inch at f tension. 9.603288716464757

3399. the tensioning members have a common drive so that the application of restorative force takes place simultaneously in all directions in the plane of the test specimen. 0.0

3400. the minimum diameter of the pin frame in the collapsed state is 11 inches and the maximum diameter in the freely extended state is 14 inches. 7.863355666854044

3401. the surface of the apparatus in contact with the test specimen is uncluttered and polished so as to be as friction-free as possible. 7.136906511611992

3402. the preparation of test specimens will vary depending upon the type of dimensional restorability procedure to be used. 8.752712258244562

3403. three specimens for each sample to be tested are required in order to arrive at a satisfactory average of performance. 6.973414821987224

3404. this is especially true for knitted fabrics. 22.77399658082145

3405. specimens are allowed to reach moisture equilibrium with a standard atmosphere of f and f and then laid out without tension on a flat polished surface care being taken that the fabric is free from wrinkles or creases. 4.849839529851557

3406. fabrics that are badly distorted in their unlaundered state due to faulty finishing may give deceptive dimensional change results when laundered by any procedure. 6.221143152558621

3407. this also holds true if restorative forces are applied. 9.50578119814466

3408. therefore it is recommended that in such cases the sample be replaced or if used the results of dimensional change or dimensional restorability tests be considered as indicative only. 7.382270212735005

3409. generally it is necessary to mark distances on a specimen in both lengthwise and widthwise directions and to measure before and after laundering. 6.469890945019252

3410. the distances may be marked with indelible ink and a fine-point pen by sewing fine threads into the fabric or by a specially designed stamping machine. 6.869018355378539

3411. the marked distances are parallel to the respective yarns. 9.805462288949576

3412. usually the greater the original distances marked the greater will be the accuracy of the woven fabrics to be dried by procedure b or restored by the specimen of fabric is a rectangle at least 22 by 22 inches except for cloth narrower than 22 inches in which case the specimen is the entire width of the fabric. 6.294978209280701

3413. three distances each at least 18 inches are measured and marked off parallel to each of the warp and filling directions. 5.580201471022052

3414. the distances are at woven or warp knitted each specimen is at least 25 inches by 25 inches. 8.577512421946116

3415. place the template on the fabric so that the sides of the 10 inch square cut out of the template are parallel to the warp and filling for woven fabrics or the wales and courses for knitted fabrics and so that the same amount of fabric extends beyond the edges of the template on all sides. 5.8570705437772395

3416. mark the specimen at the outer edges of the template with pen and indelible ink; also place three dots on the specimen at each side of the 10 inch square one dot at midpoint and one at approximately circular knitted fabrics to be subjected to restorative procedure 2 each specimen is approximately 16 inches square. 5.89717433950293

3417. the markings consist of a centrally located 10 inch diameter measuring circle and a 14 inch diameter circle of 20 dots equidistantly spaced. 5.482775642821309

3418. critical measurements in length and width directions should be taken before and after washing drying and restorative procedures. 7.831599672669457

3419. the washing procedures are summarized in table 2. 8.976097203071156

3420. place the specimen in the wash wheel with sufficient other similar fabric to make a dryload of f pounds. 8.323943421399502

3421. start the wash wheel and note the time. 8.797853360559218

3422. immediately add water at 100-105°f to the wheel to a level of f inches; this level will be increased by condensed steam. 6.794211848089052

3423. when this water level has been reached inject steam into the wheel until the temperature reaches that shown in column b of table 2. 5.878591111306238

3424. add sufficient soap to furnish a good running suds or if desired use a synthetic detergent. 7.378564052391954

3425. stop the wash wheel at the end of the time shown in column a of table 2 and drain. 7.171659129122649

3426. refill the machine to a level of f inches with water at 100-109` f and start the machine. 6.757567981697296

3427. inject steam if necessary to reach the temperature shown in column d of table 2. 5.8443098669395415

3428. again stop the machine at the end of the time shown in column c of table 2. 11.511383051735498

3429. this procedure is repeated for the second rinse using the temperatures tests 2 3 - run the machine continuously until completion of the test. 6.709412491609848

3430. drain off the soap solution of the suds cycle at such a time that the wheel has become substantially empty of soap and water at the end of the time shown in column a of table 2 measured from the time the wash wheel was started. 7.2962594691203675

3431. refill the machine to a level of f inches with water at 100-109` f. 5.674295354649883

3432. when this water level has been reached inject steam until the temperature is that shown in column d. 8.498257340125052

3433. drain off the water at such a time that the wheel has become substantially empty of water at the end of the sum of the times shown in columns a and c measured from the time the wash wheel was started. 5.561868169637792

3434. immediately refill to a level of f inches with water at 100-109` f. 7.983314220386281

3435. when this water level has been reached inject steam until the temperature is that shown in column f. 5.326519577128725

3436. drain off the water at such a time that the wheel has become substantially empty of water at the end of the sum of the times shown in columns a c and e measured from the time the wash wheel was started. 7.309877361104346

3437. high-gain photoelectronic image intensification is applied under conditions of low incident light levels whenever the integration time required by a sensor or recording instrument exceeds the limits of practicability. 4.726707772215755

3438. examples of such situations are night reconnaissance the recording of radioactive tracers in live body tissues special radiography in medical or industrial applications track recording of high energy particles etc. 5.950565555073685

3439. high-gain photoelectronic image intensification may be achieved by several methods; some of cascading single stages by coupling lens systems image intensifier based upon the multipactor transmission secondary electron multiplication cascading of single stages enclosed in one common envelope. 4.739044053628577

3440. cascading single stages by coupling lens systems is rather inefficient as the lens systems limit the obtainable gain quite severely. 6.54093796655646

3441. channel-type image intensifiers are capable of achieving high-gain values; suffer however from an inherently low resolution. 5.542917982132687

3442. image intensifiers based upon the multipactor principle appear to hold promise as far as obtainable resolution is concerned. 7.6307812752833115

3443. however the unavoidable low-duty cycle restricts the effective gain. 9.61481127931075

3444. tsem tubes have been constructed showing high gain and resolution. 8.196044167676531

3445. however electrostatic focus important for many applications has not been realized for these devices. 7.16818143971783

3446. resolution limitations with electrostatic focus might be anticipated due to chromatic aberrations. 7.879513779734377

3447. furthermore the thin film dynodes appear to have a natural diameter limitation wherever a mesh support cannot be tolerated.  
5.4560684206020245

3448. cascaded single stages enclosed by a common envelope have been constructed with high gain and high resolution. 6.937006599308215

3449. thesetubes may differ both in the choice of the electron optical system and in the design of the coupling members. 7.295654372297002

3450. the electron optical system may be either a magnetic or electrostatic one. 9.005093323721033

3451. the magnification may be smaller equal or larger than unity.  
7.839212140222358

3452. an electrostatic system suffers generally from image plane curvature leading to defocusing in the peripheral image region if a flat viewing screen is utilized while a magnetic system requires accurate adjustment of the solenoid which is heavy and bulky.  
5.912385811192862

3453. as it will be discussed later peripheral defocusing can be improved on by utilizing curved fiber couplers. 9.652050886117552

3454. it should be noted however that the paraxial resolution is quite similar for both electron optical systems. 13.74097820887864

3455. it is felt that fiber-coupled double- stage image intensifiers will gain considerable importance in the future. 8.588330474143397

3456. therefore we shall consider in this paper the theoretical gain and resolution capabilities of such tubes. 7.452593427909857

3457. the luminous efficiency and resolution of single stages fiber couplers and finally of the composite tube will be computed.  
5.902564164932943

3458. it will be shown theoretically that the high imageintensification obtainable with such a tube and contact photography permits the utilization of extremely low incident light levels. 9.033772965766241

3459. the effect of device and quantum noise associated with such low input levels will be described. 6.374057384651866

3460. after these theoretical considerations constructional details of a fiber-coupled double-stage x-ray image intensifier will be discussed. 8.269770199313292

3461. measured performance characteristics for this experimental tube will be listed. 6.460370037324521

3462. the conclusion shall be reached that fiber-coupled double-stage tubes represent a sensible and practical approach to high-gain image intensification. 7.48837548295765

3463. design of a fiber-coupled double-stage image intensifier the tube design which forms the basis of the theoretical discussion shall be described now. 6.481289888466684

3464. the electron optical system is based in principle on the focusing action of concentric spherical cathode and anode surfaces.  
7.48837548295765

3465. the inner anode sphere is pierced elongated into a cup and terminated by the phosphor screen. 6.524379740209355

3466. the photoelectrons emitted from a circular segment of the cathode sphere are focused by the positive lens action of the two concentric spheres pass through the negative lens formed by the anode aperture and impinge upon the cathodoluminescent viewing screen.  
6.547382963407157

3467. the cylindrical focusing electrode permits adjustment of the positive lens part by varying the focusing potential. 6.739060053300051

3468. the anode potential codetermines the gain  $g$  and magnification  $m$  of the stage. 8.649006242526841

3469. both the photocathode and the image plane of such an electrode configuration are curved concave as seen from the anode aperture.  
6.2445428624632004

3470. the field-flattening property of the biconcave fiber coupler can be utilized to alleviate the peripheral resolution losses resulting with a flat phosphor-screen or coupling member. 6.852952259467768

3471. for the same reason the output fiber plate is planoconcave its exposed flat side permitting contact photography if a permanent record is desired. 6.78311755230371

3472. as it will be shown later the field-flattening properties of the interstage and output fiber coupler comprise indeed the main advantage of such a design. 9.807698803203976

3473. the second photocathode and both phosphor surfaces are deposited on the fiber plate substrates. 7.189870893850623

3474. the photocathode sensitivities  $s$  phosphor efficiencies  $p$  and anode potentials  $v$  of the individual stages shall be distinguished by means of subscripts 1 and 2 in the text where required. 7.423433299685585

3475. both stages are assumed to have unity magnification. 7.706612280004475

3476.  $\_flux$  gain of a singlestage to a first approximation given by the product of the photocathode sensitivity  $s$  and the phosphor conversion efficiency  $p$ . 8.003084001705767

3477. in general  $p$  is a function of  $v$  and the current density but it shall here be assumed as a constant. 5.371471655048383

3478. the luminous efficiency  $f$  of a photocathode depends on the maximum radiant sensitivity  $f$  and on the spectral distribution of the incident light  $f$  by the relation:  $f$  where  $f_h$  normalized radiant photocathode sensitivity. 7.374412916872955

3479.  $f_h$  standard visibility function. 9.353934385141944

3480. the luminous flux gain of a single stage is given by:  $f$  if the input light distribution falls beyond the visible range  $f$  as expected since  $f$ . 6.593952525060604

3481. such cases are not considered here. 8.254441635698543

3482. the numerical aperture of the fibers is given by:  $f$  where  $f$ . 9.005093323721033

3483. the angle  $f$  is measured in the medium of index  $f$ . 7.43304005989246

3484. settled phosphors as generally used in image intensifiers have low optical contact with the substrate surface hence  $f$  shall be assumed. 6.9981782873391465

3485. the numerical aperture should be in general close to unity. 9.637954789653998

3486. this condition can be satisfied eg with  $f$  and  $f$  or equivalent glass combinations. 9.227439327932043

3487. a sufficiently good approximation for determining the end reflection losses  $r$  can be obtained from the angle independent fresnel formula:  $f$  for phosphor to fiber and fiber to air surfaces and assuming  $f$  we obtain  $f$  percent. 4.766823111010703

3488. this value may be reduced to 4. 14.52766129482798

3489. 6 percent by means of a glass layer of index 1. 7.43944464357368

3490. hence the  $f$  factor for the output fiber coupler is  $f$ . 10.378179976681373

3491. as the index of refraction of photosensitive surfaces of the sbcs-type lies around 2 the fresnel losses at the fiber-photocathode interface are about 0. 6.190414547562976

3492. 5 percent and the  $f$  factor for the interstage coupler is 0. 9.887640129373123

3493. it might be anticipated that multiple coatings will reduce end reflection losses even further. 10.016238941738651

3494. the internal losses are due to absorption and the small but finite losses suffered in the numerous internal reflections due to deviations from the prescribed cylindrical fiber cross-section and minute imperfections of the core-jacket interface. 6.179445157832027

3495. these losses depend on fiber diameter and length absorption coefficient the mean value of the loss per internal reflection and last but not least on the angular distribution of the incident light.  
5.43822978976424

3496. explicit expressions are given in the literature.  
12.019878112011932

3497. lacking reliable data for some of the variables we are relying on experimental data of about 20 percent internal losses for 14-inch long small diameter fibers.  
5.111000576664747

3498. this relatively high value is probably due to the small fiber diameters increasing the number of internal reflections.  
9.166756980583028

3499. since we are considering here relatively small diameter fiber plates their average thickness can be kept below 14 inch and their internal losses may be assumed as 15 percent.  
5.439412535771187

3500. the packing efficiency  $\eta$  of fiber plates did not receive much attention in the literature probably as it is high for the larger fibers generally used until rather recently.  
7.8869241986042775

3501. for circular fibers in a closely packed hexagonal array the packing efficiency is given by:  $\eta$  where  $\eta$  and 0.  
5.929729974125496

3502. 906 is the ratio of the area of a circle to that of the circumscribed hexagon.  
10.031504418840386

3503. for the small diameter fibers now technically feasible and required for about 100  $\lambda$  resolution  $\lambda$ .  
7.155032443137332

3504. the cladding thickness is about 0.  
13.848082117783294

3505.  $\lambda/2$  hence  $\eta$  and  $\eta$ .  
8.254441635698543

3506. thus the efficiency of couplers is given by-  $\eta$  or approximately 50 percent each.  
7.391013650626644

3507. it must be remembered that the fiber plates replace a glass window and a membrane in addition to an optical output lens system.  
8.192759518930824

3508. the efficiency  $\eta$  of an  $\lambda$  lens at the magnification  $M$  is:  $\eta$  neglecting absorption the end losses of the coupling membrane and the output window  $\eta$  would be 6 percent and 8 percent.  
6.226273678698645

3509. thus the combined efficiency of the elements replaced by the two fiber plates is 0.  
7.344826497149266

3510. 0.43 or about gain of fiber including the brightness gain  $\eta$  due to the  $\lambda$  area demagnification the overall gain of a fiber coupled double stage image intensifier is:  $\eta$  it is obvious that the careful choice of photocathode which maximizes  $\eta$  for a given input  $e$  is very important.  
6.205372672477747

3511. the same consideration should govern the choice of the second-stage phosphor screen for matching with the spectral sensitivity of the ultimate sensor.  
6.127181057961793

3512. we have evaluated the matching integrals for two types of photocathodes and three types of light input.  
9.086762498902816

3513. the input light distributions considered are p-11 and p-20 phosphor emission and the so-called night light as given by  $\eta$  babcock and j j johnson.  
5.327707589329553

3514. the integrals are listed in table 14-1 below: discussion of paraxial device resolution \_resolution limitations the resolution limitations for a single stage are given by the inherent resolution of the electron optical system as well as the resolution capabilities of the cathodoluminescent viewing screen.  
6.208221715819111

3515. the resolution capabilities of an electrostatic system depend on both the choice of magnification and chromatic aberrations.  
7.374669555731543

3516. it has been stated previously that a minifying electrostatic system yields a lower resolution than a magnifying system or a system with unity magnification.  
9.084762115428768



3517. furthermore the chromatic aberrations depend on the chosen high voltage. 6.903819216005966

3518. in general a high anode voltage reduces chromatic aberrations and thus increases the obtainable resolution. 9.480380115267906

3519. the luminous gain of the discussed tube was calculated from eq for the 16 possible combinations of s-11 and s-20 photocathodes and p-11 and p-20 phosphor screens for night light and p-20 light input. 4.908401855518352

3520. it corresponds roughly to the light emission of conventional x-ray . 11.536380215083017

3521. the following efficiencies obtained from jedec and rca specifications were used: f the following table gain values computed according to eq with f: the possibility of a space charge blowup of the screen crossover of the elementary electron bundles has been pointed out. 5.202480459306776

3522. it is obvious that such an influence can only be expected in the final stage of an image intensifier at rather high output levels. 9.94436696991894

3523. space charge influences will also decrease at increased voltages. 6.987307572036626

3524. electrostatic systems of the pseudo-symmetric type have been tested for resolution capabilities by applying electronography. 7.032105024464237

3525. a resolution of 70-80 line-pairs per millimeter appears to be feasible. 7.870513614425933

3526. the inherent resolution of a cathodoluminescent phosphor screen decreases with increasingly aggregate thickness decreases with decreasing porosity and might be impaired by thenormally used aluminum mirror. 6.759075170978014

3527. thus in general elementary light optical effects light scatter and electron scatter determine the obtainable resolution limit. 7.123801189811166

3528. it should be noted that photoluminescence due to bremsstrahlung generated within the viewing screen by electron impact appears to be important only if anode voltages in excess of 30 kv are utilized. 10.171388639244205

3529. it has been stated that settled cathodoluminescentphosphor screens may have a limiting resolution of 60 f at high voltage values of approximately 20 kv. 7.434736587010844

3530. for the further discussion we shall thus assume an electron optical resolution of 80 f and phosphor screen resolution of 60 f. 7.92189051246282

3531. the set of all decisions is called the operating policy or more simply the policy. 6.70442043428815

3532. an optimal policy is one which in some sense gets the best out of the process as a whole by maximizing the value of the product. 10.049476075112374

3533. there are thus three components to an optimal design problem: the specification of the operating variables and the transformation the specification of the objective functionof which the optimization is desired. 6.010613279095055

3534. for a chemical processthe first of these might involve the concentrations of the different chemical species and the temperature or pressure of the stream. 8.21051322268281

3535. for the second we might have to choose the volume of reactor or amount of cooling to be supplied; the way in which the transformation of state depends on the operating variables for the main types of reactors is discussed in the next chapter. 5.949045901713329

3536. the objective function is some measure of the increase in value of the stream by processing; it is the subject of chapter 4. 8.356493960437957

3537. the essential characteristic of an optimal policy when the state of the stream is transformed in a sequence of stages with no feedback was first isolated by bellman. 5.944922442780418

3538. he recognized that whatever transformation may be effected in the first stage of an r-stage process the remaining stages must use an optimal f-stage policy with respect to the state resulting from the first stage if there is to be any chance of optimizing the complete process. 7.713262285813877

3539. moreover by systematically varying the operating conditions in the first stage and always using the optimal f-stage policy for the remaining stages we shall eventually find the optimal policy for all r stages. 5.329540144897029

3540. proceeding in this way from one to two and from two to three stages we may gradually build up the policy for any number. 7.766318240882622

3541. at each step of the calculation the operating variables of only one stage need be varied. 7.595030694353987

3542. to see how important this economy is let us suppose that there are m operating variables at each stage and that the state is specified by n variables; then the search for the maximum at any one stage will require a number of operations of order  $f^n$ . 7.2701772592996265

3543. to proceed from one stage to the next a sufficient number of feed states must be investigated to allow of interpolation; this number will be of the order of  $f^n$ . 5.932038371272668

3544. if however we are seeking the optimal r-stage policy for a given feed state only one search for a maximum is required at the final step. 7.3943616279429145

3545. thus a number of operations of the order of  $f^n$  are required. 12.207232173175122

3546. if all the operating variables were varied simultaneously  $f^n$  operations would be required to do the same job and as n increases this increases very much more rapidly than the number of operations required by the dynamic program. 7.671099215086915

3547. but even more important than this is the fact that the direct search by simultaneously varying all operating conditions has produced only one optimal policy namely that for the given feed state and r stages. 6.478356009977129

3548. in contrast the dynamic program produces this policy and a whole family of policies for any smaller number of stages. 8.328456479183021

3549. if the problem is enlarged to require a complete coverage of feed states  $f^n$  operations are needed by the dynamic program and  $f^n$  by the direct search. 6.252870165152844

3550. but  $f^n$  is vastly larger than  $r^n$ . 14.306364280244424

3551. no optimism is more baseless than that which believes that the high speed of modern digital computers allows for use of the crudest of methods in searching out a result. 5.147795169008453

3552. suppose that  $f^n$  and  $r^n$  that the average operation requires only  $f$  sec. 8.587029108688856

3553. then the dynamic program would require about a minute whereas the direct search would take more than three millennia! the principle of optimality thus brings a vital organization into the search for the optimal policy of a multistage decision process. 5.438494564100928

3554. bellman has annunciated in the following terms: an optimal policy has the property that whatever the initial state and initial decision are the remaining decisions must constitute an optimal policy with respect to the state resulting from the first decision. 6.433520450586074

3555. this is the principle which we will invoke in every case to set up a functional equation. 10.930775730979924

3556. it appears in a form that is admirably suited to the powers of the digital computer. 11.693712841932427

3557. at the same time every device that can be employed to reduce the number of variables is of the greatest value and it is one of the attractive features of dynamic programming that room is left for ingenuity in using the special features of the problem to this end. 7.551369506463521

3558. the discrete deterministic process consider the process illustrated in fig 2. 9.945332631078985

3559. 1 consisting of  $r$  distinct stages. 10.162698742101748

3560. these will be numbered in the direction opposite to the flow of the process stream so that stage  $r$  is the  $r$ th stage from the end. 6.7301008326787635

3561. let the state of the stream leaving stage  $r$  be denoted by a vector  $f$  and the operating variables of stage  $r$  by  $f$ . 6.805341775456598

3562. thus  $f$  denotes the state of the feed to the  $r$ -stage process and  $f$  the state of the product from the last stage. 9.820335087733522

3563. each stage transforms the state  $f$  of its feed to the state  $f$  in a way that depends on the operating variables  $f$ . 6.891016206689562

3564. this transformation is uniquely determined by  $f$  and we therefore speak of the process as deterministic. 9.273238270682372

3565. in practical situations there will be restrictions on the admissible operating conditions and we regard the vectors as belonging to a fixed and bounded set  $s$ . 5.994528108156906

3566. the set of vectors  $f$  constitutes the operating policy or more briefly the policy and a policy is admissible if all the  $f$  belong to  $s$ . 7.121574595755137

3567. when the policy has been chosen the state of the product can be obtained from the state of the feed by repeated application of the transformation; thus  $f$ . 8.23494310113226

3568. the objective function which is to be maximized is some function usually piecewise continuous of the product state. 9.647144077243745

3569. let this be denoted by  $f$ . 11.98058228218936

3570. an optimal policy is an admissible policy  $f$  which maximizes the objective function  $p$ . 7.908664602512112

3571. the policy may not be unique but the maximum value of  $p$  certainly is and once the policy is specified this maximum can be calculated by as a function of the feed state  $f$ . 5.1617518647114595

3572. let  $f$  where the maximization is over all admissible policies  $f$ . 10.011690633046488

3573. when it is necessary to be specific we say that the optimal policy is an optimal  $r$ -stage policy with respect to the feed state  $f$ . 8.472918560529706

3574. for any choice of admissible policy  $f$  in the first stage the state of the stream leaving this stage is given by  $f$ . 9.278321030873448

3575. this is the feed state of the subsequent  $f$  stages which according to the principle of optimality must use an optimal  $f$ -stage policy with respect to this state. 9.075230255308774

3576. this will result in a value  $f$  of the objective function and when  $f$  is chosen correctly this will give  $f$  the maximum of the objective function. 7.147464881877732

3577. thus  $f$  where the maximization is over all admissible policies  $f$  and  $f$  is related to  $f$  by can be solved for  $f$  when  $f$  is known and clearly  $f$  the maximization being over all admissible  $f$ . 4.5421746389230675

3578. the set of equations and the starting equation is of a recursive type well suited to programming on the digital computer. 7.762609397140794

3579. in finding the optimal  $r$ -stage policy from that of  $f$  stages only the function  $f$  is needed. 6.460757856108023

3580. when  $f$  has been found it may be transferred into the storage location  $off$  and the whole calculation repeated. 8.246514118375284

3581. we also see how the results may be presented although if  $n$  the number of state variables is large any tabulation will become cumbersome. 6.3822034550297495

3582. a table or set of tables may be set out as in table 2. 8.55371701457874

3583. to extract the optimal  $r$ -stage policy with respect to the feed state  $f$  we enter section  $r$  of this table at the state  $f$  and find immediately from the last column the maximum value of the objective function. 5.703633493391938

3584. in the third column is given the optimal policy for stage  $r$  and in the fourth the resulting state of the stream when this policy is used. 6.728997285543211

3585. since by the principle of optimality the remaining stages use an optimal  $f$ -stage policy with respect to  $f$  we may enter section  $f$  of the table at this state  $f$  and read off the optimal policy for stage  $f$  and the resulting state  $f$ . 5.118833452401329

3586. proceeding in this way up the table we extract the complete optimal policy and if it is desired we can check on  $f$  by evaluating  $f$  at the last stage. 8.202941771014192

3587. it may be that the objective function depends not only on  $f$  but also on  $f$  as when the cost of the operating policy is considered. 7.706774027418336

3588. a moment's reflection shows that the above algorithm and presentation work equally well in this case. 7.88014969880378

3589. a form of objective function that we shall often have occasion to consider is  $f$ . 7.17950040656453

3590. here  $v$  represents the cost of operating the stage with conditions. 11.259636964467346

3591. hence  $p$  is the increase in value of the stream minus the cost of operation that is the net profit. 7.503951698706899

3592. if  $f$  denotes the net profit from stage  $r$  and  $f$  then the principle of optimality gives  $f$  this sequence of equations may be started with the remark that with no process  $f$  there is no profit ie  $f$ . 6.800750486020274

3593. the process in which the outcome of any one stage is known only statistically is also of interest although for chemical reactor design it is not as important as the deterministic process. 7.6079195329582205

3594. in this case the stage  $r$  operating with conditions  $f$  transforms the state of the stream from  $f$  to  $f$  but only the probability distribution of  $f$  is known. 7.360130383667018

3595. this is specified by a distribution function  $f$  such that the probability that  $f$  lies in some region  $d$  of the stage space is  $f$ . 6.268968593365866

3596. we cannot now speak of maximizing the value of the objective function since this function is now known only in a probabilistic sense. 8.058402443511438

3597. we can however maximize its expected value. 11.933630927614972

3598. for a single stage we may define  $f$  where the maximization is by choice of  $f$ . 7.032105024464237

3599. we thus have an optimal policy which maximizes the expected value of the objective function for a given  $f$ . 6.484698453818843

3600. if we consider a process in which the outcome of one stage is known before passage to the next then the principle of optimality shows that the policy in subsequent stages should be optimal with respect to the outcome of the first. 8.148566495101765

3601. then  $f$  the maximization being over all admissible  $f$  and the integration over the whole of stage space. 6.3733921415345565

3602. the type of presentation of results used in the deterministic process may be used here except that now the fourth column is redundant. 8.96042901832664

3603. the third column gives the optimal policy but we must wait to see the outcome of stage  $r$  and enter the preceding section of the table at this state. 7.1514735154402835

3604. the discussion of the optimal policy when the outcome of one stage is not known before passing to the next is a very much more difficult matter. 7.158709062449044

3605. in many cases it is not possible to divide the process into a finite number of discrete stages since the state of the stream is transformed in a continuous manner through the process. 6.300916785450441

3606. we replace  $r$  the number of the stage from the end of the process by  $t$  a continuous variable which measures the distance of the point considered from the end of the process. 11.140874931348808

3607. the word distance is used here in a rather general sense; it may in fact be the time that will elapse before the end of the process. 6.868674993622193

3608. if  $t$  is the total length of the process its feed state may be denoted by a vector and the product state by  $x_t$  denotes the state at any point  $t$  and the vector of operating variables there. 7.767817575731528

3609. a gyro-stabilized platform system using restrained gyros is well suited for automatic leveling because of the characteristics of the gyro-platform-servo combination. 6.1002718645445935

3610. the restrained gyro-stabilized platform with reasonable response characteristics operates with an approximate equation of motion neglecting transient effects as follows:  $\ddot{\phi} + f\phi = u$  where  $u$  is a torque applied about the output axis of the controlling gyro. 6.227116739151118

3611. the platform angle  $\phi$  is the angle about which the gyro is controlling. 6.817408452020724

3612. this is normally termed the gyro input axis  $90^\circ$  away from the gyro output or  $\phi$  axis. 10.454030701015315

3613. the gyro angular momentum is defined by  $h$ . 8.976097203071156

3614. thus if the gyro and platform-controller combination maintains the platform with zero angular deviation about the  $\phi$  axis the system can be rotated with an angular velocity  $\dot{\phi}$  if a torque is supplied to the gyro output axis  $\phi$ . 6.270627766869903

3615. it is assumed that the gyros are designed with electrical torquers so that a torque can be applied about their output axes. 8.230943349647005

3616. in the system shown in fig 7-1 the accelerometer output is amplified and the resulting voltage is applied to the gyro output-axis torquer. 9.886217260266333

3617. this torque causes the entire system to rotate about the  $\phi$  axis since the response to  $f$ . 6.137472201451243

3618. if the polarities are correct the platform rotates in such a direction as to reduce the accelerometer output to zero. 9.59721944103896

3619. as the accelerometer output is decreasing the torque applied to the gyro output axis decreases and therefore the rate decreases. 6.4704405399531035

3620. finally when the accelerometer output is zero the entire system remains stationary and the platform is by definition leveled. 7.288900799735519

3621. a mathematical block diagram for the leveling system is shown in fig 7-2. 6.869739491308488

3622. the platform is initially off level by the angle  $\phi$ .  
9.430036403335416

3623. the angle generated by the platform servo  $\phi$  multiplied by  $g$  is the effective acceleration acting on the accelerometer. 5.780140237098333

3624.  $f$  is the scale factor of the accelerometer. 9.924684914768017

3625. the voltage  $f$  is amplified by  $f$  and applied to the gyro torquer with scale factor  $f$ . 7.005525266517035

3626. finally the gyro-stabilized platform characteristic is represented by  $f$  the system as indicated in fig 7-2 is fundamental and simple because the transient effects of both the platform servo and the accelerometer have been neglected. 6.381145722783109

3627. with these factors included an upper limit is placed on the allowable loop gain by stability considerations. 7.680799626726051

3628. in this type of system a high loop gain is desirable because it provides a fast response time. 9.702836094942622

3629. when the frequency response characteristics of practical components are considered their effect on stability does not present the most serious limit on the system loop gain. 5.950743172816236

3630. the time required for the system to reach a level position is approximately inversely proportional to the servo loop gain.  
8.395020531259691

3631. in addition the cutoff frequency for input accelerations is approximately proportional to the servo loop gain; ie high loop gain causes the system to respond to horizontal components of accelerations.  
5.658150040830737

3632. this problem usually determines the lower limit of loop gain rather than response time. 8.823411164925119

3633. it must be noticed in fig 7-1 that the accelerometer responds to any input acceleration. 8.799215518229115

3634. the equation relating input acceleration to output platform angle is  $f$  in practice the preflight leveling process takes place with the system mounted in the airframe. 6.673055462121845

3635. when the system is arranged for automatic leveling the platform angles respond to any horizontal components of acceleration acting on the accelerometers. 6.985033348206907

3636. there are many such components of acceleration present due to the effect of wind gusts engine noise turbulence around the vehicle etc.  
11.858661917697805

3637. one of the greatest problems associated with automatic leveling is establishing a true level in the presence of high-level acceleration noise. 10.838046414385232

3638. one solution to the problem is to operate with a low loop gain and to include low-pass filters. 11.399959901557546

3639. this technique causes the system to respond only to low frequency acceleration components such as the platform tilt. 6.137472201451243

3640. since a lower loop gain and low-pass filtering increases the response time a practical compromise must be reached. 7.590800568668409

3641. one of the most desirable solutions is achieved by the use of a non-linear amplifier for  $f$ . 9.699383048252644

3642. the amplifier is designed so that its gain is large for accelerometer signals above a certain threshold level.  
7.663024046550707

3643. below this level the amplifier gain  $f$  is proportional and is of small value in order to provide adequate noise filtering.  
5.835473001769006

3644. the effect is that the platform returns from an off-level position at a rapid rate until it is nearly level at which point the platform is controlled by a proportional servo with low enough frequency response so that the noise has little effect on the leveling process.  
6.240225426721251

3645. when the system is on automatic leveling the gyro drift is canceled by the output of the leveling system. 5.4560684206020245

3646. the platform actually tilts off level so that the accelerometer output when amplified by f will supply the correct current to the gyro torquer to cancel the gyro drift. 6.941335705905106

3647. the amount of platform dip required depends upon the scale factors of the system. 9.261350790332987

3648. the automatic leveling system described in this section is readily adaptable to a gyro-stabilized platform consisting of three integrating gyros. 7.333060553020843

3649. the system requires some switching of flight equipment circuits. 9.265005517434957

3650. however the leveling operation can be maintained and controlled remotely with no mechanical or optical contact with the platform. 8.630915665770779

3651. this leveling system will hold the platform on-level automatically as long as the system is actuated. 7.736817524741486

3652. a useful by-product of this system is that the information necessary to set the gyro drift biases is available from the currents necessary to hold the system in level. 7.8076921455580495

3653. the leveling process can be accomplished manually and the results are as satisfactory as those obtained with automatic equipment. 6.104044052552417

3654. the process consists in turning the platform manually until the outputs of both accelerometers are zero. 7.032105024464237

3655. the turning is accomplished by applying voltage to the gyro torquers described above. 6.817408452020724

3656. in brief the human replaces amplifier f in figs 7-1 and 7-2. 10.12904140595632

3657. manual leveling requires an appropriate display of the accelerometer outputs. 6.978177995769431

3658. if high accuracy is required in preflight leveling it is usually necessary to integrate or doubly integrate the accelerometer outputs. 7.04470725452639

3659. with integration the effect of a small acceleration can be seen after a time. 8.77122911693304

3660. however skill is required on the part of an operator to level a platform to any degree of accuracy. 9.496346167982761

3661. also it requires more time as compared to the automatic approach. 7.142947673187237

3662. manual leveling is inconvenient if the platform must be maintained accurately level for any prolonged period of time. 6.757567981697296

3663. the operator must continually supply the correct amount of turning current to the gyro torquers so that the effect of gyro drift is canceled. 5.805447254345494

3664. this process is especially difficult since gyro drifting is typically random. 9.647666702688586

3665. platform heading consists of orienting the sensitive axis of the accelerometers parallel to the desired coordinate system of the navigator. 5.396094141387029

3666. in simpler terms it amounts to pointing the platform in the proper direction. 9.668330866206757

3667. for purely inertial navigators two techniques are available to accomplish the platform heading: use of external or surveying equipment to establish proper heading. 5.607450279891365

3668. use of the characteristics of the platform components for an indication of true heading the choice of the heading technique is dependent upon the accuracy requirements field conditions and the time available to accomplish the heading. 7.226079837991202

3669. with the gyro-stabilized platform leveled it can be headed in the proper direction by using surveying techniques. 7.049728973261037

3670. the platform accelerometers must be slightly modified for this procedure. 10.282317167785038

3671. before the accelerometers are mounted on the platform the direction of their sensitive axis must be accurately determined. 5.593078119805652

3672. a mirror is mounted on each accelerometer so that the plane of the mirror is perpendicular to the sensitive axis of the unit. 8.671512010393146

3673. a precision transit is set up so that it is aligned with respect to true north. 12.390238519607813

3674. this can be done to a high degree of accuracy by existing surveying techniques. 9.89655331134606

3675. with the transit set up a mirror on one of the accelerometers is sighted and the platform is turned until it is aligned. 7.719594709811595

3676. the sighting procedure includes the use of a fixture for the transit to project a beam of light which is darkened by crossed hairs on the accelerometer mirror. 7.045515859671722

3677. when the platform is aligned the reflected image of the crossed hairs can be seen exactly superimposed upon the original crossed hairs. 6.85320845533008

3678. the images can easily be aligned with a high degree of accuracy. 10.93951072137165

3679. the platform is turned as required by supplying currents to the appropriate gyro torquers. 6.578982329721101

3680. although this technique is simple and satisfactory one practical difficulty does exist: the direction of true north must be known for each launch point. 6.928763765787131

3681. however this difficulty is not too serious if it is realized that a surveying team can establish a true north base line with a few days' work. 6.035226674045869

3682. in many installations the inertial platform is raised off the ground a considerable height when it is mounted in the vehicle before flight. 8.799743460193586

3683. with this situation it is difficult to sight in on the platform with surveying equipment. 10.34800060135459

3684. if the platform is not too high off the ground a transit can be mounted on a stand to raise it up to the platform. 9.508385408971838

3685. obviously the heading accuracy is lessened by such techniques since errors are introduced because of motion of the stand. 5.929848169630036

3686. the transit can be replaced by an autocollimator. 12.6078345414341

3687. this instrument provides an electrical signal proportional to the angular deviations of the platform and can be used to automatically hold the platform on true heading. 7.001786473599458

3688. the electrical signal from the autocollimator is amplified and supplied to the z-gyro torquer. 8.346523409839932

3689. if the polarity is correct the platform will turn until the heading error angle is zero. 7.42571121752819

3690. information is also available from this autocollimator system to set the drift bias for the z-axis gyro. 7.492188089872309

3691. if the z gyro is drifting a current generated by the autocollimator is delivered to the gyro torquer to cancel the drift. 6.430558768088862

3692. if the drift error is systematic it can be canceled with a bias circuit which can be arranged and adjusted to supply the required compensating current. 8.04647281362408



3693. it is possible to locate an angular electrical pickoff which will indicate the angular deviation between the true heading direction and the platform. 8.601893869922396

3694. essentially the stator or reference portion of the pickoff is established with respect to the true heading direction and the platform is turned either manually or automatically until the angular electrical pickoff signal is reduced to zero. 6.078010875628972

3695. gyrocompass alignment is an automatic heading system which depends upon the characteristic of one gyro to establish true heading. 5.236383152695367

3696. for the case of a purely inertial autonavigator consisting of three restrained gyros a coordinate system is used where the sensitive axis of the x accelerometer is parallel to the east-west direction at the base point and the y accelerometer sensitive axis is parallel to the north-south direction at the base point. 7.556019277143689

3697. the accelerometers are mounted rigidly on the platform. 7.14162538120728

3698. thus if one accelerometer is properly aligned the other is also. 10.618531190579676

3699. the input axis of the appropriate gyros are parallel to the sensitive direction of the accelerometers. 7.936577007527541

3700. figure 7-3 shows a platform system with the gyro vectors arranged as described above. 7.198778874655976

3701. the platform is leveled and properly headed so that the x-gyro input axis is parallel to the east-west direction and the y-gyro input axis is parallel to the north-south direction. 5.4037986017279

3702. the input axis of the x gyro when pointing in the east-west direction is always perpendicular to the spin axis of earth. 7.370444693335603

3703. if the platform is not properly headed the x-gyro input axis will see a component of the earth's rotation. 5.475848712153735

3704. the sensing of this rotation by the x gyro can be utilized to direct the platform into proper heading. 7.333060553020843

3705. in fig 7-4 the input axis of the three-axis platform is shown at some point on the earth. 6.9700368027222614

3706. the point is at a latitude  $\phi$  and the platform is at an error in heading east. 8.984197268896464

3707. the earth is spinning at an angular velocity  $\omega$  equal to one revolution per 24 hr. 6.196120048044738

3708. when the platform is level  $\phi$  is a rotation about the z axis of the platform f. 9.58976046417637

3709. since the earth is rotating and the unleveled gyro-stabilized platform is fixed with respect to a reference in space an observer on the earth will see the platform rotating. 5.968888649141386

3710. scotty did not go back to school. 10.77559583899699

3711. his parents talked seriously and lengthily to their own doctor and to a specialist at the university hospital- mr mckinley was entitled to a discount for members of his family- and it was decided it would be best for him to take the remainder of the term off spend a lot of time in bed and for the rest do pretty much as he chose- provided of course he chose to do nothing too exciting or too debilitating. 6.11080627696167

3712. his teacher and his school principal were conferred with and everyone agreed that if he kept up with a certain amount of work at home there was little danger of his losing a term. 6.400433812792864

3713. scotty accepted the decision with indifference and did not enter the arguments. 6.35989150912935

3714. he was discharged from the hospital after a two-day checkup and he and his parents had what mr mckinley described as a celebration lunch at the cafeteria on the campus. 7.000954838506869

3715. rachel wore a smart hat and because she had been warned recently about smoking puffed at her cigarettes through a long ivory holder stained with lipstick. 4.808070905031883

3716. scotty's father sat sprawled in his chair angular alert as a cricket looking about at the huge stainless-steel appointments of the room with an expression of proprietorship. 6.597577245764726

3717. teachers- men who wore brown suits and had gray hair and pleasant smiles- came to their table to talk shop and to be introduced to scotty and rachel. 4.790798589308555

3718. rachel was polite scotty indifferent. 11.568363037656766

3719. they ate the cafeteria food with its orange sauces and scotty gazed without interest at his food the teachers the heroic baronial windows and the bright ranks of college banners. 5.28961680804392

3720. his father tried to make the food a topic. 11.234988137387923

3721. the blueberry pie is good scotty. 10.915477388587384

3722. he looked at his son his face worried. 11.45143587764551

3723. scotty murmured no thanks so softly his father had to bend his gaunt height across the table and turn a round brown ear to him. 5.075687883994028

3724. scotty regarded the ear and the grizzled hair around it with a moment of interest. 8.042592377505418

3725. he said more loudly i'm full old pop. 12.070853331485324

3726. he had eaten almost nothing on the crested three-sectioned plate and had drunk about half the milk in its paper container. 6.757398191382679

3727. he's all right craig rachel said. 8.254441635698543

3728. i can fix him something later in the afternoon when we get home. 11.387278593195472

3729. since his seizure scotty had had little appetite; yet his changed appearance surprisingly was one of plumpness. 6.14885721093372

3730. his face was fuller; his lips and the usually sharp lines of his jaw had become swollen-looking. 8.271944585723762

3731. he breathed now with his mouth open showing a whitely curving section of lower teeth; he kept his eyes with their puffed blurred lids always lowered though not apparently focusing. 5.244626481388405

3732. even his neck seemed thicker and therefore shorter. 11.783128185031327

3733. his hands which had been as quick as a pair of fluttering birds were now neither active nor really relaxed. 6.2115310653335305

3734. they lay on his lap palms up stiffly motionless the tapered fingers a little thick at the joints. 7.8752429876816015

3735. altogether he had since the seizure the appearance of a boy who overindulged in food and took no exercise. 5.604595862075639

3736. he looked lazy spoiled a little querulous. 13.671139498061125

3737. rachel had little to say. 8.254441635698543

3738. she greeted her husband's colleagues with smiling politeness offering nothing. 10.090117903264954

3739. mr mckinley for all his sprawling and his easy familiarity was completely alert to his son eyes always on the still face jumping to anticipate scotty's desires. 5.648661358135618

3740. it was a strained silent lunch. 30.515435481543264

3741. rachel said i'd better get him to bed. 6.764147616291221

3742. the doctors had suggested scotty remain most of every afternoon in bed until he was stronger. 7.860799503526907

3743. since mr mckinley had to give a lecture rachel and scotty drove home alone in the plymouth. 5.996449046946254

3744. they did not speak much. 22.990531803625462

3745. scotty gazed out at ugly gray slums and said softly look at those stupid kids. 5.542917982132687

3746. it was a negro section of peeling row houses store-front churches and ragged children. 12.681266920840672

3747. rachel had to bend toward scotty and ask him to repeat. 6.210871206873012

3748. and then: there are lots of kids around here. 11.009801635968275

3749. scotty looked at the children his mouth slightly opened his eyes dull. 6.409723218970884

3750. he felt tired and full and calm. 14.125486344854538

3751. the days seemed short perhaps because his routine was each day almost the same. 5.825820622377272

3752. he rose late and went down in his bathrobe and slippers to have breakfast either alone or with rachel. 7.8981215668787295

3753. virginia treated him with attention and tried to tempt his appetite with special food: biscuits cookies candies- the result of devoted hours in the tiled kitchen. 5.957274431839577

3754. she would hover over him and looking like her brother anxiously watch the progress of scotty's fork or spoon. 8.703397996334004

3755. you don't eat enough honey. 15.784668708114987

3756. try to get that down. 19.595663346239842

3757. rachel observing would say he has to rediscover his own capacity. 8.33019162863444

3758. virginia and rachel talked to each other quietly now as allies who are political rather than natural might in a war atmosphere. 7.266636988026677

3759. both watched scotty constantly rachel without seeming to virginia openly her eyes filled with concern. 6.046518806848467

3760. he did not resent their supervision or virginia's sometimes tiring sympathy. 14.065201954426886

3761. he ate what he felt like slept as much or as little as he pleased and moved about the draughty rooms of the house when he was not in bed with slow dubious steps like an elderly tourist in a cathedral. 5.3316299597258485

3762. he was able now to sit for hours in a chair in the living room and stare out at the bleak yard without moving. 12.836706744298837

3763. his hands lay loosely yet stiffly- they were like wax hands: almost lifelike not quite- folded in his lap; his mouth hung slightly open. 5.172033001815357

3764. when he was asked a question or addressed in such a way that some response was inescapable he would answer; if as often happened he had to repeat because he had spoken too softly he would repeat his words in the same way without emphasis or impatience only a little louder. 8.052211916435642

3765. he had not mentioned kate. 17.385087763834814

3766. he had not even thought about her much except once or twice at night in bed when his slowly ranging thoughts would abruptly almost accidentally encounter her. 8.445748139687845

3767. at these times he felt a kind of pain in his upper chest but it was an objective pain in no way different from others in intensity and not different in kind; it was like the bandaged wound on the back of his head which occasionally throbbed; it was merely another part of his weakness. 4.940876442566993

3768. he was calm drugged and lazy. 17.218119440805356

3769. rachel mentioned kate. 10.363724110347151

3770. she said i notice the girl from across the street hasn't bothered to phone or visit. 8.904416859921259

3771. scotty said that's all right. 9.118533821976325

3772. he thought about it briefly then deliberately turned the talk to something else. 9.176540466704445

3773. once sitting at the front window in his parents' room he saw  
kate come out of her house. 6.741761351765337  
3774. they were far off and looked tiny. 13.133843158043385  
3775. the heavy branches in his front yard would hide and then reveal  
them. 6.817408452020724  
3776. they turned at the bottom of kate's steps and moved off in the  
direction of the park. 12.924184431021832  
3777. he thought he saw- it awakened and for a moment interested him-  
that elizabeth held a leash in her hand and that a round fuzzy puppy was  
on the end of the leash. 7.788275400162423  
3778. then they disappeared and scotty got up and went into his own room  
and got into bed. 9.057368983580009  
3779. by the time he was under the covers he had forgotten about  
seeing kate. 10.041928699998516  
3780. the doctor since scotty was no longer allowed to make his regular  
trips into town to see him came often and informally to the house.  
7.070580168572612  
3781. he would sit slim-waisted and spare on the edge of scotty's bed  
his legs crossed so elaborately that the crossed foot could tap the  
floor. 6.573980990022698  
3782. scotty did not mind the doctor's unsmiling teasing as he used to.  
8.07008687651094  
3783. husky young man he said with mock distaste. 7.14162538120728  
3784. i imagine you're always battling in school. 12.626880398769476  
3785. i don't go to school any more. 6.112009129082544  
3786. pardon? 19.804021762487697  
3787. the doctor had to bend close to hear; his delicate hand as  
veined as a moth's wing rested absently on scotty's chest.  
4.958070100322966  
3788. scotty said the same words more loudly. 9.670406878971576  
3789. well we're taking a little vacation that's all. 8.760798157016161  
3790. he turned unsmilingly to rachel. 18.100149245630604  
3791. i think by the end of next week he could get out in the air a  
little. 9.21614847343009  
3792. he could now but the weakness is very definite; it would exhaust  
him further and unnecessarily. 9.53230418139413  
3793. his stethoscope was on the table by scotty's bed and he picked it  
up and wagged it at scotty. 6.367709358565583  
3794. he said fussily just keep the cap on those strong emotions.  
12.944705891190194  
3795. the stethoscope glinted silver in the darkening room.  
8.341215694113531  
3796. i'll drop by again in a few days. 6.780239967936276  
3797. rachel stayed on after the doctor had gone. 7.14162538120728  
3798. she smoothed the covers on scotty's bed and picked things up  
from the floor. 9.392350469633442  
3799. she did not touch him. 12.273782314519758  
3800. he did not speak. 31.88991611763428  
3801. he had no desire to. 18.187915313983027  
3802. she said do you think you'll miss school? 16.30597682975285  
3803. he had noticed how formal and irritably exact rachel had grown.  
6.311161711767532  
3804. he felt her irritability did not concern him yet he knew he  
would not care even if it did. 9.344965115488222  
3805. we've had any number of calls about you. 8.50355300644976  
3806. you could win a popularity contest at that school without any  
trouble. 10.759895593422444  
3807. she wants to pay you a visit. 9.130734915764195  
3808. she says the children miss you. 14.862075846207352  
3809. apparently you were the light of their lives. 9.149249124158029

3810. rachel came close to the bed bent as if she would kiss him then  
 moved away.7.984019827911995  
 3811. that doctor annoys me.13.51881576711259  
 3812. she seemed to speak to herself. 13.01124301923152  
 3813. do you suppose his self-consciousness is characteristic of the new  
 negro professionals or merely of doctors in general?8.691527388032409  
 3814. she turned to him again. 15.335982124924552  
 3815. well mrs charles- sally- has phoned too. 9.543751478423268  
 3816. rachel's tone was dry. 13.148092146312546  
 3817. she didn't really say- she glanced away at the floor then  
 swooped gracefully and picked up one of scotty's slippers.  
 5.31480095063949  
 3818. i mean do you feel like seeing kate? 13.451099661709948  
 3819. scotty said i don't know. 8.254441635698543  
 3820. he did not. 32.52333993947455  
 3821. therewas the slight pain but it was no different from the throbbing  
 in his head. 7.974568851304067  
 3822. well there's time in any case. 12.107821717729271  
 3823. we'll wait till you're stronger and then talk about it.  
 4.458094500389624  
 3824. she put the slipper neatly by its mate at the foot of the  
 bed. 11.353078798917355  
 3825. this time rachel kissed him lightly on the forehead.  
 9.594024245618197  
 3826. his father was a constant visitor. 12.897597508911213  
 3827. scotty would hear the front door in the evening and then his  
 father's deep slow voice; it floated up the stairs. 5.269029615408402  
 3828. how's scotty? 15.594944937291627  
 3829. and rachel's or virginia's reply: better. 7.622507342753323  
 3830. he's getting plenty of rest. 11.568363037656766  
 3831. is his appetite improved? 14.719789192420528  
 3832. or: does he get exercise? 10.472119682746735  
 3833. the exchange was almost invariable and scotty in his bed could  
 hear every word of it. 6.196120048044738  
 3834. it required an energy he no longer possessed to be satirical about  
 his father.10.055014982183309  
 3835. his father would come upstairs and stand self-consciously at  
 the foot of the bed and look at his son. 7.012306084063896  
 3836. after a pause during which he studied scotty's face as if scotty  
 were not there and could not study him too mr mckinley would ask the  
 same questions he had asked downstairs. 6.734611063080708  
 3837. scotty would reply softly and his father apologetically would  
 ask him to repeat. 5.825820622377272  
 3838. i'm eating more he would say. 10.472119682746735  
 3839. or: i walk around the house a lot. 7.8266524205191335  
 3840. perhaps you should get out a little. 13.562096499361068  
 3841. i'm not supposed to yet. 9.118533821976325  
 3842. he did not mind the useless kindly questions.  
 18.941806343485823  
 3843. he looked at the lined face with vague interest; he felt he was  
 noting it as if it were something he might think about when he grew  
 stronger. 6.371497862601417  
 3844. mr mckinley examined everything with critical care seeking  
 something material to blame for his son's illness. 7.901022633568577  
 3845. have you got enough blankets? 17.15076508346365  
 3846. and another time without accusation: you never wore that scarf  
 i bought you. 7.615092762846159  
 3847. where their sharp edges seemed restless as sea waves thrusting  
 themselves upward in angry motion papa-san sat glacier-like his smooth

solidity his very immobility defying all the turmoil about him.

4.986814429091791

3848. our objective the colonel had said that day of the briefing is  
papa-san. 8.451539404280124

3849. there the objective sat brooding over all. 14.436945989394015

3850. gouge burn blast insult it as they would could anyone really take  
papa-san? 7.855879470192429

3851. between the ponderous hulk and himself in the valley over  
which papa-san reigned men had hidden high explosives booby traps and  
mines. 5.600506566635469

3852. the raped valley was a pregnant womb awaiting abortion.  
9.945332631078985

3853. on the forward slope in front of his own post stretched two rows  
of barbed wire. 8.296392737726348

3854. at the slope's base coils of concertina stretched out of eye range  
like a wild tangle of children's hoops stopped simultaneously weirdly  
poised as if awaiting the magic of the child's touch to start them all  
rolling again. 6.236576364496245

3855. closer still regular barricades of barbed wire hung on timber  
supports. 6.210871206873012

3856. was it all vain labor? 17.167214565760016

3857. who would clean up the mess when the war was over?  
9.000402973139026

3858. smiling at his quixotic thoughts warren turned back from the  
opening and lit a cigarette before sitting down. 7.063751019154169

3859. tonight a group of men tomorrow night he himself would go out  
there somewhere and wait. 6.9194879198136

3860. if he were to go with white he would be out there two days not just  
listening in the dark at some point between here and papa-san but  
moving ever deeper into enemy land- behind papa-san itself.

8.463138312685151

3861. was this what he had expected? 9.310843321026303

3862. he hadn't realized that there would be so much time to think so  
many lulls. 10.763302283764958

3863. somehow he had forgotten what he must have been told that combat  
was an intermittent activity. 6.467750816518099

3864. now he knew that the moment illuminated by the vision on the  
train would have to be approached. 12.691321895942872

3865. it could take place tomorrow night or it might occur months from  
now. 8.132629406549228

3866. therewas just too much time. 12.265494728674685

3867. white's suggestion flattered but he did not like the identity.  
8.882486834490086

3868. he did not spill over with hatred for the enemy. 15.29707057065577

3869. he hadn't even seen him yet h pressing his cigarette out in  
the earth warren walked to the slit and scanned the jagged hills.

7.327099184519166

3870. he saw no life but still stood there for a time peering at the  
unlovely hills his gaze continually returning to papa-san.

7.605156370559649

3871. he had come here in order to test himself. 13.773606083787389

3872. while most of his beliefs were still unsettled he knew that he  
did not believe in killing. 10.91613913650053

3873. he had come because he could not live out his life feeling that  
he had been a coward. 10.540719303208638

3874. there were ten men on the patrol which sergeant prevot led out  
that next night. 10.732511993673237

3875. the beaming rok was carrying a thirty-caliber machine gun; another  
man lugged the tripod and a box of ammunition. 5.236383152695367

3876. warren and white each carried in addition to their own weapons and  
ammo a box of ammo for the rok's machine gun. 7.669666636970978  
3877. others carried extra clips for the       browning automatic rifle  
which was in the hands of a little mexican     named martinez.  
8.877600080606834  
3878. prevot had briefed the two new men that afternoon. 8.196044167676531  
3879. we just sit quiet and wait prevot had said. 8.396496230546957  
3880. be sure the       man nearest you is awake. 16.717572823539694  
3881. if joe doesn't show up we'll all be     back here at 0600 hours.  
7.521433978470609  
3882. otherwise we hold a reception. 12.555741634523304  
3883. then we pull       out under our mortar and artillery cover but  
nobody pulls out until i say so. 6.719624584878343  
3884. remember what i said about going out to get anybody left  
behind? 8.816401612739652  
3885. that still holds. 16.25399040225975  
3886. we bring back all dead and wounded. 12.350455461918722  
3887. at 2130 hours they had passed through the barbed wire at the point  
of departure. 6.82061128984752  
3888. then began the journey through their own mine fields.  
9.79567574476966  
3889. ours were kinder than theirs some said. 7.14162538120728  
3890. they set bouncing     betties to jump and explode at testicle level  
while we more mercifully     had them go off at the head. 7.231737476099396  
3891. the crude wooden boxes of the enemy our nicely turned gray metal  
disks. 0.0  
3892. but theirs defied the detectors. 11.568363037656766  
3893. a foot misplaced a leg missing. 9.356345845066523  
3894. all sizes: big ones some wired to set off a whole field little ones  
hand grenade size. 7.957342234941497  
3895. booby traps to fill the head with chunks of metal.  
7.3800326108703675  
3896. warren tried to shake off the jumble of his fears by     looking at  
the sky. 7.032105024464237  
3897. prevot had said that the searchlights     would be bounced off the  
clouds at 2230 hours which gives us time     to get settled in position.  
5.413608941102272  
3898. because they were new men and     to be sure that they didn't get  
lost prevot had placed warren     and white in the center of the patrol  
as it filed out. 10.492371566044683  
3899. his eyes now     fixed on white's solid figure warren could hear  
behind him the tread     of another. 6.052483915567135  
3900. he could also hear the stream which he had seen from     his  
position. 11.73959369208351  
3901. they were going to follow it for part of their journey.  
14.726868208103289  
3902. it's safe prevot had said and it provides cover for our noise.  
4.638829243364722  
3903. soon they were picking their way along the edge of the stream which  
glowed in the night. 7.330586228560816  
3904. on their right rose the embankment     covered with brush and  
trees. 11.056596564047293  
3905. if a branch extended out too far each man held it back for the  
next and if they met a low overhang each     warned the other.  
6.753341378197391  
3906. thus stealthily they advanced upstream; then they turned to the  
right climbed the embankment and walked into the     valley again.  
8.791135668407959  
3907. there was no cover here only grass sighing against pant-legs.  
14.170519501784666

3908. and with each sigh like a whip in the hand of an expert the grass  
stripped something from warren. 8.218303585246003

3909. the gentle whir of each footstep left him more naked than before  
until he felt his unprotected flesh tremble chilled by each new  
sound. 5.443811168067202

3910. the shapes of the men ahead of him lacked solidity as if the whip  
had stripped them of their very flesh. 9.182606538758252

3911. the dark forms moved like mourners on some nocturnal pilgrimage  
their dirge unsung for want of vocal chords. 6.157866614711012

3912. the warped broken trees in the valley assumed wraith-like  
shapes. 10.305551326325668

3913. clumps of brush that they passed were so many enchained demons  
straining in anger to tear and gnaw on his bones. 5.083242045036259

3914. looming over all papa-san leered down at him threatening a  
hundred hidden malevolencies. 7.391013650626644

3915. off in the distance a searchlight flashed on its beam slashing  
the sky. 6.878586597189155

3916. the sharp ray was absorbed by a cloud then reflected to the earth  
in a softer diffused radiance. 7.174415361014294

3917. somewhere over there another patrol had need of light.  
8.533483649870792

3918. warren thought of all the men out that night who like himself had  
left their protective ridge and- fear working at their guts- picked  
their way into the area beyond. 6.884759142771981

3919. from the east to the west coast of the korean peninsula was a  
strip of land in which fear-filled men were at that same moment  
furtively crawling through the night sitting in sweaty anticipation of  
any movement or sound or shouting amidst confused rifle flashes and  
muzzle blasts. 5.2791090844058965

3920. white's arm went up and warren raised his own. 8.581436094141479

3921. prevot came up take that spot over there he whispered pointing  
to a small clump of blackness. 5.427950274147271

3922. give me your machine gun ammo. 12.276863862690671

3923. warren handed him the metal box and prevot quietly disappeared  
down the line. 6.002446559592496

3924. lying in the grass behind the brush clump warren looked about.  
8.354365827194131

3925. the others likewise had hidden themselves in the grass and the  
brush. 9.219448584977116

3926. over his shoulder he could see prevot with the machine gun crew.  
9.815925849460228

3927. even at this short distance they were only vague shapes setting  
up the machine gun on a small knoll so that it could fire above the  
heads of the rest of the patrol. 7.024889938903743

3928. warren eased his rifle's safety off and gently slowly sneaked  
another clip of ammunition from one of the cloth bandoleers that marked  
the upper part of his body with an x. 6.166422474275599

3929. this he placed within quick reach. 12.245409015232283

3930. the walk and his fear had served to overheat him and his sweaty  
armpits cooled at the touch of the night air. 7.068970569960655

3931. although the armored vest fitted the upper part of his body  
snugly he felt no security. 6.716115690045228

3932. figures seemed to crouch in the surrounding dark; in the distance  
he saw a band of men who seemed to advance and retreat even as he  
watched. 7.4410415811352655

3933. certain this menace was only imaginary he yet stared in  
fascinated horror his hand sticky against the stock of his weapon.  
5.320097649352637

3934. he was aware of insistent inner beatings as if prisoners within  
sought release from his rigid body. 9.016975878454005



3935. above the glowing ivory baton of their searchlight pointed at the clouds diluting the valley's dark to a pallid light.  
5.568148433678107

3936. then the figures which held his attention became a group of shattered trees standing like the grotesques of a medieval damnation scene.  
8.180004365981466

3937. even so he could not ease the tension of his body; the rough surface of the earth itself seemed to resist every attempt on his part to relax.  
7.143718324473617

3938. sensing the unseen presence of the other men in the patrol he felt mutely united to these nine near-strangers sharing this pinpoint of being with him.  
7.051377857313717

3939. he sensed something precious in the perilous moment something akin to the knowledge gained on his bicycle trip through the french countryside a knowledge imprisoned in speechlessness.  
5.370135919572722

3940. in france he had puzzled the meaning of the great stone monuments men had thrown up to the sky and always as he wandered he felt a stranger to their exultation.  
8.527383819790932

3941. they were poems in a strange language of which he could barely touch a meaning- enough to make his being ache with the desire for the fullness he sensed there.  
6.229259881487513

3942. brittany that stone-gray mystery through which he traveled for thirty days sleeping in the barns of farmers or alongside roads had worked some subtle change in him he knew and it was in brittany that he had met pierre.  
6.789561442299042

3943. pierre had no hands; they had been severed at the wrists.  
6.872206062958677

3944. with leather cups fitted in his handlebars he steered his bicycle.  
9.821725517303781

3945. he and warren had traveled together for four days.  
10.594409592502195

3946. they visited the shipyards at brest and pierre had to sign the register vouching for the integrity of the visiting foreigner.  
7.367001582299765

3947. he took the pen in his stumps and began to write.  
9.313327143771092

3948. wait! wait! cried the guard who ran from the hut to shout to other men standing about outside.  
6.934274960433971

3949. they crowded the small room and peered over one another's shoulders to watch the handless man write his name in the book.  
6.927946045159832

3950. c'est merveilleux.  
15.594944937291627

3951. and then the questions came eager interested questions and many compliments on his having overcome his infirmity.  
7.243120492747014

3952. doesn't it ever bother you warren had asked to have people always asking you about your hands?  
6.886249538313906

3953. oh the french are a very curious people pierre had laughed.  
7.641263869103429

3954. they are also honest seekers after truth.  
17.70595667306046

3955. now the english are painfully silent about my missing hands.  
8.907214557739332

3956. they refuse to mention or to notice that they are not there.  
11.183423554824664

3957. the americans like yourself take the fact for granted try to be helpful but don't ask questions.  
5.427950274147271

3958. i'm used to all three but i think the french have the healthiest attitude.  
4.94962672496911

3959. that was the day that pierre had told warren about the abbey of solesmes.  
8.548898101043001

3960. you are looking tired and there you can rest.  
8.581436094141479

3961. it will be good for you.  
23.83609541655486

3962. i think too he said his dark eyes mischievous that you will find there some clue to the secret of the cathedrals about which you have spoken. 9.213070561970492

3963. within two weeks warren was ringing the bell at the abbey gate. 7.09658821586944

3964. the monk who opened the door immediately calmed his worries about his reception: i speak english the old man said but i do not hear it very well. 7.685936816567552

3965. he smiled and stuck a large finger with white hairs sprouting on it into his ear as though that might help. 6.276119584179756

3966. smiling at warren's protestations the old monk took his grip from him and led him down a corridor to a small parlor. 6.843555082570595

3967. will you please wait in here. 8.254441635698543

3968. mickie sat over his second whisky-on-the-rocks in a little bar next to the funeral parlor on pennsylvania avenue. 7.296796623354769

3969. al's little cafewas small dark narrow and filled with the mingled scent of beer tobacco smoke and italian cooking. 5.373451013152963

3970. hanging over the bar was an oil painting of a nude al had accepted from a student at the corcorangallery who needed to eat and drink and was broke. 6.566399768363132

3971. the nude was small and black-haired and elfin and was called eloise. 7.098087065137257

3972. this was one place where moonan could go for a drink in a back booth without anyone noticing him or at least coming up and hanging around and wanting to know all the low-down. 6.436186552389852

3973. the other patrons were taxi drivers and art students and small shopkeepers. 8.370415405903303

3974. the reporters had not yet discovered that this was his hideaway. 11.272653478106982

3975. his friend jane was with him. 9.627882438407596

3976. she was wise enough to realize a man could be good company even if he did weigh too much and didn't own the mint. 7.269213011679201

3977. she was the widow of a writer who had died in an airplane crash and mickie had found her a job as head of the historical section of the treasury. 7.298731519771195

3978. this meant sorting out press clippings and the like. 8.581436094141479

3979. jane sat receptive and interested. 9.118533821976325

3980. mickie had a pleasant glow as he said you see both of them i mean the president and jeff lawrence are romantics. 7.137155741379015

3981. a romantic is one who thinks the world is divinely inspired and all he has to do is find the right key and then divine justice and altruism will appear. 7.800647703425855

3982. it's like focusing a camera; the distant ship isn't there until you get the focus. 4.339177297207683

3983. you know what i'm talking about. 19.236453652028427

3984. i'm sure all girls feel this way about men until they live with them. 4.94962672496911

3985. but when it comes to war the colonel knows what it is and jeff doesn't. 9.768034516529452

3986. mr christiansen knows that a soldier will get the distinguished service medal for conduct that would land him in prison for life or the electric chair as a civilian. 6.3670418324942375

3987. he had a mean unbroken sheer bastard in his outfit and someone invented the name trig for him. 6.3332044950364645

3988. that's to say he was trigger happy. 6.649323994041028

3989. he'd shoot at anything if it was the rear end of a horse or his own sentry. 7.973846679428707

3990. he was a wiry inscrutable silent country boy from the red clay of rural alabama and he spoke with the broad drawl that others normally make fun of. 7.911444852196346  
3991. but not in front of trig. 17.815501676159066  
3992. i heard of some that tried it back in the states and he'd knock them clear across the room. 10.947344142134352  
3993. there'd been a pretty bad incident back at the marine base. 6.900408649199245  
3994. a newyork kid a refugee from one of the harlem gangs made fun of trig's accent and drew a knife. 9.016904301558275  
3995. before the fight was over the harlem boy had a concussion and trig was cut up badly. 6.903451359553042  
3996. they caught trig stealing liquor from the officers' mess and he got a couple of girls in trouble. 9.162177921266771  
3997. the fear of punishment just didn't bother him. 10.695878637103357  
3998. it was left out of him at birth. 16.571667076119464  
3999. this is why he made such a magnificent soldier. 13.11970684978437  
4000. he wasn't troubled with the ordinary rank-and-file fear that overcomes and paralyzes and sends individual soldiers and whole companies under fire running in panic. 7.107239517072066  
4001. it just didn't occur to trig that anything serious would happen to him. 8.132629406549228  
4002. do you get the picture of the kind of fellow he was? 15.879693689924276  
4003. jane nodded with a pleasant smile. 8.254441635698543  
4004. there was a sniper's nest in a mountain cave and it was picking off our men with devilish accuracy. 11.586749057686566  
4005. the colonel ordered that it be wiped out and i suggested 'you ask for volunteers and promise each man on the patrol a quart of whisky ten dollars and a week-end pass to davao'. 5.2620688406106835  
4006. trig was one of the five volunteers. 11.595729915558739  
4007. the patrol snaked around in back of the cave approached it from above and dropped in suddenly with wild howls. 6.4330293860001175  
4008. you could hear them from our outpost. 15.205456267605188  
4009. there was a lot of shooting. 26.074228451143995  
4010. we knew the enemy was subdued because a flare was fired as the signal. 8.497743810732977  
4011. two of our men were killed a third was wounded. 8.56990238059521  
4012. trig and a very black colored boy from detroit had killed or put out of action ten guerrillas by grenades and hand-to-hand fighting. 6.387218653107389  
4013. when we got there trig and the negro were quarreling over possession of a gold crucifix around the neck of a wounded filipino. 5.668934503289825  
4014. the colored boy had it and trig lunged at him with a knife and said 'give that to me you black bastard. 7.561791374268533  
4015. we don't 'low nigras to walk on the same sidewalk with white men where i come from'. 4.937785882748293  
4016. the negro got a bad slice on his chest from the knife wound. 7.391013650626644  
4017. what did the colonel do about the men? 7.74618850463512  
4018. jane asked in her placid interested way. 9.670406878971576  
4019. he recommended both of them for the dsm and the detroit fellow for the purple heart too for a combat-inflicted wound. 5.909009505545415  
4020. so you see mr christiansen knows what it's all about. 12.80482872241089  
4021. when he was in the war he was in law or supplies or something like that and an old buddy of his told me he would come down on sundays

to the pentagon and read the citations for medals- just like the one we sent in for trig- and go away with a real glow. 5.336152245168896

4022. these were heroes nine feet tall to him. 11.217122601447842

4023. jefferson lawrence was alone at the small perfectly appointed table by the window looking out over the river. 5.467781152199419

4024. he had dinner and sat there over his coffee watching the winding pattern of traffic as it crossed the bridge and spread out like a serpent with two heads. 6.04160250570423

4025. open beside him was mrs dalloway. 7.622507342753323

4026. he thought how this dainty fragile older woman threading her way through the streets of westminster on a day in june enjoying the flowers in the shops the greetings from old friends but never really drawing a deep passionate breath was so like himself. 6.143462819680892

4027. he and mrs dalloway too had never permitted themselves the luxury of joys that dug into the bone marrow of the spirit. 6.95284775577173

4028. he had not because he was both poor and ambitious. 17.278427490814405

4029. poverty imposes a kind of chastity on the ambitious. 7.440434150261191

4030. they cannot stop to grasp and embrace and sit in the back seat of cars along a dark country lane. 8.749073208907845

4031. no they must look the other way and climb one more painful step up the ladder. 6.88087869880284

4032. he made the decision with his eyes open or so he thought. 11.845040990655484

4033. at any cost he must leave the dreary pennsylvania mining town where his father was a pharmacist. 7.365609736889559

4034. and so he had so he had. 15.821470211811052

4035. at state college he had no time to walk among the violets on the water's edge. 7.098238266653304

4036. from his room he could look out in springtime and see the couples hand in hand walking slowly deliciously across the campus and he could smell the sweet vernal winds. 7.472555169900006

4037. he was not unmoved. 24.294131809332526

4038. he had to teach himself patiently that these traps were not for him. 12.940307180984714

4039. he must mentally pull the blinds and close the window so that all that existed was in the books before him. 7.503955145591806

4040. at law school the same. 15.856388984279766

4041. more of this stamping down of human emotion as a young lawyer in new york. 6.50457063925392

4042. by the time he was prosperous enough- his goals were high- he was bald and afraid of women. 10.103282743512988

4043. the only one who would have him was his cripple the strange unhappy woman who became his wife. 6.362404746904975

4044. perhaps it was right; perhaps it was just. 11.544045395859738

4045. he had dared to defy nature to turn his back to the lorelei and he was punished. 6.083075552994771

4046. like mrs dalloway with her regrets about peter walsh he had his moments of melancholy over a youth too well spent. 6.9306103296216595

4047. if he had had a son he would tell him gather ye rosebuds while ye may h this same flower that smiles today tomorrow will be dying. 5.259250068590943

4048. but then his son could afford it. 14.76346545701299

4049. lawrence was waiting for bill boxell. 8.457993590206913

4050. the vice president had called and asked if he could see the secretary at his home. 10.323659751601646

4051. he said the matter was urgent. 19.05472708829219

4052. the secretary was uneasy about the visit. 12.435529358277208

4053. he did not like boxell. 20.330024155874902  
4054. he suspected something underhanded and furtive about him.  
12.411802052220429  
4055. lawrence could not put his finger on it precisely and this  
worried him. 6.270230978211473  
4056. when you disliked or distrusted a man you should have a reason.  
13.748470019984957  
4057. human nature was not a piece of meat you could tell was bad by its  
smell. 6.083087477792876  
4058. lawrence stared a minute at the lighted ribbon of traffic hoping  
that a clue to his dislike of the vice president would appear.  
7.213952254160464  
4059. therefore he decided he was unfair to the young man and should  
make an effort to understand and sympathize with his point of view.  
5.710809277086228  
4060. a half hour later the vice president arrived.  
14.610431577057728  
4061. he looked very carefully at every piece of furnishing as though  
hoping to store this information carefully in his mind. 6.034462242787552  
4062. he observed the florentine vase in the hall the renoir painting in  
the library as well as the long shelves of well-bound volumes; the  
pattern of the oriental rug the delicate cut-glass chandelier.  
7.776704065940372  
4063. he said to the secretary i understand you came from a little  
pennsylvania town near wilkes-barre. 8.867119331729759  
4064. how did you find out about this? 13.54281504179816  
4065. he waved his arm around at the furnishings. 9.79832335641565  
4066. it was not a discourteous question lawrence decided.  
22.972559927717377  
4067. this young man had so little time to learn he had to be curious;  
he had to find out. 7.6422083670810785  
4068. the secretary did not tell him at what cost at what loneliness  
he learned these things. 9.610831677445065  
4069. he merely said any good decorator these days can make you a  
tasteful home. 7.073530828549074  
4070. the vice president said if you hear of any names that would fix  
me cheap in return for advertising they decorated the vice president's  
home let me know. 6.593952525060604  
4071. i can do business with that kind. 14.372022673115191  
4072. again lawrence thought a little sadly these were the fees of poverty  
and ambition. 7.8222354323124605  
4073. boxell did not have the chance to grow up graciously.  
10.585171135942144  
4074. he had to acquire everything he was going to get in four years.  
10.082554333190416  
4075. they had brandy in the library. 8.254441635698543  
4076. boxell looked at lawrence with a searching glance the kind that a  
prosecuting attorney would give a man on trial. 6.668801270201478  
4077. what are your weaknesses? 21.41654570467301  
4078. where will you break? 15.215005521174389  
4079. how best to destroy your peace? 10.972963376784424  
4080. the vice president said with a slight bluster there isn't  
anyone who loves the president more than i do. 9.398340440704608  
4081. old chris is my ideal. 9.51303048330792  
4082. at the same time you have to face facts and realize that a man  
who's been in the marine corps all his life doesn't understand much  
about politics. 11.710879678806883  
4083. what does a monk know about sex? 13.74481942632004  
4084. lawrence listened with the practiced deceptive calm of the  
lawyer but his face was in the shadow. 8.305695739396771

4085. so we have to protect the old man for his own good.  
7.690411598223095

4086. you see what i mean. 17.055565169455456

4087. congress is full of politicians and if you want to get along with  
them you have to be politic.10.599893226151762

4088. this is why i say we just can't go ahead and disarm the germans  
and pull down our own defenses. 9.111666191624566

4089. let me tell you what happened to me today.  
11.467997470506809

4090. a fellow came up to me a senator i don't have to tell you his name  
and he told me 'i love the president like a brother but god damn it he's  
crucifying me. 7.584054017879749

4091. i've got a quarter of a million germans in my state and those  
krautheads tune in on father werther every night and if he tells them to  
go out and piss in the public square that's what they do.  
5.204209181959247

4092. he's telling them now to write letters to their congressmen  
opposing the disarmament of germany'. 7.198778874655976

4093. and another one comes to me and he says 'look here there's a  
mill in my state employs five thousand people making uniforms for  
the navy. 5.502980726983288

4094. the bishop looked at him coldly and said take it or leave it!  
literally there was nothing else to do.7.46963899862977

4095. he was caught in a machine. 15.66991192537313

4096. but sojourner was not easily excited or upset and said quite  
calmly: let's go and see what it's like. 8.533918090730575

4097. annisberg was about seventy-five miles west of birmingham near the  
georgia border and on the tallahoosa river a small and dirty stream.  
5.754719457262468

4098. the city was a center of manufacture especially in textiles and  
also because of the beauty of some of its surroundings a residence for  
many owners of the great industries in north alabama. 6.986076066603427

4099. but it had as was usual in southern cities of this sort a black  
bottom a low region near the river where the negroes lived- servants  
and laborers huddled together in a region with no sewage save the river  
where streets and sidewalks were neglected and where there was much  
poverty and crime. 5.5168619500945075

4100. wilson came by train from birmingham and looked the city over;  
the rather pleasant white city was on the hill where the chief  
stores were. 6.884568280551431

4101. beyond were industries and factories. 9.558171024372111

4102. then they went down to black bottom. 14.632673295728583

4103. in the midst of this crowded region was the allen african methodist  
episcopal church. 10.970738805048743

4104. it was an old and dirty wooden structure sadly in need of  
repair. 18.08310427165421

4105. but it was a landmark.29.83365285341607

4106. it had been there 50 years or more and everybody in town black  
and white knew of it.6.757567981697296

4107. it had just suffered a calamity the final crisis in a long series  
of calamities. 8.334096723226134

4108. for the old preacher who had been there twenty-five years was  
dead and the city mourned him. 11.98142364419002

4109. he was a loud-voiced man once vigorous but for many years now  
declining in strength and ability. 8.899333784405911

4110. he was stern and overbearing with his flock but obsequious and  
conciliatory with the whites especially the rich who partly supported  
the church.7.9227498926993345

4111. the deacon board headed by a black man named carlson had practically taken over as the pastor grew old and had its way with the support of the amen corner. 6.2108105668867095

4112. the characteristic thing about this church was its amen corner and the weekly religious orgy. 8.753976239846834

4113. a knot of old worshippers chiefly women listened weekly to a sermon. 6.881248562988826

4114. it began invariably in low tones almost conversational and then gradually worked up to high shrill appeals to god and man. 8.594616403114236

4115. and then the amen corner took hold re-enacting a form of group participation in worship that stemmed from years before the greek chorus spreading down through the african forest overseas to the west indies and then here in alabama. 5.070089962370865

4116. with shout and slow dance with tears and song with scream and contortion the corner group was beset by hysteria and shivering wailing shouting possession of something that seemed like an alien and outside force. 6.278022520193552

4117. it spread to most of the audience and was often viewed by visiting whites who snickered behind handkerchief and afterward discussed negro religion. 7.027362908103144

4118. it sometimes ended in death-like trances with many lying exhausted and panting on chair and floor. 9.595179618611068

4119. to most of those who composed the amen corner it was a magnificent and beautiful experience something for which they lived from week to week. 6.438267007170167

4120. it was often re-enacted in less wild form at the wednesday night prayer meeting. 11.83382825905555

4121. wilson on his first sunday witnessed this with something like disgust. 6.516863734099137

4122. he had preached a short sermon trying to talk man-to-man to the audience to tell them who he was what he had done in macon and birmingham and what he proposed to do here. 7.199829561011755

4123. he sympathized with them on the loss of their old pastor. 9.867121291849172

4124. but then at mention of that name the amen corner broke loose. 9.887008010130634

4125. he had no chance to say another word. 12.04121248550523

4126. at the very end when the audience was silent and breathless a collection was taken and then slowly everyone filed out. 10.016267248996382

4127. the audience did not think much of the new pastor and what the new pastor thought of the audience he did not dare at the time to say. 9.196272844352492

4128. during the next weeks he looked over the situation. 13.458885930772936

4129. first of all there was the parsonage an utterly impossible place for civilized people to live in originally poorly conceived apparently not repaired for years with no plumbing or sewage with rat-holes and rot. 5.314967456377934

4130. it was arranged that he would board in the home of one of the old members of the church a woman named catt who as wilson afterward found was briefly referred to as the cat because of her sharp tongue and fierce initiative. 10.22591759336713

4131. ann catt was a lonely devoted soul never married conducting a spotless home and devoted to her church but a perpetual dissenter and born critic. 4.853876284793092

4132. she soared over the new pastor like an avenging angel lest he stray from the path and not know all the truth and gossip of which she was chief repository. 6.605421511263822

4133. then wilson looked over the church and studied its condition.  
7.385487783748222

4134. the salary of the pastor had for years been \$500 annually and even  
this was in arrears. 8.091536790622461

4135. wilson made up his mind that he must receive at least \$2500 but  
when he mentioned this to the deacons they said nothing.5.573106267614707

4136. the church itself must be repaired. 13.848082117783294

4137. it was dirty and neglected. 19.850098703869534

4138. it really ought to be rebuilt and he determined to go up and talk  
to the city banks about this.10.43060658908787

4139. meanwhile the city itself should be talked to. 7.636059201849566

4140. the streets in the colored section were dirty. 9.060328853487057

4141. there was typhoid and malaria. 21.7716679430166

4142. the children had nowhere to go and no place to play not even  
sidewalks. 9.593362331736131

4143. the school was small dark and ill-equipped. 11.455306854406768

4144. the teacher was a pliant fool. 14.999557723317405

4145. there were two liquor saloons not very far from the church one  
white that is conducted for white people with a side entrance for  
negroes; the other exclusively negro. 6.7213399930878435

4146. undoubtedly there was a good deal of gambling in both.  
12.936508415663305

4147. on the other side of the church was a quiet well-kept house  
with shutters and recently painted. 12.869044186469903

4148. it was called kent house. 25.183121828889895

4149. the deacon of the church carlson was its janitor.  
8.341215694113531

4150. one of the leading members of the amen corner was cook; there were  
two or three colored maids employed there. 11.93819325922899

4151. wilson was told that it was a sort of hotel for white people which  
seemed to him rather queer. 8.05500015410395

4152. why should a white hotel be set down in the center of black  
bottom? 12.977939577030247

4153. but nevertheless it looked respectable. 12.754707820148809

4154. he was glad to have it there. 19.15240723478714

4155. the rest of black bottom was a rabbit warren of homes in every  
condition of neglect disrepair and careful upkeep. 7.44374501378252

4156. dives carefully repaired huts and nicely painted and ornamented  
cottages were jumbled together cheek by jowl with little distinction.  
6.643215071337043

4157. the best could not escape from the worst and the worst nestled  
cosily beside the better. 7.6529402329617255

4158. the yards front and back were narrow; some were trash dumps some  
had flower gardens. 8.086542342015262

4159. behind were privies for there was no sewage system.  
7.653601020561708

4160. after looking about a bit wilson discovered beyond black bottom  
across the river and far removed from the white city a considerable tract  
of land and it occurred to him that the church and the better negro  
homes might gradually be moved to this plot. 7.929117189416618

4161. he talked about it to the presiding elder.  
14.630508753993844

4162. the presiding elder looked him over rather carefully.  
10.582206877639416

4163. he was not sure what kind of a man he had in hand.  
15.884332599929632

4164. but there was one thing that he had to stress and that was that  
the contribution to the general church expenses the dollar money had  
been seriously falling behind in this church and that must be looked  
after immediately. 9.221131177780968



4165. in fact he intimated clearly that that was the reason that wilson had been sent here- to make a larger contribution of dollar money.  
6.0564973127400465

4166. wilson stressed the fact that clear as this was they must have a better church a more business-like conduct of the church organization and an effort to get this religious center out of its rut of wild worship into a modern church organization.  
7.342935676310371

4167. he emphasized to the presiding elder the plan of giving up the old church and moving across the river. 6.439595759415219

4168. the presiding elder was sure that that would be impossible.  
10.729090937971694

4169. but he told wilson to go ahead and try. 10.75194201125051

4170. it did seem impossible. 24.75927199542884

4171. the bank which held the mortgage on the old church declared that the interest was considerably in arrears and the real estate people said flatly that the land across the river was being held for an eventual development for white working people who were coming in and that none would be sold to colored folk. 4.820555874189618

4172. when it was proposed to rebuild the church wilson found that the terms for a new mortgage were very high. 8.755751031749407

4173. he was sure that he could do better if he went to atlanta to get the deal financed. 9.203412418962596

4174. but when this proposal was made to his deacon board he met unanimous opposition. 10.215870303682975

4175. the church certainly would not be removed. 8.96838536629507

4176. the very proposition was sacrilege. 16.033001055199488

4177. it had been here fifty years. 18.299326770197176

4178. it was going to stay forever. 27.255419268624163

4179. it was hardly possible to get any argument on the subject.  
10.378460555905608

4180. as for rebuilding well that might be looked into but there was no hurry no hurry at all. 10.867479437125956

4181. wilson again went downtown to a different banker an intelligent young white man who seemed rather sympathetic but he shook his head.  
5.0176589645046334

4182. reverend he said i think you don't quite understand the situation here. 0.0

4183. don't you see the amount of money that has been invested by whites around that church? 3.9790688654043005

4184. tenements stores saloons some gambling i hope not too much.  
9.000704363759485

4185. the colored people are getting employment at kent house and other places and they are near their places of employment.  
5.780140237098333

4186. when a city has arranged things like this you cannot easily change them. 10.283124722949914

4187. now if i were you i would just plan to repair the old church so it would last for five or ten years. 6.775703136409774

4188. by that time perhaps something better can be done.  
12.071008009264158

4189. then wilson asked what about this kent house which you mention?  
7.329121340894081

4190. i don't understand why a white hotel should be down here.  
6.137089255931398

4191. the young banker looked at him with a certain surprise and then he said flatly: i'm afraid i can't tell you anything in particular about kent house. 5.644884838589291

4192. you'll have to find out about it on your own. 7.207272899677013

4193. hope to see you again. 12.214744385344263

4194. and he dismissed the colored pastor. 18.6455711886152  
4195. it was next day that sojourner came and sat beside him and took his hand. 8.595594853566553  
4196. she said my dear do you know what kent house is?  
12.330812418036162  
4197. no said wilson i don't. 11.332117804292446  
4198. i was just asking about it. 15.711603260075847  
4199. what is it? 22.366870059233243  
4200. it's a house of prostitution for white men with white girls as inmates. 3.4936223063316043  
4201. they hire a good deal of local labor including two members of our trustee board. 9.31729119302697  
4202. they buy some supplies from our colored grocers and they are patronized by some of the best white gentlemen in town. 9.293485124803489  
4203. my dear you must be mistaken. 10.660996355506088  
4204. talk to mrs catt she said. 10.472119682746735  
4205. and after wilson had talked to mrs catt and to others he was absolutely amazed. 6.860081853048783  
4206. this of course was the sort of thing that used to take place in southern cities- putting white houses of prostitution with colored girls in colored neighborhoods and carrying them on openly.  
8.584740154993558  
4207. but it had largely disappeared on account of protest by the whites and through growing resentment on the part of the negroes as they became more educated and got better wages. 6.151590641594508  
4208. but this situation of kent house was more subtle. 12.87326691560361  
4209. the wages involved were larger and more regular.  
10.264958660030445  
4210. the inmates were white and from out of town avoiding local friction. 0.0  
4211. the backing from the white town was greater and there was little publicity. 8.375617950829195  
4212. good wages patronage and subscription of various kinds stopped open protest from negroes. 8.318146180074157  
4213. and yet wilson knew that this place must go or he must go.  
7.617733388754742  
4214. and for him to leave this job now without accomplishing anything would mean practically the end of his career in the methodist church if not in all churches. 7.833730845854899  
4215. payne dismounted in madison place and handed the reins to herold.  
6.002446559592496  
4216. there was a fog which increased the darkness of the night.  
15.754796507539712  
4217. two gas lamps were no more than a misleading glow.  
10.023862070503291  
4218. he might have been anywhere or nowhere. 24.795881148258214  
4219. the pretence was that he was delivering a prescription from dr verdi. 9.696460767325938  
4220. secretary of state seward was a sick man. 18.30005753862193  
4221. the idea had come from herold who had once been a chemist's clerk.  
10.136421029681758  
4222. the sick were always receiving medicines. 12.435529358277208  
4223. no one would question such an errand. 11.752610894633738  
4224. the bottle was filled up with flour. 11.387658710676023  
4225. before payne loomed the old clubhouse seward's home where key had once been killed. 6.791049676473546  
4226. now it would have another death. 16.902017194967502  
4227. from the outside it was an ordinary enough house of the gentry.  
9.939403796736036

4228. he clomped heavily up the stoop and rang the bell.  
10.697093789223626

4229. like the bell at mass the doorbell was pitched too high.  
8.164834827984482

4230. it was still good friday after all. 24.046192298808823

4231. a nigger boy opened the door. 10.365396994212828

4232. payne did not notice him. 10.472119682746735

4233. he was thinking chiefly of cap. 15.66991192537313

4234. if their schedules were to synchronize there was no point in  
wasting time. 10.46856370278829

4235. he pushed his way inside. 12.127026643485452

4236. for a moment the hall confused him. 16.053662453256113

4237. this was the largest house he had ever been in almost the  
largest building except for a hotel. 8.781996267410449

4238. he had no idea where seward's room would be.  
15.519630936676606

4239. in the half darkness the banisters gleamed and the hall seemed  
enormous. 10.001211252328778

4240. above him somewhere were the bedrooms. 11.92492840344405

4241. seward would be up there. 8.254441635698543

4242. he explained his errand but without bothering much to make it  
plausible for he felt something well up in him which was the reason  
why he had fled the army. 7.987102166051926

4243. he did not really want to kill but as in the sexual act there was a  
moment when the impulse took over and could not be downed even while you  
watched yourself giving way to it. 7.178984144286146

4244. he was no longer worried. 23.537732141561968

4245. everything would be all right. 10.723035751546695

4246. he knew that in this mood he could not be stopped. 18.47452429002794

4247. still the sensation always surprised him. 10.138626219858931

4248. it was a thrill he felt no part in. 19.139196617203407

4249. he could only watch with a sort of gentle dismay while his body  
did these quick appalling and efficient things. 6.9328912004999195

4250. he brushed by the idiotic boy and lumbered heavily up the stairs.  
7.615092762846159

4251. they were carpeted but made for pumps and congress gaiters not the  
great clodhoppers he wore. 5.846031738294962

4252. the sound of his footsteps was like a muffled drum.  
13.650212649167687

4253. at the top of the stairs he ran into somebody standing there  
angrily in a dressing gown. 11.493189345474127

4254. he stopped and whispered his errand. 13.671139498061125

4255. young frederick seward held out his hand. 7.9231694401409145

4256. panting a little payne shook his head. 9.670406878971576

4257. dr verdi had told him to deliver his package in person.  
7.035045418304147

4258. frederick seward said his father was sleeping and then went  
through a pantomime at his father's door to prove the statement.  
6.365727389270327

4259. i will go. 22.478711479519273

4260. he smiled but now that he knew where the elder seward was he did  
not intend to go. 9.983421400520195

4261. he pulled out his pistol and fired it. 9.492848836661834

4262. it had misfired. 15.594944937291627

4263. reversing it he smashed the butt down on frederick seward's head  
over and over again. 6.34397563857748

4264. it was the first blow that was always difficult.  
23.084776985865858

4265. after that violence was exultantly easy. 11.240731267247742

4266. he got caught up into it and became a different person.  
12.201022148097422

4267. only afterwards did an act like that become meaningless so that he  
would puzzle over it for days whereas at the time it had seemed  
quite real.7.3141439179175824

4268. the nigger boy fled down the stairs screaming murder.  
9.945332631078985

4269. it was not murder at all. 21.054263613256005

4270. payne was more methodical than that. 9.670406878971576

4271. he was merely clearing a way to what he had to do.  
8.205145120615803

4272. he ran for the sick room found his pistol was broken and threw it  
away.8.821805502845221

4273. from childhood he had known all about knives. 8.480193090312076

4274. someone blocked the door from inside. 10.875388345045687

4275. he smashed it in and tumbled into darkness. 9.026368296067464

4276. he saw only dimly moving figures but when he slashed them they  
yelled and fled. 9.463855787733145

4277. he went for the bed jumped on it and struck where he could  
repeatedly.8.655702244747832

4278. it was like finally getting into one's own nightmares to punish  
one's dreams. 12.732745132583446

4279. two men pulled him off. 12.550921923158377

4280. payne hacked at their arms. 10.472119682746735

4281. there was a lady there in a nightdress. 18.376784842931034

4282. he would not have wanted to hurt a lady. 18.17954406401074

4283. another man approached this one fully dressed.  
8.508526361994372

4284. when the knife went into his chest he went down at once.  
10.835114532228467

4285. i'm mad shouted payne as he ran out into the hall.  
4.490463198111223

4286. i'm mad and only wished he had been. 5.047630932330972

4287. that would have made things so much easier. 11.240661203457739

4288. but he was not mad. 34.811325722539536

4289. he clattered down the stairs and out of the door.  
8.431773034471274

4290. somewhere in the fog the nigger boy was still yelling murder.  
11.206849085016765

4291. one always wakes up even from one's own dreams. 8.334114692633642

4292. the clammy air revived him. 15.841500723885778

4293. herold he saw had fled. 8.254441635698543

4294. well one did not expect much of people like herold.  
9.743109308228068

4295. he unhitched his horse walked it away mounted and spurred it  
on. 7.560809233574742

4296. the nigger boy was close behind him.12.435529358277208

4297. then the nigger boy turned back and he was alone.  
10.336231782713343

4298. he rode on and on. 17.83289566254582

4299. he had no idea where he was. 13.630485904552046

4300. after some time he came to an open field. 10.943899910931593

4301. an open field was better than a building that was for sure so he  
dismounted turned off the horse and plunged through the grass.  
5.9704594273158795

4302. he felt curiously sleepy the world seemed far away; he knew he  
should get to cap but he didn't know how. 7.482996763008458

4303. he was sure for he had done as he was told hadn't he?  
9.475118778056624

4304. cap would find him and take care of him. 11.901307652803261

4305. so choosing a good tree he clambered up into it found a comfortable notch and curled up in it to sleep like the tousled bear he was with his hands across his chest as though surfeited with honey. 4.939594255353507

4306. violence always made him tired but he was not frightened. 9.646563988429111

4307. in boston edwin booth was winding up a performance of a new way to pay old debts. 6.87109644277198

4308. it was a part so familiar to him that he did not bother to think about it any more. 13.346536586536633

4309. on a stage he always knew what to do and tonight to judge by the applause he must be doing it better than usual. 6.896919497667492

4310. as sir giles overreach he raised his arm and declaimed: where is my honour now? 7.391013650626644

4311. that was one of the high spots of the play. 17.354450061425553

4312. the audience as usual loved it. 14.819413009655081

4313. he was delighted to see them so happy. 14.164517314845751

4314. if he had any worries it was only the small ones about mother in new york and his daughter edwina and what she might be doing at this hour with her aunt asia in philadelphia. 8.854689652844183

4315. everyone is ambivalent about his profession if he has practised it long enough but there were still moments when he loved the stage and all those unseen people out there who might cheer you or boo you but that was largely though not entirely up to you. 4.447559773878214

4316. they made the world seem friendly somehow though he knew it was not. 9.51976510657041

4317. wilkes was quite right about one thing. 7.622507342753323

4318. laura keene had been in the green room. 10.995417055203664

4319. the commotion had brought her into the wings. 8.341215694113531

4320. since she could not act one part suited her as well as any other and so she was the first person to offer mr lincoln a glass of water holding it up to the box high above her head to miss harris who had asked for it. 6.254812528859323

4321. she had been one of the first to collect her wits. 14.877653897481053

4322. it was not so much that the shot had stunned the audience as that they had been stunned already. 13.469491209626954

4323. most of them had seen our american cousin before and unless miss keene was on stage there was not much to it. 7.756891696915041

4324. the theatre was hot and they were drugged with boredom. 10.39073083885167

4325. the stage had been empty except for harry hawk doing his star monologue. 7.171874422881686

4326. the audience was fond of harry hawk he was a dear in or out of character but he was not particularly funny. 10.103913331683257

4327. at the end of the monologue the audience would applaud. 10.787471775298716

4328. meanwhile it looked at the scenery. 11.661784402967623

4329. well i guess i know enough to turn you inside out you sockdologizing old mantrap! said trenchard otherwise hawk. 5.827975751021583

4330. there was always a pause here before the next line. 14.698513644193772

4331. that was when the gun went off. 13.331625940041615

4332. yet even that explosion did not mean much. 12.764634669356672

4333. guns were going off all over washington city these days because of the celebrations and the theatre was not soundproof. 5.083242045036259

4334. then the audience saw a small dim figure appear at the edge of the presidential box. 9.103565732878423  
4335. sic semper tyrannis it said mildly. 7.622507342753323  
4336. booth had delivered his line. 11.568363037656766  
4337. behind him billowed a small pungent cloud of smoke. 8.461409664010503  
4338. they had not heard what had been said. 16.301661874528456  
4339. they had been sitting too long to be able to stand up easily. 12.67734405918675  
4340. the figure leapt from the box almost lost its balance the flag draped there tore in the air the figure landed on its left leg fell on its hands and pressed itself up. 6.580816606440294  
4341. harry hawk still had his arm raised towards the wings. 6.460370037324521  
4342. he did not lower his arm. 25.79198636437355  
4343. the figure was so theatrically dressed that it was as though a character from some other play had blundered into this one. 5.679445260785294  
4344. the play for saturday night was to be a benefit performance of the octoroon. 9.061415632937646  
4345. this figure looked like the slave dealer from that. 8.034217122783295  
4346. but it also looked like a toad hopping away from the light. 12.375741185773549  
4347. there was something maimed and crazy about its motion that disturbed them. 10.74114804890189  
4348. then it disappeared into the wings. 10.472119682746735  
4349. harry hawk had not shifted position but he at last lowered his arm. 5.825820622377272  
4350. there was no mistaking that scream. 26.84798141185944  
4351. it was what anyone who had ever seen her had always expected her to do. 8.595594853566553  
4352. yet this scream had a different note in it. 11.639342299437809  
4353. that absence of an urgent self-indulgence dashed them awake like a pail of water. 6.829500528263492  
4354. clara harris one of the guests in the box stood up and demanded water. 8.736588363176713  
4355. when something unexpected happened one always asked for water if one were a woman brandy if one were a man. 5.919072275787562  
4356. in the presidential box someone leaned over the balustrade and yelled: he has shot the president! that got everybody up. 8.698599294234638  
4357. on the stage harry hawk began to weep. 13.196836365206188  
4358. laura keene brushed by him with the glass of water. 10.036828347283905  
4359. the crowd began to move. 13.154520281004205  
4360. in washington city everyone lived in a bubble of plots and one death might attract another. 8.85425567561361  
4361. it was not exactly panic they gave way to but they could not just sit there. 9.58332939898048  
4362. the beehive voices for no one could bear silence drowned out the sound of mrs lincoln's weeping. 8.38835499036234  
4363. at the rear of the auditorium upstairs some men tried to push open the door to the box corridor. 8.140657718404771  
4364. a dr charles taft clambered up on the stage and got the actors to hoist him up to the box. 9.445244192180729  
4365. in the audience a man named ferguson lost his head and tried to rescue a little girl from the mob on the same principle which had led miss harris to demand water. 6.783483221683582

4366. someone opened the corridor door from the inside and called for a doctor. 9.33598880464964  
4367. somehow dr charles leale was forced through the mob and squeezed out into the dingy corridor. 5.542917982132687  
4368. he went straight to the presidential box. 17.80258989829216  
4369. as usual mrs lincoln had lost her head but nobody blamed her for doing so now. 6.874403735755864  
4370. there was a little blood on the hem of her dress for the assassin had slashed miss harris's companion major rathbone with a knife. 9.509905277868208  
4371. rathbone said he was bleeding to death. 8.575760172329272  
4372. by the look of him he wasn't that far gone. 8.196044167676531  
4373. with a sneer the man spread his legs and a third time confronted them. 7.52442733790855  
4374. once more katie reared and whinnied in fear. 12.637737377950167  
4375. for a moment boy and mount hung in midair. 10.319394769119684  
4376. stevie twisted and frantically commanded the mare to leap straight ahead. 7.879513779734377  
4377. but the stranger was nimbler still. 15.569511500738109  
4378. with a bold arm he dared once more to obstruct them. 10.448714892209287  
4379. katiereared a third time then trembling descended. 7.14162538120728  
4380. seizing the bridle he tugged with all his might and forced katie to her knees. 7.729484273644453  
4381. stevie could feel himself toppling. 8.254441635698543  
4382. he saw the ground coming up- and the stranger's head. 12.095325978017666  
4383. with incredible ferocity he brought his fists together and struck. 6.460370037324521  
4384. the blow encountered silky hair and hard bone. 11.387658710676023  
4385. the man uttered a weird cry spun about and collapsed in the sand. 8.241030544309632  
4386. katie scrambled to her feet stevie agilely retaining his seat. 8.196044167676531  
4387. again katie reared and now wickedly he compelled her to bring her hooves down again and again upon the sprawled figure of the stranger. 5.814661514546616  
4388. he could feel his own feet iron-shod striking repeatedly until the body was limp. 10.313156148466256  
4389. he gloated and his lips slavered. 12.127026643485452  
4390. they rode around and around to trample the figure into the sand. 9.33913350279515  
4391. only the top of the head with a spot bare and white as a clamshell remained visible. 6.582644781852289  
4392. a train hooted. 17.62047525498602  
4393. they were pursuing him. 15.935531557258523  
4394. he was frightened; his fists clutched so tightly that his knuckles hurt. 11.186713371780234  
4395. then katie stumbled and again he was falling falling! stevie! stevie! his mother was nudging him but he was still falling. 6.164603411220565  
4396. his head hung over the boards of katie's stall; before it was sprawled the mangled corpse of the bearded stranger. 7.664611883650454  
4397. stevie wake up now! we're nearly there. 7.622507342753323  
4398. he was safe in his mama's arms. 17.218119440805356  
4399. houses winked as the cars rolled beside a little depot. 6.460370037324521

4400. po' chavis! the trainman called. 13.148092146312546  
 4401. he came by and repeated po' chavis! 6 bong! bong! startled  
 him awake. 8.030693619908224  
 4402. the room vibrated as if a giant hand had rocked it.  
 10.087928513339124  
 4403. bong! a dull boom and a throbbingecho. 7.14162538120728  
 4404. the walls bulged the floor trembled the windowpanes rattled.  
 9.945332631078985  
 4405. he stared at the far morning expecting a pendulum to swing across  
 the horizon. 7.362482252494495  
 4406. bong! he raced to the window and yanked at the sash.  
 7.615092762846159  
 4407. bong! the wood was old the paint alligatored. 6.764147616291221  
 4408. bong! a fresh breeze saluted him. 10.472119682746735  
 4409. six o'clock! he put his his head out. 8.927507526111807  
 4410. there was the slate roof of the church; ivy climbed the red brick  
 walls like a green-scaled monster. 10.435005613338511  
 4411. the clock which had struck presented an innocent face.  
 8.341215694113531  
 4412. in the kitchen mama was wiping the cupboards. 18.61348947387476  
 4413. there's a tower and a steeple on the church a million feet high.  
 3.708899010225001  
 4414. and the loudest clock in the whole world! i know stephen she  
 smiled. 11.77389984556819  
 4415. they say that our steeple is one hundred and sixty-two feet  
 high. 11.440144103059763  
 4416. the clock you heard strike- it's really the town clock- was  
 installed last april by mrs shorter on her birthday. 7.333060553020843  
 4417. he dressed and sped outdoors. 12.127026643485452  
 4418. he crossed broome street to orange square. 12.411802052220429  
 4419. the steeple leaned backward while the church advanced like a  
 headless creature in a long shapeless coat. 6.196120048044738  
 4420. the spire seemed to hold up the sky. 11.648656763221755  
 4421. port jervis basking in the foothills was the city of god.  
 7.067437401480571  
 4422. the dutch reformed church with two steeples and its own school was  
 on main street; the episcopal church was one block down sussex street;  
 the catholic saint mary's church with an even taller steeple and a  
 cross on top stood on ball street. 5.992156604378717  
 4423. the catholics had the largest cemetery near the neversink river  
 where main street ran south; stevie whistled when he passed these alien  
 grounds. 5.482775642821309  
 4424. god was everywhere in the belfry in the steeple in the clouds in  
 the trees and in the mountains hulking on the horizon. 7.262323928722576  
 4425. somewhere beyondwhere shadows lurked must be the yawning pit of  
 which papa preached and the dreadful lake of fire. 6.100231395787658  
 4426. so walking in awe he became familiar with god who resided chiefly  
 in drew centennial church with its high steeple and clock.  
 7.059373096202095  
 4427. there was no church like drew church no preacher like papa who  
 was intimate with him and could consignsinners to hellfire.  
 7.972882750809799  
 4428. to know god he must follow in papa's footsteps. 10.73717232809429  
 4429. he was fortunate and proud. 15.66991192537313  
 4430. the veterans idling on their benches in the square beneath the  
 soldiers' monument got to their feet when papa approached: morning  
 reverend! his being and his will- stevie could not divide god from his  
 papa- illumined every parish face turned the choir into a band of angels  
 and the pulpit into the tollgate to heaven. 6.23110200455709



4431. we have nine        hundred and eleven members in our charge mama  
announced and three        hundred and eighty sunday-school scholars.  
6.942653137195679

4432. when papa went out to do god's work stevie often accompanied him  
in the buggy        which was drawn by violet the new black mare.  
8.090184270112296

4433. although they journeyed        westerly as far as germantown beyond  
the erie roundhouse and        the machine shop and along the delaware and  
hudson canal and northward to brooklyn below point peter he could see  
the church spire wherever he looked back.        5.762687993423129

4434. sometimes they went south and rolled past        the tollhouse-  
afternoon reverend!- and crossed the suspension        bridge to matamoras;  
that was pennsylvania. 7.158537503961423

4435. in the        delaware river three long islands were overgrown with  
greening trees        and underbrush.        7.415783281064617

4436. south of laurel grove cemetery and below the junction of the  
neversink and the delaware was the tri-state rock from which stevie  
could spy new jersey and pennsylvania as well        as new york simply by  
spinning around on his heel. 5.942605742410032

4437. on these excursions papa instructed him on man's chief end which  
was his        duty to god and his own salvation.        6.678999984838132

4438. however a boy's lively eyes might rove. 12.351749604539128

4439. where cuddleback brook purled into the neversink was a magnificent  
swimming hole.        6.946964478735678

4440. papa pointed a scornful finger at the splashing        youth: idle  
recreation! stevie saw no idols; it troubled him that he couldn't always  
see what papa saw.        6.09983039226678

4441. he was torn between        the excitement in the sun-inflamed waters and  
a little engine chugging        northward on the monticello branch.  
6.898510631544483

4442. where you been today?        17.983034337081474

4443. ludie inquired every evening pretending that he did not        care.  
7.750415063608092

4444. he'll make a preacher out of you!        no he        won't! stevie flared.  
5.840521306149084

4445. not me!        somebody's got to be a preacher in the family.  
8.503504106516395

4446. he made a will and last testament before we left paterson.  
13.731421772300855

4447. i heard them! uncle and aunt howe were the witnesses.  
8.985226621592115

4448. will he die?        18.37766595309921

4449.        everybody        does. 15.610129252044759

4450. to speak of papa dying was a sin.        11.56969976888144

4451. it could never happen as long as god was alert and the drew  
steeple stood guard with its peaked lance.        7.928993338004826

4452. stevie was constantly slipping into the church.        9.670406878971576

4453. he pulled with all his strength at the heavy brass-bound door and  
shuffled along the wainscoted wall.        6.730386529531044

4454. the        cold mysterious presence of god was all around him.  
8.196044167676531

4455. at the end of a shaft of light the pews appeared to be broad  
stairs in a long dungeon.        10.633006088571898

4456. far away standing before a curtained window in the study room was  
his father hands tucked under his coattails and staring into the  
dark church.        7.001678528713207

4457. the figure was wreathed in an extraordinary luminescence.  
8.666078775279757

4458. the boy shuddered at the deathly pale countenance with its wrinkles  
and gray hair.        8.759676372235512

4459. would papa really die?12.601641997208839  
4460. the mouth was thin-lipped and wide the long cleft in the upper  
lip like a slide. 8.552298543937646  
4461. when papa's slender fingers removed the spectacles there were  
red indentations on the bridge of the strong nose. 6.345609006316045  
4462. it's time you began to think on god stephen. 3.863108383896534  
4463. perhaps one day he will choose you as he chose me long ago.  
6.815994828939175  
4464. therefore give him your affection and store up his love for you.  
8.164727509011737  
4465. open your heart to him and pray stephen pray! for his mercy and  
his guidance to spare you from evil and eternal punishment in the lake  
of fire. 5.029289151840782  
4466. stevie had heard these words many times yet on each occasion they  
caused him to tremble. 6.886249538313906  
4467. for he feared the lake of fire. 11.371304343015025  
4468. he strove to think of god and his eternal wrath; he must pray to be  
spared. 10.048461255484769  
4469. papa was disappointed that none of the brothers had heard the call.  
6.9253581715417205  
4470. not george townley or ted certainly not ludie.  
11.606791343011063  
4471. burt was at hackettstown and will at albany law school where  
they surely could not hear it. 5.592473472545958  
4472. someday god would choose him. 11.568363037656766  
4473. he would hear the call and would run to tell papa.  
9.32417539817983  
4474. the stern face would relax the black-clad arms would embrace him  
my son! yet how might he know the call when it came? 6.955804554600195  
4475. probably as in scriptures a still small voice would whisper.  
7.085189134227578  
4476. it would summon him once; if he missed it never again.  
13.817672051632105  
4477. what if it came when he was playing or was asleep and dreaming?  
6.951253031387243  
4478. he must not fail to hear it.9.060328853487057  
4479. he was papa's chosen; therefore nothing but good could happen to  
him even in god's wrathful storms. 7.107453254361385  
4480. when the skies grew dark and thunder rolled across the valley he  
was unafraid. 9.826492281175227  
4481. aggie might fly into a closet shut the door and bury her head  
in the clothes; he dared to wait for the lightning. 5.066324734627124  
4482. lightning could strike you blind if you were a sinner! but he was  
good. 8.154095887327374  
4483. he clenched his fists and faced the terror. 9.026368296067464  
4484. thunder crashed; barrels tumbled down the mountainsides and bounced  
and bounced till their own fury split them open. 6.757567981697296  
4485. lightning might strike the steeples of the other churches; not of  
drew church. 5.825820622377272  
4486. a flash illumined the trees as a crooked bolt twiggged in several  
directions. 8.40106343233402  
4487. violet whinnied from the stable. 9.118533821976325  
4488. he ran out into the downpour sped across the yard and into the  
buggy room. 9.912216100480698  
4489. don't be afraid violet! he shouted and was aghast at the echoes.  
3.304872942275777  
4490. don't you be afraid! he would save her. 4.270701532995561  
4491. if there was a fire or a flood he would save mama first and violet  
next. 9.112200218582757

4492. drenched and shaking he stood near the sweet-smelling stall and  
 dared to pat her muzzle. 7.032105024464237  
 4493. don't you be afraid violet! after the storm the sky cleared  
 blue and cool and fragrant air swept the hills. 3.5397351167786177  
 4494. when the sun came out stevie strode proudly into orange square  
 smiling like a landlord on industrious tenants. 9.12189314359169  
 4495. the fountain had brimmed over the cannon were wet the soldiers'  
 monument glistened. 6.817408452020724  
 4496. even before the benches had dried the civil war veterans were  
 straggling back to their places. 9.462371596383678  
 4497. the great spire shone as if the lightning had polished it.  
 8.459486975775738  
 4498. the pointed shadow had nearly touched him. 9.670406878971576  
 4499. he trailed ludie to the baseball game in the lot on kingston  
 street near the dutch reformed. 6.66179474188953  
 4500. go on home! ludie screeched at him. 10.543946458042775  
 4501. someone'll tell papa! no one told on ludie not even when he  
 slipped live grasshoppers into the mite-box. 5.326519577128725  
 4502. ludie did as he pleased. 10.472119682746735  
 4503. ludie took his slingshot and climbed to the rooftop to shoot at  
 crows. 6.002446559592496  
 4504. ludie had a cigar box full of marbles and shooters and a roman  
 candle from last fourth of july. 6.54093796655646  
 4505. ludie hopped rides on freight cars and was chased by mr yankton  
 the railroad guard. 5.542917982132687  
 4506. he came home overheated ran straight to the ice-chest and gulped  
 shivery cold water. 9.831749096859552  
 4507. that ludie! he too cocked his cap at a jaunty angle jingled marbles  
 in his pocket and swaggered down main street. 5.083242045036259  
 4508. on the christophers' lawn little girls in white pinafores were  
 playing grownups at a tea party. 9.865826652764163  
 4509. a newfoundland sat solemnly beside a doghouse half his size.  
 7.563545188002981  
 4510. stevie yearned for a dog. 10.472119682746735  
 4511. he wondered whether god had a dog in the sky. 8.431773034471274  
 4512. he meandered down pike street past the first national bank with  
 its green window shades. 8.52351370118872  
 4513. he crossed the tracks to delaware house where ladies in gay  
 dresses and men in straw boaters and waxed mustaches crowded the  
 verandah. 5.6945138009050655  
 4514. a tall lady with a ruffled collar very low on her bosom turned  
 insolent green eyes upon him. 7.324251899623047  
 4515. she was taller than aggie. 9.292919473889432  
 4516. she was so beautiful with her rosy mouth and haughty air that  
 she had to be wicked. 10.22058363033832  
 4517. fiddles screeched; a piano tinkled. 9.118533821976325  
 4518. p j- as ludie called the town- was crowded with summer people  
 who came to the mountains to escape the heat in the big cities.  
 7.764793084665159  
 4519. they stayed at hotels and boardinghouses or at private homes.  
 8.175689281675892  
 4520. rich people went to delaware house opera house american house or  
 fowler house. 7.5477941515700016  
 4521. if the crummy bastard could write! that's how it should be.  
 8.927388120117783  
 4522. it's those two fucken niggers! krist i wish they could write!  
 nigger pussy. 4.541183940482511  
 4523. he thought of sweet wet nigger pussy. 11.87060737715764  
 4524. oh sweet land of heaven haint there just nothin like sweet nigger  
 pussy! he thought of her the first one. 6.643215071337043

4525. he had caught her coming out of the shack.  
10.918931351420587

4526. she was a juicy one. 20.733592309727385

4527. oh how they bounced! fresh warm sweet and juicy sweet lovin  
sixteen she was. 6.203327759069789

4528. man how i love nigger pussy! the snow came a little faster now he  
noted. 8.302290126959662

4529. he thought of joe harris the nigger who had gone after his sister.  
7.233226891479716

4530. he chuckled the memory vivid. 17.83289566254582

4531. jee- sus we fixed him! yooee we fixed him! the snow again.  
6.002446559592496

4532. if only the fucken weather wasn't so lousy! goddamn niggers lord.  
13.786073548077756

4533. what i have to put up with! sonuvabitch i can't figure out what in  
hell for they went and put niggers in my squad for. 7.739953859461918

4534. only one worth a shit and that's brandon. 12.382118795768408

4535. he ain't so bad h his thoughts turned to other things h the big  
shock everybody had when they found ol slater and those others done for.  
5.370135919572722

4536. he had been pretty scared himself wondering what the hell was  
coming off. 11.720941177083814

4537. but he soon saw which way the ball was bouncing.  
12.193953726713021

4538. soon came back to his senses. 14.038699850953652

4539. i soon came back to my senses he said aloud to the young  
blizzard proudly drawing himself up as if making a report to some  
important superior h i was the first to get my squad on the ball and  
anybody thinkin it was easy is pretty damn dumb. 5.644043769808097

4540. that goddamn redheader was the worst. 14.860954966088402

4541. he kept sayin not me not me i don't wanta wind up like em.  
7.256440668006477

4542. but i told him goddammit. 26.585723992045846

4543. i told him he said aloud h they'll get the guys that done it.  
8.38150338032369

4544. that'll put the place back to normal. 9.670406878971576

4545. maybe it's a good thing it happened. 6.552347756216533

4546. maybe they'll stop it now once for all. 9.94935932523196

4547. they're doin it now. 4.428309279409558

4548. i hear the whole bunch is croakin out in the snow.  
10.867798414371858

4549. they'll get the guys that done it h there was something  
troubling him though: as yet they hadn't h five days h keerist h  
prickly twinges of annoyance ran through him. 4.182414982744758

4550. his eyes blinked hard snapping on and squashing some bad things  
that were trying to push their way into him. 8.193382011768609

4551. a tune began to whirl inside his head. 8.604265568338976

4552. one of his favorites: guitar boogie. 24.617359491192712

4553. it always came on faithfully just like a radio or juke box  
whenever he started to worry too much about something when the bad things  
tried to push their way into him. 5.313677874518222

4554. the music drove them off or away and he was free to walk on  
air in a very few moments humming and jiving within beating the  
rhythm within. 7.295047364586608

4555. he glowed with anticipation about what would happen to the culprits  
when they caught them h turn the bastards over to me- to me and my boys-  
no nigger ever got what would be comin to them- reactionary bastards  
h. 5.002892194812486

4556. he had never heard the word reactionary before his life as a pow  
began. 11.622592019620393

4557. it was a word he was proud of a word that meant much to him and he used it with great pleasure almost as if it were an exclusive possession and more: he sensed himself to be very highly educated four cuts above any of the folks back home h four cuts at least he chuckled to himself and i owe it all to them. 5.699953180298286

4558. the word also made him feel hate sincere hate for those so labeled. 9.69206444865919

4559. he used it very effectively when he wanted to get his squad on the ball. 8.086288914654721

4560. it came up again and again in the discussion sessions h lousy reactionarybastards been tryin to fuck up the program for months. 8.385906484350683

4561. hiredhard lackeys of the warmongering capitalists. 7.622507342753323

4562. to fuck up the program. 14.11912765197722

4563. remember that h he heard himself haranguing them. 8.720600356033744

4564. he saw himself before them delivering the speech. 13.357078491168286

4565. he laughed suddenly feeling a surge of power telling him of his hold over them seeing himself before them receiving utmost respect and attention. 6.166243459476085

4566. one day ching had told him as they walked to the weekly conference of squad leaders keep it up your squad is good one of the best keep it up keep up the good work. 7.351303302206115

4567. he would! that was really something coming from ching h really something he said aloud h dirty reactionary bastards comin down here in the night and bumpin off ol slater and those other poor bastards. 5.345151491773854

4568. they'll get them by god and let them bring them down here to me just let them god i'll slice their balls right off h his arm moved swiftly violently once twice. 6.0110028049899356

4569. he was tingling within. 16.99478977991575

4570. before him mutilated bleeding to death they lay. 10.52768877770242

4571. it was as if it had been done. 23.558749110817324

4572. bastards he said aloud spitting on them. 9.670406878971576

4573. he halted and looked around. 12.127026643485452

4574. rivers of cold sweat were suddenly unleashed within him. 8.581436094141479

4575. the thought came back the one nagging at him these past four days. 6.817408452020724

4576. he tried to stifle it. 21.588889052822516

4577. but the words were forming. 18.619186817396866

4578. he braced himself h somebody'll hafta start thinkin h he fought it seeking to kill the last few words but on they came h bout takin- his h he was trembling a strange feeling upon him fully expecting some catastropheto strike him dead on the spot. 6.1425817319526335

4579. and he took heart; the final word came forth h place h now he heard it fully: h bout takin his place h he listened waited nothing happened. 5.835383284566151

4580. his old self. 16.025214037421517

4581. the music arrived taking him h its rhythm stroked him snaked all through him the lyrics lifted him took him from one magic isle to another stopping briefly at each h brandon. 5.273266803787087

4582. but a nigger. 29.315002859302734

4583. jesus the guy says he is trying. 8.14850352035124

4584. but he isn't with it not at all with it. 13.640610538309224

4585. when i talked to ching about it he said everyone can learn if he is not a reactionary or lazy. 8.522123017319299

4586. that's what he said. 13.148092146312546

4587. it is plain as hell johnson is no reactionary.  
13.987125813235107

4588. so you're not tryin johnson you bastard you h he looked over at  
him lying there asleep and he felt a wave of revulsion. 7.050389909000695

4589. sleepy-eyed soft-spoken johnson hbiggest thorn in my side of the  
whole fucken squad h he was the guy what always goofed at question time h  
why couldn't they have dumped him off on someone else?  
4.961540751817193

4590. why me? 23.24179106238561

4591. why didn't the damn reactionaries bump him off? 8.878029087688521

4592. why slater? 23.24179106238561

4593. h like a particle drawn to a magnet he returned to that which  
was pressing so hard in his mind. 6.465407879650405

4594. the music surged up but it failed to check it.  
10.733701631264237

4595. who is the man to take his place? 7.776763719178204

4596. the guy with most on the ball. 12.121456736478926

4597. thoroughly wised up. 10.363724110347151

4598. knows the score h with a supreme effort he broke it off.  
7.615092762846159

4599. he turned to the window again. 15.926507456656465

4600. a gnawing and gnashing within him. 11.87006678428286

4601. the snow was tumbling down furiously now. 9.802060557618772

4602. huge glob-flakes hitting the ground piling higher and higher.  
8.581436094141479

4603. he stared at it amazed alarmed h the whole fucken sky's cavin in!  
keeeerist! lookit it! cover the whole building bury us all by  
nightfall. 5.517947698617962

4604. jesus! h somebody got to be somebody h if i don't put my two cents  
in soon somebody else will h i know they're waitin only for one thing:  
for the bastards what done it to be nailed. 6.176917324533558

4605. maybe they already got them. 10.053899942483259

4606. he was again tingling with pleasure seeing himself clearly in  
slater's shoes. 9.592132658614503

4607. top dog sleeping and eating right there with the staff.  
6.615441483688582

4608. chingtien all of them h top dog h poor ol slater h jesus imagine  
the crummy bastards they'll get em they'll get what's comin to em  
h he whirled about suddenly. 6.300485104028926

4609. it was nothing though his heart was thumping wildly.  
14.038128832035653

4610. that was all. 27.104335713188238

4611. boy you're stirrin early a sleepy voice said. 6.764147616291221

4612. yehhhsaid coughlin testily eyeing him up and down.  
8.581436094141479

4613. lookit that come down willya said the man scratching himself  
yawning. 6.210871206873012

4614. yehhh said coughlin practically spitting on him. 9.060328853487057

4615. that's the way. 3.260232652522618

4616. keep the chatter to a minimum short answers one word if possible.  
10.506828739267133

4617. less bull the more you can do with um. 8.63245930794094

4618. all he does is to bullshit with his squad and they are the  
stupidest bastards around. 9.721991558078209

4619. just about to get their asses kicked into hut seven.  
9.468971609288849

4620. plenty of room there now. 10.472119682746735

4621. all those dumb 8-balls croaked. 13.668583699846195

4622. you can do anything with these dumb fucks if you know how.  
14.073888916925045

4623. they'd cut their mothers' belly open. 7.622507342753323  
4624. see he's already snapping it up the dumb jerk h coughlin  
grinned feeling supremely on top of things h he watched the snow once  
again. 7.614103947450459  
4625. it made no sense to him h he whirled around suddenly hot all  
over finding the man who hadbeen standing before him a few moments back  
nailing him to the spot on which he now stood open-mouthed- you-  
listen!- name william foster's four internal contradictions in  
capitalism.5.819317105528194  
4626. quick- quick- now! the man shrank before the hot fury searching  
frantically for the answer h finneganwoke up. 6.643215071337043  
4627. there was a hell of a noise this time of morning.  
12.418407370577695  
4628. he stared out the window. 17.83289566254582  
4629. for christ's sake! the whole fucken sky's caved in! he looked  
for the source of the noise that had awakened him h it was that  
prick coughlin. 6.602326520501924  
4630. what the hell was he up to now? 12.947897228299725  
4631. why didn't he drop dead? 10.769896568464771  
4632. how did they miss him when they got slater?12.316292180006421  
4633. how?15.610129252044759  
4634. h then he was asking himself the usual early morning  
questions: what the hell am i doin here? 7.588135419712404  
4635. is this a nut-house? 10.363724110347151  
4636. am i nuts? 13.148092146312546  
4637. is this for real? 16.651834115549395  
4638. am i dreamin? 13.148092146312546  
4639. h from somewhere in the hut came coughlin's voice.  
8.496256926867035  
4640. how long did you study? 14.625885512600249  
4641. how long buddy?15.924177431843198  
4642. for christ's sake! a voice pleaded. 10.472119682746735  
4643. don't christsakeme buddy! just answer.3.29196524037349  
4644. c'mon- c'mon! h i'm no hero. 10.472119682746735  
4645. did i start the damn war? 9.101841287559294  
4646. h automaticallyfinnegan started going over today's lesson h  
capitalism rots from the core. 8.288984834628913  
4647. did i start the damn war? 9.101841287559294  
4648. who did? 23.885782126812085  
4649. that's a good one. 3.7651425245182506  
4650. why don't uncle sam mind his own fucken business?  
10.476177451418131  
4651. i'll bet both together did. 4.98254549585643  
4652. goddammit. 19.804021762487697  
4653. just let me go home to jersey back to the shore oh jesus the  
shore. 6.589174075832543  
4654. the waves breakin in on you and your girl at night there on the  
warm beach in the moonlight even jesus sweet mary. 8.277515682732153  
4655. if i hafta do this to stay alive by god i'll do it.  
9.037925621981648  
4656. i hated the goddamn army from the first day i got in anyhow.  
10.433168243813688  
4657. all pricks like coughlin run it anyway one way or another.  
8.16202614699969  
4658. fuck them h he rolled over and tried to shut out the noise now  
much louder. 7.648509000720696  
4659. he snuggled into the blanket h brandon dreamed.  
10.776005861178222  
4660. he was sitting on top of a log which was spinning round and  
around in the water. 9.403693239510567

4661. a river wide as the missouri where it ran by his place.  
7.335779753157581

4662. but he was not. 34.49597796572316

4663. so what? 18.59128237484222

4664. why should i be spinning just because the goddamn log is  
spinning? 10.13070530556394

4665. . 15.610129252044759

4666. over on the bank the west bank a man stood calling to him.  
8.812537261954844

4667. he couldn't make out what he was saying. 7.795963502794143

4668. no doubt it had to do with the log. 17.82477970845511

4669. why should he be concerned? 12.299552866609114

4670. rousseau is so persuasive that voltaire is almost convinced  
that he should burn his books too. 6.886249538313906

4671. but while the two men are riding into the country where they are  
going to dinner they are attacked in the dark of the forest by a band  
of thieves who strip them of everything including most of their clothes.  
5.948229664400545

4672. you must be a very learned man says voltaire to one of the  
bandits. 20.171178207588326

4673. a learned man? 17.297538600737344

4674. the bandit laughs in his face. 12.435529358277208

4675. he goes to the chief himself. 15.732721694765026

4676. at what university did you study? 17.524513425731964

4677. he asks. 21.889553134177078

4678. he refuses to believe that the bandit chief never attended a higher  
institution. 11.793252044639841

4679. to have become so corrupt he says surely you must have studied  
many arts and sciences. 7.075792144112412

4680. the chief annoyed by these questions knocks voltaire down and  
shouts at him that he not only never went to any school but never  
even learned how to read. 6.896559938970077

4681. when finally the two bedraggled men reach their friend's home  
voltaire's fears are once again aroused. 6.526302640247175

4682. for it is such a distinguished place with such fine works of art  
and such a big library that there can be little doubt but that the  
owner has become depraved by all this culture. 8.089153168043826

4683. to voltaire's surprise however their host gives them fresh clothes  
to put on opens his purse to lend them money and sits them down before  
a good dinner. 5.56944066851265

4684. immediately after dinner however rousseau asks for still another  
favor. 9.011757208240255

4685. could he have pen and paper please? 8.261878609047885

4686. he is in a hurry to write another essay against culture.  
16.763102424473505

4687. such was the impromptu that voltaire gave to howls of laughter at  
sans souci and that was soon circulated in manuscript throughout the  
literary circles of europe to be printed sometime later but with the  
name of timon of athens the famous misanthrope substituted for that  
of rousseau. 4.9157802803829505

4688. how cruel! but at the same time how understandable.  
18.027524893209772

4689. how could the rich for whom life was made so simple ever  
understand the subterfuges the lies the frauds the errors sins and even  
crimes to which the poor were driven in their efforts to overcome the  
great advantages the rich had in the race of life? 5.028920788314236

4690. how for example could a voltaire understand the strange  
predicament in which a rousseau would find himself when soon after the  
furor of his first discourse he acquired still another title to fame?  
7.244973523943356



4691. this time as a musician. 12.995411607092887  
 4692. ever since he had first begun to study music and to teach it  
 rousseau had dreamed of piercing through to fame as the result of a  
 successful opera. 8.533781942407167  
 4693. but his facility in this genre was not great.  
 10.424285828111833  
 4694. and his efforts to get a performance for his gallant muses  
 invariably failed. 11.065566490591841  
 4695. his operatic music had little merit. 8.254441635698543  
 4696. but then one day while on a week's visit to the country home of a  
 retired swiss jeweler rousseau amused the company with a few little  
 melodies he had written to which he attached no great importance.  
 7.800205407488597  
 4697. he was really amazed to discover the other guests so excited about  
 these delicate little songs. 7.3535919669018925  
 4698. put a few such songs together they urged him.  
 11.628774398523905  
 4699. string them onto some sort of little plot and you'll have a  
 delightful operetta. 6.257543042178702  
 4700. nonsense he said. 13.148092146312546  
 4701. this is the sort of stuff i write and then throw away! heaven  
 forbid! cried the ladies enchanted by his music. 6.336654291461924  
 4702. you must make an opera out of this material.  
 10.017072377839973  
 4703. and they wouldn't leave off arguing and pleading until he had  
 promised. 8.602138872450183  
 4704. oh the irony and the bitterness of it! that after all his years  
 of effort to become a composer he should now now when he was still  
 stoutly replying to the critics of his discourse on the arts and  
 sciences be so close to a success in music and have to reject it.  
 6.062264339481162  
 4705. or at least appear to reject it! but what else could he do?  
 7.0146532207228125  
 4706. you couldn't on the one hand decry the arts and at the same  
 time practice them could you? 10.278409920367066  
 4707. well yes perhaps in literature since you could argue that you  
 couldn't keep silent about your feelings against literature and so were  
 involved in spite of yourself. 5.60059243696532  
 4708. but now music too? 28.39853014633006  
 4709. no. 15.610129252044759  
 4710. that would be too much! and the fault of course was rameau's.  
 11.850944746886343  
 4711. the fault was rameau's and that of the whole culture of this  
 parisian age. 7.949663754035088  
 4712. for it was rameau's type of music that he had been trying to write  
 and that he couldn't write. 12.36600500163518  
 4713. these little songs however were sweet nothings from the heart tender  
 memories of his childhood little melodies that anyone could hum and  
 that would make one want to weep. 4.777091308850867  
 4714. he couldn't appear as a composer now. 10.649390503034523  
 4715. that glory craved for so long was now forbidden to him.  
 7.7781193238568305  
 4716. still just for the ladies and just for this once for this one  
 weekend in the country he would make a little piece out of his  
 melodies. 7.650518612313837  
 4717. the ladies were delighted and jean jacques was applauded.  
 7.839212140222358  
 4718. and everyone went to work to learn the parts which he wrote.  
 8.889955146461821

4719. but then after the little operetta had been given its feeble  
 amateur rendering everyone insisted that it was too good to be lost  
 forever and that the royal academy of music must now have the  
 manuscript in order to give it the really first-rate performance it  
 merited. 6.231716108293974

4720. rousseau was aware that he must seem like a hypocrite standing  
 there and arguing that he could not possibly permit a public  
 performance. 7.492816382770513

4721. the ladies especially couldn't understand what troubled him.  
 8.341215694113531

4722. a contradiction? 21.944778634142413

4723. bah what was a contradiction in one's life? 7.083181512120244

4724. every woman has had the experience of saying no when she meant  
 yes and saying yes when she meant no. 7.381174635157018

4725. rousseau had to admit that though he couldn't agree to a public  
 performance he would indeed just for his own private satisfaction dearly  
 love to know how his work would sound when done by professional  
 musicians and by trained voices. 4.897811242155384

4726. i'd simply like to know if it is as good as you kind people seem  
 to think he said. 8.462872112817319

4727. duclos the historian pointed out to jean jacques that this was  
 impossible. 6.8726567938239995

4728. the musicians of the royal opera would not rehearse a work merely  
 to see how it would sound. 8.513265273755152

4729. merely to satisfy the author's curiosity. 8.29907236975412

4730. but he recalled that rameau had once had a private performance  
 of his opera armide behind closed doors just for himself alone.  
 8.720039788987915

4731. duclos understood what was bothering rousseau: that the writer  
 of the prosopopoeia of fabricius should now become known as the  
 writer of an amusing little operetta. 4.808070905031883

4732. that would certainly be paradoxical. 16.51465128084808

4733. but duclos thought he saw a way out. 9.99670844734673

4734. let me do the submitting to the royal academy he suggested.  
 10.77479865486041

4735. your name will never appear. 10.488068255839314

4736. no one will even suspect that it is your work. 14.30958177424244

4737. to that rousseau could agree. 11.129123680875907

4738. but now what crazy twists and turns of his emotions! afraid at  
 one and the same time that his work might be turned down- which would be  
 a blow to his pride even though no one knew he was the author- and  
 that the work would be accepted and then that his violent feelings in  
 the matter would certainly betray how deeply concerned he was in spite of  
 himself. 7.900562692927515

4739. and how anxious this lover of obscurity was for applause! and thus  
 torn between his desire to be known as the composer of a successful  
 opera and the necessity of remaining true to his proclaimed desire for  
 anonymity rousseau suffered through several painful weeks.  
 5.293431582904382

4740. all these emotions were screwed up to new heights when after  
 acceptance and the first rehearsals there ensued such a buzz of  
 excitement among parisian music lovers that duclos had to come running  
 to rousseau to inform him that the news had reached the superintendent  
 of the king's amusements and that he was now demanding that the work  
 be offered first at the royal summer palace of fontainebleau.  
 6.10524828558552

4741. imagine the honor of it! what was your answer?  
 8.18553935110075

4742. jean jacques asked striving to appear unimpressed.  
 12.431590691442471

4743. what else could i do? 11.591156920054853  
 4744. monsieur de cury was incensed of course. 9.060328853487057  
 4745. but i said i would first have to get the author's permission.  
 13.610507212250583  
 4746. and i was certain he would refuse. 17.235246293149178  
 4747. how infuriating all this was! why had not this success come to  
 him before he had plunged into his discourse and before he had  
 committed himself to a life of austerity and denial? 4.955389630163714  
 4748. now when everything was opening up to him- even the court of louis  
 15!- he had to play a role of self-effacement. 8.272651517777078  
 4749. back and forth duclos had to go between m de cury and jean  
 jacques and between the duke d'aumont and jean jacques again as his  
 little operetta the village soothsayer though still unperformed took on  
 ever more importance. 5.227211832857009  
 4750. and of course the news of who the composer was did finally begin  
 to get around among his closest friends. 6.808569519310805  
 4751. but they naturally kept his secret well and the public at large  
 knew only of a great excitement in musical and court circles.  
 7.015249009362936  
 4752. how titillating it was to go among people who did not know him  
 as the composer but who talked in the most glowing terms of the promise  
 of the piece after having heard the first rehearsals. 8.135915446994483  
 4753. the furor was such that people who could not possibly have  
 squirmed their way into the rehearsals were pretending that they  
 were intimate with the whole affair and that it would be sensational.  
 8.461151369422783  
 4754. and listening to such a conversation one morning while taking a  
 cup of chocolate in a cafe rousseau found himself bathed in  
 perspiration trembling lest his authorship become known and at the  
 same time dreaming of the startling effect he would make if he should  
 proclaim himself suddenly as the composer. 6.32719733088611  
 4755. he felt himself now as he himself says in his confessions at a  
 crucial point of his life. 6.607741319023334  
 4756. and that was why on the day of the performance when a carriage  
 from the royal stables called to take him to the palace he did not  
 bother to shave. 10.008590622866036  
 4757. on the contrary he was pleased that his face showed a neglect of  
 several days. 8.980433415237409  
 4758. seeing him in that condition and about to enter the hall where  
 the king the queen the whole royal family and all the members of the  
 highest aristocracy would be present grimm and the abbe raynal and others  
 tried to stop him. 6.097434206363047  
 4759. you can't go in that way! they cried. 10.644218033232553  
 4760. why not? 23.24179106238561  
 4761. jean jacques asked. 18.68272446118427  
 4762. who is going to stop me? 20.544513394053585  
 4763. you haven't dressed for the occasion! they pointed out to him.  
 10.410372198890153  
 4764. i'm dressed as i always am rousseau said. 9.060328853487057  
 4765. at home yes they argued. 12.498485635082105  
 4766. but here you are in the palace. 14.306364280244424  
 4767. and madame de pompadour. 13.192167111495898  
 4768. if they are here then surely i have the right to be here  
 rousseau said. 14.396666965339293  
 4769. since i am the composer! but in such a slovenly condition.  
 8.782024044526025  
 4770. what is slovenly about me? 11.78959997873465  
 4771. rousseau asked. 12.292407525564322  
 4772. is it because of my slovenliness that hair grows on my face?  
 11.55506159839746

4773. surely it would grow there whether i washed myself or not.  
6.572783333480499

4774. a hundred years ago i would have worn a beard with pride.  
12.139134374908117

4775. and those without beards would have stood out as not dressed for  
the occasion. 7.156917291557286

4776. now times have changed and i must pretend that hair doesn't grow  
on my face. 8.405009070216412

4777. and fashion is the real king here. 8.181297206969163

4778. not louis 15 since even he obeys. 11.606791343011063

4779. now if you don't mind i should like to hear my own piece performed.  
5.725458603114982

4780. but of course behind his boldness he didn't feel bold at all.  
9.887008010130634

4781. he trembled lest his piece should fail. 9.783357976961607

4782. and this in addition to his usual fear of being among people of  
high society. 9.859361814520655

4783. his fear of making some inane or inappropriate remark.  
7.591810951946381

4784. and even deeper than that: his fear lest in this closed hall he  
should suddenly itch to relieve himself. 8.311536384923809

4785. could he walk out in the midst of his piece? 10.923668848968132

4786. herebefore the court? 13.148092146312546

4787. before the king? 19.09659708171543

4788. it was the first time any of us had laughed since the morning  
began. 10.195575129328692

4789. the rider from concord was as good as his word. 9.112598594729707

4790. he came spurring and whooping down the road his horse kicking up  
clouds of dust shouting: they're a-coming! by god they're a-coming  
they are! we heard him before he ever showed and we heard him  
yelling after he was out of sight. 6.960245054825023

4791. solomon chandler hadn't misjudged the strength of his lungs not  
at all. 6.771690794857863

4792. i think you could have heard him a mile away and he was  
bursting at every seam with importance. 0.0

4793. i have observed that being up on a horse changes the whole  
character of a man and when a very small man is up on a saddle he'd  
like as not prefer to eat his meals there. 6.389333468030404

4794. that's understandable and i appreciate the sentiment.  
5.092274000697261

4795. as for this rider i never saw him before or afterwards and  
never saw him dismounted so whether he stood tall or short in his shoes i  
can't say; but i do know that he gave the day tone and distinction.  
5.364940998037396

4796. the last thing in the world that resembled a war was our line of  
farmers and storekeepers and mechanics perched on top of a stone wall  
and this dashing rider made us feel a good deal sharper and more  
alert to the situation. 7.496148529638275

4797. we came down off the wall as if he had toppled all of us and we  
crouched behind it. 9.564332874213168

4798. i have heard people talk with contempt about the british regulars  
but that only proves that a lot of people talk about things of  
which they are deplorably ignorant. 7.942138480299418

4799. whatever we felt about the redcoats we respected them in terms  
of their trade which was killing; and i know that i myself was  
nauseated with apprehension and fear and that my hands were soaking  
wet where they held my gun. 5.191878549365918

4800. i wanted to wipe my flint but i didn't dare to the state my hands  
were in just as i didn't dare to do anything about the priming.  
9.437068479917283

4801. the gun would fire or not just as chance willed.  
7.839212140222358

4802. i put a lot more trust in my two legs than in the gun because the most important thing i had learned about war was that you could run away and survive to talk about it. 7.7479487019052895

4803. the gunfire which was so near that it seemed just a piece up the road now stopped for long enough to count to twenty; and in that brief interval a redcoat officer came tearing down the road whipping his horse fit to kill. 4.662152275130837

4804. i don't know whether he was after our rider who had gone by a minute before or whether he was simply scouting conditions; but when he passed us by a musket roared and he reared his horse swung it around and began to whip it back in the direction from which he had come.  
5.627731404648714

4805. he was a fine and showy rider but his skill was wasted on us.  
8.833266063919373

4806. from above me and somewhere behind me a rifle cracked.  
10.062957891703219

4807. the redcoat officer collapsed like a punctured bolster and the horse reared and threw him from the saddle except that one booted foot caught in the stirrup. 5.5340002578332745

4808. half crazed by the weight dragging the dust and the heat the horse leaped our wall dashing out the rider's brains against it and leaving him lying there among us- while the horse crashed away through the brush. 5.977346198809271

4809. it was my initiation to war and the insane symphony war plays; for what had happened on the common was only terror and flight; but this grinning broken head not ten feet away from me was the sharp definition of what my reality had become. 5.870162264470024

4810. and now the redcoats were coming and the gunfire was a part of the dust cloud on the road to the west of us. 11.525098327942652

4811. i must state that the faster things happened the slower they happened; the passage and rhythm of time changed and when i remember back to what happened then each event is a separate and frozen incident.  
5.209451043122457

4812. in my recollection there was a long interval between the death of the officer and the appearance of the first of the retreating redcoats and in that interval the dust cloud over the road seems to hover indefinitely. 9.912810148882992

4813. yet it could not have been more than a matter of seconds and then the front of the british army came into view. 7.17038303590485

4814. it was only hours since i had last seen them but they had changed and i had changed. 12.01864317339758

4815. in the very front rank two men were wounded and staggered along trailing blood behind them. 5.845739283149404

4816. no drummers here no pipers and the red coats were covered with a fine film of dust. 8.499661309408816

4817. they marched with bayonets fixed and as fixed on their faces was anger fear and torment. 6.376876511860498

4818. rank after rank of them came down the road and the faces were all the same and they walked in a sea of dust. 6.866166207286599

4819. committeemen hold your fire! hold your fire! a voice called and what made it even more terrible and unreal was that the redcoat ranks never paused for an instant only some of them glancing toward the stone wall from behind which the voice came. 4.7678486809975436

4820. the front of their column had already passed us when another officer came riding down the side of the road not five paces from where we were. 10.643508450219572

4821. my cousin simmons carried a musket but he had loaded it with  
bird shot and as the officer came opposite him he rose up behind the  
wall and fired. 5.3057286192364455

4822. one moment there was a man in the saddle; the next a headless  
horror on a horse that bolted through the redcoat ranks and during the  
next second or two we all ofus fired into the suddenly disorganized  
column of soldiers. 6.4018988238656584

4823. one moment the road was filled with disciplined troops marching  
four by four with a purpose as implacable as death; the next a cloud  
of gun smoke covered a screaming fury of sound out of which the  
redcoat soldiers emerged with their bayonets and their cursing fury.  
5.127737339337937

4824. in the course of this they had fired on us; but i have no memory  
of that. 11.077854130819219

4825. i had squeezed the trigger of my own gun and to my amazement it  
had fired and kicked back into my shoulder with the force of an angry  
mule; and then i was adding my own voice to the crescendo of sound  
hurling more vile language than i ever thought i knew sobbing and  
shouting and aware that if i had passed water before it was not enough  
for my pants were soaking wet. 4.986591467056598

4826. i would have stood there and diedthere if left to myself but  
cousin simmons grabbed my arm in his viselike grip and fairly plucked  
me out of there; and then i came to some sanity and plunged away with  
such extraordinary speed that i outdistanced cousin simmons by far.  
6.582397244296734

4827. laterwe realized that the redcoats had stopped their charge at the  
wall. 5.825820622377272

4828. their only hope of survival was to hold to the road and keep  
marching. 8.255467044782451

4829. we tumbled to a stop in deacon gordon's cow hole a low-lying bit  
of pasture with a muddy pool of water in its middle. 5.625680356832002

4830. a dozen cows mooed sadly and regarded us as if we were insane as  
perhaps we were at that moment with the crazy excitement of our first  
encounter the yelling and shooting still continuing up at the road and  
the thirst of some of the men which was so great that they waded into  
the muddy water and scooped up handfuls of it. 7.016947042299251

4831. isaac pitt one of the men from lincoln had taken a musket ball in  
his belly; and though he had found the strength to run with us now he  
collapsed and lay on the ground dying the reverend holding his head and  
wiping his hot brow. 4.4785536941913415

4832. it may appear that we were cruel and callous but no one had time  
to spend sympathizing with poor isaac- except the reverend.  
8.84608635722705

4833. i know that i myself felt that it was a mortal shame for a man  
to be torn open by a british musket ball as isaac had been yet i also  
felt relieved and lucky that it had been him and not myself.  
6.160067010360587

4834. i was drunk with excitement and the smell of gunpowder that  
came floating down from the road and the fact that i was not afraid  
now but only waiting to know what to do next. 9.443855337734137

4835. meanwhile i reloaded my gun as the other men were doing.  
6.6556963805019675

4836. we were less than a quarter of a mile from the road and we could  
trace its shape from the ribbon of powder smoke and dust that hung  
over it. 8.494731728121307

4837. wherever you looked you saw committeemen running across the  
meadows some away from the road some toward it some parallel to it;  
and about a mile to the west a cluster of at least fifty militia were  
making their way in our direction. 5.092299006587666

4838. cousin joshua and some others felt that we should march toward  
lexington and take up new positions ahead of the slow-moving british  
column but another group maintained that we should stick to this spot and  
this section of road. 6.4996323357149315

4839. i didn't offer any advice but i certainly did not want to go back  
to where the officer lay with his brains dashed out. 5.161106379899632

4840. someone said that while we were standing here and arguing about it  
the british would be gone; but cousin simmons said he had watched  
them marching west early in the morning and moving at a much  
brisker pace it had still taken half an hour for their column to pass  
what with the narrowness of the road and their baggage and ammunition  
carts. 6.775591481307701

4841. while this was being discussed we saw the militia to the west of us  
fanning out and breaking into little clusters of two and three men  
as they approached the road. 4.9211996089918095

4842. it was the opinion of some of us that these must be part of the  
committeemen who had been in the battle of the north bridge which  
entitled them to a sort of veteran status and we felt that if they  
employed this tactic it was likely enough the best one.  
10.318994078230466

4843. mattathias dover said: it makes sense. 7.622507342753323

4844. if we cluster together the redcoats can make an advantage out of  
it but there's not a blessed thing they can do with two or three of  
us except chase us and we can outrun them. 0.0

4845. that settled it and we broke into parties of two and three.  
7.405179238426029

4846. cousin joshua dover decided to remain with the reverend and  
poor isaac pitt until life passed away-and he was hurt so badly he did  
not seem for long in this world. 6.19151674490231

4847. i went off with cousin simmons who maintained that if he didn't  
see to me he didn't know who would. 6.293692070088661

4848. good heavens adam he said i thought one thing you'd have no  
trouble learning is when to get out of a place. 9.455389687706633

4849. i learned that now i said. 12.384361145835424

4850. we ran east for about half a mile before we turned back to the road  
panting from the effort and soaked with sweat. 7.922509286317024

4851. there was a clump of trees that appeared to provide cover right up  
to the road and the shouting and gunfire never slackened.  
5.84974187198564

4852. under the trees there was a dead redcoat a young boy with a pasty  
white skin and a face full of pimples who had taken a rifle ball  
directly between the eyes. 7.344129227907071

4853. three men were around him. 9.635388815426408

4854. they had stripped him of his musket and equipment and now they  
were pulling his boots and jacket off. 9.923759170517389

4855. cousin simmons grabbed one of them by the shoulder and flung him  
away. 7.374745544769939

4856. god's name what are you to rob the dead with the fight going on!  
cousin simmons roared. 6.08205208390664

4857. they tried to outface him but joseph simmons was as wide as two  
average men and it would have taken braver men than these were to  
outface him. 5.640020873681461

4858. that summer the gambling houses were closed despite the threats  
of pierre amaux a gaming-card manufacturer. 8.128089888922393

4859. dancing was no longer permitted in the streets. 7.14162538120728

4860. the bordel and other places of prostitution were emptied.  
10.582206877639416

4861. the slit breeches had to go. 9.802060557618772

4862. drunkenness was no longer tolerated. 11.568363037656766

4863. in defiance a chinless reprobate jake camaret marched down the aisle in st peter's one sunday morning followed by one of the women from the bordel whose dress and walk plainly showed the lack of any shame. 6.068151461836031

4864. plunking themselves down on the front bench they turned to smirk at those around them. 7.887778062155977

4865. john's first impulse was to denounce their blasphemy. 7.14162538120728

4866. but the thought occurred that god would want this opportunity used to tell them about him. 9.74388039454492

4867. calmly he opened the bible and read of the woman at the well. 6.9847832933735505

4868. he finished the worship service as if there had been no brazen attempt to dishonor god and man. 9.522456647087683

4869. the next morning as the clock struck nine he appeared at the council meeting in the town hall and insisted that the couple would have to be punished if the church was to be respected. 7.461206861978431

4870. i have told you before and i tell you again monsieur favre said rudely. 10.478240947770603

4871. stick to the preaching of the gospel! john stiffened in anger. 7.0857818573654106

4872. that is the answer the ungodly will always make when the church points its fingers at their sins. 10.131254810126318

4873. i say to you that the church will ever decry evil! john's reply was like a declaration of war. 9.02771332331282

4874. monsieur favre sat down in his high-backed stall lips compressed eyes glinting. 7.615092762846159

4875. ablard corne a short man with a rotunda of stomach rose. 6.993027508669045

4876. every eye was on him as he began to speak. 10.416615337178504

4877. what master calvin says is true. 10.34648963827048

4878. how can we have a good city unless we respect morality? 13.649927469939893

4879. abel poupin a tall man with sunken cheeks and deep-set eyes got to his feet. 5.85218779008502

4880. we all know that jake camaret and the woman are brazenly living together. 10.58140848094707

4881. it would be well to show the populace how we deal with adulterers. 12.761171158372434

4882. philibert berthelien the son of the famous patriot disagreed. 11.427520548518803

4883. do not listen to that frenchman. 13.383556130258755

4884. he is throttling the liberty my father gave his life to win! john was quietly insistent. 9.98787421339557

4885. there can be no compromise when souls are in jeopardy. 13.035341151591169

4886. a week later the sentence of the council was carried out: jake camaret and the woman were marched naked through the streets past a mocking populace. 7.155356829528243

4887. before them stalked the beadle proclaiming as he went thus the council deals with those who break its laws- adulterers thieves murderers and lewd persons. 5.50608875353189

4888. let evildoers contemplate their ways and let every man beware! john's thoughts raced painfully into the past as he read the letter he had just received from his sister mary. 6.108385581947502

4889. charles had died two weeks before in early november without being reconciled to the church. 5.899053563939885

4890. the canons in a body had tried to force him on his deathbed to let them give him the last rites of the church but he had died still proclaiming salvation by faith. 7.91810353009598



4891. burial had taken place at night in the ground at the public crossroads under the gibbet so that his enemies could not find his body and have it dug up and burned. 4.67815023180371

4892. the abbot of st eloi claude de mommor had been a good friend but not even he thought charles deserved burial in hallowed ground. 7.28246350723244

4893. john closed his eyes and saw once again the little niche in his mother's bedroom where she had knelt to tell the good virgin of her needs. 5.194959005745815

4894. the blue-draped virgin was still there but no one knelt before her now. 9.28052563372131

4895. not even varnessa; she too prayed only to god. 7.966666808519817

4896. for an instant john longed for the sound of the bells of noyon-la-sainte the touch of his mother's hand the lilt of charles's voice in the square raftered rooms his father's bass tones rumbling to the canons and the sight of the beloved bishop. 6.575337471081241

4897. but he had to follow the light. 21.056143465854127

4898. unless god expected a man to believe the holy scriptures why had he given them to him? 0.0

4899. the white-clad trees stood like specters in the february night. 6.460370037324521

4900. snow buried the streets and covered the slanting rooftops as john trudged toward st peter's. 7.459599946858344

4901. a carriage crunched by its dim lights filtering through the gloom. 7.6576209927635865

4902. the sharp wind slapped at him and his feet felt like ice as the snow penetrated the holes of his shoes his only ones now patched with folded parchment. 6.029236115155864

4903. the city had recently given him a small salary but it was not enough to supply even necessities. 7.248227350434626

4904. as he neared the square a round figure muffled in a long black cape whisked by. 10.295465922486509

4905. john recognized ablard corne and called out a greeting. 7.53973992336163

4906. how grateful he was to such men! there were several on the council who tried to live like christians. 8.94329027932402

4907. despite their efforts the problems seemed to grow graver all the time. 6.863805642692483

4908. quickening his steps john entered the vast church and climbed the tower steps to the bells. 6.886249538313906

4909. underneath the big one in the silent moonlight lay a dead pigeon and on the smaller bell the clemence two gray and white birds slept huddled together in the cold winter air. 5.306309905832523

4910. john leaned upon the stone balustrade. 11.015816521655731

4911. he brushed back his black hair shoving it under his pastor's cap to keep it from blowing in his eyes. 6.034462242787552

4912. below the moon-splashed world rolled away to insurmountable white peaks; above him the deep blue sky glittered with stars. 7.407187179757351

4913. he stood very still his arms at his sides staring up at the heavens then down at the blinking lights below. 6.324012135688302

4914. how long my lord? 13.148092146312546

4915. how long? 18.840450914418817

4916. i have never asked for an easy task but i am weary of the strife. 10.67299072670401

4917. sleep was difficult these days. 8.254441635698543

4918. severe headaches were frequent. 11.568363037656766

4919. loneliness tore through him like a physical pain whenever he thought of peter robert nerien nicholas cop martin bucer and even the compromising louis du tillet. 5.6136407731091404

4920. an occasional traveler from italy brought news of peter robert  
who was now distributing his bible among the waldensian peasants.  
7.03398687827998

4921. letters came regularly from nerien nicholas and martin.  
8.116668560739074

4922. he had anthony and william to confide in and consult.  
11.878371347693164

4923. but william continued to find a bitter joy in smashing images and  
tearing down symbols sacred to the old church. 6.869447331576674

4924. john found it difficult but he held him in check.  
9.059853435997004

4925. and anthony was busy most of the time courting this girl and that.  
8.023353947877137

4926. his easy good looks made him a favorite with the ladies.  
9.191578852464568

4927. geneva instead of becoming the city of god as john had dreamed  
had in the two years since he had been there continued to be a godless  
place where all manner of vice flourished. 6.041300188027324

4928. refugees poured in signing the confession and rules in order to  
remain and then disregarding them. 7.92723528821011

4929. dice rolled prostitutes plied their trade thieves stole  
murderers stabbed and the ungodly blasphemed. 5.674295354649883

4930. catholics who were truly christians longed for the simple penance  
of days gone by. 7.4607359217155285

4931. libertines recalled the heroism of the past and demanded: are  
we going to allow the protestant pope master calvin to curtail our  
liberty? 6.198626051315879

4932. h why oh why doesn't he stick to preaching the gospel instead of  
meddling in civic affairs politics economics and social issues that  
are no concern of the church? 6.7657388148721935

4933. and john's reply was always the same: anything that affects  
souls is the concern of the church! we will have righteousness!  
tears burned behind his eyes as he prayed and meditated tonight.  
5.058145268668881

4934. unless the confusion cleared he would not be coming here much  
longer. 12.410037903963369

4935. monsieur favre's threat would become a reality for he continued  
to proclaim loudly that the city must rid itself of that frenchman.  
5.5860375166650975

4936. the slow tapping of a cane on the stone steps coming up to the  
tower interrupted his reverie. 7.48837548295765

4937. faint at first the tapping grew until it sounded loud against the  
wind. 6.143833267910102

4938. what is he doing here at this hour? 14.593712067860677

4939. he started down the steps to meet the near-blind preacher who had  
been one of the early gospels in paris. 9.008057201133907

4940. john? 19.804021762487697

4941. is that you? 16.332208592714803

4942. i came to warn you of a plot! john stood above him his face  
ashen. 11.005965261381508

4943. what now? 15.610129252044759

4944. slowly like a man grown old he took eli's hand and led him below  
to the tower study guiding him to a chair beside the little hearth  
where a fire still burned. 6.129230087746636

4945. monsieur favre just paid me a visit. 7.14162538120728

4946. i went to your rooms and anthony told me you were here.  
9.713745980661573

4947. two anabaptists caroliand benoit are to challenge you and william  
to a debate before the council. 5.924931599271709

4948. it is to be a trap. 44.21857856964294

4949. you know the law: if you lose the debate after accepting a challenge you will be banished! what will be the subject?  
8.178154389223275

4950. you are to be accused of arianism to confuse the religious who remain loyal. 12.603759436618347

4951. anger and fear fused in john. 8.254441635698543

4952. ever since the fourth century a controversy had raged over the person of christ. 9.947457250051057

4953. those who refused to believe that he was the eternal son of god were termed arianists. 8.807995576376358

4954. peter caroli had come to geneva saying that he had been a bishop of the church of rome and had been persecuted in paris for his reformed faith. 7.959045446492952

4955. he asked to be appointed a preacher. 11.642040994070069

4956. but michael sept had unmasked him revealing he had never been a bishop but was an anabaptist afraid to state his faith because he knew john calvin had written a book against their belief that the soul slept after death. 7.238430938804335

4957. so john had refused to agree to his appointment as a preacher and now caroli sought revenge. 6.653679539858921

4958. if william agrees we should insist on a public debate he said at length. 9.312330755359502

4959. there is more to the conspiracy. 12.673352399316473

4960. bern demands that the lord's supper be administered here as it used to be with unleavened bread. 8.303637849670915

4961. furthermore bern decrees that we must do as we are ordered by the council preach only the word of god and stop meddling in politics!  
it was always the spirit with christ; matters such as leavened or unleavened bread are inconsequential. 5.742177071614314

4962. geneva must remain a sovereign state. 10.472119682746735

4963. we will not yield to the demands of bern! the firelight played over eli's flowing white locks and rugged features.  
7.8483304833620515

4964. monsieur favre indicated that if i would co-operate after you and william are banished following the debate i will be given a place of influence. 7.324252069525804

4965. what was your reply to that? 12.321920802374585

4966. that i would rather be banished with two such christians than be made the chief syndic! the following morning as john entered the place molard on his way to visit a sick refugee he had a premonition of danger. 6.209813545001324

4967. then suddenly a group of men and dogs circled him.  
10.96217696981869

4968. he wanted to run but he knew that if he did he would be lost.  
15.96845763041831

4969. he stood very still his heart thumping wildly. 9.026368296067464

4970. on the outskirts of the rabble the camaret brothers and gaspard favre shook their fists. 10.30283763624519

4971. are you going to comply with the demands of bern?  
10.809951669001064

4972. the chinless jake called. 11.568363037656766

4973. arianist! a rowdy with a big blob of a nose roared. 6.210871206873012

4974. heretic! john lifted his hand for silence. 9.670406878971576

4975. know this: the ministers will not yield to the demands of bern.  
6.188065717221096

4976. his voice shook a little. 12.214555706636531

4977. for an instant john was stunned. 13.211460889763902

4978. when he felt the side of his head his fingers came away covered with blood. 10.506357086597426

4979. before he could duck another stone struck him. 7.14162538120728

4980. let him be now! pierre ameaux the gaming-card manufacturer said  
his little pig eyes glaring. 7.198778874655976

4981. we have taught him a lesson. 13.782733492933218

4982. the crowd moved back and john started dizzily down the hill.  
10.071811434672382

4983. fistpummeled him as he staggered forward. 7.622507342753323

4984. then he slipped and went down on his hands and knees in the  
melting snow. 10.314683914062526

4985. at once a bevy of dogs was snapping and snarling around him.  
10.134539108736554

4986. one more horrible than the rest lunged growling deep in his throat  
his hair bristling. 8.780343208698934

4987. with great difficulty john clambered to his feet and started to run  
sweat pouring down his face. 7.5813281788940765

4988. standing in the shelter of the tent- a rejected hospital tent on  
which the rain now dripped no longer drumming- adam watched his own  
hands touch the objects on the improvised counter of boards laid  
across two beef barrels. 5.7935816182702995

4989. there was of course no real need to rearrange everything.  
15.101407016425702

4990. a quarter inch this way or that for the hardbake or the toffee  
or the barley sugar or the sardines or the bitters or the condensed  
milk or the stationery or the needles- what could it mean?  
6.5303222870621465

4991. adam watched his own hands make the caressing anxious movement  
that when rain falls and nobody comes and ruin draws close like  
a cat rubbing against the ankles has been the ritual of stall  
vendors forever. 4.846964906484127

4992. he knew its meaning. 24.20490756521104

4993. he had seen a dry old yellowing hand reach out with that painful  
solicitude to touch to rearrange to shift aimlessly some object  
worth a pfennig. 5.9033645511443185

4994. back in bavaria he had seen that gesture and at that sight his  
heart had always died within him. 7.4360790917581925

4995. on such occasions he had not had the courage to look at the face  
above the hand whatever face it might be. 7.640831529420232

4996. now the face was his own. 14.681641752805387

4997. he wondered what expression as he made that gesture was on his  
face. 8.762610053091972

4998. he wondered if it wore the old anxiety or the old taut stoicism.  
9.176540466704445

4999. but there was no need he remembered for his hand to reach out for  
his face to show concern or stoicism. 8.34127931670501

5000. it was nothing to him if rain fell and nobody came.  
14.755697060910425

5001. then why was he assuming the role- the gesture and the suffering?  
7.073318943553894

5002. what was he expiating? 11.568363037656766

5003. or was he now taking the role- the gesture and the suffering-  
because it was the only way to affirm his history and identity in the  
torpid befogged loneliness of this land. 6.99264347017816

5004. he looked out of the tent at the company street.  
12.659622141254484

5005. the rain dripped on the freezing loblolly of the street.  
7.43304005989246

5006. beyond that misty gray of the rain he saw the stretching hutment  
low diminutive log cabins chinked with mud with doorways a man  
would have to crouch to get through with roofs of tenting laid over  
boughs or boards from hardtack boxes or fence rails with cranky  
chimneys of sticks and dried mud. 5.8334355166905

5007. the chimney of the hut across from him was surmounted by a beef barrel with ends knocked out. 5.902564164932943

5008. in this heavy air however that device did not seem to help. 13.630721198091019

5009. the smoke from that chimney rose as sluggishly as smoke from any other and hung as sadly in the drizzle creeping back down along the sopping canvas of the roof. 5.037374730288671

5010. over the door was a board with large inept lettering: home sweet home. 9.908431717123221

5011. this was the hut of simms purdew the hero. 11.080760197629639

5012. the men were huddled in those lairs. 16.470946965468556

5013. adam knew the names of some. 9.471812088714504

5014. he knew the faces of all hairy or shaven old or young fat or thin suffering or hardened sad or gay good or bad. 6.669341779662273

5015. when they stood about his tent chaffing each other exchanging their obscenities cursing command or weather he had studied their faces. 6.533980863879777

5016. he had had the need to understand what life lurked behind the mask of flesh behind the oath the banter the sadness. 8.087821645088608

5017. once covertly looking at simms purdew the only man in the world whom he hated he had seen the heavy slack bestubbed jaw open and close to emit the cruel obscene banter and had seen the pale-blue eyes go watery with whisky and merriment and suddenly he was not seeing the face of that vile creature. 5.0923071120457815

5018. he was seeing somehow the face of a young boy the boy simms purdew must once have been a boy with sorrel hair and blue eyes dancing with gaiety and the boy mouth grinning trustfully among the freckles. 7.5271442601708705

5019. in that moment of vision adam heard the voice within himself saying: i must not hate him i must not hate him or i shall die. 5.518950930690354

5020. his heart suddenly opened to joy. 10.472119682746735

5021. he thought that if once only once he could talk with simms purdew something about his own life and all life would be clear and simple. 5.899904888286583

5022. if simms purdew would turn to him and say: adam you know when i was a boy it was a funny thing happened. 9.387874475855426

5023. lemme tell you now- if only simms purdew could do that whatever the thing he remembered and told. 5.76954927577282

5024. it would be a sign for the untellable and he adam would understand. 7.461352957445632

5025. now adam in the gray light of afternoon stared across at the hut opposite his tent and thought of simms purdew lying in there in the gloom snoring on his bunk with the fumes of whisky choking the air. 4.772938250335397

5026. he saw the sign above the door of the hut: home sweet home. 10.556617361671215

5027. he saw the figure of a man in a poncho coming up the company street with an armful of wood. 9.498572075447427

5028. it was pullen james the campmate of simms purdew. 16.571667076119464

5029. he carried the wood carried the water did the cooking cleaning and mending and occasionally got a kick in the butt for his pains. 5.8545638669308735

5030. adam watched the moisture flow from the poncho. 8.845281039633662

5031. it gave the rubberized fabric a dull gleam like metal. 6.460370037324521

5032. pullen james humbly lowered his head pushed aside thehardtack-box door of the hut and was gone from sight. 6.643215071337043

5033. adam stared at the door and remembered that simms purdew had been  
awarded the medal of honor for gallantry at antietam.  
5.641685493630875

5034. the street was again empty. 17.51474267018452

5035. the drizzle was slacking off now but the light was grayer.  
7.9133653137009246

5036. with enormous interest adam watched his hands as they touched and  
shifted the objects on the board directly before him. 7.525452723161261

5037. into the emptiness of the street and his spirit moved a form.  
7.364962063394607

5038. the form was swathed in an army blanket much patched fastened  
at the neck with a cord. 9.297639536624093

5039. from under the shapeless huddle of blanket the feet moved in the  
mud. 7.301555191280622

5040. the feet wore army shoes in obvious disrepair.  
11.387658710676023

5041. the head was wrapped in a turban and on top of the turban rode  
a great hamper across which a piece of poncho had been flung.  
6.403606512061159

5042. the gray face stared straight ahead in the drizzle.  
9.945332631078985

5043. moisture ran down the cheeks gathered at the tip of the nose and at  
the chin. 5.993936335927577

5044. the figure was close enough now for him to see the nose twitching  
to dislodge the drop clinging there. 8.930715057032952

5045. the figure stopped and one hand was perilously freed from the  
hamper to scratch the nose. 6.196120048044738

5046. then the figure moved on. 11.568363037656766

5047. this was one of the irish women who had built their own huts  
down near the river. 9.74890171885369

5048. adam recognized this one. 13.848682165804604

5049. he recognized her because she was the one who in a winter twilight  
on the edge of camp had once stopped him and reached down her hand to  
touch his fly. 6.267062373353556

5050. slice o' mutton bhoy? 11.568363037656766

5051. she had queried in her soft guttural. 7.14162538120728

5052. slice o' mutton? 13.148092146312546

5053. her name was mollie. 9.118533821976325

5054. they called her mollie the mutton and laughed. 11.77345336631812

5055. looking down the street after her adam saw that she had again  
stopped and again removed one hand from the basket.  
5.72655906223824

5056. he could not make out but he knew that again she was scratching  
her nose. 12.618923078955268

5057. mollie the mutton was scratching her nose. 7.622507342753323

5058. the words ran crazily in his head: mollie the mutton is  
scratching her nose in the rain. 8.02836027950596

5059. then the words fell into a pattern: mollie the mutton is  
scratching her nose scratching her nose in the rain. 6.07178354905485

5060. mollie the mutton is scratching her nose in the rain.  
8.196044167676531

5061. the pattern would not stop. 12.048358905764905

5062. it came again and again. 22.5434124636122

5063. he felt trapped in that pattern in the repetition. 9.40689200968235

5064. suddenly he thought he might weep. 13.276026947560865

5065. what's the matter with me? 6.854133429398324

5066. he demanded out loud. 17.83289566254582

5067. he looked wildly around at the now empty street at the mud at  
the rain. 7.096282773390461

5068. oh what's the matter with me? 12.392495127773664

5069. he demanded. 21.889553134177078  
5070. when he had stored his stock in the great oak chest locked the  
two big hasps and secured the additional chain tied the fly of the  
tent and picked up the cash box he moved up the darkening street.  
7.2661553560236385  
5071. he would consign the cash box into the hands of jed hawksworth  
then stand by while his employer checked the contents and the list of  
items sold. 6.900322256837515  
5072. then he- then what? 15.455954797313815  
5073. he did not know. 17.36673854574166  
5074. his mind closed on that prospect as though fog had descended to  
blot out a valley. 7.407049836017958  
5075. far off in the dusk he heard voices singing muffled but strong.  
7.069973893844724  
5076. in one of the huts a group of men were huddled together singing.  
21.57299960168739  
5077. he heard the words: rock of ages cleft for me let me hide myself  
in thee! let the water and the blood from thy riven side h he  
thought: i am a jew from bavaria. 5.928099705933186  
5078. he was standing there he thought in virginia in the thickening dusk  
in a costly greatcoat that had belonged to another jew. 8.095433441926199  
5079. that other jew a young man too had left that greatcoat behind in a  
rich house and marched away. 6.526562245554576  
5080. he had crossed the river which now beyond the woods yonder was  
sliding darkly under the mist. 9.006802893817403  
5081. he had plunged into the dark woods beyond. 10.918931351420587  
5082. what had that man that other young jew felt as he stood in the  
twilight and heard other men far away singing together?  
6.9969182685210205  
5083. . 15.610129252044759  
5084. adam thought of the hutments regiment after regiment row after row  
the thousands of huts stretching away into the night. 6.54093796655646  
5085. he thought of the men the nameless thousands huddling in them.  
9.258501717386936  
5086. he thought of simms purdew snoring on his bunk while pullen james  
crouched by the hearth skirmishing an undershirt for lice and a wet log  
sizzled. 7.447523006120116  
5087. he thought of simms purdew who once had risen at the edge of a  
cornfield a maniacal scream on his lips and swung a clubbed musket  
like a flail to beat down the swirl of rebel bayonets about him.  
5.811186626421822  
5088. he thought of simms purdew rising up fearless in glory.  
10.697093789223626  
5089. he felt the sweetness of pity flood through him veining his very  
flesh. 7.9058392470592445  
5090. those men lying in the huts they did not know. 11.24027507067006  
5091. they did not know who they were or know their own worth.  
10.261513445302084  
5092. in the pity for them his loneliness was gone.  
13.277848599464294  
5093. then he thought of aaron blaustein standing in his rich house  
saying: god is tired of taking the blame. 7.463113341811992  
5094. he is going to let history take the blame for a while.  
17.455747582760896  
5095. he thought of the old man laughing under the glitter of the great  
chandelier. 9.546184437199582  
5096. he thought: only in my heart can i make the world hang  
together. 11.418105465981181  
5097. adam rose from the crouch necessary to enter the hut.  
8.282808562358614

5098. he saw mose squatting by the hearth breaking up hardtack into  
a pan. 9.651485716567786  
5099. a pot was boiling on the coals. 9.356345845066523  
5100. done give ole buckra all his money? 9.060328853487057  
5101. mose asked softly. 10.363724110347151  
5102. and look what he done give us. 11.852011282115413  
5103. adam looked at the pot. 9.542287750099456  
5104. what is it? 28.376061098518285  
5105. he asked. 21.889553134177078  
5106. chicken mose said and theatrically licked his lips.  
9.060328853487057  
5107. gre't big fat chicken yeah. 9.118533821976325  
5108. he licked his lips again. 15.385132030882776  
5109. a chicken with six tits and a tail lak a corkscrew.  
7.190017756155806  
5110. and hit squealed for slop. 16.736438267237105  
5111. fooled you huh? 10.363724110347151  
5112. it is the same ole same tell me hit's name.  
21.109468199709738  
5113. it is sowbelly with tits on. 18.227047983051456  
5114. it is salt po'k and skippers. 23.12401448405531  
5115. that po'k it was so full of skippers it would jump and run and not  
come when you say 'hoo-pig'. 5.829399153946358  
5116. had to put my foot on it to hole it down while i cut it up fer  
the lob-scuse. 7.200480242038305  
5117. he dumped the pan of crumbled hardtack into the boiling pot of  
lobscouse. 7.233226891479716  
5118. good ole lob-scuse he mumbled and stirred the pot.  
9.530117963562256  
5119. he stopped stirring and looked over his shoulder. 9.026368296067464  
5120. know what ole buckra et tonight? 10.12242738290048  
5121. he demanded. 21.889553134177078  
5122. know what i had to fix fer ole him? 8.914423071152614  
5123. adam shook his head. 9.542287750099456  
5124. she was a child too much a part of her environment too eager to  
grow and learn and experience. 12.340414159482215  
5125. once they were at easthampton for the summer. 8.507536461383202  
5126. one soft evening- that marvelous sea-blessed time when the sun's  
departing warmth lingers and a smell of spume and wrack haunts  
everything- amy had picked herself off the floor and begun to walk.  
6.652447187035465  
5127. fritzie was on the couch reading; laura was sitting in an easy  
chair about eight feet away. 5.906441790702325  
5128. the infant in white terry-cloth bathrobe her face intense and  
purposeful had essayed a few wobbly steps toward her father.  
7.333060553020843  
5129. y'all wanna walk- walk he said. 7.622507342753323  
5130. then gently he shoved her behind toward laura.  
11.185419424362621  
5131. amy walked- making it halfway across the cottage floor.  
6.764147616291221  
5132. she lost not a second picking herself up and continuing her  
pilgrimage to laura. 8.439284338716144  
5133. then laura took her gently and shoved her off again toward  
fritzie: amy did not laugh- this was work concentration achievement.  
5.622191507646579  
5134. in a few minutes she was making the ten-foot hike unaided; soon  
she was parading around the house flaunting her new skill.  
9.629758352109224



5135. some liar's logic a wisp of optimism as fragile as the scent of tropical blossoms that came through the window consoled her for a moment. 5.685060977757118

5136. amy had to be safe had to come back to them- if only to reap that share of life's experiences that were her due if only to give her parents another chance to do better by her. 6.743377812313719

5137. through the swathings of terror she jabbed deceit's sharp point- amy would be reborn a new child with new parents living under new circumstances. 5.6930906916443496

5138. the comfort was short-lived yet she found herself returning to the assurance whenever her imagination forced images on her too awful to contemplate without the prop of illusion. 7.084558190949835

5139. gazing at her husband's drugged body his chest rising and falling in mindless rhythms she saw the grandeur of his fictional world that lush garden from which he plucked flowers and herbs. 4.646432375121559

5140. she admired him. 15.594944937291627

5141. in the darkness she saw him stirring. 13.759005181888769

5142. he seemed to be muttering his voice surprisingly clear. 11.45143587764551

5143. y'all should have let me take that money out andrus said. 6.460370037324521

5144. 'nother minute i'd have been fine. 10.472119682746735

5145. y'all should have let me do it. 7.622507342753323

5146. yes i know fritzie. 14.895633550238912

5147. the heat intensified on tuesday. 11.828718914686771

5148. southern california gasped and blinked under an autumn hot spell drier more enervating more laden with man's contrived impurities than the worst days of the summerpast. 6.58556564347247

5149. it could continue this way hitting 106 and more in the valley joe mcfeeley knew into october. 8.744089994028537

5150. he and irvin moll were sipping coffee at the breakfast bar. 11.575118156690358

5151. both had been up since 7:00- irv on the early-morning watch mcfeeley unable to sleep during his four-hour relief. 6.002354028006756

5152. the night before they had telephoned the andrus maid selena masters and she had arrived early bursting her vigorous presence into the silent house with an assurance that amused mcfeeley and confounded moll. 7.1430550377799005

5153. the latter thanking her for the coffee had winked and muttered sure 'nuff honey. 7.674701242703954

5154. selena was the wrong woman for these crudities. 9.060328853487057

5155. with a hard eye she informed moll: don't sure 'nuff me officer. 8.235993271533511

5156. i'm honey only to my husband understand? 5.1153798896086915

5157. sergeant moll understood. 10.821673271639995

5158. the maid was very black and very energetic trim in a yellow pique uniform. 8.346523409839932

5159. her speech was barren of southernisms; she was one of eliot sparring's neutralized minorities adopting the rolling r's and constricted vowels of los angeles. 6.18437172467544

5160. not seeing her dark intelligent face one would have gauged the voice as that of a westwood village matron ten years out of iowa. 8.2115006086085

5161. after she had served the detectives coffee and toast she settled down with a morning newspaper and began reading the stock market quotations. 5.875809518663927

5162. while she was thus engaged mcfeeley questioned her about her whereabouts the previous day any recollections she had of people hanging

around of overcurious delivery boys or repairmen of strange cars  
cruising the neighborhood. 6.388860605232932

5163. she answered him precisely missing not a beat in her scrutiny of  
the financial reports. 6.440940776014829

5164. selena masters joe realized was her own woman. 9.060328853487057

5165. she was the only kind of negro laura andrus would want around:  
independent unservile probably charging double what ordinary maids did  
for housework- and doubly efficient. 6.412725894930026

5166. when the parents emerged from the bedroom a few minutes later  
the maid greeted them quietly. 9.836366055265124

5167. i'm awful sorry about what's happened selena said.  
4.0028807404405535

5168. maybe today'll be a good-news day. 12.755029125254122

5169. she charged off to the bedrooms. 10.964089589888768

5170. moll took his coffee into the nursery. 10.472119682746735

5171. during the night a phone company technician had deadened the bells  
and installed red blinkers on the phones. 7.732388892695747

5172. someone would have to remain in the office continually.  
10.139208619618195

5173. mcfeeley greeted the parents then studied his notebook.  
7.14162538120728

5174. he wanted to take the mother to headquarters at once and start  
her on the mug file. 13.32150511003477

5175. andrus did not answer him. 8.254441635698543

5176. his face was bloated with drugging redder than normal.  
10.48840694128884

5177. the woman had the glassy look of an invalid as if she had not  
slept at all. 6.040227447879625

5178. oh- we managed she said. 11.568363037656766

5179. did anything happen during the night? 10.052594241045202

5180. few crank calls mcfeeley said. 12.123733999442909

5181. a couple of tips we're running down- nothing promising.  
6.764147616291221

5182. we can expect more of the same. 16.85033608076364

5183. too bad your number is in the directory. 10.993861667567353

5184. didn't occur to me my child would be kidnaped when i had it  
listed andrus muttered. 6.886249538313906

5185. he settled on the sofa with his coffee warming his hands on the cup  
although the room was heavy with heat. 6.037038212650402

5186. the three had little to say to each other. 12.535135860942592

5187. the previous night's horror- the absolute failure overcast with  
the intrusions of the press had left them all with a wan sense of  
uselessness of play-acting. 5.259904251726102

5188. sipping their coffee discussing the weather the day's shopping  
fritzie's commitments at the network they avoided the radio the  
morning tv news show even the front page of the santa luisa register  
resting on the kitchenbar. 6.212589119890329

5189. kidnaper spurns ransom; amy still missing. 7.622507342753323

5190. once andrus walked by it hastily scanned the bold black headline  
and the five-column lead of the article and muttered: we a buncha  
national celebrities. 6.221143152558621

5191. mcfeeley told the parents he would escort them to police  
headquarters in a half hour. 0.0

5192. before that he wanted to talk to the neighbors.  
13.743706497443675

5193. he did not want to bring the andruses to the station house too  
early- reinholdt had summoned a press conference and he didn't want them  
subjected to the reporters again. 7.360745376863581

5194. he could think of nothing else to tell them: no assurances no  
hopeful hints at great discoveries that day. 8.550953813276358

5195. when the detective left andrus phoned his secretary to cancel his work and to advise the network to get a substitute director for his current project. 6.138218890366432

5196. mrs andrus was talking to the maid arranging for her to come in every day instead of the four days she now worked. 7.886402574074666

5197. outside only a handful of reporters remained. 9.76535815340183

5198. the bulk of the press corps was covering rheinholdt's conference. 14.420512925856121

5199. in contrast to the caravan of the previous night there were only four cars parked across the street. 8.761836081824644

5200. two men he did not recognize weresipping coffee and munching sweet rolls. 10.45153363022728

5201. he did not see sparling or degroot or ringel or any of the feverish crew that had so harassed him twelve hours ago. 7.810184369347594

5202. however the litter remained augmented by several dozen lunchroom suppers. 11.339233381618946

5203. the street cleaner had not yet been around. 10.105623985040385

5204. one of the reporters called to him: anything new lieutenant? 18.20899694002796

5205. and he ignored him skirting the parked cars and walking up the path to the skopas house. 7.236657717809004

5206. when mcfeeley was halfway to the door the proprietor emerged- a mountainous dark man his head thick with resiny black hair his eyes like two of the black oliveshe imported in boatloads. 6.883733920117719

5207. the master of the house his nourished face unrevealing consented to postpone his departure a few minutes to talk to the detective. 7.036470511133446

5208. inside as soon as mr skopas had disclosed- in a hoarse whisper- the detective's errand his family gathered in a huddle forming a mass of dark flesh on and around a brocaded sofa which stood at one side of a baroque fireplace. 5.751340321738221

5209. flanked by marble urns and alabaster lamps they seemed to be posing for a tribal portrait. 5.427950274147271

5210. it was amazing how they had herded together for protection: an enormous matriarch in a quilted silk wrapper rising from the breakfast table; a gross boy in his teens shuffling in from the kitchen with a sandwich in his hands; a girl in her twenties fat and sullen descending the marble staircase; then all four gathering on the sofa to face the inquisitor. 6.315374979741795

5211. they answered him in monosyllables nods occasionally muttering in greek to one another awaiting the word from papa who restlessly cracked his knuckles anxious to stuff himself into his white cadillac and burst off to the freeway. 5.309717899005196

5212. no they hadn't seen anyone around; no they didn't know the andrus family; yes they had read about the case; yes they had let some reporters use their phone but they would no longer. 6.009769395216417

5213. they offered no opinions volunteered nothing betrayed no emotions. 8.729760093721831

5214. studying them mcfeeley could not help make comparison with the andrus couple. 7.615092762846159

5215. the skopas people seemed to him of that breed of human beings whose insularity frees them from tragedy. 5.902564164932943

5216. he imagined they were the kind whose tax returns were never examined whose children had no unhappy romances whose names never knew scandal. 7.7865651737678725

5217. the equation was simple: wealth brought them happiness and their united front to the world was their warning that they meant to keep everything they had let no one in on the secrets. 5.314023122311189

5218. by comparison fritzie and laura andrus were quivering fledglings.  
10.121671691894553

5219. they possessed no outer fortifications no hard shells of  
confidence; they had enough difficulty getting from day to day let  
alone having an awful crime thrust upon them. 5.234490859602089

5220. skopas expressed no curiosity over the case offered no  
expression of sympathy made no move to escort mcfeeley to the door.  
6.44893033609597

5221. all four remained impacted on the sofa until he had left.  
7.423846201535696

5222. he had spoken to mrs emerson the previous day.  
14.497390660367909

5223. there remained a family named kahler owners of a two-story tudor-  
style house on the south side of the andrus home. 9.454829175845521

5224. their names had not come up in any discussions with laura and  
he had no idea what they would be like. 7.845576408853676

5225. mcfeeley noted the immaculate lawn and gardens: each blade of  
grass cropped bright and firm; each shrub glazed with good health.  
0.0

5226. the door was answered by a slender man in his sixties- straight-  
backed somewhat clerical in manner wearing rimless glasses.  
8.040049783806193

5227. when joe identified himself he nodded unsmiling and ushered him  
into a sedate living room. 6.733114303802984

5228. she had a dried-out quality- a gray lean woman not unattractive.  
11.612468342371175

5229. both were dressed rather formally. 10.532219129544442

5230. the man wore a vest and a tie the woman had on a dark green  
dress and three strands of pearls. 8.486784096251748

5231. funny thing mr kahler said when they were seated when i heard you  
ringing i figured it was that guy down the block hausman.  
5.094729702350184

5232. kahler continued: i fixed his dog the other day and i guess  
he's sore so i expected him to come barging in. 6.670781892338829

5233. mr kahler went on to explain how hausman's fox terrier had  
been making in his flower beds. 6.782645742081112

5234. the dog refused to be scared off so kahler had purchased some small  
firecrackers. 8.830811675761273

5235. he would lay in wait in the garage and when the terrier came  
scratching around he'd let fly with a cherry bomb. 6.2248528988789795

5236. scared the hell out of him kahler grinned. 9.060328853487057

5237. i hit him in the ass once. 10.981588546931944

5238. both grinned at the detective. 12.461447959661996

5239. finally all i needed was to throw a little piece of red wood that  
looked like a firecracker and that dumb dog would run ki-yi-ing for his  
life. 5.3929957457175774

5240. in the dim underwater light they dressed and straightened up the  
room and then they went across the hall to the kitchen. 8.083728859773203

5241. she was intimidated by the stove. 13.578227809272471

5242. he found the pilot light and turned on one of the burners for  
her. 11.488039783642373

5243. the gas flamed up two inches high. 9.409676561629903

5244. they found the teakettle and put water on to boil and then  
searched through the icebox. 8.845103864548607

5245. several sections of a loaf of dark bread; butter; jam; a tinycake  
of ice. 5.986370078701823

5246. in their search for what turned out to be the right breakfast china  
but the wrong table silver they opened every cupboard door in the  
kitchen and pantry. 9.795031359275539

5247. while she was settling the teacart he went back across the hall to their bedroom opened one of the suitcases and took out powdered coffee and sugar. 5.643492815695885

5248. she appeared with the teacart and he opened the windows.  
10.090117903264954

5249. do you want to call eugene? 19.448997228014555

5250. he didn't but it was not really a question and so he left the room walked down the hall to the front of the apartment hesitated and then knocked lightly on the closed door of the study.  
7.827583613581984

5251. le petit déjeuner harold said in an accent that did credit to miss sloan his high-school french teacher. 5.27430904361069

5252. at the same time his voice betrayed uncertainty about their being here and conveyed an appeal to whatever is reasonable peace-loving and dependable in everybody. 9.381513566955928

5253. since ordinary breakfast-table conversation was impossible it was at least something that they were able to offer eugene the sugar bowl with their sugar in it and the plate of bread and butter and that eugene could return the pitcher of hot milk to them handle first.  
4.927496511835662

5254. eugene put a spoonful of powdered coffee into his cup and then filled it with hot water. 7.13692528752221

5255. stirring he said: i am sorry that my work prevents me from doing anything with you today. 5.427950274147271

5256. they assured him that they did not expect or need to be entertained. 12.163987492420548

5257. harold put a teaspoonful of powdered coffee in his cup and filled it with hot water and then stirring he sat back in his chair.  
5.504334203671359

5258. every time he moved or said something the chair creaked again.  
9.229438789685036

5259. eugene was not entirely silent or openly rude- unless asking harold to move to another chair and placing himself in the fauteuil that creaked so alarmingly was an act of rudeness. 5.090312672718395

5260. it went right on creaking under his own considerable weight and all it needed harold thought was for somebody to fling himself back in a fit of laughter and that would be the end of it. 8.31994850246137

5261. through the open window they heard sounds below in the street: cartwheels a tired horse's plodding step voices. 6.2992768691403285

5262. harold indicated the photograph on the wall and asked what church the stone sculpture was in. 8.467623390152523

5263. eugene told him and he promptly forgot. 8.874022557322908

5264. they passed the marmalade the bread the black-market butter back and forth. 9.33913350279515

5265. nothing was said about hotels or train journeys. 8.167952129314486

5266. eugene offered harold his car to use at any time he cared to and when this offer was not accepted the armchair creaked.  
7.3090349903079215

5267. they all three had another cup of coffee. 9.35655835491033

5268. eugene was in his pajamas and dressing gown and on his large feet he wore yellow turkish slippers that turned up at the toes.  
6.863434104428479

5269. ex-cuse me he said in berlitz english and got up and left them to bathe and dress. 5.9989820325607575

5270. the first shrill ring of the telephone brought harold out into the hall. 11.818313687499009

5271. he realized that he had no idea where the telephone was.  
10.273340582565313

5272. at that moment the bathroom door flew open and eugene came out with his face lathered for shaving and strode down the hall tying the sash of his dressing gown as he went. 7.048726305549488

5273. the telephone was in the study but the ringing came from the hall. 7.638222000087766

5274. between the telephone and the wall plug there was sixty feet of cord and when the conversation came to an end eugene carried the instrument with him the whole length of the apartment to his bathroom where it rang three more times while he was shaving and in the tub. 6.548113439259515

5275. before he left the apartment he knocked on their door and asked if there was anything he could do for them. 7.269518003943447

5276. sabine called a few minutes ago eugene said. 9.060328853487057

5277. she wants you and barbara to have dinner with her tomorrow night. 7.187557404882245

5278. he handed harold a key to the front door and cautioned him against leaving it unlocked while they were out of the apartment. 7.885770149095809

5279. when enough time had elapsed so that there was little likelihood of his returning for something he had forgotten harold went out into the hall and stood looking into one room after another. 5.458899937287409

5280. in the room next to theirs was a huge cradle of mahogany ornately carved and decorated with gold leaf. 10.018658849260422

5281. it was the most important-looking cradle he had ever seen. 13.211573438518776

5282. then came their bathroom and then a bedroom that judging by the photographs on the walls must belong to mme cestre. 7.735373041869249

5283. a young woman who looked like alix with her two children. 8.085403915748241

5284. alix and eugene on their wedding day. 9.320030566117687

5285. matching photographs in oval frames of mme bonenfant and an elderly man who must be alix's grandfather. 5.427950274147271

5286. mme vienot considerably younger and very different. 9.670406878971576

5287. and a gray-haired man whose glance- direct lifelike and mildly accusing- was contradicted by the gilt and black frame. 6.52492848885481

5288. it was the kind of frame that is only put around the photograph of a dead person. 13.951590977898041

5289. professor cestre could it be? 10.613370127107265

5290. with the metal shutters closed the dining room was so dark that it seemed still night in there. 9.48527397512265

5291. one of the drawing-room shutters was partly open and he made out the shapes of chairs and sofas which seemed to be upholstered in brown or russet velvet. 7.381199158658839

5292. the curtains were of the same material and there were some big oil paintings- portraits in the style of lancret and boucher. 9.840786271336995

5293. though taken individually the big rooms were or seemed to be square the apartment as a whole formed a triangle. 6.415348747237091

5294. the apex the study where eugene slept was light and bright and airy and cheerful. 8.086542342015262

5295. the window looked out on the place redoute- it was the only window of the apartment that did. 7.420507262043589

5296. looking around slowly he saw a marble fireplace a desk a low bookcase of mahogany with criss-crossed brass wire instead of glass panes in the doors. 6.589534341869777

5297. the daybed eugene had slept in made up now with its dark-brown velours cover and pillows. 6.196120048044738

5298. the portable record player with a pile of classical records beside it. 9.005093323721033

5299. beethoven's fifth was the one on top. 7.622507342753323

5300. da-da-da-dum h music could not be eugene's passion. 9.826683783649258

5301. besides the records were dusty. 11.680702418728552

5302. he tried the doors of the bookcase. 13.660287845691446

5303. the titles he could read easily through the criss-crossed wires: works on theology astral physics history biology political science. 6.014161601545416

5304. he moved over to the desk and stood looking at the papers on it but not touching anything. 9.233222776045642

5305. the clock on the mantel piece was scandalized and ticked so loudly that he glanced at it over his shoulder and then quickly left the room. 5.259904251726102

5306. the concierge called out to them as they were passing through the foyer. 11.722677195483959

5307. her quarters were on the right as you walked into the building and her small front room was clogged with heavy furniture- a big round oak dining table and chairs a buffet with a row of unclaimed letters inserted between the mirror and its frame. 5.32226222397224

5308. the suitcases had comewhile they were out and had been put in their room the concierge said. 8.116645962814058

5309. he waited until they were inside the elevator and then said: now what do we do? 7.108496227848375

5310. call the vouillemont i guess. 11.568363037656766

5311. rather than sit around waiting for the suitcases to be delivered they had gone sight-seeing. 7.208421235855772

5312. they went to the flea market expecting to find the treasures of europe and found instead a duplication of that long double row of booths in tours. 6.578151772633974

5313. cheap clothing and junk of every sort as far as the eye could see. 7.2969249730940255

5314. looked at everything. 13.148092146312546

5315. barbara bought some cotton aprons and harold bought shoestrings. 6.850114810505649

5316. they had lunch at a sidewalk cafe overlooking the intersection of two broad busy unpicturesque streets and coming home they got lost in the metro; it took them over an hour to get back to the station where they should have changed in order to take the line that went to the place redoute. 8.274874073994948

5317. it was the end of the afternoon when he took the huge key out of his pocket and inserted it into the keyhole. 10.222759321247368

5318. when he opened the door there stood eugene on his way out of the apartment. 15.860527135497628

5319. he was wearing sneakers and shorts and an open-collared shirt and in his hand he carried a little black bag. 8.064812262667377

5320. he did not explain where he was going and they did not ask. 18.275418099846867

5321. instead they went on down the hall to their room. 9.645004737580726

5322. do you think he could be having an affair? 17.91698990227215

5323. barbara asked as they heard the front door close. 6.850114810505649

5324. oh no harold said shocked. 16.62624163244733

5325. well this is france after all. 9.543751478423268

5326. i know but there must be some other explanation. 15.497876304622402

5327. he's probably spending the evening with friends. 4.49173374683508

5328. and for that he needs a little bag? 15.91836598929395

5329. they went shopping in the neighborhood and bought two loaves of bread with the ration coupons they had been given in blois and some cheese and a dozen eggs and a bag of oranges from a peddler in the place redoute- the first oranges they had seen since they landed.

5.107784907847041

5330. they had vermouth sitting in front of a cafe.

19.100238431508604

5331. when they got home harold was grateful for the stillness in the apartment and thought how under different circumstances they might have stayed on here in these old-fashioned high-ceilinged rooms that reminded him of the irelands' apartment in the east eighties.

5.856514927169991

5332. they could have been perfectly happy here for ten whole days.

7.879513779734377

5333. he went down the hall to eugene's bathroom to turn on the hot-water heater and on the side of the tub he saw a pair of blue wool swimming trunks.

7.872453581240027

5334. they were damp.

24.88506539800004

5335. he reached out and felt the bath towel hanging on the towel rack over the tub.

6.512874137333827

5336. he looked around the room and then called out: come here quick?

10.088102719470992

5337. what is it?

10.363724110347151

5338. barbara asked standing in the doorway.

10.863304370113585

5339. i've solved the mystery of the little bag.

8.83616148316585

5340. there it is h and there is what was in it.

12.55185082806886

5341. but where do people go swimming in paris?

10.78006460495349

5342. that boat in the river maybe.

9.670406878971576

5343. what boat?

20.454815948573874

5344. there's a big boat anchored near the place de la concorde with a swimming pool in it- didn't you notice it?

6.172965591748858

5345. but if he has time to go swimming he had time to be with us.

11.344238112310036

5346. she looked at him in surprise.

14.140224473190667

5347. i know he said reading her mind.

11.89674929739515

5348. i don't know what i'm going to do with you.

8.271741971299175

5349. it's because we are in france he said and know so few people.

7.889110179042029

5350. so something like this matters more than it would at home.

9.707426532637717

5351. also he was so nice when he was nice.

8.158698237499738

5352. all because i didn't feel like dancing.

12.414000739217707

5353. i don't think it was that really.

5.920860785061621

5354. then what was it?

15.455954797313815

5355. i don't know.

6.526837338842482

5356. the tweed coat maybe.

15.841500723885778

5357. the thing about eugene is that he's very proud.

10.06956578582713

5358. and the thing about hurt feelings the wet bathing suit pointed out is that the person who has them is not quite the innocent party he

believes himself to be.

7.485433503415122

5359. for instance- what about all those people harold rhodes went toward unhesitatingly as if this were the one moment they would ever have together their one chance of knowing each other?

5.12664365853219

5360. fortunately the embarrassing questions raised by objects do not need to be answered or we would all have to go sleep in the open fields.

7.7873584019551005

5361. and in any case answers may clarify but they do not change anything.

13.602239219493752



5362. h he brought with him a mixture of myrrh and aloes of about a hundred pounds' weight. 8.987604645453253

5363. they took jesus's body then and wrapped it in winding-clothes with the spices; that is how the jews prepare a body for burial. 5.603914417926407

5364. listed as present at the descent were mary mary's sister mary magdalene john joseph of arimathea nicodemus. 7.098615518158965

5365. search as he might he could find no place where the bible spoke of a moment when mary could have been alone with jesus. 6.0772301208256785

5366. mostly the scene was crowded with mourners such as the dramatic dell'arca lamentation in bologna where the grief-stricken spectators had usurped mary's last poignant moment. 6.678663405801742

5367. in his concept there could be no one else present. 10.079554328459578

5368. his first desire was to create a mother and son alone in the universe. 8.62658440251439

5369. when might mary have had that moment to hold her child on her lap? 6.972021845903633

5370. perhaps after the soldiers had laid him on the ground while joseph of arimathea was at pontius pilate's asking for christ's body nicodemus was gathering his mixture of myrrh and aloes and the others had gone home to mourn. 6.898309645271391

5371. those who saw his finished pieta would take the place of the biblical witnesses. 7.8801858256983905

5372. they would feel what mary was undergoing. 14.43875605464388

5373. there would be no halos no angels. 19.03143900548589

5374. these would be two human beings whom god had chosen. 11.390756475190857

5375. he felt close to mary having spent so long concentrating on the beginning of her journey. 8.067700364885134

5376. now she was intensely alive anguished; her son was dead. 9.759860430032251

5377. even though he would later be resurrected he was at this moment dead indeed the expression on his face reflecting what he had gone through on the cross. 6.440429634158175

5378. in his sculpture therefore it would not be possible for him to project anything of what jesus felt for his mother; only what mary felt for her son. 8.110676966787103

5379. jesus' inert body would be passive his eyes closed. 6.764147616291221

5380. mary would have to carry the human communication. 13.565230929951191

5381. this seemed right to him. 11.309843967689007

5382. it was a relief to shift in his mind to technical problems. 16.8528432339632

5383. since his christ was to be life size how was mary to hold him on her lap without the relationship seeming ungainly? 5.53830229619614

5384. his mary would be slender of limb and delicate of proportion yet she must hold this full-grown man as securely and convincingly as she would a child. 6.342030298708218

5385. there was only one way to accomplish this: by design by drawing diagrams and sketches in which he probed the remotest corner of his mind for creative ideas to carry his concept. 6.182877240283878

5386. he started by making free sketches to loosen up his thinking so that images would appear on paper. 7.833904939808143

5387. visually these approximated what he was feeling within himself. 7.592498988449206

5388. at the same time he started walking the streets peering at the people passing or shopping at the stalls storing up fresh impressions of what they looked like how they moved. 8.623606416172686

5389. in particular he sought the gentle sweet-faced nuns with head coverings and veils coming to the middle of their foreheads remembering their expressions until he reached home and set them down on paper. 6.154848548060789

5390. discovering that draperies could be designed to serve structural purposes he began a study of the anatomy of folds. 7.603585788601973

5391. he improvised as he went along completing a life-size clay figure then bought yards of an inexpensive material from a draper wet the lightweight cloth in a basin and covered it over with clay that argiento brought from the bank of the tiber to the consistency of thick mud. 4.81948568511537

5392. no fold could be accidental each turn of the drapery had to serve organically to cover the madonna's slender legs and feet so that they would give substantive support to christ's body to intensify her inner turmoil. 6.755295077078836

5393. when the cloth dried and stiffened he saw what adjustments had to be made. 9.27439619267275

5394. so that's sculpture commented argiento wryly when he had sluiced down the floor for a week making mud pies. 9.460978068911757

5395. see argiento if you control the way these folds are bunched like this or made to flow you can enrich the body attitudes. 5.495391055031081

5396. they can have as much tactile appeal as flesh and bone. 12.283548932381194

5397. he went into the jewish quarter wanting to draw hebraic faces so that he could reach a visual understanding of how christ might have looked. 7.785657663326604

5398. the jewish section was in trastevere near the tiber at the church of san francesco a ripa. 10.982712194047874

5399. the colony had been small until the spanish inquisition of 1492 drove many jews into rome. 6.468359563744081

5400. here for the most part they were well treated as a reminder of the old testament heritage of christianity; many of their gifted members were prominent in the vatican as physicians musicians bankers. 8.720908756091038

5401. the men did not object to his sketching them while they went about their work but no one could be persuaded to come to his studio to pose. 6.561512335117621

5402. he was told to ask for rabbi melzi at the synagogue on saturday afternoon. 10.107316701574787

5403. michelangelo found the rabbi in the room of study a gentle old man with a white beard and luminous grey eyes robed in black gabardine with a skullcap on his head. 5.570936783263023

5404. he was reading from the talmud with a group of men from his congregation. 13.014379671106212

5405. when michelangelo explained why he had come rabbi melzi replied gravely: the bible forbids us to bow down to or to make graven images. 6.2715345199529136

5406. that is why our creative people give their time to literature not to painting or sculpture. 10.88323326848201

5407. but rabbi melzi you don't object to others creating works of art? 6.002446559592496

5408. not at all. 13.148092146312546

5409. each religion has its own tenets. 9.5754215067733

5410. i am carving a pieta from white carrara marble. 12.481657818979368

5411. i wish to make jesus an authentic jew. 11.840884022727277

5412. i cannot accomplish this if you will not help me.  
14.818917960940539

5413. the rabbi said thoughtfully i would not want my people to get in trouble with the church. 6.343866597148396

5414. i am working for the cardinal of san dionigi.  
13.534751508611084

5415. i'm sure he would approve. 4.560029137262479

5416. what kind of models would you prefer? 15.158697243657057

5417. workmen. 15.610129252044759

5418. not bulky laborers but sinewy men. 12.699007652091959

5419. rabbi melzi smiled at him with infinitely old but merry eyes.  
6.210871206873012

5420. i will send you the best the quarter has to offer.  
10.929353271176288

5421. michelangelo hurried to sangallo's solitary bachelor room with his sketches asked the architect to design a stand which would simulate the seated madonna. 5.0176589645046334

5422. sangallo studied the drawings and improvised a trestle couch.  
8.581436094141479

5423. michelangelo bought some scrap lumber. 8.562951707179929

5424. together he and argiento built the stand covering it with blankets. 9.389948731392575

5425. his first model arrived at dusk. 9.627882438407596

5426. he hesitated for a moment when michelangelo asked him to disrobe so michelangelo gave him a piece of toweling to wrap around his loins led him to the kitchen to take off his clothes. 9.638544507749977

5427. he then draped him over the rough stand explained that he was supposed to be recently dead and was being held on his mother's lap.  
6.720961242342408

5428. the model quite plainly thought michelangelo crazy; only the instructions from his rabbi kept him from bolting. 6.886249538313906

5429. but at the end of the sitting when michelangelo showed him the quick free drawings with themother roughed in holding her son the model grasped what michelangelo was after and promised to speak to his friends h. 7.317185085116887

5430. he worked for two hours a day with each model sent by the rabbi.  
0.0

5431. mary presented quite a different problem. 9.285946786453083

5432. though this sculpture must take place thirty-three years after her moment of decision he could not conceive of her as a woman in her mid-fifties old wrinkled broken in body and face by labor or worry.  
6.830882317439205

5433. his image of the virgin had always been that of a young woman even as had his memory of his mother. 5.961152921714031

5434. jacopo galli introduced him into several roman homes.  
9.060328853487057

5435. here he sketched sitting in their flowing gowns of linen and silk young girls not yet twenty some about to be married some married a year or two. 6.0608700302390845

5436. since the santo spirito hospital had taken only men he had had no experience in the study of female anatomy; but he had sketched the women of tuscany in their fields and homes. 7.427478530294428

5437. he was able to discern the body lines of the roman women under their robes. 9.19578727453928

5438. he spent concentrated weeks putting his two figures together: a mary who would be young and sensitive yet strong enough to hold her son on her lap; and a jesus who though lean was strong even in death h a look he remembered well from his experience in the dead room of santo spirito. 6.458749664096356

5439. he drew toward the composite design from his meticulously accurate memory without need to consult his sketches. 6.3332044950364645  
5440. soon he was ready to go into a three-dimensional figure in clay. 9.61542276447901  
5441. here he would have free expression because the material could be moved to distort forms. 8.097344848658365  
5442. when he wanted to emphasize or get greater intensity he added or subtracted clay. 7.461352957445632  
5443. next he turned to wax because there was a similarity of wax to marble in tactile quality and translucence. 6.5178560548700215  
5444. he respected each of these approach techniques and kept them in character: his quill drawings had a scratchiness suggesting skin texture; the clay he used plastically to suggest soft moving flesh as in an abdomen in a reclining torso; the wax he smoothed over to give the body surface an elastic pull. 6.122394760951571  
5445. yet he never allowed these models to become fixed in his mind; they remained rough starting points. 6.270423813705957  
5446. when carving he was charged with spontaneous energy; too careful or detailed studies in clay and wax would have glued him down to a mere enlarging of his model. 7.03750947618792  
5447. the true surge had to be inside the marble itself. 8.998770308186435  
5448. drawing and models were his thinking. 10.472119682746735  
5449. the arrangement with argiento was working well except that sometimes michelangelo could not figure who was master and who apprentice. 5.780140237098333  
5450. argiento had been trained so rigorously by the jesuits that michelangelo was unable to change his habits: up before dawn to scrub the floors whether they were dirty or not; water boiling on the fire for washing laundry every day the pots scoured with river sand after each meal. 5.465985517666067  
5451. argiento this is senseless he complained not liking to work on the wet floors particularly in cold weather. 5.236383152695367  
5452. scrub the studio once a week. 9.670406878971576  
5453. before dawn. 18.50048355942429  
5454. and god help anyone who tries to unteach you! grumbled michelangelo; yet he knew that he had nothing to grumble about for argiento made few demands on him. 8.67278508006772  
5455. the boy was becoming acquainted with the contadini families that brought produce into rome. 6.90464199729814  
5456. on sundays he would walk miles into the campagna to visit with them and in particular to see their horses. 8.23501377061213  
5457. the one thing he missed from his farm in the po valley was the animals; frequently he would take his leave of michelangelo by announcing: today i go see the horses. 5.823909298585406  
5458. it took a piece of bad luck to show michelangelo that the boy was devoted to him. 12.042362002263301  
5459. he was crouched over his anvil in the courtyard getting his chisels into trim when a splinter of steel flew into his eye and imbedded itself in his pupil. 5.677460923252987  
5460. he stumbled into the house eyes burning like fire. 11.45143587764551  
5461. argiento made him lie down on the bed brought a pan of hot water dipped some clean white linen cloth and applied it to extract the splinter. 5.1643423832701085  
5462. though the pain was considerable michelangelo was not too concerned. 11.4273298310426  
5463. he assumed he could blink the splinter out. 10.362409917895468  
5464. but it would not come. 43.67703722033909

5465. argento never left his side keeping the water boiled applying hot compresses throughout the night. 5.674295354649883

5466. by the second day michelangelo began to worry; and by the second night he was in a state of panic: he could see nothing out of the afflicted eye. 9.277430225336678

5467. at dawn argento went to jacopo galli. 10.027868570518072

5468. galli arrived with his family surgeon maestro lippi. 8.581436094141479

5469. the surgeon carried a cage of live pigeons. 8.976097203071156

5470. he told argento to take a bird out of the cage cut a large vein under its wing let the blood gush into michelangelo's injured eye. 7.810921632123888

5471. the surgeon came back at dusk cut the vein of a second pigeon again washed out the eye. 6.325448302970279

5472. beth was very still and her breath came in small jerking gasps. 7.391013650626644

5473. the thin legs twitched convulsively once then kate felt the little body stiffening in her arms and heard one strangled sound. 5.571976520698639

5474. the scant flesh grew cool beneath her frantic hands. 10.582206877639416

5475. when juanita awoke kate was still rocking the dead child still crooning in disbelief no no oh no! they put kate to bed and wired jonathan and sent for the young presbyterian minister. 5.190080516142122

5476. he sat beside kate's bed with the others throughout the morning talking talking of god's will while kate lay staring angrily at him. 7.737894978563803

5477. when he told her god had called the child to him she rejected his words rebelliously. 7.5074298567114255

5478. few of the neighbors came but mrs tussle came called by tragedy. 9.59290661441379

5479. it always comes in threes she sighed heavily. 11.601728556192805

5480. trouble never comes but in threes. 11.108380474026662

5481. they held the funeral the next morning from the crossroads church and buried the little box in the quiet family plot. 5.905871111394986

5482. kate moved through all the preparations and services in a state of bewilderment. 8.797671804231028

5483. she would not accept the death of such a little child. 10.945443195036063

5484. god called her to him the minister had said. 10.261126987147541

5485. god would not do that kate thought stubbornly. 8.679403727470644

5486. jonathan's letter came as she knew it would and he had accepted their child's death as another judgment from god against both kate and himself. 6.656468589764589

5487. in blind panic of grief she accepted jonathan's dictum and believed in her desperation that she had been cursed by god. 6.012361463777105

5488. she held jonathan's letter his words burning like a brand and knew suddenly that the bonds between them were severed. 7.526481911161834

5489. she had nothing left but her duty to his land and his son. 7.79081837780472

5490. joel came and sat mutely with her sharing her pain and anguish averting his eyes from the ice packs on her bosom. 6.290129093830134

5491. juanita and mrs tussle kept kate in bed a week until her milk dried. 5.819916787989497

5492. when she returned to life in the big house she felt shriveled of all emotionsave dedication to duty. 8.108700813323747

5493. she disciplined herself daily to do what must be done. 7.953336273174813

5494. she had even steeled herself to keep juanita upstairs in the nurse's room off the empty nursery although the girl tried to insist on moving back to the quarters to spare kate remembrance of the baby's death. 6.943700471097851

5495. juanita drooped about the place wearing a haunted brooding look which kate attributed to the baby's death until the day a letter came for her addressed to miss juanita fitzroy bearing a grafton postmark. 4.828546067467191

5496. seeing the slanting hand kate knew uneasily that it was from the yankee colonel. 9.81743385482403

5497. the federal forces had taken parkersburg and grafton from the rebels and were moving to take all the mountains. 5.902564164932943

5498. kate tried to contain her curiosity and foreboding at what the letter portended at what involvement existed for juanita. 6.643215071337043

5499. uncle randolph and joel had replanted the bottom lands with difficulty for more of the slaves including annie had sneaked off when the soldiers broke camp. 5.834588600865943

5500. joel worked like a field hand in the afternoons after school. 8.699688537053031

5501. he had been at lessons in the schoolhouse since they returned from harpers ferry. 8.647709708327952

5502. kate felt she had deserted the boy in her own loss. 7.879513779734377

5503. she loved him and missed his company. 9.130734915764195

5504. uncle randolph had been riding out every evening on some secret business of his own. 7.80699640387986

5505. what it was kate could not fathom. 11.449337911318503

5506. he claimed to be visiting the waterfront saloon at the crossroads to play cards and drink with his cronies but kate had not smelled brandy on him since mrs lattimer's funeral. 5.907722020352733

5507. joel knew what he was about however. 8.755961645573562

5508. you're gonna get caught she heard joel say to uncle randolph by the pump one morning. 6.198849191433978

5509. not this old fox chuckled uncle randolph. 10.795766530925507

5510. everybody knows i'm just a harmless deaf old man who takes to drink. 7.989612776423329

5511. i aim to keep a little whisky still back in the ridge for my pleasure. 7.661372558015509

5512. whisky still my foot said joel. 10.472119682746735

5513. you're back there riding with the guerrillas the moccasin rangers. 5.53995796223942

5514. hush said uncle randolph smiling or i'll give you another black eye. 7.615092762846159

5515. he patted the eye joel had had blackened in a fight over being rebel at the crossroads some days back. 5.15576524365156

5516. kate had no idea what they were talking of although she had seen the blue lights and strange fires burning and winking on the ridges at night had heard horsemen on the river road and hill trails through the nights till dawn. 5.578705807347483

5517. stranger uncle randolph began riding home nights with a jug strapped to his saddle drunkenly singing old dan tucker at the top of his voice. 6.067883778424568

5518. hearing his voice ring raucously up from the road kate would await him anxiously and watch perplexed as he walked into the house cold sober. 7.066565152760999

5519. what he was about became clear to her with the circulation of another broadside proclamation by general mcclellan threatening reprisals against rebel guerrillas. 6.789818944016319

5520. she was taken up in worry for the reckless old man. 11.699550558130337

5521. kate drew more and more on her affection for joel through the hot days of summer work. 5.79878944816803

5522. she had taken him out of the schoolhouse and closed the school for the summer after she saw miss snow crack joel across the face with a ruler for letting a snake loose in the schoolroom. 7.991927220534861

5523. kate had walked past the school on her morning chores and had seen the whole incident had seen joel's burning humiliation before miss snow's cold bespectacled wrath. 4.907633048329186

5524. he had the hardest pains of growing before him now as he approached twelve. 9.267169038835634

5525. these would be his hardest years she knew and he missed his father desperately. 7.395529595757215

5526. she tried to find some way to draw him out to help him. 9.609985567990833

5527. whenever she found time she went blackberry picking with him and they would come home together mouths purple arms and faces scratched tired enough to forget grief for another day. 5.020819976363987

5528. he tended the new colts beau had sired. 13.671139498061125

5529. he helped kate and juanita enlarge the flower garden in the side yard where they sometimes sat in the still evenings watching the last fat bees working against the summer's purple dusk. 5.399680201640554

5530. no one went much to the crossroads now except uncle randolph. 11.56708285959149

5531. they stayed in their own world on the bluff waiting for letters and the peddler bringing the news. 7.397815014724922

5532. jonathan wrote grimly of the destruction of harpers ferry before they abandoned it; of their first engagement at falling waters after old jack's first brigade had destroyed all the rolling stock of the b+o railroad. 5.762497154626007

5533. the men were restive he wrote ready to take the battle to the enemy as jackson wished. 7.300543054568977

5534. the peddler came bawling his wares and told them of the convention in wheeling which had formed a new state government by declaring the government at richmond in the east illegal because they were traitors. 6.673998848683156

5535. dangling his gaudy trinkets before them he told of the rebel losses in the mountains at cheat and rich mountains both and the federal march on beverly. 5.2634842638272294

5536. cleaned all them rebs out'n the hills they did! they won't never git over inter loyal western virginia them traitors! the federals is making everybody take the oath of loyalty around these parts too he crowed. 5.731569618653055

5537. after he had gone kate asked uncle randolph proudly would you take their oath? 8.176582232266277

5538. and the old man had given a sly and wicked laugh and said hell yes! i think i've taken it about fifty times already! winking at joel's look of shock. 6.881432873168807

5539. her mother wrote kate of her grief at the death of kate's baby and at jonathan's decision to go with the south and dear kate she wrote poor dr breckenridge's son robert is now organizing a militia company to go south to his good father's sorrow. 5.505146782538035

5540. maj anderson of fort sumter is home and recruiting volunteers for the us army. 7.198778874655976

5541. in spite of the fact that the state legislature voted us neutral  
john hunt morgan is openly flying the confederate flag over his woolen  
factory! rumor of a big battle spread like a grassfire up the valley.  
7.0595229003375914

5542. accounts were garbled at the telegraph office when they sent old  
george down to parkersburg for the news. 6.898126102413714

5543. all dey know down dere is it were at manassas junction and it  
were a big fight the old man told them. 5.6703543982592395

5544. in the next few days they had cause to rejoice. 16.33583011584228

5545. it had been a big battle and the confederate forces had won.  
9.792022506180093

5546. jonathan and benwere not on the lists of the dead or on that of  
the missing. 7.936919166589376

5547. kate and mrs tussle waited for letters anxiously.  
7.14162538120728

5548. joel went to the crestof a hill behind the house and lit an  
enormous victory bonfire to celebrate. 7.654058090880735

5549. when kate hurried in alarm to tell him to put it out she saw  
other dots of flames among the western virginia hills from the few  
scattered fires of the faithful. 6.5367141950267555

5550. they all prayed now that the north would realize that peace  
must come for virginia had defended her land victoriously.  
8.13603954632095

5551. the week after manassas the sound of horses in the yard brought  
kate up in shock from an afternoon's rest when she saw the federal  
soldiers from her upstairs window. 5.734545816963707

5552. they had alreadylost most of their corn she thought.  
13.33618909811589

5553. were they to be insulted again because of the south's great  
victory? 5.2605954021403125

5554. she remembered mcclellan's last proclamation as she hurried  
fearfully down the stairs. 9.118601195872367

5555. at the landing she saw juanita her face flushed pink with  
excitement run down the hall from the kitchen to the front door.  
7.071645354461825

5556. juanita stopped just inside the open door her hand to her mouth.  
8.10606122814411

5557. as kate came swiftly down the stairs to the hall she saw colonel  
marsh framed in the doorway his face set in the same vulnerable look  
juanita wore. 5.664264545000951

5558. kate greeted him gravely uneasy with misgivings at his visit.  
7.879513779734377

5559. what brings you here again colonel marsh? 9.428205570307522

5560. she asked taking him and juanita into the parlor where the  
shutters were closed against the afternoon sun. 7.919577408580225

5561. i stopped to say goodbye mrs lattimer and to tell you how  
sorry i was to hear about your baby. 6.748033626432218

5562. i wish our doctor could have saved her. 12.581122761478941

5563. it was a terrible loss to me said kate quietly feeling the pain  
twist againat the mention knowing now that juanita must have written to  
him at grafton. 6.514847369774069

5564. where will you go now that you're leaving parkersburg?  
9.70141729309291

5565. she asked him seeing juanita's eyes grow bleak.  
6.764147616291221

5566. as you know general mcclellan has been occupying beverly.  
8.581436094141479

5567. he has notified me that he has orders to go to washington to  
take over the army of the potomac. 8.113686383892489

5568. i am to go to washington to serve with him. 14.202846032304253



5569. when are you to leave?12.179873305215683  
5570. kate asked watching them both now anxiously. 9.670406878971576  
5571. their eyes betrayed too much of their emotions shethought sadly.  
6.713573947227353  
5572. would you permit juanita to walk about the grounds with me for a  
short spell mrs lattimer? 9.910281685006167  
5573. stay here in the parlor where it's cool she said trying to be  
calm. 6.876376463823756  
5574. it would be better for joel and uncle randolph andmrs tussle not to  
see them. 12.785307747506243  
5575. kate went back and reminded the kitchen women of the supper  
preparations. 6.002446559592496  
5576. then she took iced lemonade to marsh's young aide where he sat in  
the cool of the big trees around the flower garden. 9.00748856895289  
5577. when marsh called to his aide and the pair rode off down the  
river road where the gentians burned blue juanita was shaken and trying  
not to cry.5.50393173003047  
5578. she sought kate out upstairs her lips trembling.  
11.583842136067785  
5579. he wants me to go with him tomorrow she told kate.  
13.926300287022112  
5580. what do you want to do? 31.251175073435668  
5581. kate asked uneasy at the gravity of the girl's dilemma.  
6.460370037324521  
5582. i could go with him. 22.794110822108966  
5583. he knows me as your niece which of course i am. 9.525626536140795  
5584. but iam a slave! you own me. 12.934994931595257  
5585. it's your decision said juanita holding her face very still  
trying to contain the bitterness of her voice as she enunciated her words  
too distinctly. 3.530450675967027  
5586. no the decision is yours. 15.374207938596363  
5587. i have held your papers of manumission since i married mr  
lattimer. 9.18533758725751  
5588. the red glow from the cove had died out of the sky.  
9.917554575286912  
5589. the two in the bed knew each other as old people know the partners  
with whom they have shared the same bed for many years and they needed  
to say no more. 5.64955360232067  
5590. the things left unsaid they both felt deeply and with a sigh they  
fell back on the well-stuffed pillows. 8.686968988005237  
5591. anita put out the remaining candles with a long snuffer and in the  
smell of scented candlewick the comforting awareness of each other's  
bodies the retained pattern of dancers and guests remembered their minds  
grew numb and then empty of images. 4.777639072842897  
5592. they slept- mynheer with a marvelously high-pitched snoring the  
damn seahorse ivory teeth watching him from a bedside table.  
7.517449521566685  
5593. in the ballroom below the dark had given way to moonlight  
coming in through the bank of french windows. 7.137002079172398  
5594. it was a delayed moon but now the sky had cleared of scudding black  
and the stars sugared the silver-gray sky. 9.800374594074794  
5595. martha schuyler old slow careful of foot came down the great  
staircase dressed in her best lace-drawn black silk her jeweled shoe  
buckles held forward. 4.853876284793092  
5596. well i'm here at last she said addressing the old portraits on  
the walls. 8.216429064128185  
5597. i don't hear the music. 9.118533821976325  
5598. i am getting deaf i must admit it. 13.885370604898386  
5599. she came to the ballroom and stood on the two carpeted steps that  
led down to it. 8.138195617000667

5600. where is everyone? 17.983034337081474  
5601. i say where is everyone? 15.28430714173824  
5602. peter you lummo you've forgot to order the musicians.  
8.196044167676531  
5603. she stood there a large old woman smiling at the things she would  
say to him in the morning this big foolish baby of a son.  
6.764915823743776  
5604. there were times now like this when she lost control of the time  
count and moved freely back and forth into three generations.  
10.111183467383425  
5605. was it a birthday ball? 13.531718025916597  
5606. when peter had reached his majority at eighteen?  
8.581436094141479  
5607. or was it her own first ball as mistress of this big house a van  
rensselaer bride from way upstate near albany from rensselaerwyck.  
5.427769662819986  
5608. and this handsome booby staring and sweating was he her  
bridegroom? 11.30697112526342  
5609. martha picked up the hem of her gown and with eyes closed she  
slowly began to dance a stately minuet around the ballroom.  
4.958070100322966  
5610. david cortlandt was tired beyond almost the limits of his flesh.  
8.966209173803414  
5611. he had ridden hard from boston and he was not used to horseback.  
10.768914550034435  
5612. now driving the horse and sulky borrowed from mynheer schuyler he  
felt as if every bone was topped by burning oil and that every muscle was  
ready to dissolve into jelly and leave his big body helpless and  
unable to move. 6.336690498520154  
5613. the road leading south along the river was shaded with old trees  
and in the moonlight the silvery landscape was like a setting for  
trolls and wood gods rather than the hudson river valley of his  
boyhood memories. 5.907256597945287  
5614. he slapped the reins on the back of the powerful gray horse and  
held on as the sulky's wheels hit a pothole and came out with a jolt and  
went on. 8.283438454033814  
5615. he would cross to manhattan to harlem heights before morning.  
10.00665647127346  
5616. there a certain farmhouse was a station for the sons of liberty.  
11.201714275493197  
5617. he would send on by trusted messenger the dispatches with their  
electrifying news. 8.31300000279129  
5618. and he would sleep sleep and never think of roads and horses'  
sore haunches of colonial wars. 8.760601308652655  
5619. strange how everything here fitted back into his life even if he  
had been away so long. 6.033797570500609  
5620. mynheer sir francis the valley society the very smell of the  
river on his right purling along to the bay past fish weirs and rocks  
and ahead the sleepy ribbon of moon-drenched road. 6.677206131531765  
5621. a mist was walking on the water white as cotton but with a  
blending and merging grace. 6.867073561011543  
5622. ahead there was a stirring of sudden movement at a crossroads.  
9.216360433573694  
5623. david reached for the pair of pistols in the saddlebags at his  
feet. 5.825820622377272  
5624. he pulled out one of them and cocked it. 15.375564394997891  
5625. a strange wood creature came floating up from a patch of berry  
bushes. 6.957889452301085  
5626. it was a grotesque hen five or six feet tall.  
14.106295988818264

5627. it had the features of a man        bewhiskered by clumps of loose  
 feathers. 10.585677843284621  
 5628. it ran this apocalyptic beast        on two thin legs and its wings-  
 were they feathered arms? 9.119726373603218  
 5629. -        flapped as it ran. 9.118533821976325  
 5630. black strips of skin hung        from it. 9.926986491807748  
 5631. the horse shied at the dreadful thing and flared its        nostrils.  
 8.353736908573916  
 5632. david took a firm hand with it. 9.060328853487057  
 5633. the creature in feathers        looked around and david saw the mad  
 eyes glazed with an insane fear. 6.040227447879625  
 5634. the ungainly bird thing ran away and to david its croaking sounded  
 like the crowing of a tormented rooster. 7.333060553020843  
 5635. he drove        on wary and shaken. 12.127026643485452  
 5636. the sons were out tonight. 13.848082117783294  
 5637. new york lay bleaching in the summer sun and the morning fish hawk  
 flying        in the heated air saw below him the long triangular wedge of  
 manhattan island. 5.075324542691682  
 5638. it was thickly settled by fifteen thousand citizens        and laid  
 out into pig-infested streets mostly around the battery going bravely  
 north to wall street but giving up and becoming fields        and farms in the  
 region of harlem heights. 7.262985822741784  
 5639. from there it looked across at westchester county and the hudson  
 river where the manor houses states and big farms of the original  
 landowners began. 7.248587610681334  
 5640. on the east side of the island of manhattan the indifferent hawk  
 knew the east river that connected new york bay with long        island  
 sound. 13.615257182506195  
 5641. on the western tip of long island protruded brooklyn        heights.  
 10.324344802793114  
 5642. it commanded a view over manhattan and the harbor.  
 12.356930286633146  
 5643. a fringe of housing and gardens bearded the top of the heights and  
 behind it were sandy roads leading past farms and hayfields.  
 6.667989516842277  
 5644. husbandry was bounded by snake-rail fences and there were grazing  
 cattle. 8.814542151455344  
 5645. on the shores north and south the fishers and mooncursers-  
 smugglers- lived along the churning great south bay and the narrow  
 barrier        of sand fire island. 5.7948627167298525  
 5646. the morning hawk hungry for any eatable        killable digestible  
 item kept his eyes on the ring of anchored ships        that lay off the  
 shores in the bay sheltered by the jersey inlets. 6.277993442083166  
 5647. they often threw tidbits overboard. 12.333303145177174  
 5648. the larger ships were near paulus hook already being called by a  
 few jersey city. 8.895515902956998  
 5649. these were the ships of his majesty's navy herding the hulks of the  
 east india merchants and the yachts and ketches of the loyalists.  
 5.269895063643054  
 5650. the news of battle on breed's hill had already seeped through and  
 new york itself was now left in the hands of the local provincial  
 congress. 9.388889021651888  
 5651. the fish hawk his wings not moving circled and glided lower.  
 7.3383223541907565  
 5652. the gilt sterns of the men-of-war becoming clearer to him the sides  
 of the wooden sea walls alternately painted yellow and black the  
 bronze        cannon at the ports. 6.520969347794568  
 5653. the captain's gig of hms mercury was being rowed to hms neptune.  
 7.098087065137257

5654. on shore the freed slaves to despotism- the town dwellers-  
 watched the ships and waited. 8.924457742151185

5655. the chevaux de frise those sharp stakes and barriers around  
 the fort at the battery pointed to a conflict between the town and sea  
 power rolling in glassy swells as the tide came in. 4.908401855518352

5656. across the bay the palisades were heavy in green timber; their  
 rock paths led down to the hudson. 8.378159880449951

5657. below in the open bay facing manhattan was staten island gritty  
 with clam shells and mud flats behind which nested farms cattle barns  
 and berry thickets. 5.337736641397821

5658. along wappinger creek in dutchess county past the white church at  
 fishkill past verplanck's point on the east bank of the hudson to the  
 white salt-crusted roads of the long island rockaways there was a  
 watching and an activity of preparing for something explosive to  
 happen. 7.178962749856826

5659. today tomorrow six months even perhaps a year h the fish hawk  
 flew on and was lost from sight. 5.88163062914203

5660. the british ships rolled at anchor sent out picket boats and waited  
 for orders from london. 9.216746690819555

5661. waited for more ships more lobster-backed infantry and asked  
 what was to be done with a war of rebellion? 6.0975776723043635

5662. david cortlandt having slept away a day and a night came awake  
 in a plank farmhouse on the harlem river near spuyten duyvil.  
 6.4905353634684495

5663. he looked out through windowpanes turned a faint violet by sun and  
 weather looked out at king's bridge toward westchester. 6.034462242787552

5664. the road seemed animated with a few more wagons than usual; a  
 carriage raising up the choking june dust and beyond in a meadow a  
 local militia company drilling with muskets kentuck' rifles every kind  
 of horse pistol old sword or cutlass. 6.7334956615750325

5665. the wraith-like events of the last few days flooded david's mind  
 and he rubbed his unshaved chin and felt again the ache in his  
 kidneys caused by his saddle odyssey from boston. 6.011252710698994

5666. he had sent the dispatches downtown to the proper people and had  
 slept. 10.584718158349082

5667. now there was more to do. 10.837140527396839

5668. orders not written down had to be transmitted to the local  
 provincial government. 7.660197321026028

5669. he scratched his mosquito-plagued neck. 14.0564280108931

5670. from the saddlebags hung on a hitchcock chair david took out a good  
 english razor a present from john hunter. 8.63854508594816

5671. he found tepid water in a pitcher and a last bit of soap and he  
 lathered his face and stood stropping the razor on his broad leather  
 belt its buckle held firm by a knob of the bedpost h. 4.923156791682615

5672. he hoped he was free of self-deception. 13.22850795736197

5673. here he was suddenly caught up in the delirium of a war in the  
 spite and calumny of whigs and tories. 7.308781708847473

5674. there would be great need soon for his skill as surgeon but somehow  
 he had not planned to use his knowledge merely for war. 8.953874362207763

5675. david cortlandt had certain psychic intuitions that this rebellion  
 was not wholly what it appeared on the surface.  
 5.4856601743235025

5676. he knew that many were using it for their own ends.  
 15.319612802335438

5677. but it did not matter. 31.684433019798956

5678. he stopped the razor slowly; what mattered was that a new concept  
 of americans was being born. 8.593806987947758

5679. that some men did not want it he could understand. 8.336944280732

5680. the moral aridity of merchants made them loyal usually to their  
 ledgers. 7.615092762846159

5681. yet some like morris manderscheid would bankrupt themselves for  
the new ideas. 6.923521515574424

5682. unique circumstances would test us all he decided.8.581436094141479

5683. injury and ingratitude would occur.9.118533821976325

5684. no doubt john hancock would do well now; war was a smugglers'  
heaven. 9.774403370114015

5685. and what of that poor tarred and feathered wretch he had seen  
on the road driving down from schuyler's? 7.480221432026576

5686. things like that would increase rather than be done awaywith.  
8.11890220056154

5687. one had to believe in final events or one was stranded in the abyss  
of nothing.7.198875114008022

5688. he saw with john hunter now that the perfectability of man was  
a dream. 9.761541206404369

5689. life was a short play of tenebrous shadows. 9.11385374124946

5690. davidbegan to shave with great sweeping strokes. 9.060328853487057

5691. time plays an essential part in our mortality and suddenly for  
no reason he could imagine the image of peg laughing filled his mind- so  
desirable so lusty so full of nuances of pleasure and joy.  
5.074451512446174

5692. he drove sensual patterns off carefully shaving his long upper lip.  
10.090191208524187

5693. it is harder he muttered to meditate on man than on god.  
10.733481839581744

5694. davidfinished shaving washed his face clean of lather and combed  
and retied his hair. 7.198778874655976

5695. he was proud that he had never worn a wig. 13.072127950462752

5696. more and more of the colonials were wearing their own hair and  
not using powder. 8.856120292439789

5697. he felt cheerful again refreshed; presentable in his wide-cut brown  
suit the well-made riding boots. 7.271047877165431

5698. it is so easy to falsify sentiment h. 28.35117049975797

5699. in the meadow below militia officers shouted at their men and on  
king's bridge two boys sat fishing. 7.058889647279377

5700. the future would happen; he did not have to hurry it by thinking  
too much. 11.824628058263594

5701. a man could be tossed outside the dimension of time by a stray  
bullet these days. 8.463883845519169

5702. he began to pack the saddlebags. 21.422066580561875

5703. and all this too shall pass away: it came to him out of some dim  
corner of memory from a church service when he was a boy- yes in a  
white church with a thin spur steeple in the patriarchal hudson  
valley where a feeling of plenitude was normal in those english-dutch  
manors with their well-fed squires. 5.329847904628258

5704. burly leathered men and wrinkled women in drab black rags carried  
on in a primitive way almost unchanged from feudal times.  
6.365727389270327

5705. he wondered how they could go on in poverty superstition  
ignorance with a complete lack of desire to make either their land  
or their lives flourish. 5.440901354055364

5706. andrei remembered a bathyrans meeting long ago. 9.670406878971576

5707. tolek alterman had returned from the colonies in palestine and  
before the national leadership exalted the miracles of drying up swamps  
and irrigating the desert. 4.972693155354098

5708. a fund-raising drive to buy tractors and machinery was launched.  
9.59560366773705

5709. andrei remembered that his own reaction had been one of  
indifference. 6.787403073327353

5710. had he found the meaning too late? 11.946258255486631

5711. it aggravated him. 22.215501758012252

5712. the land of the lublin uplands was rich but no one seemed to  
care. 10.94526327761936

5713. in the unfertile land in palestine humans broke their backs  
pushing will power to the brink. 7.9306219596940135

5714. he had sat beside alexander brandel at the rostrum of a  
congress of zionists. 8.824820353737188

5715. all of them were there in this loosely knit association of  
diversified ideologies and each berated the other and beat his breast for  
his own approaches. 6.948416117952861

5716. when alexander brandel rose to speak the hall became silent.  
11.138509861638617

5717. i do not care if your beliefs take you along a path of religion or  
a path of labor or a path of activism. 6.951274890181028

5718. we are here because all our paths travel a blind course through  
a thick forest seeking human dignity. 8.012847557110435

5719. beyond the forest all our paths merge into a single great highway  
which ends in the barren eroded hills of judea. 5.301317329240338

5720. this is our singular goal. 25.412908806455967

5721. how we travel through the forest is for each man's conscience.  
7.458181639771552

5722. where we end our journey is always the same. 10.07138260355431

5723. we all seek the same thing through different ways- an end to this  
long night of two thousand years of darkness and unspeakable abuses  
which will continue to plague us until the star of david flies over  
zion. 6.037374907637478

5724. this was how alexander brandel expressed pure zionism.  
13.137217118431877

5725. it had sounded good to andrei but he did not believe it.  
12.686247230853228

5726. in his heart he had no desire to go to palestine.  
13.95822463942548

5727. he loathed the idea of drying up swamps or the chills of malaria or  
of leaving his natural birthright. 6.034462242787552

5728. before he went into battle andrei had told alex i only want to be a  
pole. 11.141313029717725

5729. warsaw is my city not tel aviv. 7.14162538120728

5730. and now andrei sat on a train on the way to lublin and wondered  
if he was not being punished for his lack of belief.  
10.069873576473157

5731. warsaw! he saw the smug eyes of the home army chief roman and all  
the romans and the faces of the peasants who held only hatred for him.  
5.721212256728581

5732. they had let this black hole of death in warsaw's heart exist  
without a cry of protest. 9.521813639338504

5733. once there had been big glittering rooms where ulanys bowed and  
kissed the ladies' hands as they flirted from behind their fans.  
6.014915432883889

5734. i am a jew. 28.71463350241214

5735. day by day week by week month by month the betrayal gnawed at  
andrei's heart. 6.9982811909913325

5736. he ground his teeth together. 15.385132030882776

5737. i hate warsaw he said to himself. 13.925602955453098

5738. i hate poland and all the goddamned mothers' sons of them.  
11.927044726710609

5739. all of poland is a coffin. 13.814375027353138

5740. the terrible vision of the ghetto streets flooded his mind.  
11.06449559232486

5741. what matters now? 16.035421498336767

5742. what is beyond this fog? 10.472119682746735

5743. only palestine and i will never live to see palestine because i did not believe. 7.7293072626358885

5744. by late afternoon the train inched into the marshaling yards in the railhead at lublin which was filled with lines of cars poised to pour the tools of war to the russian front. 6.518716138816649

5745. at a siding another train which was a familiar sight these days. 8.677572294524834

5746. andrei's skilled eye sized them up. 10.472119682746735

5747. he guessed by their appearance that they were rumanians. 9.026368296067464

5748. he walked toward the center of the city to keep his rendezvous with styka. 12.776657285124896

5749. of all the places in poland andrei hated lublin the most. 9.986446083582354

5750. the bathyrans were all gone. 13.848082117783294

5751. few of the native jews who had lived in lublin were still in the ghetto. 6.937217892232439

5752. from the moment of the occupation lublin became a focal point. 12.74113571446624

5753. he and ana watched it carefully. 13.059732166546441

5754. lublin generally was the forerunner of what would happen elsewhere. 8.428383481265323

5755. early in 1939 odilo globocnik the gauleiter of vienna established ss headquarters for all of poland. 6.985076465513745

5756. the bathyrans ran a check on globocnik and had only to conclude that he was in a tug of war with hans frank and the civilian administrators. 9.026469561283259

5757. globocnik built the death's-head corps. 8.254441635698543

5758. lublin was the seed of action for the final solution of the jewish problem. 8.743439939312582

5759. as the messages from himmler heydrich and eichmann came in through alfred funk lublin's fountainhead spouted. 7.269266959862092

5760. a bevy of interlacing lagers work camps concentration camps erupted in the area. 8.40106343233402

5761. sixty thousand jewish prisoners of war disappeared into lublin's web. 8.940264567565103

5762. plans went in and out of lublin indicating german confusion. 11.610858857271399

5763. a tale of a massive reservation in the uplands to hold several million jews had a tale of a plan to ship all jews to the island of madagascar had stories of the depravity of the guards at globocnik's camps struck a chord of terror at the mere mention of their names. 4.787723237718111

5764. lipowa 7 sobibor chelmno poltawa belzec krzywy-rogbudzyn krasnik. 8.581436094141479

5765. ice baths electric shocks lashings wild dogs testicle crushers. 6.764147616291221

5766. the death's-head corps took in ukrainian and baltic auxiliaries and the einsatzkommandos waded knee-deep in blood and turned into drunken dope-ridden maniacs. 7.29524905699154

5767. in the spring of 1942 operation reinhard began in lublin. 14.239247837583022

5768. the ghetto a miniature of warsaw's was emptied into the camp in the majdan-tartarski suburb called majdanek. 7.663024046550707

5769. as the camp emptied it was refilled by a draining of the camps and towns around lublin then by deportees from outside poland. 6.070505443711255

5770. in and in and in they poured through the gates of majdanek but they never left and majdanek was not growing any larger. 7.340599133092359

5771. what was happening in majdanek? 16.620753761874035  
5772. was operation reinhard the same pattern for the daily trains now leaving the umschlagplatz in warsaw? 7.650942701701374  
5773. was there another majdanek in the warsaw area as they suspected? 7.165023892188002  
5774. andrei stopped at litowski place and looked around quickly at the boundary of civil buildings. 7.198778874655976  
5775. his watch told him he was still early. 7.591810951946381  
5776. down the boulevard he could see a portion of the ghetto wall. 12.261401062019345  
5777. he found an empty bench opened a newspaper and stretched his legs before him. 7.306489968366526  
5778. krakow boulevard was filled with black nazi uniforms and the dirty brownish ones of their auxiliaries. 7.575818435916821  
5779. captain androfski! andrei glanced up over the top of the paper and looked into the mustached homely face of sergeant styka. 7.452502407097187  
5780. styka sat beside him and pumped his hand excitedly. 8.581436094141479  
5781. i have been waiting across the street at the post office since dawn. 10.696985619268998  
5782. i thought you might get in on a morning train. 12.375973241296519  
5783. it's good to see you again styka. 4.061131813745388  
5784. he almost broke into tears. 16.01983017915508  
5785. to him andrei androfski had always been the living symbol of a polish officer. 7.116545168250731  
5786. his captain was thin and haggard and his beautiful boots were worn and shabby. 7.8099156822663955  
5787. remember to call me jan andrei said. 8.720600356033744  
5788. styka nodded and sniffed and blew his nose vociferously. 8.196044167676531  
5789. when that woman found me and told me that you needed me i was never so happy since before the war. 5.759703283789988  
5790. i'm lucky that you were still living in lublin. 5.047630932330972  
5791. for a time i thought of trying to reach the free polish forces but one thing led to another. 7.993116277713561  
5792. i got a girl in trouble and we had to get married. 10.299474345788846  
5793. so we have three children and responsibilities. 10.62441389721256  
5794. i work at the granary. 11.568363037656766  
5795. nothing like the old days in the army but i get by. 10.277518583650346  
5796. who complains? 23.885782126812085  
5797. many times i tried to reach you but i never knew how. 9.282435303563144  
5798. i came to warsaw twice but there was that damned ghetto wall h i understand. 12.912150402208855  
5799. styka blew his nose again. 9.118533821976325  
5800. were you able to make the arrangements? 11.863995503219655  
5801. andrei asked. 15.610129252044759  
5802. there is a man named grabski who is the foreman incharge of the bricklayers at majdanek. 16.034976571080485  
5803. i did exactly as instructed. 12.384361145835424  
5804. i told him you are on orders from the home army to get inside majdanek so you can make a report to the government in exile in london. 9.17021776766143  
5805. his answer? 15.48465615741959  
5806. ten thousand zlotys. 21.691575480197834



5807. can he be trusted? 13.455276021741632  
5808. he is aware he will not live for twenty-four hours if he betrays you. 11.039721220798812  
5809. captain h jan h must you go inside majdanek? 7.078820235243174  
5810. the stories h everyone really knows what is happening there. 10.238471946244728  
5811. what good will it really do? 11.591156920054853  
5812. i don't know. 8.280368894557514  
5813. perhaps h perhaps h there is a shred of conscience left in the human race. 7.529372419673305  
5814. perhaps if they know the story there will be a massive cry of indignation. 10.551436229552236  
5815. do you really believe that jan? 10.153524409512299  
5816. i have to believe it. 27.410819957256535  
5817. styka shook his head slowly. 9.629045873528531  
5818. i am only a simple soldier. 16.70756364478586  
5819. i cannot think things out too well. 11.14602002437124  
5820. until i was transferred into the seventh ulanys i was like every other pole in my feeling about jews. 7.344930890335028  
5821. i hated you when i first came in. 9.169644675936961  
5822. but h my captain might have been a jew but he wasn't a jew. 9.063763358105355  
5823. what i mean is he was a pole and the greatest soldier in the ulanys. 8.453565289498279  
5824. the men of our company had a dozen fights defending your name. 10.853158987669676  
5825. you never knew about it but by god we taught them respect for captain androfski. 7.295727180714874  
5826. since the war i have seen the way the germans have behaved and i think holy mother we have behaved like this for hundreds of years. 8.64719996454211  
5827. why? 15.610129252044759  
5828. how can you tell an insane man to reason or a blind man to see? 9.092022264548516  
5829. but we are neither blind nor insane. 7.622507342753323  
5830. the men of your company would not allow your name dishonored. 13.263664301090191  
5831. why do we let the germans do this? 8.975337072754781  
5832. i have sat many hours with this styka. 8.581436094141479  
5833. all i ever wanted was to be a free man in my own country. 8.537925686179634  
5834. i used to love this country and believe that someday we'd win our battle for equality. 11.243776105778187  
5835. but now i think i hate it very much. 12.231891165932518  
5836. and do you really think that the world outside poland will care any more than we do? 8.553276089794972  
5837. the question frightened andrei. 16.03942958981234  
5838. please don't go inside majdanek. 10.472119682746735  
5839. i'm still a soldier in a very small way styka. 4.959450064698781  
5840. it was an answer that styka understood. 24.279359308632273  
5841. grabski's shanty was beyond the bridge over the river bystrzyca near the rail center. 5.674295354649883  
5842. grabski sat in a sweat-saturated undershirt cursing the excessive heat which clamped an uneasy stillness before sundown. 6.886249538313906  
5843. he was a square brick of a man with a moon-round face and sunken polish features. 10.890324277950668  
5844. flies swarmed around the bowl of lentils in which he mopped thick black bread. 8.235645807434947  
5845. half of it dripped down his chin. 11.774086265443604

5846. he washed it down with beer and produced a deep-seated belch.  
10.090191208524187

5847. grabski looked at the pair of them. 7.622507342753323

5848. he grunted a sort of yes answer. 14.66657176805722

5849. my cousin works at the labor bureau. 7.622507342753323

5850. he can make you work papers. 16.57050499817582

5851. it will take a few days. 18.516455948532773

5852. i will get you inside the guard camp as a member of my crew.  
9.901865190907003

5853. i don't know if i can get you into the inner camp. 4.772737124156635

5854. maybe yes maybe no but you can observe everything from the roof  
of a barrack we are building. 7.587034009540522

5855. grabski slurped his way to the bottom of the soup bowl.  
8.106383367865853

5856. can't understand why the hell anyone wants to go inside that son-  
of-a-bitch place. 7.808140422337925

5857. orders from the home army. 9.118533821976325

5858. why? 19.804021762487697

5859. nothing there but jews. 10.967551345999263

5860. well-what about the money? 11.568363037656766

5861. andrei peeled off five one-thousand-zloty notes.  
8.254441635698543

5862. grabski had never seen so much money. 10.326051719142223

5863. his broad flat fingers petrified into massive sausages by years  
of bricklaying snatched the bills clumsily. 6.2700032503171785

5864. you get the rest when i'm safely out of majdanek.  
8.93045837200534

5865. i ain't taking no goddamned chances for no jew business.  
8.555241096529764

5866. andrei and styka were silent. 11.568363037656766

5867. she was getting real dramatic. 13.578227809272471

5868. i'd have been more impressed if i hadn't remembered that she'd  
played hedda gabler in her highschool dramatics course. 5.531780034684722

5869. i didn't want her back on that broken record.  
6.2581366027262275

5870. nothing's free in the whole goddam world was all i could think of  
to say. 7.509170309051386

5871. when i'd delivered myself of that gem there was nothing to do but  
order up another drink. 7.019472964292951

5872. i'd forgotten all about thelma and the kentucky derby and how it  
was thelma's fifty dollars i was spending. 5.4921307270326984

5873. it was just me and eileen getting drunk together like we used to in  
the old days and me staring at her across the table crazy to get my  
hands on her partly because i wanted to wring her neck because she  
was so ornery but mostly because she was so wonderful to touch.  
5.0605963081035314

5874. drunk or sober she was the most attractive woman in the world for  
me. 11.248667974342622

5875. i was crazy about her all over again. 9.95288923829895

5876. it was the call of the wild all right. 17.54121672084635

5877. that evening turned out to be hell like all the others.  
10.352638715720124

5878. we moved down broadway from ginmill to ginmill. 9.060328853487057

5879. it was the same old routine. 20.496981201812435

5880. eileen got to dancing just a little tiny dancing step to a hummed  
tune that you could hardly notice and trying to pick up strange  
men but each time i was ready to say to hell with it and walk out  
she'd pull herself together and talk so understandingly in that sweet  
husky voice about the good times and the happiness we'd had  
together and there i was back on the hook. 5.940524929074068

5881. i did have the decency to call up thelma and tell her i'd met old friends and would be home late. 6.327900220295112  
5882. i could scratch her eyes out eileen cried and stamped her foot when i came back from the phone booth. 9.525284433384837  
5883. you know i don't like my men to have other women. 10.454897741501911  
5884. i hate it. 23.01211864307504  
5885. she got so drunk i had to take her home. 9.280642825564364  
5886. it was a walk up on hudson street. 21.735874734770118  
5887. she just about made me carry her upstairs and then she clung to me and wouldn't let me go. 6.052569241866805  
5888. there was a man's jacket on the chair and a straw hat on the table. 15.046933679330468  
5889. the place smelt of some kind of hair lotion these pimply characters use. 7.244396365881352  
5890. what about ballestre? 25.95030532115391  
5891. i had to shake her to make her listen. 12.526088950355705  
5892. what about him? 20.3435750720723  
5893. suddenly she was very mysterious and dramatic. 8.656836902049417  
5894. precious and i allow each other absolute freedom. 8.581436094141479  
5895. we are above being jealous. 13.960988065955103  
5896. he's used to me bringing home strange men. 5.140975414125697  
5897. i'll just tell him you're my husband. 7.622507342753323  
5898. he can't object to that. 15.385132030882776  
5899. if he pokes his nose in here i'll slug him. 10.531459175595769  
5900. that really would be funny. 14.860954966088402  
5901. she was still laughing when i grabbed her and started rolling her on the bed. 7.401771410541008  
5902. after all i'm made of flesh and blood. 13.028278206784922  
5903. i'm not a plaster saint. 9.118533821976325  
5904. never in my life have i felt so remorseful about anything i've done as i did about spending that night with my own wife. 6.641408854661527  
5905. eileen declared she couldn't lift her head from the pillow. 6.278469055508673  
5906. she lay under the covers making jabbing motions with her forefinger telling me where to look for the coffee pot. 7.289050266557726  
5907. i was stumbling in my undershirt trying to find my way around her damn kitchenette when i smelt that sickish sweet hair tonic smell. 6.170237689804208  
5908. there was somebody else in the apartment. 24.413715865229516  
5909. honest i could feel the hair stand up on the back of my neck like a dog's that is going to get into a fight. 6.1045968043584224  
5910. i turned around with the percolator in my hand. 10.036828347283905  
5911. my eyes were so bleary i could barely see him but there he was a little smooth olive faced guy in a new spring overcoat and a taffy colored fedora. 5.604160986579163  
5912. oval face without an expression in the world. 10.286620937605248  
5913. we didn't have time to speak before eileen's voice was screeching at us from the bed. 7.209115659667673  
5914. joseph maria ballestre meet francis xavier bowman. 9.839283266130659  
5915. she gave the nastiest laugh i ever heard. 11.36372124108146  
5916. and don't either of you forget that i'm not any man's property. 9.27293326867462  
5917. if you want to fight go down on the sidewalk. 16.983977359301335  
5918. she was enjoying the situation. 17.22621989152487

5919. eileen was a psychologist all right. 8.254441635698543  
5920. instead of wanting to sock the poor bastard i found myself having  
a fellowfeeling for him. 9.518069777553453  
5921. maybe he felt the same way. 12.42556484973851  
5922. i never felt such a lowdown hound in my life.  
11.085869812615156  
5923. first thing i knew he was in the kitchenette cooking up the  
breakfast and i was handing eileen her coffeecup and she was lying  
there handsome as a queen among her courtiers. 6.053580006699366  
5924. i couldn't face thelma after thatnight. 13.93195501835056  
5925. i didn't even have the nerve to call her on the telephone.  
6.437211482415965  
5926. i wrote her that i'd met up with eileen and that old bonds had  
proved too strong and asked her to send my clothes down by express.  
6.9947458058587255  
5927. of course i had to give her eileen's address but she never came  
near us. 6.890018465612133  
5928. all she did was write me a pleasant little note about how it was  
beautiful while it lasted but that now life had parted our ways and  
it was goodbye forever. 6.533160722314124  
5929. she never said a word about the fifty dollars.  
10.185364427851217  
5930. she added a postscript begging me to be careful about drinking.  
10.889707593222452  
5931. i must know that that was my greatest weakness underlined three  
times. 6.631136575431331  
5932. afterwards i learned that eileen had called thelma on the telephone  
and made a big scene about thelma trying to take her husband away.  
6.492041248069093  
5933. that finished me with thelma. 12.118043906724294  
5934. trust eileen to squeeze all the drama out of a situation.  
8.900025743948065  
5935. and there i was shackled up with eileen in that filthy fourth floor  
attic on hudson street. 7.392903302898851  
5936. i use the phrase advisedly because there was something positively  
indecent about our relationship. 9.285570187987327  
5937. i felt it and it ate on me all the time but i didn't know how  
right i was till later. 7.539165244226309  
5938. what i did know was that precious was always around.  
12.226368631598916  
5939. he slept in the hall bedroom at the head of the stairs.  
7.560809233574742  
5940. who do you think pays the rent? 13.47412973965653  
5941. you wouldn't have me throw the poor boy out on the street  
eileen said when i needled her about it. 7.336542862642047  
5942. i said sure that was what i wanted her to do but she paid no  
attention. 8.698147371036596  
5943. eileen had a wonderful way of not listening to things she didn't  
want to hear. 5.589783253570319  
5944. still i didn't think she was twotiming me with precious right  
then. 8.702450700933873  
5945. to be on the safe side i never let eileen get out of my sight day or  
night. 8.037670474887106  
5946. i couldn't make out what his racket was. 11.633205579815934  
5947. i'd thought him a pimp or procurer but he didn't seem to be.  
5.799449097473636  
5948. he was smooth and civil spoken but it seemed to me there was  
something tough under his selfeffacing manner. 9.726305672138423  
5949. still he let eileen treat him like a valet. 7.53601356534174

5950. whenever the place was cleaned or a meal served it was precious  
who did the work. 7.242499728229622

5951. i never could find out what his business was.  
11.862600051581408

5952. he always seemed to have money in his pocket.  
14.282612857549505

5953. the phone had been disconnected but telegrams came for him and  
notes by special messenger. 7.0685292028505895

5954. now and then he would disappear for several days. 11.94873118254724

5955. connections was all he would say with that smooth hurt smile  
when i put leading questions. 5.542917982132687

5956. oh he's just an international spy eileen would shout with her  
screechy laugh. 8.125242739812563

5957. poor devil he can't have been too happy either.  
7.387108900330429

5958. he got no relief from drink because though sometimes precious  
would buy himself a drink if he went out with us in the evening he'd  
leave it on the table untouched. 8.142952440896329

5959. when i was in liquor i rode him pretty hard i guess.  
9.821767976369795

5960. occasionally if i pushed him too far he'd give me a look out of  
narrowed eyes and the hard cruel bony skull would show through that  
smooth face of his. 6.454539978866754

5961. some day i told eileen that guy will kill us both.  
7.182488945632192

5962. getting drunk every night was the only way i could handle the  
situation. 11.113194811171885

5963. eileen seemed to feel the same way. 7.240698345721332

5964. we still had that much in common. 13.596829801400364

5965. the trouble was drinking cost money. 11.796572233694311

5966. the way eileen and i were hitting it up we needed ten or fifteen  
dollars an evening. 7.128552095543188

5967. eileen must have wheedled a little out of precious.  
6.536123690965156

5968. i raised some kale by hocking the good clothes i had left over from  
my respectable uptown life but when that was gone i didn't have a  
cent. 6.9841860519312

5969. i don't know what we would have done if pat o'dwyer hadn't come  
to town. 4.785392404426787

5970. pat o'dwyer looked like a heavier jim. 10.43018290012234

5971. he had the same bullet head of curly reddish hair but he didn't  
have jim's pokerfaced humor or his brains or his charm. 6.537452383885511

5972. he was a big thick beefy violent man. 17.955388739685983

5973. now pat may have been a lecher and a plugugly but he was a good  
churchgoing catholic and he loved his little sister.  
7.0597840504904985

5974. those o'dwyers had that irish clannishness that made them stick  
together in spite of politics and everything. 8.849859233255112

5975. pat took eileen and me out to dinner at a swell steak house and  
told us with tears in his eyes how happy he was we had come together  
again. 4.656645272807095

5976. whom god hath joined etcetera. 11.568363037656766

5977. the o'dwyers were real religious people except for kate.  
8.341215694113531

5978. now it would be up to me to keep the little girl out of mischief.  
11.692101412132873

5979. pat had been worried as hell ever since she'd lost her job on that  
fashion magazine. 5.704937655056327

5980. it had gone big with the hollywood girls when he told them his  
sister was an editor of art and apparel. 9.216303299553164

5981. how about me trying to help her get her job back? 8.099485357631183  
5982. all evening eileen had been as demure as a little girl  
getting ready for her first communion. 6.886249538313906  
5983. it just about blew us both out of the water when eileen suddenly  
came out with what she came out with. 6.8660872082863795  
5984. but brother i can't take a job right now she said with her  
eyes on herice cream i'm going to have a baby francis xavier's baby  
own husband's baby. 7.569538489759953  
5985. my first thought was how had it happened so soon but i counted  
back on my fingers and sure enough we'd been living together six weeks.  
5.0221909599755055  
5986. pat meanwhile was bubbling over with sentiment. 9.670406878971576  
5987. greatest thing that ever happened. 8.254441635698543  
5988. now eileen really would have to settle down to love honor and  
obey and she'd have to quit drinking. 7.401614491736262  
5989. he'd come east for the christening by god he would.  
6.210871206873012  
5990. when we separated that evening pat pushed a hundred dollar bill  
into eileen's hand to help towards a layette. 8.579083963779446  
5991. before he left town pat saw to it that i was fixed up with a job.  
9.163222267031214  
5992. pat had contacts all over the labor movement. 9.060328853487057  
5993. a friend of pat's named frank sposato had just muscled into the  
portwatchers' union. 6.40132428842376  
5994. the portwatchers were retired longshoremen and small time seafarers  
off towboats and barges who acted as watchmen on the wharves.  
7.333060553020843  
5995. most of them were elderly men. 21.914678413878597  
5996. it was responsible and sometimes dangerous work because the  
thieving is awful in the port of new york. 10.538541408029781  
5997. they weren't as well paid as they should have been.  
8.175689281675892  
5998. one reason the portwatchers let sposato take them over was to get  
the protection of his musclemen. 9.168056960659289  
5999. sposato needed a front some labor stiff with a clean record to  
act as business agent of the redhook local. 5.18729781514116  
6000. there i was a retired wobbly and structural iron worker who'd never  
gouged a cent off a fellow worker in my thirty years in the movement.  
8.895875685497195  
6001. for once radicalism was a recommendation.  
11.618969564762878  
6002. sposato couldn't wait to get me hired. 9.060328853487057  
6003. with my gray hair and my weatherbeaten countenance i certainly  
looked the honest working stiff. 6.579043274294942  
6004. the things a man will do for a woman. 11.551772721183386  
6005. there was one fact which rector could not overlook one truth which  
he could not deny. 9.243595084307207  
6006. as long as there were two human beings working together on the same  
project there would be competition and you could no more escape it  
than you could expect to escape the grave. 8.730612174533634  
6007. no matter how devoted a man was no matter how fully he gave his  
life to the lord he could never extinguish that one spark of pride that  
gave him definition as an individual. 5.868777919523357  
6008. all of the jobs in the mission might be equal in the eyes of  
the lord but they were certainly not equal in the eyes of the lord's  
servants. 9.273742487911763  
6009. it was only natural that fletcher would strive for a position  
in which he could make the decisions. 11.484330508902254  
6010. even rector himself was prey to this spirit of competition and he  
knew it not for a more exalted office in the hierarchy of the

church- his ambitions for the bishopry had died very early in his  
career- but for the one clear victory he had talked about to the  
colonel. 6.1723191090570575

6011. he was not sure how much of this desire was due to his devotion  
to the church and how much was his own ego demanding to be satisfied  
for the two were intertwined and could not be separated.

5.5142433547999765

6012. he wanted desperately to see kayabashi defeated the communists in  
the village rooted out the mission standing triumphant for in the triumph  
of the lord he himself would be triumphant too. 8.275537506667405

6013. but perhaps this was a part of the eternal plan that man's  
ambition when linked with god would be a driving indefatigable force  
for good in the world. 7.273004600267526

6014. how foolish it was to try to fathom the truth in an area where only  
faith would suffice. 11.308949440941413

6015. he would have to work without questioning the motives which made  
him work and content himself with the thought that the eventual victory  
however it was brought about would be sweet indeed. 6.875814897269104

6016. his first move was to send hino to the village to spend a few days.  
7.99209079454377

6017. his arm had been giving him some trouble and rector was not enough  
of a medical expert to determine whether it had healed improperly  
or whether hino was simply rebelling against the tedious work in the  
print shop using the stiffness in his arm as an excuse. 4.654322151995442

6018. in any event rector sent him to the local hospital to have it  
checked telling him to keep his ears open while he was in the village to  
see if he could find out what kayabashi was planning. 10.19083074894605

6019. hino was elated at the prospect. 7.622507342753323

6020. he was allowed to spend his nights at an inn near the hospital  
and he was given some extra money to go to the pachinko parlor-  
an excellent place to make contact with the enemy. 8.641130102756106

6021. he left with all the joyous spirit of a child going on a holiday  
nodding attentively as rector gave him his final instructions. 0.0

6022. he was to get involved in no arguments; he was to try to make  
no converts; he was simply to listen and report back what he heard.  
10.66346340179055

6023. it was a ridiculous situation and rector knew it for hino  
frankly partisan openly gregarious would make a poor espionage  
agent. 7.724951828812063

6024. if he wanted to know anything he would end up asking about it  
point-blank but in this guileless manner he would probably receive  
more truthful answers than if he tried to get them by indirection.

7.516771564358079

6025. in all of his experience in the mission field rector had never  
seen a convert quite like hino. 10.70843057972297

6026. from the moment that hino had first walked into the mission to ask  
for a job any job- his qualifications neatly written on a piece of  
paper in a precise hand- he had been ready to become a christian.  
8.66986691485539

6027. he had already been studying the bible; he knew the fundamentals  
and after studying with fletcher for a time he approached rector  
announced that he wanted to be baptized and that was that.

6.846327333908216

6028. rector had never been able to find out much about hino's past.  
8.286754097963518

6029. hino talked very little about himself except for the infrequent  
times when he used a personal illustration in connection with another  
subject. 5.4513335250013615

6030. putting the pieces of this mosaic together rector had the vague  
outlines of a biography. 7.151351539358647

6031. hino was the fourth son of an elderly farmer who lived on the coast in chiba and divided his life between the land and the sea supplementing the marginal livelihood on his small rented farm with seasonal employment on a fishing boat. 5.159051802320863

6032. without exception hino's brothers turned to either one or both of their father's occupations but hino showed a talent for neither and instead spent most of his time on the beach where he repaired nets and proved immensely popular as a storyteller. 7.048662339813435

6033. he had gone into the japanese navy had been trained as an officer had participated in one or two battles- he never went into detail regarding his military experience- and at the age of twenty-five quite as a bolt out of the blue he had walked into the mission as if he belonged here and had become a christian. 6.398377394953877

6034. rector was often curious; often tempted to ask questions but he never did. 7.820048028238166

6035. if and when hino decided to tell him about his experiences he would do so unasked. 9.36313086480133

6036. rector had no doubt that hino would come back from the village bursting with information ready to impart it with his customary gusto liberally embellished with his active imagination. 6.74112264670777

6037. when the telephone rang on the day after hino went down to the village rector had a hunch it would be hino with some morsel of information too important to wait until his return for there were few telephones in the village and the phone in rector's office rarely rang unless it was important. 5.369708241574286

6038. he was surprised to find kayabashi's secretary on the other end of the line. 10.107316701574787

6039. he was even more startled when he heard what kayabashi wanted. 9.378002807679255

6040. the oyabun was entertaining a group of dignitaries the secretary said businessmen from tokyo for the most part and kayabashi wished to show them the mission. 8.928082391711982

6041. they had never seen one before and had expressed a curiosity about it. 8.79326306085581

6042. i guess it will be all right. 15.140397752418034

6043. when would the oyabun like to bring his guests up here? 7.975657520711742

6044. this afternoon the secretary said. 16.48682148135584

6045. at three o'clock if it will be of convenience to you at that time. 8.872935817204608

6046. i will be expecting them. 18.694724422724896

6047. he was about to hang up the phone but a note of hesitancy in the secretary's voice left the conversation open. 8.061389058246455

6048. he had something more to say. 17.179290268138082

6049. i beg to inquire if the back is now safe for travelers he said. 7.033748404049442

6050. unless the oyabun has been working on it he said then checked himself and added: you can tell kayabashi-san that the back road is in very good condition and will be quite safe for his party to use. 7.0768680620724895

6051. the secretary sighed with relief and then the telephone clicked in rector's hand. 7.9867663559367745

6052. rector had no idea why kayabashi wanted to visit the mission. 8.61349622982108

6053. for the oyabun to make such a trip was either a sign of great weakness or an indication of equally great confidence and from all the available information it was probably the latter. 5.872743400974493



6054. kayabashi must feel fairly certain of his victory in order to make a visit like this a trip which could be so easily misinterpreted by the people in the village. 8.865511003553182

6055. at the same time it was unlikely that any businessmen would spend a day in a christian mission out of mere curiosity. 9.019168236868724

6056. no kayabashi was bringing his associates here for a specific purpose and rector would not be able to fathom it until they arrived. 7.881464131716193

6057. when he had given the call a few moments thought he went into the kitchen to ask mrs yamata to prepare tea and sushi for the visitors using the formal english china and the silver tea service which had been donated to the mission then he went outside to inspect the grounds. 5.826678254699957

6058. fujimoto had a pile of cuttings near one side of the lawn. 10.86758474768027

6059. rector asked him to move it for the time being; he wanted the mission compound to be effortlessly spotless. 6.534166181192953

6060. a good initial impression would be important now. 12.567118006690933

6061. he went into the print shop where fletcher had just finished cleaning the press. 9.271895102746381

6062. how many pamphlets do we have in stock? 14.059499323853887

6063. rector said. 12.292407525564322

6064. i should say about a hundred thousand fletcher said. 16.095592040991242

6065. why? 15.610129252044759

6066. i would like to enact a little tableau this afternoon rector said he explained about the visit and the effect he wished to create the picture of a very busy mission. 8.623605076921264

6067. he did not wish to deceive kayabashi exactly just to display the mission activities in a graphic and impressive manner. 7.544752132504697

6068. fletcher nodded as he listened to the instructions and said he would arrange the things rector requested. 8.612835154716992

6069. rector's next stop was at the schoolroom where mavis was monitoring a test. 5.825820622377272

6070. he beckoned to her from the door and she slipped quietly outside. 9.592132658614503

6071. he told her of the visitors and then of his plans. 9.794214825868265

6072. how many children do you have present today? 14.06286079819661

6073. he said. 21.889553134177078

6074. she looked back toward the schoolroom. 13.824323613423559

6075. no only fourteen. 14.344404360913732

6076. the little ito girl had to go home. 12.668093584285918

6077. she has a pretty bad cold. 12.95154123597628

6078. i would like them to appear very busy today not busy exactly but joyous exuberant full of life. 8.237409910283183

6079. i want to create the impression of a compound full of children. 10.734320885412176

6080. do you think you can manage it? 21.76719848278703

6081. mavis smiled. 15.610129252044759

6082. as rector was walking back toward the residential hall johnson came out of the basement and bounded up to him. 9.71117526962787

6083. the altercation in the coffee house had done little to dampen his spirits but he was still a little wary around rector for they had not yet discussed the incident. 5.9640583129001055

6084. i think i've fixed the pump so we won't have to worry about it for a long time he said. 14.135809511476369

6085. i've adjusted the gauge so that the pump cuts out before the water gets too low. 6.151154033551881

6086. he looked out over the expanse of the compound.11.45143587764551  
6087. it was going to take a lot of activity to fill it.  
17.112607159845755  
6088. have you ever operated a transit?20.033130940002824  
6089. he said. 21.889553134177078  
6090. you are about to become a first-class surveyor rector said.  
13.104633790155063  
6091. when konishi gets back with the jeep i want you to round up two or  
three japanese boys. 6.974736967806781  
6092. you'll find an old transit in the basement. 4.666798494482245  
6093. the glass is out of it but that won't matter. 8.803927093794105  
6094. it looks pretty efficient and that's the important thing.  
14.369444322316204  
6095. he went on to explain what he had in mind.  
13.369175489810937  
6096. he said he could do it. 28.596437996380505  
6097. rector was warming to his over-all strategy by the time he got  
back to the residential hall. 7.25636052160854  
6098. it was rather a childish game all in all but everybody seemed to  
be getting into the spirit of the thing and he could not remember when he  
had enjoyed planning anything quite so much. 10.13472207267773  
6099. he was not sure what effect it would have but that was really  
beside the point when you got right down to it. 6.909235075773001  
6100. he was not going to lose the mission by default and whatever  
reason kayabashi had for bringing his little sight-seeing group to the  
mission he was going to be in for a surprise. 10.99516345094217  
6101. he found elizabeth in the parlor and asked her to make sure  
everything was in order in the residential hall and then to take  
charge of the office while the party was here. 6.046810039738061  
6102. when everything had been done rector went back to his desk to  
occupy himself with his monthly report until three o'clock.  
8.09287208526567  
6103. at two thirty he sent fujimoto to the top of the wall at the  
northeast corner of the mission to keep an eye on the ridge road and  
give a signal when he first glimpsed the approach of kayabashi's  
party. 6.60005812239566  
6104. then rector attired in his best blue serge suit sat in a chair  
out on the lawn in the shade of a tree smoking a cigarette and waiting.  
7.088216909555334  
6105. the air was cooler here and the lacy pattern of the trees threw a  
dappled shadow on the grass an effect which he found pleasant.  
6.246459540431902  
6106. she concluded by asking him to name another hour should this one  
be inconvenient. 9.560673035057837  
6107. the fish took the bait. 11.538123230100371  
6108. he replied that he could not imagine what importance there might  
be in thus meeting with a stranger but- joy of joys he would be at  
home at the hour mentioned. 7.264880315707882  
6109. but when she called he had thought better of the matter and decided  
not to involve himself in a new entanglement. 6.959320624489185  
6110. she was told by the manservant who opened the door that his  
lordship was engaged on work from which he had left strict orders he  
was not to be disturbed. 8.963784377839454  
6111. claire was bitterly disappointed but determined not to let the  
rebuff daunt her purpose. 7.585381086637271  
6112. she wrote again and now abandoning for the moment the theme of love  
she asked for help in the matter of her career. 9.565927065369122  
6113. she could act and she could write. 9.815573151004429

6114. his lordship was concerned in the management of drury lane but if there were no opportunities there would he read and criticize her novel?  
7.415843993611394

6115. at last he consented to meet her and following that brief interview claire wrote him a yet more remarkable proposal: have you any objection to the following plan? 5.8318323929441

6116. on thursday evening we may go out of town together by some stage or mail about the distance of ten or twelve miles.0.0

6117. there we shall be free and unknown; we can return the following morning h she concluded by asking for a brief interview- to settle with you where- and she threw in a tribute to his gentlemanners and the wild originality of your countenance. 4.686567133320159

6118. she opened his reply with trembling fingers h he agreed! and he would see her that evening. 7.735353964671092

6119. victory at last! at their meeting he told her not to bother about where- he would attend to that. 5.236383152695367

6120. there was one of the new forte-pianos in the room and as claire rose to go he asked her to sing him one song before she left. 13.26944735102098

6121. she sang him scott's charming ballad rosabelle which was the vogue of the moment. 6.652099300943592

6122. she had never sung better. 17.556434645016964

6123. your voice is delightful he approved with a warm smile.  
7.0413287261957445

6124. tomorrow will be a new experience- i have never before made love to a nightingale h. 7.487102552994445

6125. there have been cooing doves chattering magpies thieving jackdaws a proud peacock a silly goose and a harpy eagle- whom i was silly enough to mate with and who is now busy tearing at my vitals.  
6.026026338924263

6126. and so they went he choosing of all places an inn near medmenham abbey scene a generation ago of the obscene orgies of the hellfire club. 7.887792682824567

6127. he regaled claire with an account of the mock mass performed by the cassocked bloods which he had had at firsthand from old bud dodington one of the leaders of the so-called order. 6.752089412467822

6128. each wore the monkish scourge at his waist but this it seems was not employed for self-flagellation h. 6.757567981697296

6129. naked girls danced in the chancel of the abbey the youngest and seemingly the most innocent being chosen to read a sermon filled with veiled depravities. 4.808070905031883

6130. the jaded amorist conjured up pictures of the blasphemous rites with relish. 10.389679610768761

6131. alas all that belonged to the age of devil dashwood and wicked wilkes abbot and beadsman of the order! the casual seduction of a seventeen-year-old bluestocking seemed tame by comparison.  
5.1240582989812395

6132. they passed close by the turn to bishopsgate.  
11.949284741652804

6133. a scant half mile away shelley and mary were doubtless sitting on their diminutive terrace the air about them scented with stock and listening to the nightingale who had nested in the big lime tree at the foot of the garden. 5.074668193690336

6134. charming and peaceful- but what were charm and peace compared to high adventure? 7.391013650626644

6135. alone with the fabulous byron! how many women had longed for the privilege that was hers. 5.427950274147271

6136. how was she to behave claire wondered. 12.494456028220794

6137. to be passive to be girlishly shy was palpably absurd.  
8.756877241621655

6138. she was the pursuer as clearly as was venus in shakespeare's poem.  
10.697090553442623

6139. and while her adonis did not suffer from inexperience satiety might  
well be an equal handicap. 6.982464332125161

6140. no she would not pretend modesty but neither must she be crudely  
bold. 8.520487136832335

6141. mystery- that was the thing. 10.198760548033663

6142. in the bedroom she would insist on darkness. 9.884292315564585

6143. with his club foot he might well be grateful. 8.746806372014115

6144. at the inn which was situated close to a broad weir byron was  
greeted by the landlord with obsequious deference and addressed as  
milord. 7.8899523313232285

6145. the place was evidently a familiar haunt and claire wondered  
what other illicit loves had been celebrated in the comfortable rooms to  
which they were shown. 6.161660298932098

6146. the fire in the sitting room was lighted. 12.224206060003265

6147. what about the bedroom? 13.359616238729945

6148. byron inquired. 15.594944937291627

6149. seems to me last time i was here the grate bellowed out smoke  
as it might have been preparing us for hell. 6.010707189109018

6150. we found some owls had built a nest in the chimney milord but i  
promise you you'll never have trouble of that sort again.  
7.4565923015719235

6151. so not only had he been here before but it seemed he might well  
come again. 6.185495741148917

6152. claire felt suddenly small and cheap heroine of a trivial  
episode in the voluminous history of don juan. 6.91428702219724

6153. a cold supper was ordered and a bottle of port. 7.563545188002981

6154. when napoleon's ship had borne him to elba french wines had  
started to cross the channel the first shipments in a dozen war-ridden  
years but the supplies had not yet reached rural hostelries where  
the sweet wines of the spanish peninsula still ruled.  
6.294844856467061

6155. as they waited for supper they sat by the fire glasses in hand  
while byron philosophized as much for his own entertainment as hers.  
6.036456660580829

6156. sex is overpriced he said. 10.472119682746735

6157. the great greek tragedies are concerned with man against fate not  
man against man for the prize of a woman's body. 5.763413703881979

6158. so don't see yourself as a heroine or fancy this little adventure  
is an event of major importance. 7.6505409248355045

6159. the gods seemed to think sex pretty important she rebutted.  
7.839212140222358

6160. mars and venus bacchus and ariadne jupiter and io byron and the  
nymph of the owl's nest. 6.757567981697296

6161. that would be minerva i suppose. 13.01734789722337

6162. wasn't the owl her symbol? 8.442266106666008

6163. byron laughed. 15.610129252044759

6164. so you know something of the classics do you?  
14.757775879084994

6165. tell me about minerva how she behaved what she did to please  
you. 5.825820622377272

6166. i don't ask you who 'tis you're being unfaithful to husband or  
lover. 6.03737696379835

6167. for a moment she thought of answering with the truth but she  
knew there were men who shied away from virginity who demanded some  
degree of education in body as well as mind. 6.570067435927975

6168. very well she said i'll not catechize you. 10.406870681543984

6169. what matter the others so long as i have my place in history.  
7.051663718466665

6170. she was striking the right note. 17.22621989152487  
 6171. no man ever had a better opinion of himself and indeed with one  
 so favored flattery could hardly seem overdone. 5.8386938216470705  
 6172. brains and beauty high position in both the social and  
 intellectual worlds athlete fabled lover- if ever the world was any man's  
 oyster it was his. 7.211003056651294  
 6173. the light supper over claire went to him and slipping an arm about  
 his shoulder sat on his knee. 6.290504059766844  
 6174. he drew her close and hand on cheek turned her face to his.  
 9.176540466704445  
 6175. her lips moist and parted spoke his name. 8.154987146205233  
 6176. byron! his hand went to her shoulder and pushed aside the  
 knotted scarf that surmounted the striped poplin gown; then to better  
 purpose he took hold of the knot and with dextrous fingers untied it.  
 5.925191657312866  
 6177. the bodice beneath was buttoned and withdrawing his lips from  
 hers he set her upright on his knee and started to undo it unhurriedly as  
 if she were a child. 5.239638533125812  
 6178. but kindled by his kiss his caressing hand her desire was aflame.  
 9.887008010130634  
 6179. she sprang up and went swiftly to the bedroom. 8.472846859613272  
 6180. lord byron poured himself another glass of wine and held it up  
 to the candle flame admiring the rich color. 7.016717234447779  
 6181. he drank slowly with due appreciation. 10.776005861178222  
 6182. it was an excellent vintage. 30.439577967103027  
 6183. he rose and went to the bedroom. 11.67110578003823  
 6184. pausing in the doorway he said: the form of the human female  
 unlike her mind and her spirit is the most challenging loveliness in  
 all nature. 6.570130751489062  
 6185. when claire returned to bishopsgate she longed to tell them  
 she had become byron's mistress. 7.344191199697148  
 6186. by odd coincidence on the evening of her return shelley chose to  
 read parisina which was the latest of the titled poet's successes.  
 8.137757792318178  
 6187. as he declaimed the sonorous measures it was as much as claire  
 could do to restrain herself from bursting out with her dramatic  
 tidings. 6.066800874164377  
 6188. although it is not the best of which he is capable said shelley  
 as he closed the book it is still poetry of a high order.  
 9.96844461426977  
 6189. if he would only leave the east said mary. 12.511589232225859  
 6190. i am tired of sultans and scimitars. 14.894444268829886  
 6191. the hero of his next poem is napoleon bonaparte said claire with  
 slightly overdone carelessness. 6.683696445201504  
 6192. how do you know that? 18.27407625484657  
 6193. demanded mary. 12.292407525564322  
 6194. i was told it on good authority claire answered darkly.  
 15.479121240162312  
 6195. i mustn't tell i mustn't tell she repeated to herself.  
 8.555241096529764  
 6196. i promised him i wouldn't. 15.711603260075847  
 6197. 9 winter came and with it mary's baby- a boy as she had wished.  
 6.3099171535150615  
 6198. william he was called in honor of the man who was at once  
 shelley's pensioner and his most bitter detractor.  
 11.932571705261331  
 6199. with a pardonable irony shelley wrote to the father who had  
 publicly disowned his daughter: fanny and mrs godwin will probably be  
 glad to hear that mary has safely recovered from a very favorable  
 confinement and that her child is well. 5.27360374080319

6200. at the same time another child- this one of shelley's brain- was given to the world: alastor a poem of pervading beauty in which the reader may gaze into the still depths of a fine mind's musings.  
9.155893304247572

6201. alastor was published only to be savagely attacked contemptuously ignored. 6.460370037324521

6202. shelley sent a copy to southey a former friend and another to godwin. 7.391013650626644

6203. only mary's praise sustained him in his disappointment.  
8.918416210145704

6204. not a thought nor a cadence was missed in her summary of appreciation. 9.71891626071102

6205. you have made the labor worth while he said to her smiling.  
7.0322482881972626

6206. and in the future since i write for a public of one i can save the poor publishers from wasting their money. 7.199656001293057

6207. a public of one mary echoed reprovingly. 9.356345845066523

6208. how can you say such a thing? 16.434059458064386

6209. there will be thousands who will thrill to the loveliness of alastor. 6.209444661039578

6210. thereare some even now. 13.183222779291485

6211. what about that dear clever mr thynne? 9.428205570307522

6212. i am sure he is in raptures.11.342895226771253

6213. poor mr thynne he always has to be trotted out for my encouragement. 7.148088198988927

6214. thereare other mr thynnes. 13.183222779291485

6215. not everyone is bewitched by byron's caliphs and harem beauties.  
7.966666808519817

6216. mary's supercritical attitude toward byron had nothing to do with his moral disrepute. 10.164926043974871

6217. she was resentful of his easy success as compared with shelley's failure. 8.63051932496953

6218. the same month that alastor was published murray sold twenty thousand copies of the siege of corinth a slovenly bit of byronism that even shelley's generosity rebelled at. 6.09983039226678

6219. the lordly poet was at low-water mark. 9.802060557618772

6220. the careless writing was in keeping with his mood of savage discontent. 9.536240829713417

6221. on all sides doors were being slammed in his face. 9.519353962095817

6222. the previous scandals gaily diverting as they were had only served to increase his popularity. 8.809103666031113

6223. now under the impact of his wife's disclosures he was brought suddenly to the realization that there was a limit to tolerance however brilliant however far-famed the offender might be.  
5.9451828695363815

6224. he tried defiance and openly flaunted his devotion to his half sister but he soon saw as did she that this course if persisted in would involve them in a common ruin. 7.2417581632820935

6225. for the moment there was no woman in his life and it was this vacuum that had given claire her opportunity. 9.376989776293748

6226. but the liaison successfully started in the last days of autumn was now languishing. 10.591818778555064

6227. byron since the separation from his wife had been living in a smallish house in piccadilly terrace. 5.9425969941085075

6228. he refused to bring claire to it even as an occasional visitor claiming that his every move was watched by spies of the milbankes.  
7.000426104312035

6229. beckworth handed the pass to the colonel. 7.14162538120728

6230. he had thought that the suggestion of taking it himself would tip the colonel in the direction of serving his own order but the slip of

paper was folded and absently thrust into the colonel's belt.  
6.722041560825782

6231. despite his yearning the colonel would not go down to see the men  
come through the lines. 6.834192371133355

6232. he would remain in the tent waiting impatiently occupied by some  
trivial task. 9.592132658614503

6233. sir? 15.610129252044759

6234. -fetch me the copies of everything b and c companies have  
requisitioned in the last six months. 7.032105024464237

6235. the last six months sir? 13.960969536105498

6236. -you heard me. 15.594944937291627

6237. there's a lot of waste going on here. 4.326890144947143

6238. i want to take a look. 22.53324237015602

6239. this is no damned holiday beckworth. 17.890296607592607

6240. belowhe could see the bright torches lighting the riverbank.  
9.382014288369923

6241. the colonel crouched tensely on one of the folding chairs  
methodically tearing at his thumbnail. 7.806007711952228

6242. the bombproof was a low-ceilinged structure of heavy timbers  
covered with earth. 9.005093323721033

6243. it stood some fifty paces from the edge of the bank.  
8.65595042017059

6244. from the outside it seemed no more than a low drumlin a lump on  
the dark earth. 11.485762097100272

6245. a crude ladder ran down to a wooden floor. 9.24472622671088

6246. two slits enabled observers to watch across the river.  
9.85829515947488

6247. the place smelled strongly of rank fertile earth rotting wood and  
urine. 7.5732635528843035

6248. the plank floor was slimed beneath watson's boots.  
11.387658710676023

6249. at least the union officer had been decent enough to provide a  
candle. 9.113335589457066

6250. there was no place to sit but watson walked slowly from the ladder  
to the window slits and back stooping slightly to avoid striking his head  
on the heavy beams. 9.555146557224036

6251. in the corner was the soldier with the white flag.  
10.466002073342645

6252. he stood stiffly erect clutching the staff his body half hidden  
by the limp cloth. 8.52351370118872

6253. watson hardly looked at him. 9.629045873528531

6254. the man had come floundering aboard the flat-bottomed barge at the  
last instant brandishing the flag of truce. 6.808967914079182

6255. someone had hauled him over the side and he had remained silent  
while they crossed. 6.348278533242324

6256. an officer with a squad of men had been waiting on the bank.  
8.599255911894419

6257. the men in the boats had started yelling happily at first sight  
of the officer two of them calling him billy. 7.468302328520856

6258. when the boat had touched the weaker ones and the two wounded  
men had been lifted out and carried away by the soldiers.  
7.9251333129924335

6259. watson had presented his pouch and been led to the bombproof.  
8.81276501839752

6260. the officer had told him that both lists must be checked.  
9.005093323721033

6261. watson had given his name and asked for a safe-conduct pass.  
7.459999840668314

6262. the officer surprised said he would have to see. 16.1153995644715

6263. watson had nodded absently and muttered that he would check  
the lists himself later. 6.156405695150847  
6264. he had peered through the darkness at the rampart.  
13.852464038907144  
6265. the men he would take back across the river stood there but he  
turned away from them. 6.947911098226617  
6266. he wanted no part of the emotions of the exchange no memory of  
the joy and gratitude that other men felt. 9.805809712328493  
6267. he had hoped to be alone in the bombproof but the soldier had  
followed him. 8.044838534125674  
6268. though watson carefully ignored the man he could not deny his  
presence. 9.228794048966249  
6269. perhaps it would be better to speak to him since silence could  
not exorcise his form. 8.070885212583322  
6270. watson glanced briefly at him seeing only a body rigidly erect  
behind the languid banner. 7.595093516586119  
6271. we won't be too long. 8.086176013152713  
6272. if my pass is approved i may be a half hour.  
10.550961433307789  
6273. the soldier answered in a curious muffled voice his lips barely  
moving. 7.098087065137257  
6274. watson turned away and did not see the man's knees buckle and his  
body sag. 8.360843618373119  
6275. he had acknowledged the man. 9.377765891583822  
6276. it was easier to think now watson decided. 16.571667076119464  
6277. the stiff figure in the corner no longer blocked his thoughts.  
7.098087065137257  
6278. he paced slowly stooping staring at the damp slippery floor.  
8.196044167676531  
6279. he tried to order the words of the three union officers seeking  
to create some coherent portrait of the dead boy. 8.307268059663611  
6280. his lack of success steadily eroded his interest.  
10.276228481933904  
6281. he stopped pacing leaned against the dank timbered wall and let  
his mind drift. 6.955990454870539  
6282. a feeling of futility an enervation of mind greater than any  
fatigue he had ever known seeped through him. 7.830360531090303  
6283. what in the name of god was he doing crouched in a timbered pit  
on the wrong bank of the river? 8.415658580862917  
6284. why had he crossed the dark water to bring back a group of  
reclaimed soldiers or to skulk in a foul-smelling hole? 8.221040184272223  
6285. he grew annoyed and at the same time surprised at that  
emotion. 9.153431586285322  
6286. he was conscious of a growing sense of absurdity.  
14.649174995737313  
6287. hillman had written it all out hadn't he? 6.764147616291221  
6288. wasn't the report official enough? 11.568363037656766  
6289. what did he hope to accomplish here? 9.865657898260363  
6290. hillman had ordered him not to leave the far bank.  
10.6793070831903  
6291. prompted by a guilty urge he had disobeyed the order of a man  
he respected. 7.999702189406288  
6292. for what? 19.804021762487697  
6293. to tell john something he would find out for himself.  
8.011070538818117  
6294. the figure in the corner belched loudly a deep liquid eruption.  
9.005093323721033  
6295. watson snorted and then laughed aloud. 8.254441635698543  
6296. exactly! the soldier's voice was muffled again stricken with  
chagrin. 8.196044167676531



6297. he clutched the staff and his dark eyes blinked apologetically.  
9.026368296067464

6298. let's get out of here.11.56512701236161

6299. watson ran up the ladder and stood for a second sucking in the cool air that smelled of mud and river weeds. 6.101588461690517

6300. to his left the two skiffs dented their sharp bows into the soft bank. 8.75525137210045

6301. the flat-bottomed boat swung slowly to the pull of the current.  
7.43304005989246

6302. a soldier held the end of a frayed rope. 14.400414183198786

6303. three union guards appeared carrying their rifles at ready.  
6.764147616291221

6304. watson stared at them curiously. 16.02770385309362

6305. they were stocky men well fed and clean-shaven with neat uniforms and sturdy boots. 7.379077553717503

6306. behind them shambled a long column of weak tattered men.  
10.077544672560576

6307. the thin gray figures raised a hoarse cawing cry like the call of a bird flock. 6.196120048044738

6308. they moved toward the skiffs with shocking eagerness elbowing and shoving. 9.805316538225382

6309. four men were knocked down but did not attempt to rise.  
6.991821140220314

6310. they crept down the muddy slope toward the waiting boats.  
10.372209341984666

6311. the union soldiers grounded arms and settled into healthy indifferent postures to watch the feeble boarding of the skiffs.  
6.514369185680007

6312. the crawling men tried to rise and fell again. 9.945332631078985

6313. no one moved to them. 13.354177752336232

6314. watson watched two of them flounder into the shallow water and listened to their voices beg shrilly. 8.60473856042395

6315. in a confused soaked and stumbling shift of bodies and lifting arms the two men were dragged into the same skiff. 6.83428128501159

6316. the third crawling man forced himself erect. 12.91624685253105

6317. he swayed like a drunkard his arms milling in slow circles.  
7.953394054598466

6318. he paced forward unsteadily leaning too far back his head tilted oddly. 9.592132658614503

6319. his steps were short and stiff and with his head thrown back his progress was a supercilious strut. 6.227960812390213

6320. he appeared to be peering haughtily down his nose at the crowded and unclean vessel that would carry him to freedom. 8.749110406491063

6321. he stalked into the water and fell heavily over the side of the flat-bottomed barge his weight nearly swamping the craft.  
7.257662076234089

6322. watson looked for the fourth man. 12.216031715840696

6323. he had reached the three passive guards; he crept in an uncertain manner patting the ground before him. 7.037021288536089

6324. the guards did not look at him. 12.435529358277208

6325. the figure on the earth halted seemingly bewildered.  
9.362698053404962

6326. he sank back on his thin haunches like a weary hound.  
10.025491488719803

6327. then he began to crawl again. 13.198141365735388

6328. watson watched the creeping figure. 12.216031715840696

6329. he felt a spectator interest. 18.491281673362987

6330. would the man make it or not? 12.38515930773736

6331. if only there was a clock for him to crawl against.  
11.125877179625602

6332. if he failed to reach the riverbank in five minutes say then the  
skiffs would pull away and leave him groping in the mud.8.48958019877512  
6333. say three minutes to make it sporting. 9.349550694473386  
6334. still the guards did not move but stood inert aloof from the slow-  
scrambling man. 8.513931730322378  
6335. the figure halted and watson gasped. 9.802060557618772  
6336. the man began to creep in the wrong direction deceived by a  
slight rise in the ground! he turned slowly and began to crawl back up  
the bank toward the rampart.7.5950340079913445  
6337. watson raced for him his boots slamming the soft earth.  
6.460370037324521  
6338. the guards came to life with astonishing menace.  
11.387658710676023  
6339. they spun and flung their rifles up. 10.352492626598039  
6340. one man dropped to his knee for better aim.13.50630850501655  
6341. let me help him for the love of god! the guards lowered their  
rifles and their rifles and peered at watson with sullen puzzled faces.  
6.088651926746209  
6342. watson pounded to the crawling man and stopped panting heavily.  
9.118357116017174  
6343. he reached down and closed his fingers on the man's upper arm.  
7.560809233574742  
6344. beneath his clutch a flat strip of muscle surged on the bone.  
8.331435498447835  
6345. watson bent awkwardly and lifted the man to his feet.  
7.332121987975533  
6346. watson stared into a cadaverous face. 11.108380474026662  
6347. two clotted balls the color of mucus rolled between fiery lids.  
6.9950108100073605  
6348. light sticks of fingers the tips gummy with dark earth patted at  
watson's throat. 7.884467034748245  
6349. the man's voice was a sweet patient whisper.6.474858743052047  
6350. henry said that he'd take my arm and get me right there.  
8.142309175209114  
6351. it don't matter. 22.215501758012252  
6352. is it far? 32.13126933560902  
6353. how far could it be watson thought bleakly how far can a blind  
man crawl? 7.400754406384628  
6354. another body length or all the rest of his nighted life?  
14.740726935236808  
6355. -not far. 15.610129252044759  
6356. not like us fellas. 16.262159121021142  
6357. it raises the voice bein in camp. 12.998584141589314  
6358. can you walk? 15.594944937291627  
6359. -why course i can. 9.118533821976325  
6360. i can walk real good. 20.635720571895614  
6361. watson stumbled down the bank. 9.629045873528531  
6362. the man leaned his frail body against watson's shoulder.  
13.62675746881857  
6363. he was no heavier than a child. 12.878120353746112  
6364. the man wheezed weakly his fetid breath beating softly against  
watson's neck. 11.024051692367026  
6365. his sweet whisper came after great effort. 8.100034263261762  
6366. i wish you was henry h. 16.15277828825249  
6367. he promised to take me.14.0564280108931  
6368. watson supported the man to the edge of the bank and passed the  
frail figure over the bow of the nearest skiff. 8.648874463809031  
6369. the man swayed on a thwart turning his ruined eyes from side to  
side. 7.864590117251196

6370. watson turned away sickened for the first time in many months.  
10.424906010186023

6371. he heard the patient voice calling. 11.7324718071717

6372. henry? 19.804021762487697

6373. where are you henry? 11.992927780254675

6374. -make him lie down! watson snatched a deep breath.  
8.581436094141479

6375. he had not meant to shout. 14.901779025467722

6376. he stood with his back to the skiff. 13.461661557537576

6377. the men mewed and scratched begging to be taken away.  
11.398975342868589

6378. watson spoke bewilderedly to the dark night flecked with pine-knot  
torches. 8.699688537053031

6379. goddamn you! what do you do to them? 7.14162538120728

6380. intelligence jabbed at him accusingly. 10.472119682746735

6381. he had not felt that during the afternoon. 11.825784660211932

6382. all his emotions had been inward self-conscious.  
12.012219753049246

6383. in war on a night like this it was only the outward emotions that  
mattered what could be flung out into the darkness to damage others.  
5.653036179199081

6384. he was sure of it. 19.87986593677342

6385. john's type of man allowed this sort of thing to happen.  
7.6117516447620455

6386. what a fool he had been to think of his brother! so charles was  
dead. 10.350556947602161

6387. what did it matter? 14.219272258525194

6388. his name had been crossed off a list. 10.276228481933904

6389. already his cool body lay in the ground. 8.380403951514873

6390. what words had any meaning? 14.705292966559352

6391. what had he thought of to go to john grovel and beg  
understanding? 9.583077652672335

6392. to confess with a canvas chair as a prie-dieu gouging at his  
heart until a rough and stupid hand bade him rise and go?  
6.89908841413131

6393. men were slaughtered every day tumbled into eternity like so  
many torn parcels flung down a portable chute. 5.720117842967942

6394. what made him think john had a right to witness his brother's  
humiliation? 10.780549251699796

6395. what right had john to any special consideration?  
6.764147616291221

6396. was john bettermore deserving? 14.855451922584503

6397. to hell with john. 12.762035239897271

6398. let him chafe with impatience to see charles rip open the note  
with trembling hands and read the formal report in hillman's  
beautiful schoolmaster's hand. 6.972133171322523

6399. he believed that brave boys didn't cry. 14.521608245913228

6400. watson spat on the ground. 11.568363037656766

6401. he had stupidly thought himself compelled to ease his brother's  
pain. 9.362891753254837

6402. now he knew perfectly that he had but longed to increase his own  
suffering. 9.750047264782435

6403. i would not want to be one of those writers who begin each  
morning by exclaiming o gogol o chekhov o thackeray and dickens  
what would you have made of a bomb shelter ornamented with four  
plaster-of-paris ducks a birdbath and three composition gnomes with  
long beards and red mobcaps? 6.6043849056437045

6404. as i say i wouldn't want to begin a day like this but i often  
wonder what the dead would have done. 8.092361718137072

6405. but the shelter is as much a part of my landscape as the beech and  
horse-chestnut trees that grow on the ridge. 8.197445920716033  
6406. i can see it from this window where i write. 14.124500196884771  
6407. it was built by the pasterns and stands on the acre of ground  
that adjoins our property. 8.5929019052561  
6408. it bulks under a veil of thin new grass like some embarrassing  
fact of physicalness and i think mrs pastern set out the statuary to  
soften its meaning. 7.596172168066267  
6409. it would have been like her. 8.830032085675079  
6410. she was a pale woman. 20.733592309727385  
6411. sitting on her terracesitting in her parlor sitting anywhere she  
ground an axe of self-esteem. 5.525977370787368  
6412. offer her a cup of tea and she would say why these cups look just  
like a set i gave to the salvation army last year. 6.9323355413550445  
6413. show her the new swimming pool and she would say slapping her ankle  
i suppose this must be where you breed your gigantic mosquitoes.  
5.247196184018882  
6414. hand her a chair and she would say why it's a nice imitation of  
those queen anne chairs i inherited from grandmother delancy.  
6.515561252528541  
6415. these trumps were more touching than they were anything else and  
seemed to imply that the nights were long her children ungrateful and  
her marriage bewilderingly threadbare. 5.524133495460288  
6416. twenty years ago she would have been known as a golf widow and the  
sum of her manner was perhaps one of bereavement.  
10.052784782955817  
6417. she usually wore weeds and a stranger watching her board a train  
might have guessed that mr pastern was dead but mr pastern was far from  
dead. 5.573254241047069  
6418. he was marching up and down the locker room of the grassy brae golf  
club shouting bomb cuba! bomb berlin! let's throw a little nuclear  
hardware at them and show them who's boss. 7.358498310225494  
6419. he was brigadier of the club's locker-room light infantry and at  
one time or another declared war on russia czechoslovakia yugoslavia  
and china. 7.030856728173271  
6420. it all began on an autumn afternoon- and who after all these  
centuries can describe the fineness of an autumn day? 9.056251477114664  
6421. one might pretend never to have seen one before or to more  
purpose that there would never be another like it. 7.82646530321406  
6422. the clear and searching sweep of sun on the lawns was like a  
climax of the year's lights. 6.816307514854664  
6423. leaves were burning somewhere and the smoke smelled for all its  
ammoniac acidity of beginnings. 5.879247678480097  
6424. the boundless blue air was stretched over the zenith like the skin  
of a drum. 7.032105024464237  
6425. leaving her house one late afternoon mrs pastern stopped to  
admire the october light. 6.031889571457327  
6426. it was the day to canvass for infectious hepatitis.  
21.964686792165235  
6427. mrs pastern had been given sixteen names a bundle of literature  
and a printed book of receipts. 6.1714048251620115  
6428. it was her work to go among her neighbors and collect their checks.  
12.107617006963153  
6429. her house stood on a rise of ground and before she got into her  
car she looked at the houses below. 5.751159892140799  
6430. charity as she knew it was complex and reciprocal and almost every  
roof she saw signified charity. 7.242528997483243  
6431. mrs balcolm worked for the brain. 8.833121736733473  
6432. mrs ten eyke did mental health. 11.206270766916212  
6433. mrs trenchard worked for the blind. 9.723374094021814

6434. mrs horowitz was in charge of diseases of the nose and throat.  
10.368831369085497

6435. mrs trempler was tuberculosis mrs surcliffe was mothers' march of  
dimes mrs craven was cancer and mrs gilksn did the kidney.  
5.41968432833683

6436. mrs hewlitt led the birthcontrol league mrs ryerson was  
arthritis and way in the distance could be seen the slate roof of  
ethel littleton's house a roof that signified gout.  
7.7169123934556945

6437. mrs pastern undertook the work of going from house to house with  
the thoughtless resignation of an honest and traditional laborer.  
5.845687729921881

6438. it was her destiny; it was her life. 16.571667076119464

6439. her mother had done it before her and even her old grandmother  
who had collected money for smallpox and unwed mothers.  
6.152219597245236

6440. mrs pastern had telephoned most of her neighbors in advance and  
most of them were ready for her. 11.356357706172698

6441. she experienced none of the suspense of some poor stranger selling  
encyclopedias. 7.187557404882245

6442. here and there she stayed to visit and drink a glass of sherry.  
8.187978936277116

6443. the contributions were ahead of what she had got the previous  
year and while the money of course was not hers it excited her to stuff  
her kit with big checks. 5.336310778089486

6444. she stopped at the surcliffes' after dusk and had a scotch-and-  
soda. 9.557448030765887

6445. she stayed too late and when she left it was dark and time to go  
home and cook supper for her husband. 6.416385081927256

6446. i got a hundred and sixty dollars for the hepatitis fund she  
said excitedly when he walked in. 8.110994027349752

6447. i did everybody on my list but the blevins and the flannagans.  
7.656668534210395

6448. i want to get my kit in tomorrow morning- would you mind doing  
them while i cook the dinner? 9.19054338381817

6449. but i don't know the flannagans charlie pastern said.  
9.374544754266388

6450. nobody does but they gave me ten last year. 8.581436094141479

6451. he was tired he had his business worries and the sight of his wife  
arranging pork chops in the broiler only seemed like an extension of a  
boring day. 6.364426864585285

6452. he was happy enough to take the convertible and race up the hill  
to the blevins' thinking that they might give him a drink.  
7.966696193549907

6453. but the blevins were away; their maid gave him an envelope with a  
check in it and shut the door. 6.68395300428192

6454. turning in at the flannagans' driveway he tried to remember if he  
had ever met them. 9.796272505814839

6455. the name encouraged him because he always felt that he could  
handle the irish. 8.507866559070477

6456. there was a glass pane in the front door and through this he  
could see into a hallway where a plump woman with red hair was  
arranging flowers. 8.765873691856438

6457. infectious hepatitis he shouted heartily. 9.118533821976325

6458. she took a good look at herself in the mirror before she turned  
and walking with very small steps started toward the door.  
7.705524442582943

6459. oh please come in she said. 8.869713567468498

6460. the girlish voice was nearly a whisper. 11.387658710676023

6461. she was not a girl he could see. 13.584195726694594

6462. her hair was dyed and her bloom was fading and she must have been crowding forty but she seemed to be one of those women who cling to the manners and graces of a pretty child of eight. 7.632653323826316  
6463. your wife just called she said separating one word from another exactly like a child. 6.060518986424132  
6464. and i am not sure that i have any cash- any money that is- but if you will wait just a minute i will write you out a check if i can find my checkbook. 8.438293054218617  
6465. won't you step into the living room where it's cozier?  
6.460370037324521  
6466. a fire had just been lighted he saw and things had been set out for drinks and like any stray his response to these comforts was instantaneous. 6.804649003638145  
6467. where was mr flannagan he wondered. 12.630355369778933  
6468. travelling home on a late train? 9.670406878971576  
6469. changing his clothes upstairs? 9.118533821976325  
6470. taking a shower? 16.50487692074261  
6471. at the end of the room there was a desk heaped with papers and she began to riffle these making sighs and and noises of girlish exasperation. 7.478093579969752  
6472. i am terribly sorry to keep you waiting she said but won't you make yourself a little drink while you wait? 8.179651599965938  
6473. everything's on the table. 9.118533821976325  
6474. what train does mr flannagan come out on? 11.069787543583393  
6475. mr flannagan is away she said. 7.622507342753323  
6476. mr flannagan has been away for six weeks h. 9.630814115591418  
6477. i'll have a drink then if you'll have one with me.  
6.210871206873012  
6478. if you will promise to make it weak. 14.852417474049576  
6479. sit down he said and enjoy your drink and look for your checkbook later. 5.674295354649883  
6480. the only way to find things is to relax. 11.448054404668959  
6481. all in all they had six drinks. 11.839308317634133  
6482. she described herself and her circumstances unhesitatingly.  
11.583842136067785  
6483. mr flannagan manufactured plastic tongue depressors.  
8.254441635698543  
6484. he travelled all over the world. 15.385132030882776  
6485. she didn't like to travel. 7.744100448408374  
6486. planes made her feel faint and in tokyo where she had gone that summer she had been given raw fish for breakfast and so she had come straight home. 6.228791063533076  
6487. she and her husband had formerly lived in new york where she had many friends but mr flannagan thought the country would be safer in case of war. 5.986510728601619  
6488. she would rather live in danger than die of loneliness and boredom.  
9.239975251210062  
6489. she had no children; she had made no friends. 9.238733424724364  
6490. i've seen you though before she said with enormous coyness patting his knee. 5.521386603555391  
6491. i've seen you walking your dogs on sunday and driving by in the convertible h. 4.340300937427907  
6492. the thought of this lonely woman sitting at her window touched him although he was even more touched by her plumpness.  
7.891165918510941  
6493. sheer plumpness he knew is not a vital part of the body and has no procreative functions. 6.145746643344818  
6494. it serves merely as an excess cushion for the rest of the carcass. 15.268266595013417

6495. and knowing its humble place in the scale of things why did he at this time of life seem almost ready to sell his soul for plumpness?

6.10161097369116

6496. the remarks she made about the sufferings of a lonely woman seemed so broad at first that he didn't know what to make of them but after the sixth drink he put his arm around her and suggested that they go upstairs and look for her checkbook there. 5.923086198837605

6497. i've never done this before she said later when he was arranging himself to leave. 4.240163322596448

6498. her voice shook with feeling and he thought it lovely.

11.285887032381407

6499. he didn't doubt her truthfulness although he had heard the words a hundred times. 5.092610775338445

6500. i've never done this before they always said shaking their dresses down over their white shoulders. 5.379346023429161

6501. i've never done this before they always said waiting for the elevator in the hotel corridor. 4.3593196196023705

6502. i've never done this before they always said pouring another whiskey. 5.5834035511962465

6503. i've never done this before they always said putting on their stockings. 6.002446559592496

6504. on ships at sea on railroad trains in summer hotels with mountain views they always said i've never done this before. 7.190444500174982

6505. where have you been? 10.363724110347151

6506. mrs pastern asked sadly when he came in. 10.359544399544296

6507. i had a drink with the flannagans. 13.809743055908283

6508. she told me he was in germany. 16.900888065503604

6509. charlie ate some supper in the kitchen and went into the tv room to hear the news. 6.363478252049533

6510. throw a little nuclear hardware at them! show them who's boss! but in bed he had trouble sleeping. 6.643215071337043

6511. he thought first of his son and daughter away at college.

7.953394054598466

6512. it was the only meaning of the word that he had ever known.

24.06132912095731

6513. then he played nine imaginary holes of golf choosing his handicap his irons his stance his opponents and his weather in detail but the green of the links seemed faded in the light of his business worries. 5.3132623201091

6514. his money was tied up in a nassau hotel an ohio pottery works and a detergent for window-washing and luck had been running against him.

6.924188682562761

6515. his worries harried him up out of bed and he lighted a cigarette and went to the window. 6.570019856485047

6516. in the starlight he could see the trees stripped of their leaves. 13.896146012936814

6517. during the summer he had tried to repair some of his losses at the track and the bare trees reminded him that his pari-mutuel

tickets would still be lying like leaves in the gutters near belmont and saratoga. 6.095339313475926

6518. maple and ash beech and elm one hundred to win on three in the fourth fifty to win on six in the third one hundred to win on two in the eighth. 6.58203938916234

6519. children walking home from school would scuff through what seemed to be his foliage. 8.25796484020042

6520. then getting back intobed he thought unashamedly of mrs flannagan planning where they would next meet and what they would do.

7.011151409785722

6521. there are he thought so few true means of forgetfulness in this life that why should he shun the medicine even when the medicine seemed as it did a little crude? 6.444910866180702

6522. it was not as though she noted clearly that her nephews had not been to see her for ten years not since their last journey eastward to witness their uncle izaak being lowered into the rocky soil; that aside from due notification of certain major events in their lives christmas and easter cards of the traditional sort had been the only thin link she had with them through the widowed years. 5.753182808378817

6523. her thoughts were not discrete. 9.707775903539014

6524. but there was a look about her mouth as though she were tasting lemons. 12.897965175851972

6525. she grasped the chair arms and brought her thin body upright like a bird alert for flight. 5.427950274147271

6526. she turned and walked stiffly into the parlor to the dainty-legged escritoire warped and cracked now from fifty years in an atmosphere of sea spray. 6.992963546113194

6527. there she extracted two limp vellum sheets and wrote off the letters one to abel one to mark. 6.8984630165675

6528. once her trembling hand with the pen grasped tight in it was pressed against the paper the words came sharply smoothly as authoritatively as they would dropping from her own lips. 5.907722020352733

6529. and the stiffly regal look of them she saw grimly lacked the quaver of age which thwarting the efforts of her amazing will ran through her spoken words like a thin ragged string. 5.3053228611749175

6530. please come down as soon as you conveniently can the upright letters stalked from the broad-nibbed pen i have an important matter to discuss with you. 6.644910366148927

6531. to abel: i am afraid there is not much to amuse small children here. 7.015216015390462

6532. i should be obliged if you could make other arrangements for your daughters. 11.264788639673803

6533. you may stay as long as you wish of course but if arranging for the care of the girls must take time into account i think a day or two should be enough to finish our business in. 6.188648699562952

6534. to mark: please give my regards to myra. 11.56969976888144

6535. she signed the letters quickly stamped them and placed them on the hall table for raphael to mail in town. 6.2546576737655695

6536. then she went back to the wicker chair and resolutely adjusted her eyes to the glare on the water. 8.136687768573724

6537. my nephews will be coming down she said that evening as angelina brought her dinner into the dining room the whole meal on a vast linen-covered tray. 5.022727719578544

6538. she looked at the girls speculatively from eyes which had paled with the years; from the early evening lights of them which had first startled izaak to look at her in an uncousinly way they had faded to a near-absence of color which had possibly from her constant looking at the water something of the light of the sea in them. 6.225677578050518

6539. angelina placed the tray on the table and with a flick of dark wrist drew off the cloth. 5.667261151085284

6540. she smiled and the teeth gleamed in her beautifully modeled olive face. 9.118601195872367

6541. that will be so nice for you mrs packard she said. 6.210871206873012

6542. her voice was ripe and full and her teeth flashed again in sicilian brilliance before the warm curved lips met and her mouth settled in repose. 6.42623539572226



6543. um said the old lady and brought her eyes down to the tray.  
6.360513988104634

6544. you remember them i suppose? 17.055565169455456

6545. she glinted suspiciously at the dish before her: blowfish.  
8.472846859613272

6546. i hope raphael bought them whole.15.204345105273354

6547. angelina stepped back her eyes roaming the tray for omissions.  
6.210871206873012

6548. then she looked at the old woman again her eyes calm.  
10.796453152009201

6549. yes she said i remember that they came here every summer.  
6.210871206873012

6550. i used to play with the older one sometimes when he'd let me.  
10.612196954204803

6551. abel?15.610129252044759

6552. the name fell with lazy affectionate remembrance from her  
lips. 7.879513779734377

6553. for an instant the old aunt felt something indefinable flash  
through her smile. 8.215617826123031

6554. she would have said triumph. 19.498239344786793

6555. then angelina turned and with an easy grace walked toward the  
kitchen. 7.0054235509862846

6556. jessica packard lifted her head and followed the retreating figure  
her eyes resting nearly closed on the unself-conscious rise and fall of  
the rounded hips. 6.783518219632277

6557. for a moment she held her face to the empty doorway; then she  
snorted and groped for her fork. 7.370056338069433

6558. there's no greater catastrophe in the universe she reflected  
dourly impaling tender green beans on the silver fork than the  
dwindling away of a family. 5.09523262356556

6559. procreation expansion proliferation- these are the laws of  
living things with the penalty for not obeying them the ultimate in  
punishments: oblivion. 6.333840227770071

6560. when the fate of the individual is visited on the group then warm  
sweet butter dripped from her raised trembling fork and she pushed ah  
then the true bitterness of existence could be tasted. 7.394443877824211

6561. and indeed the young garden beans were brackish in her mouth.  
7.670163086720062

6562. she was the last living of the older generation.  
15.482801962333035

6563. what had once been a widespread family- at one time she knew there  
were enough packards to populate an entire county- had now narrowed  
down to the two boys abel and mark. 6.376287357056811

6564. she swung her eyes up to the blue of the window her jaws gently  
mashing the bitter beans. 8.75781434678583

6565. what hope lay in the nephews she asked the intensifying light out  
there with one married to a barren woman and the other divorced having  
sired two girl children with none to bear on the packard name?  
6.001879628446406

6566. she ate. 15.594944937291627

6567. it seemed to her as it seemed each night that the gloom drew itself  
in and became densest at the table's empty chairs giving her the  
frequent illusion that she dined with shadows. 6.198054733153335

6568. here too she talked low quirking her head at one or another of  
the places most often at izaak's armchair which faced her across the long  
table. 7.86615713645147

6569. or it might have been the absent nephews she addressed consciously  
playing with the notion that this was one of the summers of their  
early years. 8.404218412337457

6570. she thought again of her children those two who had died young  
before the later science which might have saved them could attach even  
a label to their separate malignancies. 6.428374313227177

6571. the girl her first she barely remembered. 9.802060557618772

6572. it could have been anyone's infant for it had not survived the  
bassinet. 15.177336252368628

6573. but the boy h the boy had been alive yesterday.  
10.024173892536204

6574. each successive movement in his growing was recorded on the  
unreeling film inside her. 7.959280541638137

6575. he ran on his plump sticks of legs freezing now and again into  
the sudden startled attitudes which the camera had caught and held on the  
paling photographs all carefully placed and glued and labeled resting in  
the fat plush album in the bottom drawer of the escritoire.  
4.666771840793531

6576. in the cruel clearness of her memory the boy remained unchanged  
quick with the delight of laughter and the pain with which she  
recalled that short destroyed childhood was still unendurable to her.  
7.098656259451035

6577. it was one with the desolate rocks and the alien water on those  
days when she hated the sea. 8.286136252348875

6578. the brothers drove down together in mark's small red sports car  
mark at the wheel. 8.375756339709893

6579. abel sat and regarded the farm country which spreading out from  
both sides of the road rolled greenly up to where the silent white  
houses and long barns and silos nested into the tilled fields.  
5.375939744716952

6580. he saw the land with a stranger's eyes all the old familiarness  
gone. 10.753687026430354

6581. and it presented itself to him as it would to any stranger  
impervious complete in itself. 8.612047785563002

6582. there was stability there too- a color which his life had had  
once. 12.753554865570587

6583. that is what childhood is he told himself. 13.075852284738653

6584. in the stiff neutral lines of the telephone poles he saw the no-  
nonsense pen strokes of aunt jessica's letter. 9.724444223281168

6585. what bad grace what incredible selfishness he and mark had shown.  
7.725645779685622

6586. the boyhood summers preceding their uncle's funeral might never  
have been. 9.430036403335416

6587. they had closed over absolutely with the sealing of old izaak's  
grave. 8.46047106258667

6588. the small car flew on relentlessly. 13.082895766937119

6589. the old woman stubbornly reigning in the house above the  
crashing waters took on an ominous reality. 6.991749931789798

6590. abel moved and adjusted his long legs. 9.060328853487057

6591. i suppose it has to do with the property mark had said over the  
telephone when they had discussed their receipt of the letters.  
8.667052625835595

6592. not until the words had been spoken did abel suddenly see the old  
house and the insistent sea and feel his contrition blotted out in one  
shameful moment of covetousness. 7.206757083698903

6593. he and mark were the last of the family and there lay the cape  
ann property which had seemed to have no end stretching from horizon  
to horizon in those golden days of summer. 6.4319781968414995

6594. now abel turned his head to look at his brother.  
10.995489915671905

6595. mark held the wheel loosely but his fingers curved around it in a  
purposeful way and the deliberate set of his body spoke plainly of the  
figure he'd make in the years to come. 5.68031928009229

6596. his sandy hair was already beginning to thin and recede at the sides and abel looked quickly away. 7.973939490916092  
6597. mark easily looked years older than himself settled his world comfortably categorized. 6.210871206873012  
6598. the vacation traffic was becoming heavier as they approached the sea. 9.430036403335416  
6599. she didn't mention bringing myra mark said maneuvering the car into the next lane. 5.485779890181826  
6600. she's probably getting old- crotchety i mean- and we figured uh-uh better not. 6.067534619955805  
6601. they've never met you know. 5.812284011925707  
6602. but myra wouldn't budge without an express invitation. 12.934994931595257  
6603. i feel kind of bad about it. 11.19620160880235  
6604. he gave abel a quick glance and moved closer to the wheel hugging it to him and abel caught this briefest of allusions to guilt. 8.493441385927131  
6605. i imagine the old girl hasn't missed us much mark added his eyes on the road. 6.789400154986115  
6606. abel ignored the half-expressed bid for confirmation. 9.060328853487057  
6607. it was barely possible that his brother was right. 12.228242096961287  
6608. he could tell they were approaching the sea. 12.411802052220429  
6609. the air took on a special strength now that they'd left the fecund warmth of the farmland behind. 6.435656416413579  
6610. there was the smell of the coast like a primeval memory composed of equal parts salt water clams seaweed and northern air. 9.909780172872003  
6611. he turned from the flying trees to look ahead and saw with an inward boy's eye again the great fieldstone house which built on one of the many acres of ancestral land bordering the west harbor had been izaak's bride-gift to his cousin-wife as the last century ended. 5.131381054994681  
6612. mark's thoughts must have been keeping silent pace beside his own climbing the same crags in dirty white sneakers clambering out on top of the headland and coming upon the sudden glinting water at the same instant. 6.969525034961548  
6613. remember the starbird? 16.18233276632486  
6614. mark asked and abel lifted his eyes from the double lines in the middle of the road the twin white ribbons which the car swallowed rapidly as it ascended the crest of the hill and came down. 8.192883822330788  
6615. there was the day uncle izaak had in an unexpected grandiose gesture handed over the pretty sloop to abel for keeps on condition that he never fail to let his brother accompany him whenever the younger boy wished. 4.765083171768086  
6616. the two of them had developed into a remarkable sailing team h all of this happening in a time of their lives when their youth and their brotherhood knitted them together as no other time or circumstance could. 8.295100059162973  
6617. they seemed then to have had a single mind and body a mutuality which had been accepted with the fact of their youth casually. 6.7445146450964995  
6618. he saw the starbird as she lay her slender mast up and gently turning its point describing constant languid circles against a cumulus sky. 7.835877980409735  
6619. both of them had known the feeling of the small life in her waiting ready for the two of them to run up her sails. 9.181841836176348

6620. the starbird had been long at the bottom of the bay.  
16.982789646879603

6621. they came unexpectedly upon the sea. 12.824722361102804

6622. meeting it without preparation as they did robbed of anticipation a  
common disappointment seized them. 8.677338000804655

6623. they were climbing the hill in the night when the headlights  
abruptly probed solid blackness became two parallel luminous tubes which  
broadened out into a faint mist of light and ended. 5.677267082527253

6624. mark stopped the car and switched off the lights and they sat  
looking at the water which there being no moon out at first could be  
distinguished from the sky only by an absence of stars.  
6.401661343209591

6625. his eyes were old and they never saw well but heated with whisky  
they'd glare at my noise growing red and raising up his rage.  
5.294250900054916

6626. i decided i hated the pedersen kid too dying in our kitchen while  
i was away where i couldn't watch dying just to entertain hans and making  
me go up snapping steps and down a drafty hall pa lumped under the  
covers at the end like dung covered with snow snoring and  
whistling. 6.595434967468308

6627. oh he'd not care about the pedersen kid. 7.674607905193737

6628. he'd not care about getting waked so he could give up some of his  
whisky to a slit of a kid and maybe lose one of his hiding places in  
the bargain. 6.75318259573934

6629. that would make him mad enough if he was sober.  
10.338761284592296

6630. i didn't hurry though it was cold and the pedersen kid was in the  
kitchen. 8.295054385415657

6631. he was all shoveled up like i thought he'd be.  
10.068881193379493

6632. i pushed at his shoulder calling his name. 13.93195501835056

6633. i think his name stopped the snoring but he didn't move except  
to roll a little when i shoved him. 6.827765609856476

6634. the covers slid down his skinny neck so i saw his head fuzzed  
like a dandelion gone to seed but his face was turned to the wall- there  
was the pale shadow of his nose on the plaster- and i thought well you  
don't look much like a pig-drunk bully now. 6.267248460556303

6635. i couldn't be sure he was still asleep. 9.169644675936961

6636. he was a cagey son of a bitch. 12.441832479896641

6637. i shook him a little harder and made some noise. 9.154018063055279

6638. i was leaning too far over. 16.70774452185394

6639. he always slept close to the wall so you had to lean to reach  
him. 8.307069547557036

6640. it put you off. 22.5434124636122

6641. i knew better but i was thinking of the pedersen kid mother-  
naked in all that dough. 7.531087505680707

6642. when his arm came up i ducked away but it caught me on the side of  
the neck watering my eyes and i backed off to cough.  
8.441859367068144

6643. pa was on his side looking at me his eyes winking the hand that  
had hit me a fist in the pillow. 5.0176589645046334

6644. get the hell out of here. 11.283077324560365

6645. i didn't say anything trying to get my throat clear but i watched  
him. 7.2742894140510215

6646. he was like a mean horse to come at from the rear.  
11.123007742082926

6647. it was better though he'd hit me. 16.79056552587768

6648. he was bitter when he missed. 17.218119440805356

6649. get the hell out of here. 9.797449949533029

6650. he told me to wake you. 24.059370645327075

6651. a fat hell on big hans. 9.356345845066523  
6652. he found the pedersen kid by the crib. 12.2773748775717  
6653. pa pulled at the covers. 8.254441635698543  
6654. he was tasting his mouth. 19.87986593677342  
6655. hans is rubbing him with snow. 7.622507342753323  
6656. he's got him in the kitchen. 6.499541616015072  
6657. it's the pedersen kid. 2.1393550040581193  
6658. nothing to steal from the crib. 10.472119682746735  
6659. he was just lying there. 18.754315787442366  
6660. that's where he was when hans found him. 6.073062069305468  
6661. i ain't hid nothing in the crib. 10.981588546931944  
6662. the pedersen kid. 23.714632315036916  
6663. the kid- i god damn well understand. 8.976097203071156  
6664. pa had his head up glaring his teeth gnawing at the place where  
he'd grown a mustache once. 7.043104310168956  
6665. i god damn well understand. 12.384361145835424  
6666. you know i don't want to see pedersen. 9.037790717084638  
6667. why should i? 19.10530713190059  
6668. what did he come for hey? 10.472119682746735  
6669. god dammit get. 14.08006203716601  
6670. find out something. 22.237321373519293  
6671. both you and hans. 11.089211415609126  
6672. he was shouting and breathing hard and closing his fist on the  
pillow. 10.599664273899362  
6673. he had long black hairs on his wrist. 12.04121248550523  
6674. they curled around the cuff of his nightshirt.  
11.075139487055674  
6675. big hans made me come. 8.254441635698543  
6676. big hans said- a fat hell on big hans. 8.581436094141479  
6677. he's an even bigger fool than you are. 4.0522723948979165  
6678. fat hey? 16.366879166810914  
6679. i taught him dammit and i'll teach you. 9.169644675936961  
6680. you want me to drop my pot? 9.670406878971576  
6681. he was about to get up so i got out slamming the door.  
11.175355033183747  
6682. he was beginning to see he was too mad to sleep. 12.74303939037989  
6683. once he went after hans and dumped his pot over the banister.  
7.211089669083017  
6684. pa'd been shit-sick in that pot. 9.670406878971576  
6685. he didn't even bother to wipe himself off and he chopped part of  
pa's door down before he stopped. 4.742387220957449  
6686. he might not have gone that far if pa hadn't been locked in  
laughing fit to shake the house. 9.200826619623347  
6687. that pot put pa in an awful good humor whenever he thought of it.  
7.431366446478654  
6688. i always felt the memory was present in both of them stirring in  
their chests like a laugh or a growl as eager as an animal to be out.  
5.95056555073685  
6689. i heard pa cursing all the way downstairs. 9.815968514427064  
6690. hans had laid steaming towels over the kid's chest and stomach.  
7.879513779734377  
6691. he was rubbing snow on the kid's legs and feet.  
10.068881193379493  
6692. water from the snow and water from the towels had run off the  
kid to the table where the dough was and the dough was turning pasty  
sticking to the kid's back and behind. 6.622405731167124  
6693. ain't he going to wake up? 8.254441635698543  
6694. what about your pa? 16.948875083506145  
6695. he was awake when i left. 7.622507342753323  
6696. what'd he say? 13.148092146312546

6697. did you get the whisky? 9.109528565177627  
6698. he said a fat hell on big hans. 18.35843327488095  
6699. did you ask him about the whisky? 9.518277087454916  
6700. yeah. 19.804021762487697  
6701. well? 15.610129252044759  
6702. he said a fat hell on big hans. 12.411802052220429  
6703. what's he going to do? 9.118533821976325  
6704. go back to sleep most likely. 12.732805972954381  
6705. you'd best get that whisky. 7.076070424014453  
6706. pa's scared to hell of axes. 9.670406878971576  
6707. listen to me jorge i've had enough to your sassing.  
7.674589182642618  
6708. if i don't get some whisky down him he might die.  
12.559469027848587  
6709. you want the kid to die? 11.823504411807077  
6710. do you? 15.594944937291627  
6711. well get your pa and get that whisky. 8.157632477990633  
6712. pa don't care about the kid. 10.472119682746735  
6713. he don't care at all and i don't care to get my head busted  
neither. 7.490520070586254  
6714. he don't care and i don't care to have his shit flung on me.  
9.479471017011953  
6715. he don't care about anybody. 12.127026643485452  
6716. all he cares about is his whisky and that dry crack in his face.  
8.863152034329424  
6717. get pig-drunk- that's what he wants. 9.797449949533029  
6718. he don't care about nothing else at all. 11.45143587764551  
6719. that cock. 20.780458782818886  
6720. i'll get the spirits ma said. 6.139485272299999  
6721. i'd wound big hans up tight. 5.384636745418132  
6722. i was ready to jump but when ma said she'd get the whisky it  
surprised him like it surprised me and he ran down. 8.106187680937065  
6723. ma never went near the old man when he was sleeping it off.  
6.705218795173839  
6724. not for years. 22.05289495736377  
6725. the first thing every morning when she washed her face she could  
see the scar on her chin where he'd cut her with a boot cleat and maybe  
she saw him heaving it again the dirty sock popping out as it flew.  
5.4856977579256  
6726. it should have been nearly as easy for her to remember that as it  
was for big hans to remember going after the axe while he was still  
spattered with pa's yellow sick insides. 8.576832771712825  
6727. no you won't big hans said. 8.254441635698543  
6728. yes hans if they're needed ma said. 13.110616200649021  
6729. hans shook his head but neither of us tried to stop her.  
6.583633325843117  
6730. if we had then one of us would have had to go instead.  
19.16600206360459  
6731. hans rubbed the kid with more snow h rubbed h rubbed.  
6.002446559592496  
6732. i'll get more snow i said. 9.364720305710975  
6733. i took the pail and shovel and went out on the porch.  
7.656668534210395  
6734. i don't know where ma went. 6.0250803233820855  
6735. i thought she'd gone upstairs and expected to hear she had.  
8.602727392315117  
6736. she had surprised hans like she had surprised me when she said she'd  
go and then she surprised him again when she came back so quick like  
she must have because when i came in with the snow she was there

with a bottle with three white feathers on its label and hans was holding it angrily by the throat. 6.288166077322758  
6737. oh he was being queer and careful pawing about in the drawer and holding the bottle like a snake at the length of his arm. 6.053983985014928  
6738. he was awful angry because he'd thought ma was going to do something big something heroic even especially for her h i know him h i know him h we felt the same sometimes h while ma wasn't thinking about that at all not anything like that. 7.047891665109764  
6739. there was no way of getting even. 21.162391408267943  
6740. it wasn't like getting cheated at the fair. 13.388290833654258  
6741. they were always trying so you got to expect it. 9.108611709320193  
6742. now hans had given ma something of his- we both had when we thought she was going straight to pa- something valuable; but since she didn't know we'd given it to her there was no easy way of getting it back. 6.084743019488218  
6743. hans cut the foil off finally and unscrewed the cap. 6.460370037324521  
6744. he was put out too because there was only one way of understanding what she'd done. 10.359482742491902  
6745. ma had found one of pa's hiding places. 7.14162538120728  
6746. she'd found one and she hadn't said a word while big hans and i had hunted and hunted as we always did all winter every winter since the spring that hans had come and i had looked in the privy and found the first one. 5.7396344832536474  
6747. pa had a knack for hiding. 7.622507342753323  
6748. he knew we were looking and he enjoyed it. 12.90969536860853  
6749. she'd found it by luck most likely but she hadn't said anything and we didn't know how long ago it'd been or how many other ones she'd found saying nothing. 4.6904158433825796  
6750. pa was sure to find out. 9.670406878971576  
6751. sometimes he didn't seem to because he hid them so well he couldn't find them himself or because he looked and didn't find anything and figured he hadn't hid one after all or had drunk it up. 4.677363592405363  
6752. but he'd find out about this one because we were using it. 10.43260142309222  
6753. a fool could see what was going on. 8.618251835035405  
6754. if he found out ma found it- that'd be bad. 8.292150162768825  
6755. he took pride in his hiding. 14.104448539727901  
6756. it was all the pride he had. 20.31527168853097  
6757. i guess fooling hans and me took doing. 9.95288923829895  
6758. but he didn't figure ma for much. 16.54234329299358  
6759. he didn't figure her at all and if he found out h a woman h it'd be bad. 5.117778105001956  
6760. hans poured some in a tumbler. 10.472119682746735  
6761. you going to put more towels on him? 10.347486025628706  
6762. no. 19.804021762487697  
6763. why not? 18.319883046184035  
6764. that's what he needs something warm to his skin don't he? 4.983647176066665  
6765. not where he's froze good. 12.818325936063328  
6766. that's why i only put towels on his chest and belly. 4.750570176161539  
6767. he's got to thaw slow. 4.168710858239306  
6768. you ought to know that. 20.025453829488345  
6769. colors on the towels had run. 7.892588828502319  
6770. ma poked her toe in the kid's clothes. 9.060328853487057  
6771. what are we going to do with these? 16.767688103045334

6772. big hans began pouring whisky in the kid's mouth but his mouth filled without any getting down his throat and in a second it was dripping from his chin. 5.950565555073685

6773. here help me prop him up. 11.837617072687397

6774. i got hold his mouth open. 13.93195501835056

6775. i didn't want to touch him and i hoped ma would do it but she kept looking at the kid's clothes piled on the floor and the pool of water by them and didn't make any move to. 5.182584510716217

6776. lift don't shove h lift. 10.472119682746735

6777. i took him by the shoulders. 13.259204014700947

6778. his mouth fell open. 13.755309650718509

6779. the skin on his neck was tight. 8.976097203071156

6780. he was cold all right. 11.78959997873465

6781. his mouth is open. 10.842351322615498

6782. he'll choke anyway. 7.446549074579478

6783. don't hold him like that. 3.241817001227866

6784. put your arms around him. 13.30446831207734

6785. he was cold all right. 15.66991192537313

6786. i put my arm carefully around him. 14.85798969813128

6787. hans had his fingers in the kid's mouth. 7.14162538120728

6788. now he'll choke for sure. 13.476598103985157

6789. just hold him like i told you. 9.061030907176157

6790. he was cold all right and wet. 9.818077947137997

6791. i had my arm behind his back. 13.3048514052684

6792. he was in his mid-fifties at this time long past the establishment of his name and the wish to be lionized yet once again and it was almost a decade since he had sworn off lecturing. 8.746944037200153

6793. there was never a doubt any more how his structures would be received; it was always the same unqualified success now. 7.429502728124805

6794. he could no longer build anything whether a private residence in his pennsylvania county or a church in brazil without it being obvious that he had done it and while here and there he was taken to task for again developing the same airy technique they were such fanciful and sometimes even playful buildings that the public felt assured by its sense of recognition after a time a quality of authentic uniqueness about them which once established by an artist as his private vision is no longer disputable as to its other values. 6.140736773868429

6795. stowey rummel was internationally famous a crafter of a genuine americana in foreign eyes an original designer whose inventive childishness with steel and concrete was made even more believably sincere by his personality. 4.595688357851942

6796. he had lived for almost thirty years in this same stone farmhouse with the same wife a remarkably childish thing in itself; he rose at half-past six every morning made himself some french coffee had his corn flakes and more coffee smoked four cigarettes while reading last sunday's herald tribune and yesterday's pittsburgh gazette then put on his high-topped farmer's shoes and walked under a vine bower to his workshop. 5.919517532269964

6797. this was an enormously long building whose walls were made of rocks some of them brought home from every continent during his six years as an oil geologist. 6.44442733678189

6798. the debris of his other careers was piled everywhere; a pile of wire cages for mice from his time as a geneticist and a microscope lying on its side on the window sill vertical steel columns wired for support to the open ceiling beams with spidery steel cantilevers jutting out into the air masonry constructions on the floor from the time he was inventing his disastrous fireplace whose smoke would pass



through a whole house visible all the way up through wire gratings on each floor. 5.9476694956723195

6799. his files desk drafting board and a high stool formed the only clean island in the chaos. 6.004690791406951

6800. everywhere else his ideas lay or hung in visible form: his models drawings ten-foot canvases in monochromes from his painting days and underfoot a windfall of broken-backed books that looked as though their insides had been ransacked by a maniac. 5.882966537442573

6801. bicycle gear-sets he had once used as the basis of the design for the camden cycly company plant hung on a rope in one corner and over his desk next to several old and dusty hats was a clean pair of roller skates which he occasionally used up and down in front of his house. 5.302255225111843

6802. he worked standing with his left hand in his pocket as though he were merely stopping for a moment sketching with the surprised stare of one who was watching another person's hand. 7.8575386127539195

6803. sometimes he would grunt softly to some invisible onlooker beside him sometimes he would look stern and moralistic as his pencil did what he disapproved. 5.133585562479718

6804. it all seemed- if one could have peeked in at him through one of his windows- as though this broken-nosed man with the muscular arms and wrestler's neck was merely the caretaker trying his hand at the boss's work. 6.168300651441326

6805. this air of disengagement carried over to his apparent attitude toward his things and people often mistook it for boredom in him or a surrender to repetitious routine. 5.5438496513383875

6806. but he was not bored at all; he had found his style quite early in his career and he thought it quite wonderful that the world admired it and he could not imagine why he should alter it. 9.483134156747699

6807. there are after all fortunate souls who hear everything but only know how to listen to what is good for them and stowey was as things go a fortunate man. 8.284188825283636

6808. he left his home the day after new year's wearing a mackinaw and sheepskin mittens and without a hat. 8.182559825406509

6809. he would wear this same costume in florida despite his wife cleota's reminders over the past five days that he must take some cool clothes with him. 6.135728696008002

6810. but he was too busy to hear what she was saying. 14.710936015887611

6811. so they parted when she was in an impatient humor. 10.681733428837203

6812. when he was bent over behind the wheel of the station wagon feeling in his trousercuffs for the ignition key which he had dropped a moment before she came out of the house with an enormous rumanian shawl over her head which she had bought in that country during one of their trips abroad and handed him a clean handkerchief through the window. 6.968499801360201

6813. finding the key under his shoe he started the engine and while it warmed up he turned to her standing there in the dripping fog and said defrost the refrigerator. 5.465123969129898

6814. he saw the surprise in her face and laughed as though it were the funniest expression he had ever seen. 10.721282225594019

6815. he kept on laughing until she started laughing with him. 8.372447987542277

6816. he had a deep voice which was full of good food she had cooked and good humor; an explosive laugh which always carried everything before it. 8.173772517827262

6817. he would settle himself into his seat to laugh. 9.492848836661834

6818. whenever he laughed it was all he was doing. 9.294885563980085  
6819. and she was made to fall in love with him again there in the  
rutted dirt driveway standing in the cold fog mad as she was at his  
going away when he really didn't have to mad at their both having got  
older in a life that seemed to have taken no more than a week to go by.

6.197137442852012

6820. she was forty-nine at this time a lanky woman of breeding with  
an austere narrow face which had the distinction of a steeple or some  
architecture that had been designed long ago for a stubborn sort of  
prayer. 7.405492059822793

6821. her eyebrows were definite and heavy and formed two lines  
moving upward toward a high forehead and a great head of brown hair that  
fell to her shoulders. 5.2303328878888795

6822. there was an air of blindness in her gray eyes the startled-horse  
look that ultimately comes to some women who are born at the end of  
an ancestral line long since divorced from money-making and which  
besides has kept its estate intact. 7.954484394700085

6823. she was personally sloppy and when she had colds would blow her  
nose in the same handkerchief all day and keep it soaking wet dangling  
from her waist and when she gardened she would eat dinner with dirt on  
her calves. 5.017791294344189

6824. but just when she seemed to have sunk into some depravity of  
peasanthood she would disappear and come down bathed brushed and taking  
breaths of air and even with her broken nails her hands would come  
to rest on a table or a leaf with a thoughtless delicacy a grace of  
history so to speak and for an instant one saw how ferociously proud  
she was and adamant on certain questions of personal value.

5.90364473666416

6825. she even spoke differently when she was clean and she was clean  
now for his departure and her voice clear and rather sharp.

6.254019998775755

6826. now drive carefully for god's sake! she called trying to attain a  
half humorous resentment at his departure. 7.569827439210039

6827. but he did not notice and was already backing the car down to the  
road saying toot-toot! to the stump of a tree as he passed it the  
same stump which had impaled the car of many a guest in the past thirty  
years and which he refused to have removed. 6.263806890633113

6828. she stood clutching her shawl around her shoulders until he  
had swung the car onto the road. 7.735353964671092

6829. then when he had it pointed down the hill he stopped to gaze at her  
through the window. 7.110244040182915

6830. she had begun to turn back toward the house but his look caught  
her and she stood still waiting there for what his expression  
indicated would be a serious word of farewell. 6.897141359880381

6831. he looked at her out of himself she thought as he did only for an  
instant at a time the look which always surprised her even now when his  
uncombable hair was yellowing a little and his breath came hard through  
his nicotine-choked lungs the look of the gaunt youth she had suddenly  
found herself staring at in the Tate gallery on a Thursday once.

4.818928217199259

6832. now she kept herself protectively ready to laugh again and  
sure enough he pointed at her with his index finger and said toot!  
once more and roared off into the fog his foot evidently surprising  
him with the suddenness with which it pressed the accelerator just  
as his hand did when he worked. 6.179830300781557

6833. she walked back to the house and entered feeling herself returning  
sensing some kind of opportunity in the empty building.

6.245786901275279

6834. there is a death in all partings she knew and promptly put it out  
of her mind. 13.772543502275504

6835. she enjoyed great parties when she would sit up talking and dancing and drinking all night but it always seemed to her that being alone especially alone in her house was the realest part of life.

4.86016344972539

6836. now she could let out the three parakeets without fear they would be stepped on or that stowey would let them out one of the doors; she could dust the plants then break off suddenly and pick up an old novel and read from the middle on; improvise cha-chas on the harp; and finally the best part of all simply sit at the plank table in the kitchen with a bottle of wine and the newspapers reading the ads as well as the news registering nothing on her mind but letting her soul suspend itself above all wishing and desire. 5.914171464642024

6837. she did this now comfortably aware of the mist running down the windows of the silence outside of the dark afternoon it was getting to be. 6.444017385824623

6838. she fell asleep leaning on her hand hearing the house creaking as though it were a living a private life of its own these two hundred years hearing the birds rustling in their cages and the occasional whirring of wings as one of them landed on the table and walked across the newspaper to perch in the crook of her arm. 6.932039328444628

6839. every few minutes she would awaken for a moment to review things: stowey yes was on his way south and the two boys were away in school and nothing was burning on the stove and lucretia was coming for dinner and bringing three guests of hers. 5.66232850576172

6840. then she fell asleep again as suddenly as a person with fever and when she awoke it was dark outside and the clarity was back in her eyes. 7.004972375297665

6841. she stood up smoothing her hair down straightening her clothes feeling a thankfulness for the enveloping darkness outside and above everything else for the absence of the need to answer to respond to be aware even of stowey coming in or going out and yet now that she was beginning to cook she glimpsed a future without him a future alone like this and the pain made her head writhe and in a moment she found it hard to wait for lucretia to come with her guests. 4.888017488047787

6842. she went into the living room and turned on three lamps then back into the kitchen where she turned on the ceiling light and the switch that lit the floods on the barn illuminating the driveway.

7.487256537574229

6843. she knew she was feeling afraid and inwardly laughed at herself.

8.016135679245236

6844. they were both so young after all so unready for any final parting. 10.153904835156522

6845. how could it have been thirty years already she wondered?

9.946414923127234

6846. but yes nineteen plus thirty was forty-nine and she was forty-nine and she had been married at nineteen. 7.407200254504526

6847. she stood still over the leg of lamb rubbing herbs into it quite suddenly conscious of a nausea in her stomach and a feeling of wrath a sensation of violence that started her shivering.

5.449567098792145

6848. but they all said no your time will come. 12.932988752408587

6849. enjoy being a bride while you can. 7.622507342753323

6850. there was no room for company in the tiny weaning house.

17.419875041649938

6851. so when the big house filled up and ran over the sisters-in-law found beds for everyone in their own homes. 6.080079841128008

6852. and there was still not anything that linda kay could do.

18.118936673415206

6853. so linda kay gave up asking and accepted her reprieve.

7.819574399789055

6854. without saying so she was really grateful; for to attend the dying was something she had never experienced and certainly had not imagined when she thought of the duties she would have as bobby joe's wife.

6.604466668160244

6855. she had made curtains for all the windows of her little house and she had kept it spotless and neat shabby as it was and cooked good meals for bobby joe. 5.9507333613043345

6856. she had done all the things she had promised herself she would do but she had not thought of this. 8.2710322007887

6857. people died she would have said in hospitals or in cars on the highway at night. 7.086070814902075

6858. bobby joe was gone all day now not coming in for dinner and sometimes not for supper. 7.13471672334233

6859. when they first married he had been working in the fields all day and she would get in the car and drive to wherever he was working to take him a fresh hot meal. 5.9988379236622515

6860. now there was no work in the fields nor would there be till it rained and she did not know where he went. 7.70656776826014

6861. not that she complained or had any cause to. 10.01716488234422

6862. four or five of the cousins from east texas were about his age so naturally they ran around together. 8.299933890678997

6863. there was no reason for her to ask what they did.

12.87996220540548

6864. thus a new pattern of days began to develop for granny albright did not die. 8.241026551972194

6865. she lay still on the bed her head hardly denting the pillow; sometimes she opened her eyes and looked around and sometimes she took a little milk or soup. 5.117710496397998

6866. they stopped expecting her to die the next minute but only in the next day or two. 7.7214005236442445

6867. those who had driven hundreds of miles for the burial would not go home for she might die any time; but they might as well unpack their suitcases for she might linger on. 5.578224435932913

6868. so the pattern was established. 19.58631108443702

6869. when linda kay had put up her breakfast dishes and mopped her linoleum rugs she would go to the big house. 6.592125785887085

6870. there was not anything she could do there but that was where everyone was or would be. 8.22369562370063

6871. bobby joe and the boys would come by say how's granny?

7.323653460371755

6872. and sit on the porch a while. 9.963603971793237

6873. the older men would be there at noon and maybe rest for a time before they took their guns off to the creek or drove down the road towards town. 5.640018817921472

6874. the women and children stayed at the albrights'.

14.484267452670649

6875. the women keeping their voices low as they worked around the house or sat in the living room sounded like chickens shut up in a coop for the night. 7.153402308961435

6876. the children had to play away from the house to maintain a proper quietness. 11.20204283053797

6877. off and on all day someone would be wiping at the powdery gray dust that settled over everything. 5.942878165509942

6878. the evaporative cooler had been moved to granny's room and her door was kept shut; so that the rest of the house stayed open though there was a question as to whether it was hotter or cooler that way.

9.538774782857526

6879. the dust clogged their throats and the heat parched them so that the women were always making ice water. 5.973289908963735

6880. they had cleaned up an old ice box and begun to buy fifty-pound blocks of ice in town as the electric refrigerator came nowhere near providing enough ice for the crowds who ate and drank there.  
6.587275575156894

6881. one afternoon as the women sat clucking softly a new carload of people pulled up at the gate. 6.970186086156762

6882. it was a cadillac black grayed with the dust of the road its windows closed tight so you knew that the people who climbed out of it would be cool and unwrinkled. 10.007235589995753

6883. they were an old fat couple a thick middle-aged man and a girl about ten or twelve. 8.608643088383149

6884. there was much embracing much exclaiming. 23.14879281618022

6885. cousin ada! cousin john! cousin lura! cousin howard! and how is she? 6.210871206873012

6886. about the same john about the same. 20.25898015015805

6887. all the women got up and offered their chairs and when they were all seated again the guests made their inquiries and their explanations. 6.005341328667268

6888. we were on our vacation in canada howard explained in a muffled voice that must have been used to booming and the news didn't catch up with us till we were nearly home. 8.150408308420957

6889. we came on as soon as we could. 11.723587693351124

6890. there was the suggestion of ice water and- in spite of the protest we're not really thirsty- linda kay to escape the stuffy air and the smothering soft voices hurried to the kitchen.  
9.60498030161256

6891. she filled a big pitcher and set it with glasses on a tray.  
6.897938509958291

6892. carrying it to the living room she imagined the picture she made: tall and roundly slim a bit sophisticated in her yellow sheath with a graceful swingy walk that she had learned as a twirler with the school band. 6.213914308470507

6893. almost immediately she was ashamed of herself for feeling vain at such a time in such a place and she tossed back her long yellow hair smiling shyly as she entered the room. 5.146687488536666

6894. howard was looking at her. 12.886172342385436

6895. she felt the look and looked back because she could not help it seeing that he was neither as old nor as thick as she had at first believed. 5.636923843793688

6896. and who is this? 19.008529318983225

6897. he asked when she passed him a glass. 11.642040994070069

6898. oh that's linda kay mama albright said fondly.  
10.398550832016166

6899. she married our baby boy bobby joe this summer. 7.953336273174813

6900. let's see cousin ada said. 8.70709923209007

6901. he's a right smart younger than the rest? 4.083701913049093

6902. oh yes mama laughed. 13.980946987867025

6903. he's ten years younger than ernest. 8.254441635698543

6904. we didn't expect him to come along; thought for the longest he was a tumor. 9.900093425449526

6905. this joke was not funny to linda kay and she blushed as she always did; then hearing the muffled boom of howard's laughter blushed redder.  
5.39111182530187

6906. who is howard anyway? 20.959858232557675

6907. she asked bobby joe that night. 15.373309664084495

6908. oh he's a second cousin or something. 11.252693535139658

6909. he got in the oil business out at odessa and lucked into some money. 8.420684406861074

6910. how old is he? 19.994162347570644

6911. gosh i don't know. 10.363724110347151

6912. he's been married and got this half-grown kid. 4.608368136559891  
6913. if he bothers you don't pay him any mind. 9.898318812433429  
6914. he's just a big windbag. 5.595483745498976  
6915. bobby joe was thinking about something else. 8.497094997205483  
6916. say did you know they're fixing to have a two-day antelope  
season on the double x? 7.705833033604787  
6917. he was talking about antelope again when they woke up.  
11.571320613486638  
6918. listen i never had a chance to kill an antelope.  
8.422944613143244  
6919. there never was a season before but now they want to thin 'em out  
on account of the drouth. 7.307594276657645  
6920. did he ever visit here when he was a kid?  
13.720042530562791  
6921. linda kay asked. 10.363724110347151  
6922. when he was a kid i wasn't around. 12.456038077993659  
6923. bobby joe took a gun from behind the door and with a quick bye now  
was gone for the day. 5.87826072345432  
6924. almost immediately howard and his daughter debora drove up in the  
cadillac. 8.661922653614251  
6925. we're going after ice howard said and thought maybe you'd go along  
and keep us company. 4.653302588524281  
6926. therewas really no reason to refuse and linda kay had never ridden  
in a cadillac. 8.831185588445088  
6927. driving along the caliche-topped road to town howard talked.  
6.764147616291221  
6928. finally he said tell me about yourself and linda kay told him  
because she thought herself that she had had an interesting life.  
8.395658057090843  
6929. she was such a well-rounded teenager having been a twirler  
future farmers sweetheart and secretary of future homemakers.  
6.481409197065396  
6930. in her sophomore year she had started going steady with bobby joe  
who was a football player future homemakers sweetheart and  
president of future farmers. 7.680722899132473  
6931. it was easy to see that they were made for each other and they  
knew what they wanted. 11.110792453076751  
6932. bobby joe would be a senior this year and he planned to graduate.  
9.312413161111069  
6933. but there was no need for linda kay to go on since all she wanted  
in life was to make a home for bobby joe and raise his children.  
8.811925196751112  
6934. you lucky kids he said. 17.055565169455456  
6935. i'd give anything if i could have found a girl like you.  
4.645254661676125  
6936. then he told linda kay about himself. 13.301785224704144  
6937. of course he couldn't say much really because of debora but linda  
kay could imagine what kind of woman his wife had been and what a raw  
deal he had got. 5.997204080208145  
6938. it made her feel different about howard. 17.535100506371556  
6939. she was going to tell bobby joe about how mistaken she had been  
but he brought one of the cousins home for supper and all they did  
was talk about antelope. 6.139956051357539  
6940. bobby joe was trying to get lindakay to say she would cook one if  
he brought it home. 6.871983869225636  
6941. cook a whole antelope? 10.363724110347151  
6942. she exclaimed. 24.46901042456472  
6943. why i couldn't even cook a piece of antelope steak; i never even  
saw any. 7.053168112774695

6944. i want to roast the whole thing and have it for the boys.  
12.508054863868324

6945. linda kay told him he couldn't do anything like that with his  
grandma dying and he said well they had to eat didn't they they weren't  
all dying. 5.390365733530076

6946. linda kay felt like going off to the bedroom to cry; but they  
were going up to the big house after supper and she had to put on a  
clean dress and fix her hair a little. 7.226216121785413

6947. every night they all went to mama and papa albright's and sat  
on the open front porch where they could get the breeze.5.996833532873085

6948. it was full-of-the-moon and nearly light as day.  
14.718704829380005

6949. they all sat around and drank ice water and the men smoked and  
everybody had a good time. 7.197788518997553

6950. once in a while they said what a shame it was with granny dying  
but they all agreed she wouldn't have wanted it any other way.  
6.966389497439894

6951. that night the older men got to talking about going possum-hunting  
on a moonlight night. 6.6030488920030255

6952. bobby joe and two or three of the other boys declared they had  
never been possum-hunting and uncle bill farnworth said he would  
just get up from there and take them right then.  
6.8277815033976825

6953. after they had left some of the people moved around to find more  
comfortable places to sit. 8.143287448363308

6954. there were not many chairs so that some preferred to sit on  
the edge of the porch resting their feet on the ground and others liked  
to sit where they could lean back against the wall. 9.496986086569983

6955. howard who had been sitting against the wall said he needed  
more fresh air and took the spot on the edge of the porch where bobby  
joe had been sitting. 6.27934383476266

6956. you'll be a darn sight more comfortable there howard ernest said  
laughing and they all laughed. 4.902261458975937

6957. lindakay felt that she was not exactly more comfortable.  
8.362091338920917

6958. bobby joe had been sitting close to her touching her actually  
and holding her hand from time to time but it seemed at once that  
howard sat much closer. 6.577475917772968

6959. perhaps it was just that he had so much more flesh so that more of  
it seemed to come in contact with hers; but she had never been so  
aware of anyone's flesh before. 5.947176692947406

6960. still she was not sorry he sat by her but in fact was flattered.  
8.557308006597403

6961. he had become the center of the company such stories he had to  
tell. 12.323075216206048

6962. he had sold oil stock to bob hope and bing crosby in person; he had  
helped fight an oil-well fire that raged six days and nights.  
7.489390904783603

6963. but tell me doctor where do you plan to conduct the hatching?  
8.790448287834161

6964. alex asked. 15.594944937291627

6965. that will have to be in the hotel the doctor retorted confirming  
alex's anticipations. 13.339168746124772

6966. what i want you to do is to go to the market with me early  
tomorrow morning and help smuggle the hen back into the hotel.  
9.92256008247251

6967. the doctor paid the bill and they repaired to the hotel room  
number nine to initiate alex further into these undertakings.  
6.004245600770348

6968. the doctor opened the smallest of his cases an unimposing straw bag and exposed the contents for alex's inspection. 7.48837548295765  
6969. inside carefully packed in straw were six eggs but the eye of a poultry psychologist was required to detect what scientifically valuable specimentalia lay inside; to alex they were merely six not unusual hens' eggs. 4.753980672708149  
6970. there was little enough time to contemplate them however; in an instant the doctor was stalking across the room with an antique ledger in his hands thoroughly eared and big as a table top. 0.0  
6971. he placed it on alex's lap. 10.776005861178222  
6972. this is my hen ledger he informed him in an absorbed way. 11.795441673654961  
6973. it's been going since 1908 when i was a junior in college. 7.543414615345915  
6974. that first entry there is the vermont flumenophobe the earliest and one of the most successful of my eighty-three varieties- great big scapulars and hardly any primaries at all. 7.42322956835561  
6975. couldn't take them near a river though or they'd squawk like a turkey cock the day before thanksgiving. 5.6622401711285315  
6976. the ledger was full of most precise information: date of laying length of incubation period number of chicks reaching the first week second week fifth week weight of hen size of rooster's wattles and so on all scrawled out in a hand that looked more chinese than english the most jagged and sprawling alex had ever seen. 0.0  
6977. below these particulars was a series of alpha-beta-gammas connected by arrows and crosses which denoted the lineage of the breed. 5.859593608464831  
6978. alex's instruction was rapid for the doctor had to go off to the rue ecole de medecine to hear more speeches with only time for one sip of wine to sustain him through them all. 6.292204623146848  
6979. but after the doctor's return that night alex could see from the high window in his own room the now familiar figure crouched on a truly impressive heap of towels apparently giving its egg-hatching powers one final chance before it was replaced in its office by a sure-enough hen. 5.002342796230763  
6980. a knocking at alex's door roused him at six o'clock the following morning. 8.40106343233402  
6981. it was the doctor dressed and ready for the expedition to the market and alex was obliged to prepare himself in haste. 5.754749454823204  
6982. the doctor stood about waiting for alex to dress with a show of impatience and soon they were moving as quietly as could be through the still-dark hallways past the bedroom of the patronne and so into the street. 6.140179798670089  
6983. the market was not far and once there the doctor's sense of immediacy left him and he fell into a state of harmony with the birds around him. 5.971493682438109  
6984. he stroked the hens and they responded with delighted clucks he gobbled with the turkeys and they at once were all attention he quacked with the ducks and cackled with a pair of exceedingly flattered geese. 6.550881477319316  
6985. the dawn progressed and it seemed that the doctor would never be done with his ministrations when quite abruptly something broke his revery. 5.717830135280216  
6986. it was a fine broody hen white with a maternal eye and a striking abundance of feathers in the under region of the abdomen. 8.795568672602469  
6987. the doctor with the air of a man whose professional interests have found scopedrew alex's attention to those excellences which might otherwise have escaped him: the fine color in comb and wattles the



length and quality of neck and saddle hackles the firm wide spread of the toes and a rare justness in the formation of the ear lappets.

5.021760279666887

6988. all search was ended; he had found his fowl. 12.170269904512773

6989. the purchase was effected and they made their way towards the hotel again the hen with whom some sort of communication had been set up nestling in the doctor's arms. 5.364479963628531

6990. the clocks struck seven-thirty as they approached the hotel entrance; and hopes that the chambermaid and patronne would still be abed began to rise in alex's well exercised breast.

6.843256951473382

6991. the doctor was wearing a long new england greatcoat hardly necessary in the june weather but a garment which proved well adapted to the sequestration of hens. 5.438015056822804

6992. alex entered first and was followed by the doctor who for all his care manifested a perceptible bulge on his left side where the hen was cradled. 7.081249537567031

6993. they advanced in a line across the entrance hall to the stairway and up with gingerly steps towards the first landing. 6.412212961893886

6994. it was then that they heard the tread of one descending and in some perturbation glancing up saw the patronne coming towards them as they gained the landing. 7.975928295688189

6995. bonjour messieurs vous etes matinals she greeted them pleasantly.

6.764147616291221

6996. alex explained that they had been out for a stroll before breakfast while the doctor edged around behind him attempting to hide the protuberance at his left side behind alex's arm and back.

6.069938808981894

6997. vous voulez vos petits dejeuners tout de suite alors?

6.764147616291221

6998. their hostess enquired. 15.362618498979483

6999. alex told her that there was no hurry for their breakfasts trying at the same time to effect a speedy separation of the persons before and behind him. 5.732163109959642

7000. the doctor he noticed was attempting a transverse movement towards the stairs but before the movement could be completed a distinct and audible cluck ruffled the air in the hollow of the stair-well.

6.176221090178761

7001. eyes swerved in the patronne's head alex coughed loudly and the doctor with a sforzando of chicken noises floating behind him took to the stairs in long-shanked leaps. 4.76581317220898

7002. comment? 19.804021762487697

7003. ejaculated the surprised woman looking at alex for an explanation but he parting from her without ceremony only offered a few words about the doctor's provincial american speech and a state of nerves brought on by the demands of his work. 4.931921471847684

7004. with that he hurried up the stairs followed by hersuspicious gaze. 11.447520789041324

7005. when alex entered his room the doctor was already preparing a nest in the straw case six eggs ready for the hen's attentions.

5.924323904935415

7006. there was no reference to the incident on the stairs his powers being absorbed by this more immediate business.

11.363913524196807

7007. the hen appeared to have no doubts as to her duties and was quick to settle down to the performance of them. 6.18023853477841

7008. one part of her audience was totally engaged the connoisseur witnessing a peculiarly fine performance of some ancient classic the other part the guest of the connoisseur attentive as one who must take

an intelligent interest in that which he does not fully understand.  
6.268246377928917

7009. the spectacle progressed towards a denouement which was  
obviously still remote; the audience attended. 6.578982329721101

7010. time elapsed but the doctor was obviously unconscious of its  
passage until an unwelcome knock on the door interrupted the processes  
of nature. 6.995133281276191

7011. startled he jumped up to pull hen and case out of view and alex  
went to the door. 5.326519577128725

7012. he opened it a crack and in doing so made as much shuffling  
coughing and scraping noise as possible in order to drown  
emanations from the hen who had begun to protest. 8.054071372217221

7013. it was giselle the fille de chambre come to clean the room and  
while she stood before him with ears pricked up and regard all  
curiosity explaining her errand alex could see from the corner of his  
eye the doctor doing all he could to calm the displeased bird.  
5.252484703793126

7014. giselle was reluctant but alex succeeded in persuading her to  
come back in five minutes and the door was shut again.  
6.849584171661778

7015. who was that young feller? 10.967932821297548

7016. the doctor instantly asked. 18.83174821599479

7017. that was the fille de chambre the one you thought couldn't get the  
eggs out. 8.162963719205338

7018. she looked mighty interested though. 14.140224473190667

7019. anyhow she's coming back in five minutes to do the room.  
6.762033368110939

7020. the doctor's mind was working at a great speed; he rose to put  
his greatcoat on and addressed alex in a muted voice.  
6.852952259467768

7021. have you got our keys handy? 8.254441635698543

7022. right in my pocket. 12.256142946775988

7023. now you go outside and beckon me when it's safe. 8.064529437540246

7024. the hall was empty and alex beckoned; they climbed the stairs which  
creaked very loudly to their sensitive ears and reached the next  
floor. 6.852952259467768

7025. a guest was locking his room; they passed behind him and got  
to alex's room unnoticed. 6.046198409504693

7026. the doctor sat down rather wearily caressing the hen and  
remarking that the city was not the place for a poultry-loving man but  
no sooner was the remark out than a knock at this door obliged him to  
cover the hen with his greatcoat once more. 6.560037376771768

7027. at the door alex managed to persuade the increasingly astonished  
fille de chambre to return in ten minutes. 6.40953206835194

7028. it was evident that a second transfer had to be effected and  
that it had to take place between the time the fille finished the  
doctor's room and the time she began alex's. 9.619418468268432

7029. they waited three minutes and then crept out on tip-toe; the  
halls were empty and they passed down the stairs to number nine and  
listened at the door. 5.234490859602089

7030. a bustle of sheets being smoothed and pillows being arranged  
indicated the fille de chambre's presence inside; they listened and  
suddenly a step towards the door announced another important fact.  
6.357269695967358

7031. the doctor shot down to the lavatory and turned the doorknob but  
to no effect: the lavatory was occupied. 6.31321246852747

7032. although a look of alarm passed over his face he did not arrest  
his movements but disappeared into the shower room just as the  
chambermaid emerged from number nine. 6.765085040042948

7033. alex suppressed those expressions of relief which offered to prevail in his face and escape from his throat; unwarranted they were in any case for as he stood facing the fille de chambre his ears were assailed by new sounds from the interior of the shower room.

4.496029917999484

7034. the events of the last quarter of an hour mysterious to any bird accustomed only to the predictable life of coop and barnyard had overcome the doctor's hen and she gave out a series of cackly wails

perhaps mourning her nest but briefly enjoyed. 7.513978511632348

7035. the doctor's wits had not left him however for all his sixty-eight years and the wails were almost immediately lost in the sound of water rushing out from the showerhead. 6.321539925873991

7036. alex nodded to the maid as though nothing unusual were taking place and entered the doctor's room. 6.757567981697296

7037. shortly the doctor himself entered his hair somewhat wet from the shower but evidently satisfied with the outcome of their adventures. 5.918346290698653

7038. without comment he opened the closet and from its shelves constructed a highboard around the egg case which he had placed on the floor inside. 8.475630139077994

7039. next the hen was nested and all seemed well. 7.967695991516322

7040. the two men sat for some time savoring the pleasure of escape from peril and the relief such escape brings before they got up and left the hotel the doctor to go to the conference house and alex to go to the main post office. 8.266475035918859

7041. alex returned to the hotel rather weary and with no new prospects of a role in the late afternoon but found the doctor in an ebullient mood. 4.816916840050745

7042. at the time alex arrived he was engaged in some sort of intimate communication with the hen who had settled herself on the nest most peacefully after the occurrences of the morning. 6.7008710318578695

7043. chickens have short memories the doctor remarked that's why they are better company than most people i know and he went on to break some important news to alex. 5.873327951994046

7044. well he began it seems like some people in paris want to hear more from me than those fellers over at the conference house do.

7.151335066351274

7045. they've got a big vulture from tanganika at the zoo here with a wife for him too very rare birds both of them the only vulturidae of their species outside africa. 4.309046847042791

7046. seems like she's willing but the male just flops around all day like the bashful boy who took jeannie may behind the barn and then didn't know what to do and the people at the zoo haven't got any vulture chicks to show for their trouble. 6.241463387994444

7047. going downstairs with the tray winston wished he could have given in to miss ada but he knew better than to do what she said when she had that little-girl look. 5.371194053852711

7048. there were times it wasn't right to make a person happy like the times she came in the kitchen and asked for a peanut butter sandwich.

9.175970892326326

7049. you know we don't keep peanut butter in this house he always told her. 8.18506774744492

7050. why winston she'd cry i just now saw you eating it out of the jar! but he knew how important it was for her to keep her figure.

7.825764480774801

7051. in the kitchen leona his little young wife was reading the morning paper. 7.415783281064617

7052. her legs hung down long and thin as she sat on the high stool.

8.018407330783146

7053. here winston said gently what's these dishes doing not washed?  
8.291947986180384

7054. the enormous plates which had held mr jack's fourfried eggs and  
five strips of bacon were still stacked in the sink. 7.243051271850887

7055. leave me alone leona said. 8.587897212087949

7056. can't you see i'm busy? 11.568363037656766

7057. she looked at him impudently over the corner of the paper.  
8.896731147102988

7058. this is moving day winston reminded her and i bet you left things  
every which way upstairs your clothes all over the floor and the bed not  
made. 7.549223808848393

7059. leona! his eye had fastened on her leg; bending he touched her  
knee. 5.825820622377272

7060. if i catch you one more time down here without stockings-  
she twitched her leg away. 9.708956332474669

7061. she had an alley cat's manners. 12.955047626087975

7062. winston stacked miss ada's thin pink dishes in the sink.  
7.879513779734377

7063. then he spread out the last list on the counter.  
7.72124805359566

7064. to be left behind was printed at the top in miss ada; fine  
hand. 11.543011341710196

7065. winston took out a pencil admired the point and wrote slowly and  
heavily clothes stand. 5.9324003884465775

7066. sighing leona dropped the paper and stood up. 9.139614368306562

7067. i guess i better get ready to go. 8.529796625996704

7068. winston watched her fumbling to untie her apron.  
9.060328853487057

7069. carefully he undid the bow. 8.254441635698543

7070. how come your bows is always cockeyed? 11.436703851707046

7071. she turned and put her arms around his neck.  
9.004732673333839

7072. i don't want to leave here winston. 6.118587703680254

7073. he drew back embarrassed and pleased. 12.127026643485452

7074. i thought you was sick to death of this big house. 10.3211144282129

7075. said you wore yourself out cleaning all these empty rooms.  
6.460370037324521

7076. at least there is room here she said. 9.427461338981978

7077. what room is there going to be in an apartment for any child?  
7.051663718466665

7078. i told you what miss ada's doctor said.  
16.556151633016437

7079. i don't mean miss ada!what you think i care about that?  
4.622066639806156

7080. i mean our children. 20.334887109296098

7081. she sounded as though they already existed. 9.244711987756071

7082. in spite of the hundred things he had on his mind winston went  
and put his arm around her waist. 10.847529689674804

7083. we've got plenty of time to think about that. 6.185979655746994

7084. all the time in the world. 13.821446840433715

7085. we've only been married four years january. 5.225159000530055

7086. that's a long time waiting. 6.936104236715188

7087. how many times have i told you- he began and was almost glad when  
she cut him off- too many times!- and flounced to the sink where she  
began noisily to wash her hands. 4.8772260552564894

7088. too many times was the truth of it winston thought.  
11.313442901891205

7089. he hardly believed his reason himself any more. 9.783357976961607

7090. although it had seemed a good reason to begin with: no couple  
could afford to have children. 9.068634261267668

7091. how you going to work with a child hanging on you? 9.449129124049907  
7092. he asked leona. 27.770505909397876  
7093. you want to keep this job don't you? 11.667005738364118  
7094. he doubted whether she heard him over the running water.  
11.500547313047392  
7095. he sat for a while with his hands on his knees watching the  
bend of her back as she gathered up her things- a comb a bottle of  
aspirin- to take upstairs and pack. 5.312529672630682  
7096. she made him sad some days and he was never sure why; it was  
something to do with her back the thinness of it and the quick jerky way  
she bent. 8.092335934182634  
7097. she was too young that was all; too young and thin and straight.  
8.513285062385096  
7098. winston! it was mr jack bellowing out in the hall.  
9.68862676367082  
7099. winston hurried through the swinging door. 8.254441635698543  
7100. i've been bursting my lungs for you mr jack complained.  
5.255920864658871  
7101. he was standing in front of the mirror tightening his tie.  
12.349416925544872  
7102. he had on his gray tweed overcoat and his city hat and his brief  
case lay on the bench. 9.447875346781824  
7103. i don't know what you think you've been doing about my clothes  
he said. 4.56232808997252  
7104. this coat looks like a rag heap. 13.495648595767976  
7105. there were a few blades of lint on the shoulder.  
13.068214159382418  
7106. winston took the clothesbrush out of the closet and went to  
work. 8.812033626439662  
7107. he gave mr jack a real going-over; he brushed his shoulders and his  
back and his collar with long firm strokes. 6.415827801046271  
7108. hey! mr jack cried when the brush tipped his hat down over his  
eyes. 7.198778874655976  
7109. winston apologized and quickly set the hat right.  
7.14162538120728  
7110. then he stood back to look at mr jack who was pulling on his  
pigskin gloves. 8.600653985599752  
7111. winston enjoyed seeing him start out; he wore his clothes with  
style. 6.002446559592496  
7112. when he was going to town nothing was good enough- he had  
cursed at winston once for leaving a fleck of polish on his  
shoelace. 7.736705781836891  
7113. at home he wouldn't even wash his hands for supper and he  
wandered around the yard in a pair of sweaty old corduroys.  
6.55616141136686  
7114. the velvet smoking jackets pearl-gray wine and blue which miss ada  
had bought him hung brushed and unworn in the closet. 7.19406632878046  
7115. good-by winston mr jack said giving a final set to his hat.  
6.002446559592496  
7116. look out for those movers! winston watched him hurry down the  
drive to his car; a handsome fine-looking man it made him proud to see.  
7.444456021689191  
7117. after mr jack drove away winston went on looking out the window.  
7.291519037757386  
7118. he noticed a speck of dirt on the sill and swiped at it with his  
finger. 8.26265427207832  
7119. then he looked at his finger at the wrinkled heavy knuckle and  
the thick nail he used like a knife to pry up slit and open.  
5.590955893806956

7120. for the first time he let himself be sad about the move.  
15.491689082538887

7121. that house was ten years off his life. 10.913309268090375

7122. each brass handle and hinge shone for his reward and he knew how  
to get at the dust in the china flowers and how to take down the  
long glass drops which hung from the chandelier. 6.606898567551556

7123. he knew the house like a blind man through his fingers and he did  
not like to think of all the time and rags and polishes he had spent  
on keeping it up. 6.832487749526166

7124. ten years ago he had come to the house to be interviewed.  
16.87468417619587

7125. the tulips and the big pink peonies had been blooming along the  
drive and he had walked up from the bus almost singing.  
5.963667560753913

7126. miss ada had been out back in a straw hat planting flowers.  
8.430425115209394

7127. she had talked to him right there with the hot sun in his face  
which made him sweat and feel ashamed. 6.579313061269457

7128. winston had been surprised at her for that. 9.060328853487057

7129. still he had liked the way she had looked in a fresh neat cotton  
dress- citron yellow if he remembered. 5.545554099726889

7130. she had had a dignity about her even barefoot and almost too tan.  
12.370175535536896

7131. since then the flowers she had planted had spread all over the  
hill. 7.088283514516456

7132. already the jonquils were blooming in a flock by the front gate  
and the periwinkles were coming on blue by the porch steps.  
7.060238944614213

7133. in a week the hyacinths would spike out. 13.33869610192539

7134. and the dogwood in early may for miss ada's alfresco party; and  
after that the japanese cherries. 8.903824026993293

7135. now the yard looked wet and bald the trees bare under their buds  
but in a while miss ada's flowers would bloom like a marching parade.  
5.947856845619089

7136. she had dug a hole for each bulb each tree wore a tag with her  
writing on it; where would she go for her gardening now? 7.09783377706419

7137. somehow winston didn't think she'd take to window boxes.  
6.764147616291221

7138. sighing he hurried to the living room. 9.670406878971576

7139. he had a thousand things to see to. 13.88368757519947

7140. still he couldn't help thinking we're all getting old getting  
small; the snail is pulling in her horns. 7.30773626570091

7141. in the living room miss ada was standing by the window with a  
sheaf of lists in her hand. 7.058889647279377

7142. she was looking out at the garden. 16.46500214997183

7143. winston she said get the basket for the breakables.  
6.764147616291221

7144. winston had the big straw basket ready in the hall.  
8.196044167676531

7145. he brought it in and put it down beside her. 8.431773034471274

7146. miss ada was looking fine; she had on her easter suit blue with  
lavender binding. 7.654154879681012

7147. halfway across the house he could have smelled her morning perfume.  
6.210871206873012

7148. it hung in all her day clothes sweet and strong; sometimes when  
he was pressing winston raised her dresses to his face.  
8.73241798778693

7149. frowning miss ada studied the list. 7.622507342753323

7150. the china lemon tree. 15.841500723885778

7151. winston followed her around the room collecting the small frail  
objects and wrapping them in tissue paper. 5.693671129038469  
7152. neither of them trusted the movers. 13.115645452062768  
7153. when they came to mr jack's photograph twenty by twelve inches in  
a curly silver frame miss ada said by rights i ought to leave that  
seeing he won't take my clotheshorse. 5.303954335921686  
7154. she smiled at winston and he saw the hateful hard glitter in her  
eyes. 9.34342916675836  
7155. he picked up the photograph and began to wrap it.  
10.491114131903798  
7156. at least you could leave it for the movers miss ada said.  
10.935937874895334  
7157. what possessed you to tell me a clotheshorse would be a good  
idea? 8.625533737127238  
7158. winston folded the tissue paper carefully.  
10.472119682746735  
7159. he's used it every day; every morning i lay out his clothes on it.  
3.9522364315259604  
7160. and it was his main present! leave that fool picture out she added  
sharply. 12.38490716874011  
7161. winston laid it in the basket. 9.474431667093892  
7162. mr jack sets store by that. 13.219971295917068  
7163. it was meant to be my present. 16.79056552587768  
7164. but she went on down the list. 14.886931241401385  
7165. winston was relieved; those presents had been on his mind.  
6.8220599338520485  
7166. he had only agreed with miss ada about getting the valet but he  
had actually suggested the photograph to mr jack. 9.071523470121269  
7167. you know what she likes winston he had said wearily one evening  
in november when winston was pulling off his overshoes. 7.07816376232753  
7168. tell me what to get her for christmas. 9.32914914240057  
7169. she's been talking about a picture winston had told him.  
5.687700428357345  
7170. picture! you mean picture of me? 9.670406878971576  
7171. but winston had persuaded him. 14.87752464115648  
7172. on christmas night they had had a disagreement about it.  
13.185605086760198  
7173. winston had heard because he was setting up the liquor tray in  
the next room. 6.993468876630321  
7174. through the door he had seen mr jack walking around waiting for  
miss ada. 9.484563746536747  
7175. finally she had come down; winston had heard her shaking out the  
skirt of her new pink silk hostess gown. 5.521509049452843  
7176. how do you like it? 20.420114640013633  
7177. she had asked. 20.13874253045412  
7178. mr jack had said you look about fifteen years old. 9.152799234301753  
7179. is that a compliment? 16.66280321130808  
7180. i don't know. 8.280368894557514  
7181. he had stood at a little distance studying her as though he  
would walk around next and look at the back of her head.  
8.04813035667158  
7182. lovie you make me feel naked. 10.472119682746735  
7183. miss ada had giggled and she went sweeping and rustling to the  
couch and sank down. 5.881800495615735  
7184. you look like that picture i have at the office mr jack had  
started. 10.988768079641906  
7185. not a line not a wrinkle. 13.430434895335097  
7186. i look like an old man compared and he had picked up his photograph  
with the red christmas bow still on it. 8.473326102101499  
7187. will you wear pink when you're sixty? 9.281641589034585

7188. darling i love that photograph. 11.568363037656766  
 7189. i'm going to put it on my dresser. 5.226955649389396  
 7190. i guess it's children make a woman old. 11.633205579815934  
 7191. a man gets old anyhow. 16.470321985788654  
 7192. after a minute he went on people must think the curse is on me  
 seeing you fresh as an apple and me old and gray. 8.047975997820625  
 7193. i'll give you a medical certificate framed if you like miss ada  
 had said. 4.7578628874807825  
 7194. all i want is a picture- with a few lines. 9.932085718729901  
 7195. make the man put them in if he has to. 7.552580674945524  
 7196. afterthat they had sat for five minutes without saying a word.  
 8.113895148518498  
 7197. then miss ada had stood up rustling and rustling and gone  
 upstairs. 7.0054235509862846  
 7198. was it love? 24.82337925620855  
 7199. i had no doubt that it was. 16.70899508880048  
 7200. during the rest of the summer my scholarly mania for making  
 plaster casts and spatter prints of catskill flowers and leaves was  
 all but surpassed by the constantly renewed impressions of jessica  
 that my mind served up to me for contemplation and delight.  
 7.2713683788309895  
 7201. nothing in all the preceding years had had the power to bring me  
 closer to a knowledge of profound sorrow than the breakup of camp  
 the packing away of my camp uniforms the severing of ties with the six  
 or ten people i had grown most to love in the world.  
 5.103871055821257  
 7202. in final separation from them in the railroad terminal across the  
 river from new york i would nearly cry. 9.352563111128934  
 7203. my parents' welcoming arms would seem woeful inadequate unwanted.  
 7.487989836845301  
 7204. but that year was different for just as the city in the form of  
 my street clothes had intruded upon my mountain nights so an essential  
 part of the summer gave promise of continuing into the fall: jessica  
 and i about to be separated not by a mere footbridge or messhall  
 kitchen but by the immense obstacle of residing in cruelly distant  
 boroughs had agreed to correspond. 7.437949650643217  
 7205. these letters became the center of my existence.  
 10.503650902539228  
 7206. i lived to see an envelope of hers in the morning mail and to lock  
 myself in my room in the afternoon to reread her letter for the  
 tenth time and finally prepare an answer. 7.576725122525901  
 7207. my memory has catalogued for easy reference and withdrawal the  
 image of her pink scented stationery and the unsloped almost printed  
 configurations of her neat studious handwriting with which she invited  
 me to recall our summer so many sentences beginning with remember when  
 h; and others concerning camp friends who resided in her suburban  
 neighborhood and news of hercommencing again her piano lessons her  
 private school a visit to boston to see her grandparents and an uncle  
 who was a surgeon returned on furlough wounded from the war in europe.  
 4.491536409138628  
 7208. in my letters i took on a personality that differed from the  
 self i knew in real life. 9.572471516900004  
 7209. then epistolatory me was a foreign correspondent dispatching  
 exciting cables and communiques full of dash and wit and glamor quoting  
 from the books i read imitating the grand styles of the authors  
 recommendedby a teacher in whose special after-school class i was  
 enrolled. 4.693342183427144  
 7210. the letters took their source from a stream of my imagination in  
 which i was transformed into a young man not unlike my bunkmate eliot  
 sands- he of the porch steps anecdotes- who smoked cigarettes



performed the tango wore fifty dollar suits and sneaked off into the dark with girls to do unimaginable things with them.

6.019878378034352

7211. like eliot in my fantasies i had a proud bearing and with a skill that was vaguely continental i would lead jessica through an evening of dancing and handsome descriptions of my newest exploits would guide her gently to the night's climax which in my dreams was always represented by our almost suffocating one another to death with deep moist kisses burning with love. 4.642926399822628

7212. the night after reading her letter about her surgeon uncle- it must have been late in september- i had a vision of myself returned in ragged uniform from the front nearly dying my head bandaged and blooded and jessica bending over me the power of her love bringing me back to life. 6.5970873151254406

7213. for many nights afterward the idea of her having been so close to me in that imagined bed would return and fill me with obscure and painful desires would cause me to lie awake in shame tossing with irresolution longing to fall into a deep sleep. 5.190903971750025

7214. the weeks went by and the longer our separation grew the more unbounded and almost unbearable my fantasies became. 7.333060553020843

7215. they caused my love for jessica to become warmer and at the same time more hopeless as if my adolescent self knew that only torment would ever bring me the courage to ask to see her again. 5.920687781831919

7216. as it turned out jessica took matters into her own hands. 14.619791802999812

7217. having received permission to give a camp reunion-halloween party she asked that i come and be her date. 5.665689085444768

7218. i went and mum and nervous all but made a fool of myself. 9.19445295526662

7219. again among those jubilantly reunited bunkmates i was shy with jessie and acted as i had during those early saturday mornings when we all seemed to be playing for effect to be detached and unconcerned with the girls who were properly our dates but about whom later in the privacy of our bunks we would think in terms of the most elaborate romance. 5.143702969203181

7220. i remember standing in a corner watching jessica act the hostess serving soft drinks to her guests. 9.007150470468716

7221. she was wearing her dark hair in two thick braids to attain an american girl effect she thought was appropriate to halloween. 6.047270722152627

7222. it made her look sweet and schoolgirlish i was excited to be with her but i did not know how to express it. 9.384465159808828

7223. yet a moment did come that night when the adventurous letter writer and fantasist seemed to stride off my flashy pages out of my mind and plant himself in reality. 5.4190536052477505

7224. it was late we were playing kissing games and jessica and i were called on to kiss in front of the others. 9.348663724990093

7225. we blushed and were flustered and it turned out to be the fleetest brush of lips upon cheek. 7.353254886939662

7226. the kiss outraged our friends but it was done and meanwhile had released in me all the remote exciting premonitions of lust all the mysterious sensations that i had imagined a truly consummated kiss would convey to me. 6.193800139130625

7227. it was at that party that finally overcoming my timidity inspired by tales only half-understood and overheard among older boys i asked jessie to spend new year's eve with me. 5.571664541101915

7228. lovingly she accepted and so great was my emotion that all i could think of saying was you're amazing you know? 6.44893033609597

7229. later we agreed to think of how we wished to spend that night. 8.476132431116032

7230. we would write to one another and make a definite plan.  
15.456755412581593

7231. among my school and neighborhood friends during the next months i  
bragged and swaggered and pompously described my impending date.  
5.959721212221881

7232. but though i boasted and gave off a dapper front i was beneath  
it all frightened. 9.296960857358496

7233. it would be the first time i had ever been completely alone with a  
girl i loved. 9.441209429837478

7234. i had no idea of what subjects one discussed when alone with a girl  
or how one behaved: should i hold her hand while walking or only  
when crossing the street? 7.618885669051951

7235. should i bring along a corsage or send one to her?  
7.107326939158011

7236. was it preferable to meet her at home or in the city?  
11.567431167788708

7237. should i accompany her to the door of her home or should i ask  
to be invited in? 6.285716992524844

7238. in or out should i kiss her goodnight? 11.838405196350237

7239. all this was unknown to me and yet i had dared to ask her out for  
the most important night of the year! when in one letter jessica  
informed me that her father did not like the idea of her going out  
alone on new year's eve i knew for a moment an immense relief; but the  
letter went on: she had cried she had implored she had been miserable  
at his refusal and finally he had relented- and now how happy she  
was how expectant! her optimism gave me heart. 4.605845061041317

7240. i forced confidence into myself. 18.25917094604721

7241. i made inquiries i read a book of etiquette. 8.555241096529764

7242. in december i wrote her with authority that we would meet on  
the steps of the hotel astor a rendezvous spot that i had learned was  
the most sophisticated. 7.390797496237237

7243. we would attend a film and later on i stated we might go to the  
mayflower coffee shop or child's or toffenetti's for waffles.  
6.55119013854694

7244. i set the hour of our meeting for seven. 11.640319748285755

7245. at five o'clock that night it was already dark and behind my  
closed door i was dressing as carefully as a groom. 5.537746608358067

7246. i wore a new double-breasted brown worsted suit with a faint  
herringbone design and wide lapels like a devil's ears.  
7.721756160345477

7247. my camp-made leather wallet bulky with twisted raised stitches  
around the edges i stuffed with money i had been saving.  
5.449744428242049

7248. hatless in an overcoat of rough blue wool i was given a proud  
farewell by my mother and father and i set out into the strangely  
still streets of brooklyn. 5.907722020352733

7249. i felt superior to the neighborhood friends i was leaving behind  
felt older than my years and was full of compliments for myself as i  
headed into the subway that was carrying its packs of passengers out of  
that dull borough and into the unstable tantalizing excitement of  
manhattan. 4.929943984495948

7250. times square when i ascended to it with my fellow subway travellers  
dressed as if for a huge wedding in a family of which we were all  
distant was nearly impassable the sidewalks swarming with celebrants  
with bundled up sailors and soldiers already hugging their girls  
and their rationed bottles of whiskey. 6.049553416921706

7251. heavy-coated severe-looking policemen sat astride noble horses  
along the curbside to prevent the revellers from spilling out in front of  
the crawling traffic. 6.376579619543275

7252. the night was cold but the crowd kept one warm. 9.945332631078985

7253. the giant electric signs and        marquees were lit up for the first time since blackout regulations had        been instituted and the atmosphere was alive with the feeling that        victory was just around the corner.        6.314418041128733

7254. cardboard noisemakers substitutes for the unavailable tin models were being hawked and bought at makeshift        stands every few yards along broadway and one's ears were continually        serenaded by the horns' rasps and bleats.        5.830388127029086

7255. an old gentlemen next to me held a boy scout bugle to his lips and blasted away at        every fourth step and during the interim shouted out v for victory!        his neighbors cheered him on.        4.9700804423364575

7256. there was a great sense of camaraderie.        31.606683695908036

7257. how did one join them? 13.36332041789622

7258. where were they all walking        to?        13.360187620899113

7259. was i supposed to buy a funny hat and a rattle for jessica? 6.991827708813208

7260.        it was a quarter of seven when the crowd washed me up among the other gallants who had established the astor steps as the beach-head from which to launch their night of merrymaking.        6.7435932932373515

7261. i looked over their        faces and felt a twinge: they all looked so much more knowing than i.        6.620010315651452

7262. i looked for jessica to materialize out of the        clogging curdling crowd and as the time passed and i waited a fiend came to life beside me and whispered in my ear: how was i planning        to greet jessica?        7.109580354536243

7263. where exactly would we go after the movie?        8.1198227100694

7264.        suppose the lines in front of the movie houses were too long and we        couldn't get in?        9.121871304551341

7265. suppose i hadn't brought along enough money?        8.412690051217616

7266.        i felt for my wallet.        10.472119682746735

7267. its thick substantial outline calmed me.        8.534848014213438

7268. but when i saw that it was already ten past seven i began to wonder if something had gone wrong.        10.38876243713645

7269. suppose her father had changed his        mind and had refused to let her leave?        7.97053187518695

7270. suppose at this very moment        her father was calling my house in an effort to cancel the plans?        8.783272136838821

7271.        i grew uneasy.        10.363724110347151

7272. all about me there was a hectic interplay of meetings        taking place like abrupt jerky scenes in old silent movies joyous        greetings and beginnings huggings and kissings enthusiastic forays into the festive night.        6.5902861150167915

7273. whole platoons were taking up new positions on        the steps arriving and departing while i stayed glued like a signpost        to one spot.        5.173581777093261

7274. at 7:25 two hotel doormen came thumping        down the steps carrying a saw-horse to be set up as a barricade in front        of the haberdashery store window next to the entranceway and as i        watched them in their gaudy red coats that nearly scraped the ground their golden fringed epaulets and spic red-visored caps i suddenly saw just over their shoulders jessica gracefully making her way through        the crowd.        6.077047881678066

7275. my heart almost stopped beating.        9.452730157081492

7276. there were thirty-eight patients on the bus the morning i left for hanover most of them disturbed and hallucinating.        10.326232434812761

7277. an interne a nurse and two attendants were in charge of us.        7.82909529942873

7278. i felt lonely and depressed as i stared out the bus window at  
chicago's grim dirty west side. 8.110994027349752

7279. it seemed incredible as i listened to the monotonous drone of  
voices and smelled the fetid odors coming from the patients that  
technically i was a ward of the state of illinois going to a hospital  
for the mentally ill. 6.550898827914617

7280. i suddenly thought of mary jane brennan the way her pretty eyes  
could flash with anger her quiet competence the gentleness and sweetness  
that lay just beneath the surface of her defenses. 6.554246266652798

7281. we had become good friends during my stay at cook county  
hospital. 8.455298144236355

7282. i had told her enough about myself to offset somewhat the  
damaging stories that had appeared in local newspapers after my little  
adventure in marshall field + co. 7.2483989123024175

7283. she knew that i lived at a good address on the gold coast that i  
had once been a medical student and was thinking of returning to the  
university to finish my medical studies. 5.055478394587346

7284. she knew also that i was unmarried and without a single known  
relative. 9.768566603214257

7285. she wasn't quite sure that i felt enough remorse about my drinking  
or that i would not return to it once i was out and on my own again.  
5.873972385632297

7286. i read those newspaper stories about you she had said.  
10.227318669010717

7287. you must have loved that girl very much but you couldn't have  
meant it when you said that you wanted to kill her. 4.958070100322966

7288. why do you say that? 15.604009980076775

7289. i asked. 22.589978126100267

7290. i was full of booze and well a drunk is apt to do anything he  
says he'll do. 9.800103582953502

7291. nonsense! i grewup in an irish neighborhood on chicago's west  
side. 6.002446559592496

7292. don'tt tell me about drunks. 11.568363037656766

7293. you're not the kind to go violent. 5.955381787546666

7294. were you in love with that girl? 9.670406878971576

7295. would it make any difference to you if i were mary jane?  
7.648640656989306

7296. she met my eyes suddenly angry. 14.140224473190667

7297. i wouldn't have gone into nursing if i didn't care about  
people. 8.731200769840179

7298. i'm interested in every patient i've helped take care of.  
5.021813214007006

7299. when i think of people like you well i- you what mary jane?  
8.28109017490717

7300. you are young intelligent have a whole lifetime before you to  
make something worth while of yourself but you mess it up with whiskey  
indifference self-destructive attitudes. 7.46194019252402

7301. i don't blame that girl for breaking her engagement with you.  
4.837439468880398

7302. was she pretty? 15.594944937291627

7303. oh yes i said feeling annoyed she was very pretty.  
7.259083843395202

7304. you don't believe that i'm going back to medical school and  
finish do you? 6.662951442449853

7305. why should i? 12.292407525564322

7306. i've worked this ward for three months now. 9.898201359108192

7307. we keep getting the same ones back again and again.  
8.396496230546957

7308. they all mean well have great promises to make when they are  
about to go home but drinking is their sickness. 8.828791705064697

7309. you've not seemed like them but maybe you are. 4.754159599044218  
7310. you've treated your stay here like a big joke. 6.155703583967441  
7311. it's not a joke to be sent to a place like this or to hanover.  
3.262234899347801  
7312. i wanted to go to college to- why didn't you?  
19.138244682706073  
7313. i asked. 22.589978126100267  
7314. chicago has some of the best- her eyes flashed angrily.  
12.699261672896  
7315. that's what i mean about you anderson she said. 4.449117988093786  
7316. you don't seem to know much about reality. 7.9866154966585166  
7317. i'll tell you why i didn't go to college; i'm the oldest of six  
children. 4.306458221738854  
7318. my father's a policeman and makes less than seven thousand dollars  
a year. 8.593155599986956  
7319. there was no money for tuition for clothes for all the things  
you apparently take for granted. 9.752535060191938  
7320. nurses' training here doesn't cost anything.  
10.472119682746735  
7321. they even pay me six dollars a month. 9.433178351824823  
7322. i think it's a good deal. 19.061703932371586  
7323. i'm going to become a good nurse and i've got two baby brothers  
that are going to have college if i have to work at my profession  
until i'm an old maid to give it to them. 5.205930138677754  
7324. do you have a boy friend? 25.69009997943274  
7325. i asked. 22.589978126100267  
7326. that's none of your business she said then changed the subject.  
5.199736669592963  
7327. what about your father and mother don't you think of them when  
you're in a place like this? 6.056470355713115  
7328. my father and mother died when i was two years old i said.  
8.903950950735569  
7329. aunt mary died when i was doing my military service.  
7.042724002063021  
7330. i have no one but myself to worry about. 11.633205579815934  
7331. something in my voice must have touched her deeply because her  
anger passed quickly and she turned away to keep me from seeing her face.  
5.113818637254431  
7332. i don't know what i'd do without my family. 5.695623658910755  
7333. we've always been so close. 9.118533821976325  
7334. tell me more about them. 10.950229209308457  
7335. her eyes became bright as she talked about her father and mother  
aunts and uncles cousins. 6.030195760983861  
7336. listening i felt cheated and lonely as only an orphan can.  
7.879513779734377  
7337. when she had finished i said: your dad sounds like a good  
father and a good policeman. 7.43177231671525  
7338. i'll bet he wouldn't be pleased if a rumdum like me were to ask  
his daughter for a date- i mean after i'm out of the hospital a month  
or so from now. 5.637413546490539  
7339. my father is a sergeant of detectives and has been attached to  
homicide for five years. 6.4841191986873  
7340. he's a pretty good judge of character anderson. 5.808701761804329  
7341. i don't think he'd mind too much if he were sure you'd decided not  
to be a rumdum in the future. 5.599205874991546  
7342. what about you? 25.95030532115391  
7343. how would you feel about it if i were to ask you for a date when  
i get through at hanover? 5.841661077977858

7344. if i thought you were serious about going back to school that you'd learned something from your experiences here and at hanover- well i might consider such an offer. 7.454053693863141

7345. what about your h that girl you were going to kill? 9.248657990684244

7346. it suddenly seemed very important to me that mary jane brennan should know the truth about me- that i was not the confused sick irresponsible person she believed me to be. 7.124865490029955

7347. there are things about me that i can't tell you now mary jane i said but if you'll go out to dinner with me when i get out of hanover i'd like to tell you the whole story. 5.6228636217059185

7348. i can say this: i'm dead serious about going back to school. 11.440005227859416

7349. as for that other girllet's just say that i never want to see her again. 7.855264028033953

7350. you will get to come home on long weekends from hanover won't you? 11.250640737104604

7351. yes i'll get one overnight a month. 7.14162538120728

7352. we'll go up to the edgewater beach hotel for dinner i said. 5.521386603555391

7353. do you like to dance? 18.895468921462953

7354. they always have a good orchestra. 15.335018908887587

7355. i like to dance she said then turned and walked away. 8.061482068632769

7356. there hadn't been anything really personal in her interest in me. 11.914636702031446

7357. it was just that she felt deeply about every patient on the ward and wanted to believe that they might benefit from their treatment there. 7.9125009590122755

7358. now riding this hospital bus feeling isolated and utterly alone i knew that she was genuine and unique quite unlike any girl i had known before. 7.293939614551564

7359. it seemed the most important thing in my life at this moment that she should know the real truth about me. 7.298067210569471

7360. it was a fantastic story. 13.015750011366617

7361. only two people in the state of illinois knew that i was entering hanover state hospital under an assumed name or why. 7.770980778322675

7362. it was unlikely that any girl as sharp as mary jane brennan would believe it without proof. 10.029381691140129

7363. but i had the proof all documented in a legal agreement which i would show her the moment i was free to do so. 6.708826325355364

7364. as the bus turned into the main highway and headed toward hanover i settled back in my seat and closed my eyes thinking over the events of the past two weeks trying to put the pieces in order. 8.007048795882682

7365. i wondered suddenly as i listened to the disconnected jabberings coming from the patient behind me if i had not perhaps imagined it all. 7.545656539573926

7366. perhaps this was reality and dale nelson the actor was delusion; a figment of carl anderson's imagination. 9.486324995618533

7367. i had come to chicago from new york early in september with a dramatic production called ask tony. 6.05069946055912

7368. it was a bad play real grade-a turkey which only a prevalence of angels with grandiose dreams of capital gain and tax money to burn could have put into rehearsal. 8.12402404419385

7369. no one not even the producer had any real hope of getting it back to broadway. 6.661552216282131

7370. but because it was a suspense gangster story of the capone era many of us felt that it might catch on for a run in chicago continue as a road company and eventually become a movie. 8.920994007239832  
7371. such optimism was completely unjustified. 12.096196390257987  
7372. the critics literally screamed their indignation. 13.848082117783294  
7373. ask tony was doomed from the moment kupciner leveled on it in his sun-times column. 6.7677922911648345  
7374. we opened on friday and closed the following monday. 11.399541947434118  
7375. out of the entire cast i alone received good notices for my portrayal of a psychopathic killer. 8.213360293880044  
7376. this let me in for a lot of kidding from the rest of the company two members of which were native chicagoans. 11.592493844958431  
7377. we were paid off tuesday morning and given tickets back to new york. 7.799141791309426  
7378. i felt lonely and depressed as i packed my bags at the croydon hotel. 8.923469128060672  
7379. it seemed to me that my life was destined to be one brilliant failure after another. 10.615850701840195  
7380. i had been among the top third in my class at nyu had wanted desperately to go to medical school but i'd run out of money and energy at the same time. 7.199873736505148  
7381. then later i had quit my safe secure five-a-week spot on a network soap opera to take a part in this play. 6.051672092450167  
7382. it seemed to me that i was not only unlucky but quite stupid as well. 10.112104656408526  
7383. i knew that i'd soon be back working as an orderly at the hospital or as a counterman at union news or schraffts while waiting for another acting job to open. 4.656645272807095  
7384. it suddenly occurred to me that i did not particularly like acting that i was at some sort of crossroads and would have to decide soon what i was going to do with my life. 10.674653583826169  
7385. i closed the last bag and stood all three at the door for the bellboy to pick up then went to the bathroom for a drink of water. 5.587437315715598  
7386. when i answered it a voice too dignified and british to be real said is this mr dale nelson the actor? 8.047635658936887  
7387. all right i said. 9.118533821976325  
7388. why don't you bastards lay off for a while? 10.476177451418131  
7389. i beg your pardon sir? 12.384361145835424  
7390. all right. 23.646246456907814  
7391. this is dale nelson h the actor. 13.381820723199082  
7392. i'm calling you mr nelson at the request of mr phillip wycoff. 8.22227871994032  
7393. could you possibly have lunch with him today? 7.730744897791682  
7394. his car could pick you up at your hotel at twelve. 8.699012786417118  
7395. you'll send the rolls-royce of course? 4.028252201302384  
7396. yes of course mr nelson. 14.895633550238912  
7397. i started to say something else appropriate but the man had hung up. 8.2645919900809  
7398. i finally went downstairs to the bar off the main lobby where most of the cast were drowning their sorrows over the untimely passing of ask tony. 7.870827590954197  
7399. they all bowed low as i approached them. 10.174415927888445  
7400. all right you bastards i said the great actor is about to buy a drink. 8.804668379930106

7401. i laid a tenspot on the bar and motioned to the bartender to serve a round. 7.274449089655425  
7402. he had just returned my change when the doorman came in off the street to page me. 9.723464667102574  
7403. i walked over to him. 9.118533821976325  
7404. you mr nelson? 24.616003681853215  
7405. he asked. 21.889553134177078  
7406. mr wycoff's car is waiting for you at the east entrance. 9.51502881742609  
7407. i followed him out through the lobby to the street. 8.919503093065025  
7408. an ancient rolls-royce as shiningly impressive as the day it came off the ship was parked at the curb. 8.007244830016747  
7409. the elderly chauffeur immaculate in a dark uniform stood stiffly at attention holding open the door of the town car. 6.530336735747246  
7410. i was giving the parked cars the once-over. 13.53487361518177  
7411. the oldsmobile with the license number jyj 114 was in stall number five. 6.817408452020724  
7412. okay i said to the attendant i'll let you know if i close the deal on the office in this building. 7.597562810432126  
7413. i walked with him back to the entrance. 12.45532407214281  
7414. he gave me a ticket on the agency car and parked it. 12.065777119017971  
7415. i was back in ten minutes. 13.169549833069913  
7416. forgot to get something out of the car i told him showing him my ticket. 8.544036776392577  
7417. he started to say something as i walked in and then suddenly grinned and said oh yes. 5.632906832436872  
7418. you're the one i was talking to about a monthly rental. 7.747025361890182  
7419. that's right i told him. 4.047684077162469  
7420. he consulted the parking ticket then looked at a notation and said you're in the third row back toward the rear. 7.785829561258076  
7421. can you find it all right? 11.698391586205423  
7422. sure i told him. 11.568363037656766  
7423. i went back to the agency car and got out an electric bug one of the newest devices for electronic shadowing. 7.695058640172767  
7424. i always keep a set in the car. 12.405270606505063  
7425. i put in new batteries so as to be certain i'd have plenty of power and on my way out walked over to the regular parking stalls and stood looking at them thoughtfully. 7.6043516701635765  
7426. i waited until the parking attendant was busy with a customer then slipped around the back of the car with license number jym 114 attached the electronic bug to the rear bumper and walked out. 8.000353646655777  
7427. the attendant waved me on. 10.915477388587384  
7428. one of the hardest chores a detective has is hanging around on a city street trying to make himself inconspicuous keeping an eye on the entrance of an office building and waiting. 7.954136230059117  
7429. for the first fifteen or twenty minutes it's possible to be more or less interested in window displays than in people passing by. 8.22541783033355  
7430. after a while however a person's mind gets fed up and that magnifies all of the disagreeable physical symptoms which go with that sort of an assignment. 8.526565856142678  
7431. you want to sit down. 17.074558415430587  
7432. your leg muscles and back muscles feel weary. 9.42049305679531  
7433. you're conscious of the fact that your feet hurt that the city pavements are hard. 6.506826971906257



7434. i waited a solid two hours before my man came out of the office building. 11.466575342549229

7435. i wasn't far behind him when he entered the parking lot and hurried over to his car. 6.103798641482219

7436. the attendant recognized me once more and said what did you do about that office? 8.346523409839932

7437. i haven't made up my mind yet i said. 7.756099426258275

7438. i have a couple of them i'm figuring on; one here and one that's out quite a ways where there's usually curb parking. 9.869224950502858

7439. that curb parking is undependable and annoying particularly when it rains he said. 7.09355477563453

7440. i kept trying to get him to take my money. 11.648098955397426

7441. i'm in a rush right now. 4.068096019485495

7442. i know where the car is. 16.952709348229043

7443. want me to drive it out? 7.622507342753323

7444. i'll have one of the boys get it he said. 10.714798989375401

7445. it's one of the rules on transients. 8.254441635698543

7446. regulars drive out their own cars. 9.670406878971576

7447. make it as snappy as you can will you? 9.076532239077546

7448. i asked. 28.659110453221246

7449. oh that's all right he said. 8.869713567468498

7450. you're going to be a regular. 11.343912897355672

7451. you'll get in the office building here. 4.344740804498202

7452. you don't want to lease a place way out in the sticks. 7.608747072131166

7453. you get business where the business is not where it isn't. 8.498258318368384

7454. i grinned at him handed him a couple of dollars and said by the time you get the parking charge figured up there should be a cigar in it for you. 8.803620737814379

7455. i hurried over to the agency heap jumped in started the motor and was just in time to see the car i wanted to shadow turn to the left. 6.4341693966811775

7456. i was held up a bit trying to make a left turn. 14.187908309622946

7457. by the time i'd made it he was gone. 11.992712599538887

7458. i turned on the electric bug and the signal came in loud and clear. 9.136887661058207

7459. i made time and picked him up within ten blocks. 8.555241096529764

7460. i stayed half a block behind him letting lots of cars keep in between us listening to the steady beep h beep h beep. 7.478183431629994

7461. after fifteen minutes of traffic driving he turned to the left. 8.787833779344155

7462. i couldn't see him but the electric bugging device gave steady beeps when it was straight ahead short half beeps when the car i was following was to the left and long drawn-out beeps when it turned to the right. 7.277776366913733

7463. if it ever got behind me the beepturned to a buzz. 9.835727886985925

7464. i turned left too soon and got a signal showing that i was still behind him but he was to the right. 9.34557911493335

7465. after a while the signal became a buzz and i knew he was behind me. 6.874880119261764

7466. that meant he'd parked someplace. 17.150845923962493

7467. i made a big circle until i located the car parked at the curb in front of an apartment house. 6.911363260410427

7468. i found a parking place half a block away sat in the car and waited. 9.84089673897897  
7469. my quarry was in the apartment house for two hours. 8.813010333666961  
7470. then he came out and started driving toward the beach. 11.342635006252632  
7471. by this time it was dark. 15.587909495293003  
7472. i could get up close to him where there was traffic but had to drop far behind when there wasn't traffic. 8.72577307175207  
7473. my lights would have been a giveaway if i'd tried to shadow him in the conventional manner. 6.96142484154022  
7474. moreover i'd have lost him if it hadn't been for the electronic shadowing device h. 8.092536019354142  
7475. his signal was coming loud and clear and then all of a sudden it turned to a buzz. 5.711261973568333  
7476. i circled the block and found he was in the parking lot of a high-class restaurant. 8.931703154506646  
7477. i sat where i could watch the exit and realized i was hungry. 7.319167417194751  
7478. i sat there with the faint odor of charcoal-broiled steaks tantalizing my nostrils and occasionally catching the aroma of coffee. 7.721756160345477  
7479. my man came out an hour later drove to the beach turned right and after half a mile went to the swim and tan motel. 5.947057886450539  
7480. it was a fairly modern motel with quite a bit of electrical display in front. 13.787580055762836  
7481. i remembered it was the peeping tom place. 9.95288923829895  
7482. i waited until my man was coming out of the office with the key to a cabin before i went in to register. 8.483055096104874  
7483. the card the man i was shadowing had filled out was still on the counter. 6.374057384651866  
7484. i noticed that he was in unit 12 and that he had registered under the name of oscar l palmer and wife giving a san francisco address. 10.15477494569455  
7485. he had written out the license number of his car but had transposed the last two figures an old dodge which is still good. 6.7856608612073055  
7486. ninety-nine times out of a hundred the motel manager doesn't check the license number on the plates against the license number the tenant writes out. 7.719146987487635  
7487. if he does it's still better than an even chance he won't notice the transposition of the numbers and if he should notice it the thing can be passed off as an honest mistake. 5.577482578465901  
7488. i used the alias of robert c richards gave the first three letters and the first and last figure of the license number on the agency heap but a couple of phony numbers in between. 8.507753186683226  
7489. i could have written anything. 17.967007933334887  
7490. the manager of the motel was a woman who apparently didn't care. 12.528176446297998  
7491. she was complying with the law in regard to registrations but she certainly wasn't checking license numbers or bothering the tenants. 7.063309822951709  
7492. you mean you're all alone mr richards? 13.503944917508555  
7493. that's right. 12.292407525564322  
7494. your wife isn't going to join you- later? 10.03091805064833  
7495. i don't think so. 5.50021416627485  
7496. if you expect her to show up she said you'd better put 'andwife' on there. 8.943920171957652  
7497. it's a formality you know. 1.9623085232945487  
7498. any difference in the rate? 11.568363037656766

7499. i asked. 22.589978126100267  
7500. not to you she said smiling. 15.95632019170276  
7501. it's ten dollars either way. 2.8478925195944758  
7502. there are ice cubes ina container at the far end and in another by  
the office.12.726616388363585  
7503. there are three soft-drink vending machines and if you should be  
joined by- anybody- try to keep things quiet if you will.  
7.3850805787624125  
7504. we like to run a nice quiet place. 12.350455461918722  
7505. thank you i told her. 18.097629685333064  
7506. i took another sidelong glance at the other registration card  
then took the key to unit 13 that she had given me and went down long  
enough to park the car. 7.8834038284879835  
7507. the construction was reasonably solid; not like the cracker-box  
construction of so many of the motel units that have stucco all over  
the outside but walls that are thin enough so you can hear every  
movement of the people in the adjoining apartment. 6.505234799738623  
7508. i put a small electric amplifier against the wall on the side i  
wanted to case. 9.135710116383748  
7509. with the aid of that i could hear my man moving around heard him  
cough a couple of times heard the toilet flush heard the sound of  
water running. 6.914693663848247  
7510. whoever his companion was going to be she was going to join him  
later. 9.856999232122423  
7511. she knew where to come. 11.145752833777212  
7512. he didn't have to telephone. 9.193006590653331  
7513. i was so hungry my stomach felt all lines of communication had been  
severed. 7.827119850626075  
7514. it's one thing to go without foodwhen you're occupied with some  
work or when you're simply postponing a meal but when you're dependent  
on someone else and know that you can't eat until he's bedded down for  
the night hunger can be a gnawing torture. 4.86420254272451  
7515. i had noticed a drive-in down the road a quarter of a mile.  
8.312620027423952  
7516. the batteries on the bugging device i had put on the car were  
still fresh enough to send out good strong signals. 6.955804554600195  
7517. the powerful microphone i could press against the wall between my  
motel unit and that occupied by the man would bring in the sound of any  
conversation and i was positively nauseated i was so hungry.  
5.572462867908624  
7518. i got in the car drove down to the drive-in and ordered a couple  
of hamburgers with everything included a cup of coffee and the fastest  
service possible. 7.791911306996381  
7519. the place wasn't particularly busy at that time of night and the  
girl who was waiting on me who was clothed in the tightest-fitting pair  
of slacks i had ever seen on a woman and a sweater that showed everything  
there was- and there was lots of it- wanted to be sociable.  
5.282142843919387  
7520. you really in a hurry handsome? 15.000064054538505  
7521. she asked. 12.292407525564322  
7522. i'm in a hurry beautiful. 5.161050289908855  
7523. it's early in the evening to be in a hurry. 8.908758180383437  
7524. there's lots of time left. 5.932255538785735  
7525. there may not be any women left i said. 16.667857476871472  
7526. she gave a little pout and said i don't get off work until eleven  
o'clock. 9.156318964484921  
7527. that's when my evening commences. 3.7701013369122567  
7528. i'll be here at ten-fifty-five i said. 9.670406878971576  
7529. that's what they all say. 4.047684077162469

7530. what's that thing going buzz-buzz-buzz in your car?  
7.361768780586858

7531. i said darn it that's the automatic signal that shows when  
the ignition key is on. 6.5779768796623195

7532. i didn't turn it off. 18.25917094604721

7533. i reached over and switched off the electronic bugging device.  
8.555241096529764

7534. she went in to get the hamburgers and i switched on the device  
again and kept the signal from dowlings car coming in steady and  
clear until i saw her starting back with the hamburgers. 6.956029615372498

7535. then i shut off the device again. 10.668675485546169

7536. she wanted to hang around while i was eating.  
10.749202706058774

7537. don't you think it's selfish to have dinner before you go to pick  
her up? 3.5004366500261894

7538. no i said. 19.667329348608774

7539. it's a kindness to her. 1.9623085232945487

7540. you see she's on a diet. 15.000064054538505

7541. she'll eat just a pineapple and cottage cheese salad and i'm to  
have one with her so she won't feel out of place. 4.958070100322966

7542. diets can be terrible the girl said. 9.670406878971576

7543. how much overweight is she? 13.890718810382397

7544. not a bit i said but she's keeping her figure in hand.  
7.391013650626644

7545. she looked at me provocatively. 12.301897508498586

7546. good figures should be kept in hand she said and walked away with  
an exaggerated wiggle. 7.541265265322622

7547. i turned on the device again half fearful that i might find  
silence but the buzzes came in loud and clear. 5.940754220836242

7548. when i switched on the lights for her to come and get the check  
i had the exact change plus a dollar tip. 7.4971178211473015

7549. the fat man said all we gotta do is go around the corner.  
8.5051185453557

7550. the thin man said that-a-way. 13.848082117783294

7551. second building on the right. 10.532374380133016

7552. it says police right on the door. 17.84987887874553

7553. so even if we was as dumb as you take us for we could still find  
it. 6.549868201809814

7554. roberta and dave beganto back toward the door. 9.227335526850027

7555. the thin man waved the gun again. 8.976097203071156

7556. he said right around the corner. 15.385132030882776

7557. it says water works but there is a policeman on duty too.  
9.032098247626347

7558. a night policeman justlike in the states. 11.928226016714074

7559. you know? 25.54960716631462

7560. canada doesn't havemuch of this here juvenile delinquency  
problem but we keep a night policeman all the same on account of the  
crazy tourists. 7.31063408654391

7561. at the door dave paused to feel for the latch. 7.751431243877999

7562. roberta glanced up at her husband. 10.472119682746735

7563. he was going to be sensible and not try to do anything rash with  
that gun pointed at him. 9.117238664271278

7564. she measured the distance from where they stood to the men and  
the gun measured the distance from the men to the back room.  
8.376713680091076

7565. she decided to risk it. 11.145752833777212

7566. there was something phony about all this gun waving- something  
not quite what it seemed in the detailed directions for finding the  
police. 8.91852427929917

7567. dave had the latch under his thumb now and he removed his arm from his wife in order to pull the door open. 5.352387431392803  
7568. in a flash she was away to the back paying no attention to three angry shouts from the male throats. 8.648784715927794  
7569. she tore open the back door. 11.145752833777212  
7570. it was dark inside the room but enough light spilled from the restaurant behind her to enable her to make out a round table with a green cloth top. 7.677024252165791  
7571. there was a small sideboard with some empty beer bottles on it and perhaps fifteen wooden chairs. 10.007959839945133  
7572. slowly she turned to face the men again. 9.788547083673919  
7573. rat-face at the counter was on his feet. 7.14162538120728  
7574. the distance between where she stood and where dave waited at the outside door was a hundred miles. 7.742799736705947  
7575. keeping her frightened gaze on the men at the counter she began to feel her way to the door. 5.832363686404538  
7576. she sidled along the booths one step at a time. 8.196044167676531  
7577. as she reached dave and felt his arm go around her felt him pull her to the safety of his person she knew with the certainty of despair that something bad had happened to lauren. 5.391535258377538  
7578. the two men watched as dave closed the door behind them watched them cross the sidewalk to their car. 7.48837548295765  
7579. the fat man removed his apron put on a greasy and wrinkled jacket and zipped it over his paunch. 7.1921510978715055  
7580. the thin man moved swiftly to the phone and dialed a number. 9.005093323721033  
7581. when he was answered he said albert? 15.342682489822055  
7582. vince. 19.804021762487697  
7583. i'm sending you a couple of customers- yeah- just get them out of my hair and keep them out- i don't give a damn what you tell them- only don't believe a word they say- they're out to make trouble for me and it is up to you to stop them- i don't care how- and one more thing- cate's cafe closed at eleven like always last night and rose and clarence corisi left for quebec yesterday- some shrine or other- i think it was called saint simon's- yeah yesterday. 4.655385848277136  
7584. got it? 15.594944937291627  
7585. he turned from the phone and strode to the front of the restaurant. 9.062868461018464  
7586. the white buick hadn't moved away yet. 13.837750211695223  
7587. a line of worry formed a twitch pulled his mouth over to one side. 6.40132428842376  
7588. he said grosse? 35.485283191076476  
7589. you ain't kidding me- the kid don't know the name of this town? 8.620562302768604  
7590. i ain't kidding you vince. 18.25917094604721  
7591. how could she? 20.21213211317698  
7592. she musta been walking in her sleep- you seen her yourself in here. 8.75117189369985  
7593. howda i know? 10.363724110347151  
7594. remember how she looked when barney held the door for her? 7.615092762846159  
7595. kinda like a zombie? 9.118533821976325  
7596. she was just waking up when we found her at the garage. 11.368476650587438  
7597. stupid fools- ain't got enough brains between the two of you- grosse muttered his head down one hand playing with the zipper on his jacket. 5.169927756473601  
7598. had enough brains to call ya up so as ya could do sompin about it when the parents- i coulda let her go go- his eyes were lowered so

he couldn't have seen the narrow pointed face of his companion suddenly writhe with fury; but he was aware of it just the same.

5.860895174228178

7599. he knew vince steiner was one of those men who had to work up a fury once in a while just to prove how dangerous he could be.

7.255326229239749

7600. with a curse vince seized the thing nearest a glass sugar container with a spouted metal top and threw it against the wall opposite. 8.065489469120287

7601. the heavy glass didn't break but the top flew off; sugar sprayed with a hiss that was loud in the silence. 5.925567108763268

7602. not really startled but careful to appear so grosse sucked noisily on his pipe. 8.450098994704653

7603. why does everything have to happen to me? 8.655002088388734

7604. grosse quietly got a broom and started to sweep up the sugar.

7.615092762846159

7605. his mouth worked over the profanity the obscenities in his vocabulary. 6.583156031491742

7606. once he said why'n hell didn't you look in the back seat of the car before you drove off? 8.291880579854636

7607. don't you and barney ever use your brains? 3.3662961860223732

7608. the fat man didn't answer. 18.37337070214539

7609. he got one of the menus and brushed the spilled sugar onto it and carried it to a box on the floor behind the counter. 6.672775120968675

7610. he returned the menu to its place between catchup bottle and paper napkin dispenser. 10.855545926247238

7611. she don't know nothing about them cars. 9.130734915764195

7612. she thinks she's in a ordinary garage. 12.671390746668923

7613. how do you know stupid? 14.404179904518735

7614. and put cate's gun back. 10.472119682746735

7615. grosse tucked the gun under the counter. 7.622507342753323

7616. one word of this gets to guardino- who's telling guardino? 10.57319808690024

7617. vince swore again. 12.292407525564322

7618. you get that kid over to rose's house. 12.37182052821836

7619. he ran a finger down his cheek tracing the scratch there.

7.953394054598466

7620. why can't i leave her locked up in the tool crib? 11.244813324238

7621. the thin man stopped his pacing long enough to glance at the clock. 5.825820622377272

7622. you and barney get her over to rose's before it gets too light. 9.72431981080246

7623. after guardino's left we'll dump the kid somewhere near the border where she kin get home. 6.3290461798432265

7624. god help you if she knows where she's been. 10.261126987147541

7625. what am i going to do with her all day? 9.01347001476648

7626. in the tool crib she can't get away. 14.472504058424475

7627. what the hell do i care what you do with her all day?

8.014545502436745

7628. just get her where guardino won't see her and start asking questions. 7.391013650626644

7629. dammit all vince. 10.363724110347151

7630. i ain't no baby sitter. 18.25917094604721

7631. vince shouted finally get her over to rose's and i'll come by and see that she stays put. 5.487964372169998

7632. grosse rubbed the bridge of his nose where it was swollen. 9.184930205980875

7633. you don't hafta get nasty. 7.132401713521564

7634. i wish you luck when you try scaring that kid. 12.16160284683209

7635. his voice lost its sullen tones and he chuckled. 7.591810951946381  
7636. what is it? 28.376061098518285  
7637. impatiently. 15.610129252044759  
7638. are you a poor dumb canadian or a smart aleck from the states?  
10.329852548231365  
7639. vince lifted his hand as if to strike but his thin lips spread  
in a smile. 5.427950274147271  
7640. where'd you say you was born? 9.670406878971576  
7641. in a chicago slum just like you. 13.638847907015487  
7642. and i ain't going back there on account of one lousy kid.  
10.852426491220497  
7643. lauren landis rubbed her face against the blanket. 6.764147616291221  
7644. she had cried a little because she was frightened.  
11.720856044615866  
7645. she could easily understand why the two men had been startled to  
find a strange girl in the back seat of their car but she couldn't  
understand their subsequent actions. 6.3909798269363085  
7646. was it because she had shown panic? 15.088409477571643  
7647. who could blame her for that? 9.844444704784594  
7648. it was one thing to awaken outside a restaurant where your  
parents were eating and quite another to awaken in a strange garage  
and know your parents had gone on home without you. 7.608903432558152  
7649. she was glad the fat man had left. 11.481327732833313  
7650. barney was not really frightening. 11.568363037656766  
7651. she jumped as the little man now appeared at the window and  
reaching through the opening offered her a bottle of coke.  
5.739914467436109  
7652. she smiled at him wetly. 14.140224473190667  
7653. although she found she was thirsty she was about to refuse when  
she saw the bottle was unopened. 7.103592936670169  
7654. he placed a bottle opener on the counter. 12.411802052220429  
7655. so he understood her panic. 13.56167514724094  
7656. she blew her nose on a tissue and opened the coke bottle.  
9.118601195872367  
7657. it was icy cold and tasted delicious. 16.79056552587768  
7658. she felt a lift in spirit. 12.671390746668923  
7659. when she was finished she pushed it back. 13.358747994489645  
7660. the man was busy doing something to the inside of the door-frame  
on the driver's side of a car. 11.133548122357238  
7661. he looked in her direction but he didn't answer. 8.431773034471274  
7662. she said barney why is he keeping me here? 11.932877954383603  
7663. still no answer. 10.363724110347151  
7664. he seemed to be looking at a point above the little window.  
16.099934764994575  
7665. lauren said why can't i call my home? 6.764147616291221  
7666. or borrow some money from someone and go home by bus?  
7.879513779734377  
7667. i could send the money right back. 13.11409871359913  
7668. barney finished the cigarette he had been smoking.  
9.060328853487057  
7669. he dropped it and carefully ground it to nothing with the sole  
of his heavy shoe. 6.619567863599751  
7670. now he looked at her. 18.573413083925605  
7671. he said i only work here. 0.0  
7672. lauren said please? 13.148092146312546  
7673. but he was back at work on a car. 14.01341913817578  
7674. she dropped her head on her arms on the counter. 9.557448030765887  
7675. how could he be kind one moment and cruel the next?  
8.620932327512437

7676. did he know something that made him feel sad and sorry for  
 her? 8.746043404013115  
 7677. and was he afraid to do anything as definite as releasing her?  
 7.309206614980695  
 7678. her heart was thumping painfully; the unknown was so much  
 worse than- what dangers lay ahead for her? 7.597917909731023  
 7679. what awful thing had she to face in the next few hours?  
 9.097980916693507  
 7680. something wet and hot was trickling on her wrists.  
 9.133986058716442  
 7681. tears? 15.610129252044759  
 7682. with a sturdy act of will she turned her mind away from  
 herself; as long as she could do nothing constructive about the  
 situation she was in she would think about something else.  
 5.967983110975719  
 7683. her mother and father for instance. 11.966979336405673  
 7684. where were they now? 15.215005521174389  
 7685. in her mind she followed the white buick along the road  
 somewhere between here and the niagara river. 7.56745021646989  
 7686. her father's attention would be on the road ahead and it  
 wouldn't deviate an inch until he crossed the bridge at the falls  
 and took the river road to lasalle and finally turned in at their  
 own driveway at 387 heather heights. 6.348195387404498  
 7687. then he would yawn and stretch and shout all out.  
 8.940608156761064  
 7688. this is the end of the line. 34.61429421426756  
 7689. and what would her mother be doing right now? 6.764147616291221  
 7690. her mother would be fast asleep curled up against that wonderful  
 big safe solid shoulder next to her on the front seat. 8.489825531374345  
 7691. lauren landis was in trouble and she was alone. 6.764147616291221  
 7692. roberta landis put her hand on her husband's arm as he slid in the  
 driver's seat beside her. 6.691330314774275  
 7693. somewhere birds were sweetly calling were answered.  
 10.073810850105469  
 7694. her teeth chattered so that she made three attempts at speech  
 before she became intelligible. 7.626080212453484  
 7695. i saw that woman's apron behind the door. 11.177305261288183  
 7696. there was a wet spot- she couldn't have been gone long.  
 16.55821430968469  
 7697. dave made some sound meant to convey agreement. 7.14162538120728  
 7698. he inserted the car key in the lock. 11.45143587764551  
 7699. she stammered you heard what he said about police?  
 8.472846859613272  
 7700. why don't we drive around the corner? 11.263243143073376  
 7701. the car door crashed shut. 8.254441635698543  
 7702. the engine throbbed into life. 13.848082117783294  
 7703. dave said i got the message. 7.622507342753323  
 7704. walk. 19.804021762487697  
 7705. suppose lauren comes looking for us? 10.084025368194736  
 7706. i can sit here in the car while you walk around the corner.  
 13.712867771312988  
 7707. the big car sprang away from the curb like something alive.  
 10.03019205879595  
 7708. he said i'm not going to leave my wife and my car out here in sight  
 of those- roberta glanced at him and stopped trembling.  
 8.837088224027429  
 7709. his jowls were spiked by barbs of graying beard. 7.18676379039501  
 7710. his small mean eyes regarded marty steadily unblinkingly.  
 10.276228481933904



7711. his eyes were threaded by little filaments of red as if tiny veins  
had burst and flooded blood into them. 5.828220427883686

7712. as he chewed his gum and exuded wheezing breath marty smelt the  
reek of bad whiskey. 9.214562690802444

7713. he had driven the car that passed them on the road outside  
admassy's place. 10.794939530875643

7714. this was acey squire proprietor of the juke joint. 14.32158902432901

7715. marty smiled at squire pleasantly and said there was a cab waiting  
for me here. 6.259237271130338

7716. do you know where it might have gone? 16.611474385990263

7717. squire chewed his gum his jaw moving in a steady rhythm.  
6.210871206873012

7718. he looked straight at marty. 17.83289566254582

7719. marty scanned the faces of the others nearest him looked into  
their staring eyes. 6.6946152953147955

7720. did anyone see my cab? 14.439799658548122

7721. he asked keeping his voice casual. 13.048275453688044

7722. he avoided showing any surprise or annoyance when no one answered  
him. 9.592132658614503

7723. i have to get back to jarrods ville he went on. 8.03159450170373

7724. i see there are some cars here. 13.93195501835056

7725. i wonder if one of you gentlemen could drive me back to town?  
7.878459325704475

7726. i'd be happy to pay for the favor of course. 7.908952444614561

7727. the seventeen men stood and stared at him for a moment longer.  
8.117228151739228

7728. and then a startling thing occurred. 10.70968330824016

7729. it was so utterly unexpected that marty stood for several moments  
with his mouth hanging open foolishly after it had happened.  
7.16567459221874

7730. there was no word spoken no apparent signal given.  
20.802109705023614

7731. yet the men all moved at the same instant. 10.8388841121336

7732. they piled into the waiting cars motors roared the cars sped off.  
8.949441394945763

7733. the station wagon and the old plymouth headed east toward  
jarrods ville. 7.098087065137257

7734. the ford and the pickup truck sped west toward sanford's run.  
9.430036403335416

7735. in seconds all four cars were out of sight. 8.694445957554716

7736. marty land stood alone on a red-clay road as storm clouds gathered  
ominously in the sky again. 6.757567981697296

7737. from a great distance thunder growled and broke the silence.  
9.455075993854752

7738. land looked back toward the dilapidated house.  
10.197278420317867

7739. he thought he saw a pale face at a window. 9.059809595155953

7740. perhaps it was dora may. 18.049658483591365

7741. perhaps she would be glad that they hadn't hurt him.  
7.914210124878492

7742. there were other farmhouses nearby. 11.78959997873465

7743. across the road there was one no more than a hundred yards away.  
8.808412869337506

7744. there was another on this side a little further down.  
16.68996007555136

7745. there were many more between here and jarrods ville.  
15.266049895326782

7746. telephone poles lined the road. 10.472119682746735

7747. they reared tall and mocking. 11.59862953739988

7748. their wires stretched out into infinity. 10.472119682746735

7749. not a single strand of wire reached into the silent houses  
beside the red-clay road. 7.541547680663954

7750. there was nothing he could do but walk. 16.836741523975633

7751. and jarrodsville was more than three miles away down an old dirt  
road that the rain had turned into a quagmire. 6.244497377847807

7752. marty faced east and started walking down the left side of the  
road. 7.391013650626644

7753. after he had proceeded a few feet he paused and turned up the  
cuffs of his trousers which were already damp and mud-caked.  
6.339121925316507

7754. the viscous mud was ankle-deep and in places great puddles spread  
across the road and reflected the murky light. 7.333060553020843

7755. as he approached the first farmhouse thunder sounded behind him  
again closer now and louder like a steadily advancing drum corps.  
6.4659770457617185

7756. there were several people on the porch of the farmhouse.  
16.75224216381889

7757. there was a very old man and a young woman and a brood of  
children ranging from toddlers to teen-agers. 8.847806055903199

7758. for just an instant he thought of appealing to them for help.  
10.232073241907358

7759. perhaps they had a car or truck and would drive him into town.  
5.825820622377272

7760. then he realized the utter futility of the idea.  
12.201937008257943

7761. they were staring at him in the same blank and menacing way that  
the men outside the gate had stared. 7.360781542364718

7762. even the eyes of the smallest children seemed malicious.  
11.026484682087258

7763. on his side of the road there were two farm hands well back in  
a field leaning against a plow. 8.47767191806586

7764. they too stared at him. 20.180011942752163

7765. the drums of thunder were right behind him now.  
8.341215694113531

7766. a foolish thought came into his head. 11.87006678428286

7767. he remembered a story he had read as a youth. 7.953394054598466

7768. it was probably one of kipling's tales of the british army.  
15.643385070013233

7769. it concerned an officer who had been disgraced and drummed out.  
9.093323993376403

7770. the steady roll of the drums had sounded behind him as he  
walked between the endless ranks of the men he had commanded and each  
man about-faced and turned his back as the officer approached.  
6.179445157832027

7771. marty wished these poor farm people would turn their backs.  
6.460370037324521

7772. the fencing by the roadside ended. 12.435529358277208

7773. now the dirt highway was bordered on either side by a fairly  
deep drainage ditch too broad to leap over unless you were an olympic  
star. 5.308349580801306

7774. the day's rain had been added to the stagnant water.  
11.54662486956667

7775. he was trapped on the road when he heard the sound of an  
approaching car. 8.852912502785658

7776. it was coming toward him. 31.04425555256091

7777. the car was now in sight. 11.476587269112558

7778. marty's heart skipped a beat when he recognized it.  
8.581436094141479

7779. it was the station wagon that had passed his cab on the road the  
station wagon that had been parked at the burch farm. 7.378744394077628

7780. it had headed back toward jarrodsville. 20.149343399215635  
7781. that had only been a ruse to lure him out on the deserted road.  
7.736906500522577  
7782. now acey and his friends were returning to seek him out.  
8.859365232996492  
7783. the station wagon came to a stop a couple of hundred feet in front  
of him beside a fenced field. 7.331614829644501  
7784. then there was another sound. 29.45937393771581  
7785. a second car was coming from the west from the direction of  
sanford's run. 10.29382618108245  
7786. it was the ford that had been outside burch's farm.  
17.672359374005843  
7787. marty looked helplessly in both directions. 8.254441635698543  
7788. it was a narrow road barely wide enough for two cars to pass.  
13.488908319014568  
7789. he could not leave the road because of the water-filled drainage  
ditch. 9.650673761922635  
7790. when the two cars were equidistant from him the station wagon  
started up again and the ford gathered speed. 8.546279744725828  
7791. they bore down on him. 11.59862953739988  
7792. there was nothing he could do except jump into the ditch.  
16.825142300007506  
7793. he jumped and sank to his knees in muddy water.  
8.431773034471274  
7794. as the two cars roared by there was a high-pitched eerie  
nerve-shattering sound. 12.117410303352786  
7795. marty knew how the union soldiers must have felt at  
chancellorsville and antietam and gettysburg when the ragged gray ranks  
charged at them screaming the wild banshee howl they called the rebel  
yell. 4.595688357851942  
7796. for moments he stood in water shivering and gasping for  
breath. 9.816367117220269  
7797. he had turned his ankle slightly and it pained him.  
10.632478061270312  
7798. the cars with their load of howling men had disappeared in the  
distance. 8.649006242526841  
7799. there had been two more cars parked at the farm a plymouth and a  
pickup truck. 8.501474142658573  
7800. they would be coming for him next bearing down on him from both  
directions. 10.823627102748247  
7801. and then the station wagon and the ford would seek him out  
again. 8.554799522271034  
7802. he would be harassed repeatedly and would escape death by inches  
time after time all the way to jarrodsville. 12.58774980505965  
7803. he still had three miles to go. 10.354498460886402  
7804. back east the more affluent juvenile delinquents who could afford  
hyped-up autos instead of switch blades as lethal weapons played this  
same game and called it chicken. 6.983158877846837  
7805. he could not go through the fields. 14.785828685687926  
7806. that way was barred on both sides of the road by a high barbed-  
wire fence. 13.864001858301561  
7807. he had to make for the section of road just ahead that was  
bordered by the rail fence the section by the farmhouse.  
5.002746102583385  
7808. at least he could climb up on the fence when his tormenters  
roared by again. 9.507566650611015  
7809. the admassy place could not be far now. 8.976097203071156  
7810. he would go in there climb through the window and at least be  
safe for a little while and able to rest. 7.897251860456951

7811. therewas even a bare chance that the phone had not been  
disconnected. 7.103022016288733

7812. he did not dare climb back up to the road. 16.15662300097199

7813. he was deep in water but at least they could not reach him  
there. 7.966892886463579

7814. he splashed on mud sucking at his feet with each step until he  
reached the end of the drainage ditch and the beginning of the fence  
that enclosed the farm. 10.533068408994971

7815. he climbed back to the road and he felt utterly exhausted.  
9.042933698155595

7816. he stood panting for a moment. 15.385132030882776

7817. and then he saw something that he had not seen before and panic  
gripped him again. 8.805857841963457

7818. the fence his only refuge when the metal death came roaring at  
him was made of rails all right but the rails were protected by a thick  
screening of barbed wire that would rip his flesh if he pressed  
against it. 6.084676418953135

7819. he lurched on down the road despairingly because there was no place  
else to go. 7.295251397436043

7820. he lost all sense of dignity. 15.385132030882776

7821. you could not stand on dignity when you were soaked and muddied and  
your life was at stake. 6.992275234279722

7822. probably people were watching him from the porch or from behind  
the windows of this farmhouse too but he did not bother to look.  
8.398303515901068

7823. he broke into a dogtrot breathing heavily streaming with sweat.  
10.034519565399064

7824. he had to reach admassy's place. 21.663703668045475

7825. it was his only sanctuary. 21.229545245511318

7826. the fences on both sides of the road bristled with the barbed  
wire. 12.66515430157824

7827. the fences stretched on endlessly. 10.915477388587384

7828. and then he heard them. 18.86503273716779

7829. and now he saw them. 15.497367415088053

7830. the plymouth was coming at him from the east the pickup truck from  
the west. 9.038062895037312

7831. they had timed it better this time. 11.40431524167798

7832. they would reach him at almost exactly the same instant.  
12.157767344359623

7833. if he backed against the fence one of the cars would brush him  
as it passed and he would be cruelly lacerated by the wire.  
7.012257993318764

7834. he stumbled to the middle of the road and simply stood there  
waiting for them a perfect target. 10.111018348845306

7835. the cars must have had their gas pedals pushed down to the floor  
boards. 6.95200839516111

7836. they were coming on at reckless speed for such old vehicles.  
10.84020369580526

7837. he held his arms close to his sides and made himself as small as  
possible. 7.3385569144041565

7838. when the plymouth neared it veered toward him and seemed about to  
run him down. 9.980257170128233

7839. he forced himself to stay frozen there. 10.776005861178222

7840. if he moved he would be in the path of the other car.  
16.259434193434924

7841. he thought the fender of the plymouth brushed his jacket as it  
went by. 7.312796818751656

7842. in a fraction of a second the pickup truck hurtled by on the  
other side. 11.207896904133227

7843. the weird insane sound of the rebel yell      reverberated again and  
echoed from the distant hills.      6.531762313405271  
7844. he did not leave the middle of the road.      23.375271369795726  
7845. he did not try to run.18.926258670204874  
7846. he trudged on      his aching eyes focused straight ahead.  
11.45143587764551  
7847. he was nearing the admassy house.      15.66991192537313  
7848. he was going to make it he told himself.      22.211208775376477  
7849. and then he heard      a car coming from the east and he felt as if  
he would break down and      weep. 9.89391149854661  
7850. oh no not again he said aloud.      11.795206421441982  
7851. there was a new sound a sound as piercing as the rebel yell yet  
different. 9.876037648158727  
7852. it was the sound of a siren.      26.247878866886907  
7853. now he saw that the approaching car was painted white and he began  
to wave his arms frantically.      7.600761725188938  
7854. it was the prowler car from the sheriff's office.      17.54121672084635  
7855. the car drew up alongside him and stopped.      8.89168756780034  
7856. get in      charley estes said brusquely.      12.429680042016331  
7857. he staggered into the back seat      and lay back fighting for breath.  
7.560809233574742  
7858. there was someone in front with the sheriff.      20.03389606306391  
7859. it was pete holmes the cabdriver.16.79056552587768  
7860. pete turned      around and said to marty i guess you think i'm a  
yellow-bellied      hound.      8.065699339007521  
7861. but there wasn't no use in me staying there.12.438075270643553  
7862. i couldn't fight a dozen or so of 'em. 11.633205579815934  
7863. if i'd stayed all that i'd have      got was four punctured tires and  
one busted head. 6.730727354097876  
7864. why didn't you      wait at the burch house?      11.263243143073376  
7865. you must've known i'd gone to get      the sheriff.  
9.751843329843403  
7866. i was lucky they let me go i guess.      12.48176176282084  
7867. the sheriff      was occupied with maneuvering the car around in a  
very narrow space.      7.2080191696869  
7868. when it was finally pointed east he said you should never have  
come out here alone.      11.421769046798975  
7869. every man in every      one of these houses is a night rider.  
6.952845418951914  
7870. then he turned the telephone over to rourke and went into the  
bedroom to change his slippers for dry socks and shoes.  
7.705649764835993  
7871. rourke was talking on the phone when he came back.7.457360717361135  
7872. about an hour eh?      19.777997230993044  
7873. are you positive?      14.194049587746285  
7874. he listened a moment and then said hold it.10.697093789223626  
7875. he turned his head and said alvarez will definitely be in a back  
room at the jai alai club on south beach within an hour.  
6.075759730324047  
7876. want to try and meet him there?      9.670406878971576  
7877. shayne looked at his watch.      8.254441635698543  
7878. that wasn't too far from fifth street and should allow him to make  
scotty's bar by midnight.      7.805510138836241  
7879. he said with satisfaction that's fine tim.      15.273118693749337  
7880. rourke confirmed the appointment over the phone and hung up.  
8.196044167676531  
7881. i don't know what you're getting into mike he said unhappily.  
4.429755268831268  
7882. i hope to christ h.      17.313842160825082

7883. shayne said briskly grab another drink if you want it.  
7.390364814491532

7884. we've got one other call to make before i meet alvarez.  
7.333229404072402

7885. where? 15.610129252044759

7886. it's out in the northeast section. 5.298566229757954

7887. have you got my car here? 8.254441635698543

7888. it's parked in front. 3.494115764450294

7889. rourke hastily slopped whiskey into his glass on top of half-melted ice-cubes. 7.409373726080841

7890. i'd better keep on driving yours shayne decided because i'll be going on over to the beach. 6.143906189869945

7891. i can drop you back here to pick mine up. 10.33239223804919

7892. he went to a closet to get a light jacket and took his hat from beside the door. 10.81231970759683

7893. timothy rourke gulped down the whiskey hastily and joined him asking who are we going to call on in the northeast section?  
6.587675203147098

7894. a lady. 21.944778634142413

7895. that is maybe not too much of a lady. 11.691503408302182

7896. at least i want to find out whether she's home yet or not.  
19.84097714748659

7897. he opened the door and followed rourke out. 9.026368296067464

7898. in rourke's car shayne drove east to biscayne boulevard and north toward felice perrin's address which had been given to him by the peralta governess. 7.906393523031058

7899. as he drove he filled in timothy rourke briefly on the events of the evening after leaving the reporter to go to the peralta house and on his own surmises. 7.563358274211087

7900. i want to be in scotty's bar at midnight when marsha makes her phone call there he ended grimly. 7.9047212310212736

7901. i don't know whether that threatening letter of hers has anything to do with this situation or not but i want to see who takes the call.  
4.7163471910332175

7902. this deal at las putas buenas where the two knife-men jumped you said rourke with interest that sounds like it was set up with malice aforethought by the luscious mrs peralta doesn't it? 6.89143729794099

7903. it does shayne grunted sourly still able to taste her mouth on his in the green jungle parking lot. 5.326519577128725

7904. that story of hers about an unsigned note directing her to be there tonight sounds completely phony. 9.011319350587623

7905. if it was designed to put me on the spot it would have to have been written before peralta ever called me in on the case.  
8.545146589366642

7906. do you think laura did have the counterfeit bracelet made without her husband's knowledge? 7.80063608173729

7907. i haven't the faintest idea. 10.74870959618676

7908. i think her husband strongly suspects so and that's why he called me in on the thing in direct defiance of his confederates h and almost certainly without telling them why he was doing so.  
5.762497154626007

7909. isn't this felice's street? 5.466376808403582

7910. shayne asked peering ahead at the partially obscured street sign.  
8.196044167676531

7911. rourke could see it better out the right-hand side and he said yes. 6.97780378053093

7912. turn to the left i think for that number you gave me.  
12.894470970654583

7913. not more than a block or so. 16.67842473939934

7914. shayne got in the left-hand lane and cut across the boulevard divider. 7.615092762846159

7915. there was a small neon-lighted restaurant and cocktail lounge on the southeast corner of the intersection as he turned into the quiet palm-lined street where most of the houses on both sides were older two-story mansions now cut up into furnished rooms and housekeeping apartments. 5.098788135853823

7916. shayne drove westward from the boulevard slowly letting rourke crane his head out the window and watch for street numbers. 6.44893033609597

7917. a single automobile was parked half-way up the block on the left-hand side. 6.62197242591231

7918. shayne noted idly that it carried miami beach license plates as he approached and then saw the flare of a match in the front seat as they passed indicating that it was occupied. 6.720024081800909

7919. he turned to see the briefly-illuminated faces of two men in the parked car just as rourke said it's the next house mike. 6.8525247802191185

7920. instead of pulling into the curb shayne increased his speed slightly to the corner where he swung left. 7.310123344753422

7921. he went around the corner and parked turning off his lights and motor. 8.246688113127892

7922. i told you mike said rourke in an aggrieved voice. 13.65024438448851

7923. it was back there h. 19.850098703869534

7924. shayne said i know it was tim. 9.060328853487057

7925. his voice was chilling and cold. 9.627882438407596

7926. did you see the car parked across the street? 11.16727610683369

7927. i didn't notice it. 9.118533821976325

7928. i was watching for numbers h. 16.70774452185394

7929. it has a beach license tim. 9.085188587107783

7930. two men in the front seat. 17.526257889844835

7931. i got a quick look at their faces as we went past. 7.656668534210395

7932. unless i'm crazy as hell they're two of painter's dicks. 9.327683862769675

7933. a couple named harris and geely. 15.315955641105198

7934. those names mean anything to you? 12.212278412638026

7935. wait a minute mike. 10.363724110347151

7936. in painter's office this evening h. 14.227369829482376

7937. the pair whom petey is officially commending for slapping me around and pulling me in. 6.374057384651866

7938. what are they doing here? 27.170418025661107

7939. a stake-out i suppose. 11.781091587713144

7940. maybe with specific orders to see that i don't make contact with her. 9.038166013140362

7941. i may be wrong. 15.992409269611992

7942. i'll slide out and walk around the block back to the cocktail lounge on biscayne. 6.477175972722581

7943. you drive on and circle back and pull up beside them parked there. 7.665003147107107

7944. you're a reporter and you're looking for miss perrin to interview her. 7.615092762846159

7945. make them show their hands. 10.581106838499764

7946. if they are beach cops on a stake-out they'll admit it to a reporter. 13.090699354511704

7947. they've got no official standing on this side of the bay. 6.386246814644919

7948. as soon as you find out if they are geely and harris come on around to the lounge where i'll be waiting. 9.734379885227412

7949. shayne opened the door on his side and stepped out.  
6.4640617368073805

7950. timothy rourke groaned dismally as he slid under the wheel.  
8.292150162768825

7951. the things you talk me into mike h. 8.976097203071156

7952. how often do they add up to headlines?15.919192990077434

7953. you should complain. 25.408451173209862

7954. he crossed the street and walked swiftly southward to circle back to the boulevard and north a block to the open restaurant.  
9.158462629516395

7955. he was standing at the end of the bar enjoying a slug of cognac when rourke came in six or eight minutes later. 0.0

7956. the reporter nodded as he moved up beside him at the bar.  
9.148448712144212

7957. shayne told the bartender bourbon and water and rourke told him it's those two all right. 5.427950274147271

7958. i made them show me their identification before i could be persuaded not to call on felice perrin.7.9047212310212736

7959. shayne said happily i've got it all worked out tim.  
6.460370037324521

7960. take your time with your drink. 12.837544265442466

7961. in exactly three minutes go in that phone booth behind you and call police headquarters. 6.869006664561913

7962. be excited and don't identify yourself. 16.469374782788545

7963. just say that a couple of drunks are having a hell of a fight down the street and they better send a patrol car. 6.283879454597209

7964. then hang up fast and come walking on down to the perrin address.  
8.9527035316253

7965. i'll be waiting for you there. 8.254441635698543

7966. the bartender brought rourke's drink and shayne laid a twenty-dollar bill on the bar. 8.346523409839932

7967. he said in a low voice i've got a date with a lady mister.  
8.450513209569566

7968. will that pay for a pint i can take with me. 9.315651355315381

7969. you know how it is he added with a conspiratorial wink.  
12.00476311519927

7970. candy is dandy but liquor is quicker h and you don't have any candy for sale here anyhow. 6.329202385379057

7971. the bartender winked back at him and palmed the bill.  
7.43304005989246

7972. he turned away and returned in a moment with a pint of brandy in a small paper sack which he slid over the counter to shayne.  
8.600398494181137

7973. as the detective slid it into his pocket rourke asked sadly what in hell are you going to do mike? 7.7040858636855996

7974. make a couple of punk detectives named geely and harris wish to god they'd stayed out of my way this afternoon. 7.35694663927117

7975. shayne strode out blithely and rourke checked his watch and sipped his drink getting a dime ready to make the telephone call to the police. 5.417398947090422

7976. outside shayne hesitated when he saw that rourke had parked his coupe directly in front of the bar headed south. 0.0

7977. he walked over to the right-hand door opened it and got the reloaded automatic out of the glove compartment and put it in his hip pocket. 6.4858849178578275

7978. he hoped he wouldn't be forced to use it in taking care of the beach detectives but its weight was comforting at his hip.  
9.717381495550796



7979. on this side of the bay miami beach cops had no more legal rights than any ordinary citizen and shayne's pistol permit was just as good as theirs. 8.005935493427057

7980. he went swiftly up the sidewalk toward the parked car with the two beach detectives in the front seat. 8.73838136623721

7981. he tugged the brim of his hat low as he approachedstepped out into the street just behind the car and strode around to the right-hand side. 5.719408449555592

7982. the big paunchy man named geely was on that side half-turned in the seat toward his hatchet-faced companion so that his back partially rested against the closed door. 6.876982948136344

7983. shayne turned the handle and jerked the door open before either of the men were quite aware of his presence in the night. 5.2846919546143925

7984. geelygrunted and slid partly out and shayne's left arm snaked in around his neck to help him while he set himself solidly on the roadway and swung his right fist to the big gum-chewing jaw before geely couldstraighten up. 5.895558542326738

7985. shayne stepped back to let him slump to the ground and then dived over him through the open door into harris who was cursing loudly and trying to drag a gun from a shoulder holster somewhat impeded by the steering wheel. 4.514874383489016

7986. shayne locked his big hands around harris' thin neck and dragged him out over the seat into the roadway. 6.936781571907439

7987. he hit him once on the sharp point of his chin and felt the body go limp. 7.306258114196296

7988. he dropped him into the street a couple of feet away from geely's recumbent figure and stared down at both of them for a moment before kicking the big man lightly in the side. 7.135459684880451

7989. they were both breathing heavily out cold and shayne didn't think either of them had recognized him or could describe him. 6.947864265661012

7990. he got the pint of liquor out of his pocket and unscrewed the top sprinkled the pungent stuff liberally over both men and then tossed the open bottle in on the front seat. 7.8032607414797

7991. he turned then to look toward the lighted boulevard and saw rourke's tall emaciated figure come out of the lounge and hurriedly start to angle across the street toward the opposite side. 6.1998005309335635

7992. shayne strolled across to intercept the reporter in front of the two-story house where felice perrin lived and asked casually get the police okay? 7.55559647569861

7993. sure. 15.610129252044759

7994. said they'd have a patrol car here fast. 10.210106837365736

7995. what happened with you? 15.219243912387624

7996. why the two damned fools got all excited when they saw the bottle and knocked each other out cold shayne said good-humoredly. 7.29567053322637

7997. they'll have fun explaining that to the miami cops. 5.079531426293897

7998. got no business over here on a stake-out anyway. 8.196044167676531

7999. they went up onto a front porch and into a small hallway where a dim bulb burned high in the ceiling. 6.741367834934457

8000. a row of mailboxes along the wall had numbers and names on them. 8.877303172720152

8001. shayne found one marked perrin 2-a. 8.254441635698543

8002. the stairway on the right was dark but there was a wall-switch at the bottom which lighted another dim bulb at the top and they went up. 8.154044149726303

8003. there were two front rooms both dark behind their transoms and there was no sound or light in the entire house to indicate that any of the occupants were awake.8.017104683650182

8004. eight nine steps above him roberts had paused. 9.436678141993546

8005. mickey paused with him waiting no longer impatient trying now to think it out do a little planning. 5.629511969000946

8006. he looked down over the banister at the hotel desk with the telephone and pen set. 8.854785543103228

8007. if i could call in they could check the story while we were on our way. 8.684450627726823

8008. i wouldn't have to tell them i had roberts- then he heard it like a muffled thud felt a subtle change in air pressure.  
7.159086737136804

8009. he glanced up in time to see roberts hurtling down on him from above literally flying through the air his bloody face twisted.  
5.6945138009050655

8010. mickey tried to flatten against the banister gripped it with one hand but roberts' full weight struck him at that moment in the groin.  
6.40734308751012

8011. he gasped for air and the impact tore his hand from the rail.  
8.034634977535386

8012. he tumbled with roberts helpless and in agony over and over down the steps. 10.180693021092926

8013. by a wrenching effort he managed to hunch and draw in to take the final fall on his back and shoulders rather than his head.  
5.825722134044434

8014. he was fuzzy in his mind and for a moment helpless on the lobby floor but he was conscious and free of the weight of roberts' body.  
8.588114322878491

8015. when his vision cleared he saw the taller one scrambling upward reaching. 8.857318426905678

8016. mickey was on his knees when roberts turned on the stairs and the razor flashed in his hand. 7.852265714596708

8017. he felt his empty pocket and knew that roberts had retrieved the only weapon at hand. 6.718491433348979

8018. mickey's eyes fixed on the other's feet which would first betray the moment and direction of an attack. 6.989868794419231

8019. he rose stiffly forcing his knees to lock. 9.783357976961607

8020. the knifelike pain in his groin nearly brought him down again.  
9.430036403335416

8021. he made himself back off slowly his eyes wary on roberts who now had no more to lose than he. 7.348928374642074

8022. the pain dulled as he moved and he steadied inside.  
10.681903590246268

8023. after a moment he extended one hand the fingers curled.  
9.165583443848885

8024. you want to be that big a fool- i was hoping for this.  
9.72431981080246

8025. roberts brushed at his eyes with his free hand and started down the steps. 5.674295354649883

8026. he held the razor well out to one side. 8.581436094141479

8027. he was invulnerable to attack but he could be handled mickey knew if he could be brought to make the first move. 7.679991348947992

8028. they were eight feet apart when roberts cleared the last step.  
11.251453063458266

8029. mickey waited with slack arms. 8.254441635698543

8030. any time roberts he said. 13.437452972638015

8031. or would it be easier if i put my hands in my pockets?  
6.84707750872383

8032. the taunt was lost on roberts. 12.435529358277208

8033. he advanced slowly directly giving no hint of a feint to  
either side. 7.233226891479716

8034. he was just short of arm's reach when he stopped.  
10.697093789223626

8035. mickey backed off two steps forcing him to come on again.  
6.210871206873012

8036. there was a fixed grin on roberts' face made hideous by the  
swollen nose and the smeared blood. 10.899026270576368

8037. mickey backed off again and roberts hesitated then came along.  
6.210871206873012

8038. they moved in a series of rhythmic fits and starts a macabre dance-  
two steps back two steps forward two steps back. 8.743454203861763

8039. mickey felt his shoulders come up against the wall beside the  
heavy slab front door. 5.9866825484836985

8040. this was going to be it now any second and what he had to remember  
was to keep his eye on the razor no matter what even if roberts should  
feint with a kick to the groin the deadly hand was his exclusive  
concern. 7.433312258033625

8041. the kick came sudden and vicious but short. 8.341215694113531

8042. mickey's guts twisted with the effort but he kept his eye on the  
weapon. 10.434558576077631

8043. it moved in a silver arc toward his throat then veered downward.  
6.002446559592496

8044. he hunched his left shoulder into it and slashed at roberts'  
forearm with his own felt the blade slide off his sleeve.  
7.6036071554604625

8045. before roberts could move inside to cut upward toward his face he  
slammed his right fist into roberts' belly. 5.885168241210194

8046. roberts sagged and slashed at him wildly. 9.060328853487057

8047. ducking mickey tripped and fell to one side landing heavily on  
the wood floor. 7.315711999693695

8048. then roberts was on him gasping for breath and for a couple of  
seconds mickey lost sight of the blade. 8.413376229085014

8049. he felt it rip at the side of his jacket and a momentary sting  
under his left ribs. 6.866512429945203

8050. he got a knee up into roberts' belly used both hands and heaved  
him clear then scrambled to his feet. 8.166094118245804

8051. they were in the center of the lobby now. 23.768636420303928

8052. still clutching the razor roberts came up into a crouch shaking  
his head. 8.376208508903884

8053. when he charged mickey was ready. 14.116373955834497

8054. he hit roberts with his left fist in the ribs and the razor cut  
toward him feebly then wobbled in mid-air. 7.759051364970662

8055. with his right fist and nearly all his weight behind it he  
smashed at the bloodstained face. 6.544331064817348

8056. roberts careened backward his back arched fought for balance and  
failing stumbled against the newel post at the foot of the stairs.  
7.456506896844408

8057. the sound of his head striking the solid wood was an ultimate  
sudden-end sound. 8.527451108963062

8058. he fell on his side across the lowest step rolled over once then  
lay still. 8.52351370118872

8059. mickey found himself leaning against the desk with stiff hands  
panting for breath. 5.825820622377272

8060. after a minute he went to roberts looked at one of his eyes and  
felt for a pulse. 9.55325565441434

8061. roberts appeared to be dead; if not yet then soon very soon.  
6.002446559592496

8062. suddenly it was cold in the lobby. 11.949868724186603

8063. it seemed to him that a long time had passed before he decided what to do. 8.035161904697041

8064. actually it was no more than eight or ten minutes and the sum of his reasoning came to this: there's no way to take him in now and keep those other two- wister and the one who hired the two of them- from finding out about roberts and lamming out. 6.8343320214884615

8065. the local law here would hold me till they check clear back home and maybe more than that. 6.237118441149396

8066. by then they could never catch up with the others. 12.101639358892868

8067. there's no other way; i'll have to do it myself. 0.0

8068. he looked at where roberts lay sprawled on the step. 10.697093789223626

8069. mickey was sure now he was dead. 7.14162538120728

8070. one thing he thought nobody knows about it yet. 14.447783395969237

8071. he climbed the stairs went into roberts' room found a suitcase and packed as much into it as he could. 6.034462242787552

8072. he left a few things. 15.385132030882776

8073. it didn't have to be perfect. 14.93623902024112

8074. walking away on impulse he might logically leave behind what it was inconvenient to carry. 7.540116520279857

8075. when he had closed the suitcase he found a rag and moved about the room wiping carefully everything he might have touched. 7.5300078148850345

8076. it took him nearly an hour. 18.949080935241245

8077. he went to the room he had rented and got into his overcoat. 11.709515821489353

8078. he left the rest of his things and returned to the lobby. 15.816991353798539

8079. he set roberts' suitcase near the front door went outside and walked back to the garage. 8.886107430136914

8080. he was mildly surprised to find it was snowing. 14.211516360447677

8081. it snowed softly silently an undulating interruption of his vision against the night sky. 7.7671880347284485

8082. he could feel it on his face and in his hair. 12.06465860520203

8083. he found the key to the jeep got it started and warmed it up for five minutes. 8.297643599424909

8084. then he backed out and swung around to the front drive. 10.65442028724022

8085. he went into the hotel and searched till he found the razor. 9.816173281235287

8086. he put it in his own pocket for safekeeping. 14.106975157504383

8087. he took the suitcase out to the jeep and put it in the front seat. 9.315306603466643

8088. then he went back for roberts. 16.74401759339534

8089. the body was heavier than he had anticipated. 10.771810830029382

8090. he got it onto his shoulder after some work and carried it outside and down to the jeep. 6.757567981697296

8091. he dumped it into the back and made sure it wouldn't roll out then returned to the porch and closed the front door making sure it was unlocked. 6.325294000075946

8092. he drove carefully in the direction of the brief tour they had taken earlier. 8.903842685622099

8093. it snowed continuously but quietly evenly. 14.93623902024112

8094. when he reached the dip in the woods he saw that already the earlier ruts were barely discernible. 9.971495494628584

8095. the jeep fought its way through the low spot and got onto higher ground. 6.578982329721101

8096. he drove in low gear to the fork in the road and swung as close as possible to the entrance to the abandoned mine. 8.014374216772145

8097. he parked facing it and left the headlights on but when he started into the tunnel with the suitcase he found the illumination extended no farther than half a dozen feet into the passage. 5.526991894749357

8098. he went back and got the flashlight returned to the tunnel and carried the suitcase to the edge of the pit he had found earlier. 11.049624383215852

8099. he tossed the bag into the pit and watched dry dust spray up around it. 6.718491433348979

8100. when the dust settled he went back to the jeep and carefully worked roberts' body onto his shoulder. 10.069313039287339

8101. it wasn't like carrying the suitcase. 14.93623902024112

8102. the soft snow was deceitful underfoot. 12.435529358277208

8103. inside the passage he had to work his way over the fallen timber and nearly collapsed under his clumsy burden. 6.432671279497968

8104. by the time he reached the edge of the pit he was panting and his shoulder and back ached under the drag of the dead weight. 8.387761450623994

8105. he stood looking down for a few seconds then backed up two or three paces from the edge. 6.646781979824382

8106. there was too much weight casually to toss it away. 15.67536552333615

8107. he could feel himself falling in with it and being unable to get out. 7.7507717870617805

8108. it would be a bad place to die. 20.417288907027125

8109. it was a bad place for roberts to wind up but roberts had asked for it. 9.9847153510563

8110. it was too late to worry about that. 24.412977420136443

8111. he knelt slowly and dumped the corpse onto the floor of the tunnel. 9.363519704229052

8112. it was a relief to get rid of the weight. 19.47779136551613

8113. he was shaking with tension and it took him a couple of minutes to get his breath and settle down. 7.504066937200206

8114. then he got on his knees and rolled roberts' body toward the edge. 10.533959728174437

8115. it hung momentarily on the point of dropping off. 11.295983996269719

8116. he gave it a strong push heard it slide then tumble dryly into the hole. 9.468559208180503

8117. he got to his feet and threw the flashlight beam into the pit. 8.01906370078502

8118. the body lay in an awkward sprawl twelve or fifteen feet below the level of the tunnel floor. 11.475543461998338

8119. there was little chance anyone would enter this shaft during the winter. 11.122798164010788

8120. the external signs of his approach to it would be covered by the snow probably by the next day. 8.552336480129995

8121. it wasn't cold enough in the tunnel to preserve the body intact. 9.061377067558361

8122. by spring it would be a skeleton. 14.983055105167265

8123. he made his way back to the jeep. 14.932189904161334

8124. he had started to back into the turn when he remembered the razor in his pocket. 10.77758347097727

8125. he climbed down went back into the tunnel and tossed the razor into the pit. 7.43637304652725

8126. it landed on roberts' sprawled right thigh poised precariously  
then slid off to the ground.9.962296240902129

8127. he went back once more to the jeep and started the short drive  
to the hotel. 7.712149473714789

8128. in the garage he checked the jeep for signs of the use he had made  
of it. 12.23638687277914

8129. there were stains here and there and he cleaned them off using  
an oiled rag he found on a nail. 8.398597550238735

8130. he wiped the steering wheel and all the places he might have  
touched the jeep. 9.622433130687794

8131. he replaced the flashlight where it had been stowed got into his  
own car and backed it out of the garage. 6.714275379104283

8132. there were tire marks where it had been but they were overlapped  
by others and on the dusty floor would not be noticeable except under  
close scrutiny. 10.00227938252294

8133. liz peabody he thought might spend some time grieving for her  
lost lover but he doubted that she would launch an investigation.  
5.0176589645046334

8134. he judged her to be a woman of some pride though not much sense.  
9.737998690592923

8135. still she would probably have sense enough not to call in the  
local sheriff to find her boy friend who apparently had run away.  
5.542353855233919

8136. he put in a call to cunningham from his hotel room.  
10.821210074230747

8137. the maid answered and he decided nancy must be at work.  
7.43304005989246

8138. jeb cautioned him not to be too hopeful and then ignoring his  
own advice said excitedly but it does sound good. 7.54313765827994

8139. a woman named lisa who tells nobody anything about herself.  
9.18235949259096

8140. that courtyard picture with the same initials.  
14.003139362917459

8141. i'm not exactly jumping up and down with enthusiasm.  
4.788298956415828

8142. i'll call you in a day or so. 7.333679920970098

8143. on the highway he relaxed and enjoyed the drive over lake  
pontchartrain and along the coast. 8.589164546551304

8144. gulf springs was ten miles inland- more of a quaint old coast town  
than those along the beach made garish by tourist attractions.  
7.006587852475832

8145. he checked into a motel and drove downtown. 9.026368296067464

8146. the courthouse was a white-stucco building minus the customary  
dome. 9.945332631078985

8147. instead of the usual straggling privet hedges and patches of bare  
dirt in most small-town squares the building was hemmed in by a  
semitropical growth of camellias and azaleas and a smooth lawn the  
improbably bright-green shade of florist's grass. 5.30503119346154

8148. he figured his best bet was a call on the sheriff.  
10.090191208524187

8149. a clerk in the outer office took him in to sheriff carruthers a big  
paunchy man with thick white hair and a voice with a senatorial resonance  
which suggested he should be running for higher office.  
5.10872141717912

8150. seated in front of the desk hank said i'm looking for some  
information with very little to go on sheriff. 8.982676827615084

8151. he explained the background of the case ending with the tenuous  
clue which had brought him to gulf springs. 6.617122528051164

8152. the sheriff's swivel chair tilted back. 13.848082117783294

8153. so you're looking for a woman who married a man who might have  
lived here a year ago and might have been poisoned. 7.123585709326093  
8154. if there was such a person i'm afraid she got away with it.  
12.879976313416291  
8155. pity we don't know more about him. 7.14162538120728  
8156. i think the best bet is to go through the society columns of last  
year and see if any of the grooms match with the obituaries a little  
later. 0.0  
8157. it'll be a tedious job but if you want to try it the old newspaper  
files are in the basement here in the county supervisor's office.  
6.59993016091459  
8158. maybe the society editor would remember a good-looking out-of-  
town bride. 9.395032103808498  
8159. mrs calhoun has been society editor here for twenty-five years.  
7.236036544386507  
8160. the editor says that marriages may be made in heaven but  
weddings are made in mrs calhoun's columns. 7.869517960695918  
8161. she's the one who decides which wedding is to get the lead space in  
the sunday paper and all that. 6.4356593290155795  
8162. once when the editor was just out of the hospital from a  
gallstone operation mrs calhoun and the mother of the bride went out to  
his house and fought it out beside his bed. 8.717680440317418  
8163. she'd be sure to remember any bride who was vague about background.  
6.837523265813775  
8164. she'd have made a great scientist dedicated to tracking down  
heredity and environment. 8.94539258099813  
8165. she'd also remember if the groom died later. 7.14162538120728  
8166. i wish you good luck but please don't dig up too tough a case for  
me this close to election. 8.06043223364679  
8167. if you find out anything come on back here and we'll get  
started on it. 6.955925656704601  
8168. tracking down mrs calhoun was like trying to catch up with paul  
revere between lexington and concord. 6.757567981697296  
8169. it turned out that she also sold real estate cosmetics and  
hospital insurance. 9.726423604138432  
8170. the wearying trek stretched into the afternoon- from newspaper  
plant to insurance office to her house and back to the newspaper  
where he found her at five o'clock. 7.050340870176075  
8171. she was a large woman with a frizzled gray poodle cut and a  
pencil clamped like a bit between her teeth while she hunted and pecked  
on an old typewriter. 5.789543546066923  
8172. it took a couple of minutes to run through her various businesses  
and get down to the one he wanted. 11.239179105540494  
8173. last year? 18.727767094450044  
8174. well i do remember one. 13.443200471407982  
8175. married a man named vincent black. 7.622507342753323  
8176. i remember her because she didn't want her picture in the paper.  
9.959447090554608  
8177. first bride like that i've seen in twenty-five years.  
8.220432045910607  
8178. what reason did she give? 14.705292966559352  
8179. said she had a breaking-out on her face- some sort of allergy-  
and none of her old pictures was good enough. 5.183206139993373  
8180. i didn't see her till several days later at the wedding and her  
face looked like it had never had a blemish on it. 7.279247487033728  
8181. but of course you couldn't see too well through the veil.  
8.215641403132352  
8182. was her name lisa carmody? 13.079174627163688  
8183. now how in hell would i remember that? 6.764147616291221  
8184. never mind. 15.594944937291627

8185. i can look it up. 17.913769377325515  
8186. do they still live here? 17.343125998324673  
8187. i think they moved away shortly after they were married.  
6.693352813081144  
8188. he was a salesman for something or other and must have been  
transferred. 8.476869120804196  
8189. i'm sure it'll be in the files. 4.877992415049471  
8190. we usually run a social note when somebody moves away.  
10.652339349247628  
8191. he stood up and thanked her. 11.77462647684015  
8192. have they inherited some money or something? 9.670406878971576  
8193. she asked with a reportorial gleam in her eye.  
10.783825021342972  
8194. he said vaguely well it is a little legal matter but nothing like  
that. 10.83442379024602  
8195. he hurried across to the courthouse and caught the sheriff just  
as he was leaving. 7.920638428288746  
8196. sounds like what you're after he said when hank had finished.  
8.04747279810431  
8197. come on let's hurry down before they lock up for the day.  
6.205448813376699  
8198. in the basement the sheriff took him to a small dingy office  
occupied by a tall thin man informal in rolled-up shirt sleeves.  
9.805401651012383  
8199. mr ferrell hirey lindsay chairman of the board of supervisors.  
8.409258203645024  
8200. mr ferrell is a private detective hirey. 10.963282851070431  
8201. wantsto look up something in the newspaper files so don't lock him  
in here. 5.674295354649883  
8202. i'll just leave the door open. 6.321180167012423  
8203. it latches when you close it so stay as long as you like.  
10.156046623799684  
8204. carruthers crossed the room to a metal door with an open  
grillework in the top half. 8.27923604819206  
8205. now don't shut this door. 12.110551015220738  
8206. it won't open from inside. 11.154645585787174  
8207. before we built the new jail we used to keep prisoners in here  
overnight sometimes when the old jail got too crowded. 5.764451349658754  
8208. hirey treats himself a lot better than we do prisoners.  
7.879513779734377  
8209. they were a sight more comfortable than the ones in the jail with  
the cold air from hirey's air conditioner coming through the  
grille. 6.307736478796254  
8210. he walked past the sheriff into a windowless room with shelves  
full of big leather-bound volumes from floor to ceiling all around the  
walls. 7.96930704519736  
8211. a metal table and four chairs stood in the center. 7.190017756155806  
8212. they're all here back to 1865 carruthers told him. 4.994720680638166  
8213. it's all right to smoke but make sure your cigarettes are out  
before you leave. 3.2047478629298873  
8214. and of course you know not to take clippings.  
12.873312048965388  
8215. i'll leave the air conditioner on for you mr ferrell said hirey.  
4.433905627910279  
8216. don't forget to turn it off and close the door good so it'll  
latch. 4.44672359036832  
8217. hank thanked them and promised to observe the rules.  
6.850114810505649



8218. when they had gone he stood for a minute breathing in the mustiness of old paper and leather which the busily thrumming air conditioner couldn't quite dispel. 7.766841735109365

8219. in a tour around the stacks he found that the earliest volumes began on the left and progressed clockwise around the room. 5.642616259681851

8220. an old weakness for burrowing in records rose up to tempt him. 8.877774212290777

8221. it was indeed all here- almost a century. 14.641503533571957

8222. from reconstruction to moon rockets. 14.156573540712236

8223. but he pulled away from the irrelevant old volumes and walked around to the newer ones. 6.554912167734717

8224. last year's volume was at the top a couple of inches below the ceiling. 10.825511014583325

8225. near it was a metal ladder on casters attached to the top shelf. 7.7551840310656255

8226. he pulled it over climbed up and lifted out the big volume almost losing his balance from the weight of it. 7.929184682861539

8227. he staggered over and dropped it on the table. 8.035577201621102

8228. since mrs calhoun remembered only that the marriage had been in the spring he started to plod through several months. 9.787767525915806

8229. he tried to turn right to the society page in each one but interesting stories kept cropping up to distract him. 7.025763647171034

8230. at last he found it in the paper of april 2. 14.616503675183607

8231. it told him little more than mrs calhoun had remembered stating that it had been a small modest wedding compared to some of the others. 6.095122581173423

8232. there was a marked contrast in the amount of information on bride and groom. 16.192889663467273

8233. mr black's life was an open book so to speak from his birth in jackson mississippi through his basketball-playing days at lsu and his attainment of a ba degree which had presumably prepared him for his career as district sales manager for peerless business machines. 4.659455979211547

8234. the one line on the bride said she was miss lisa carmody from baton rouge. 9.193310596115591

8235. no mention of new orleans. 12.118415943366188

8236. hank was beginning to feel sharp concern for mr black. 9.636977149378556

8237. if mrs black was who he thought she was mr black's peerless selling days might well be over. 6.594248428022934

8238. now for their exodus from gulf springs. 13.451882130550437

8239. this time the search took twice as long cutting down on his extra reading for he had to pick through several columns of one- and two-line social notes in each issue. 6.2549702122650555

8240. he found it in the edition of may 15. 11.45143587764551

8241. the item said mr and mrs black had moved to jackson his home town- so the lovely lisa had been with him a year ago. 5.585139878273989

8242. next on his program was a call to the jackson office of peerless business machines to find out if vincent black was still with them- or more specifically still with us. 7.236879701826492

8243. he glanced at his watch saw it was only seven and decided to indulge his weakness now. 6.905497562533933

8244. for the next hour he scrambled happily up and down the ladder sharing the excitement of reporters who had seen mckinley's assassination the iroquois theater fire in chicago and the hall-mills trial. 7.868147602969172

8245. in the middle of the stock market crash he heard a slight noise in the outer office. 12.03312557154632

8246. he turned around saw nothing and decided it must be a mouse.  
13.267880761992824

8247. something else distracted him yet there was no sound only  
tombl like silence. 7.278341177021533

8248. then he knew it was not sound but lack of it. 10.65442028724022

8249. the air conditioner was no longer running. 11.753761152530181

8250. he jumped up and turned around to see the metal door closing.  
11.196645023628225

8251. it clanged shut as he sprang toward it. 10.553055984475764

8252. he pressed his face against the grille. 13.671139498061125

8253. who's there? 12.292407525564322

8254. the light shining through the grille dimly illumined the  
office beyond- enough for him to see there was no one there.  
8.389931296239107

8255. then he heard the outer door closing. 12.661119824071264

8256. hey come back he shouted. 10.472119682746735

8257. he thought it must be some damn janitor or cleaning woman  
puttering around figuring that hirey had gone off and forgotten to turn  
off everything and lock hen the faint beginnings of fear stirred in  
his mind. 5.412304764872653

8258. unless he was stone-blind the person who'd just left couldn't  
have missed seeing hank through the open door of the brightly lighted  
room. 6.290129093830134

8259. and even if he'd somehow missed seeing him he wouldn't have gone  
off and left the light on and door open in the file room.  
4.853876284793092

8260. whoever it was had meant to shut him up in here had followed him  
and waited till the courthouse and square were deserted.  
6.290129093830134

8261. but why? 23.610825405413454

8262. to search his room at the motel? 13.963913492105547

8263. to come back later and kill him after the stores had closed around  
the square and everybody had left? 5.826157201172332

8264. no they could kill him just as easy right now.  
10.373067412998452

8265. nobody could hear what was going on in this underground vault.  
7.074972221877469

8266. then he heard it and smelled it- the steady hissing the dread  
familiar pungency of gas escaping. 8.346640475382063

8267. it must be coming from an upright heater against the far wall in  
the supervisors' office. 8.409649885469255

8268. until now lilac gaylor and lila kingsley had been like an  
anagram which he could unscramble at his own pace and choosing.  
6.950343391068107

8269. except for those minutes in her room he had lost touch with her as  
a reality. 7.240313487964337

8270. gaylor's obsession and cunningham's chimera-chasing  
reminiscences had mesmerized him into thinking of lila and lilac  
separately or together as a legend. 6.695600804677545

8271. they kept drifting apart and merging again in his mind like some  
minute form of life on a microscope slide. 6.575562975320866

8272. i take a little time to think it over. 13.090374372322895

8273. it was awkward: very awkward. 19.850098703869534

8274. there would be all the nuisance of contacting someone else to  
take over. 13.093706878838054

8275. and angie would hear about it. 10.242612813271945

8276. and angie knew- time said angie and he smiled very sweet and slow  
at mr skyros. 8.286483984364033

8277. not too much time because i'll be needing some more myself  
pretty much right away. 6.779677044650418

8278. and i done favors for you big favor not so long back didn't i  
and i'm right here to take on where pretty left off. 7.754227061854244

8279. i don't want no trouble you don't want no trouble nobody wants  
trouble mr skyros. 5.079249219856771

8280. dear heaven no thought mr skyros turning away as another man  
came in. 7.487555314736928

8281. he straightened his tie at the mirror with a shaking hand; the  
genial smile seemed painted on his face. 6.034462242787552

8282. angie knew- speak of dangerous information! angie knew too much  
entirely already. 7.615092762846159

8283. really he had mr skyros at bay h big favor i done you.  
6.002446559592496

8284. acourse there's this deal o' denny's- and jackie's- kinda  
hangin' fire ain't it maybe you've been kinda worryin' over that.  
6.54093796655646

8285. and can't say i blame you said angie thoughtfully. 8.108856755126041

8286. this deal with the ace o' spades. 13.908088998499016

8287. anything to do with an ace o' spades bad luck. 7.529616316293814

8288. ace of spades- a widow that was what they called a widow these  
low-class crooks remembered mr skyros distractedly. 6.643215071337043

8289. all about that angie knew too. 9.785091048588368

8290. when things got a little out of hand they very rapidly got a lot  
out of hand- it seemed to be a general rule. 7.507767164698912

8291. all just by chance and in a way tracing back to poor frank all  
of it because naturally- brothers living together- and angie- mr  
skyros did not at all like the look on angelo's regular-featured  
almost girlishly good-looking face- or indeed anything about angelo.  
6.2412274068389255

8292. mr skyros was not a man who thought very much about moral  
principles; he found money much more interesting; but all the same he  
thought now uneasily of the way in which angelo earned his living- and  
paid for his own stuff- and eyed the soft smile and the spaniel-like  
dark eyes and he felt a little ill. 6.1653632780786465

8293. look my friend he said in my life i learn how is it the proverb  
says better an ounce of prevention to apound of cure. 6.832288342097768

8294. i stay in business so long because i'm careful.  
10.853733375513935

8295. two weeks a month we talk it over again and maybe if nothing  
happens meanwhile to say the cops know this and that then we make a  
little deal isn't it? 4.93949976615226

8296. that's a long while said angie. 5.468102545442601

8297. i tell you you want to leave it that way i don't fool around with  
it. 7.524180022603233

8298. i go over to castro and get fixed up there. 10.227318669010717

8299. i can't wait no two weeks. 7.208042360095738

8300. and mr skyros didn't like angie but what with prettyman and  
three of his boys inside and not likely to come out- and angie such a  
valuable salesman prettyman said- all the nuisance and danger of getting  
in touch with practically a whole new bunch of boys- why did everything  
have to happen at once? 5.978352254436964

8301. denny said stupidly why you ain't turning angie down are  
you mr skyros? 5.825820622377272

8302. i mean we all figured- i guess anybody'd figure- angie-  
angelo gave him an affectionate smile. 9.035679962360328

8303. mr skyros too smart a fellow want to get rid of me he said.  
7.678257531010522

8304. it's ok denny everything's ok ain't it mr skyros?  
3.863108383896534

8305. oh god the name repeated over and over anybody to hear- not  
being a fool mr skyros knew why. 5.628210636008765

8306. but aside from everything else it would scarcely be pleasant to have dealings with one who was nominally an underling and actually held- you could say- the whip hand. 6.751872335660797

8307. and all because of domokous! if mr skyros had dreamed of all the trouble that young man would eventually cause- of course there was another factor. 6.3895676957563765

8308. angieworth his weight in gold right now but these users they sometimes went down fast. 7.032105024464237

8309. who knew angie might not last long h. 8.371261089032279

8310. the sweat broke out on mr skyros' forehead as he realized he had been actually thinking- hoping- planning- perhaps- good god above had not domokous been enough? 6.593952525060604

8311. he patted angelo's thin shoulder paternally. 12.127026643485452

8312. now you don't want to go talking that way he said. 9.470520492011609

8313. sure sure you're the one take over for pretty soon as i get the supply get started up again isn't it? 5.614160879069833

8314. you don't need worry angelo. 9.048627110815454

8315. i tell you i know how it is with you my friend i sympathize and i'll make it a special point- a special favor- get in touch and get some stuff just for you. 5.465042616112157

8316. i don't know if i can manage it tonight or tomorrow but i'll try my best my friend. 5.633688176138632

8317. you see you got to remember we all got schedules like any business! my man he won't be around a little while he just fixed me up with this stuff they took out of the elite. 5.455003109141211

8318. it's awkward you see that isn't it? 10.671917681075756

8319. well that's your business mr skyros said angie and his dreamy eyes moved past mr skyros' shoulder to gaze vaguely out the ground-glass window. 5.424518203293881

8320. i appreciate it you do that. 14.42559352095188

8321. we don't none of us want no trouble h. 6.691640786663204

8322. i'm in a room over the golden club on san pedro you just ask for me there you want see me. 5.0634641869118795

8323. or maybe i call you- tonight? 10.11539202387438

8324. about nine o'clock i call and see if you got any. 9.057616513164579

8325. a couple decks for me mr skyros- and ten-twelve to sell see i like to have a little ready cash. 8.11496067311596

8326. oh now i don't know about that much said mr skyros. 8.694360868414782

8327. and you know angelo pretty he always keeps it a strict cash basis like they say- sure said angie. 7.030217467478371

8328. fifty a throw that the deal? 11.108380474026662

8329. sure. 15.610129252044759

8330. i bring you the cash say five hundred for ten decks. 10.227318669010717

8331. never mind how much i cut it how much i get and he smiled his sleepy smile again. 5.670335198204905

8332. you go 'n' have a look round for it. 15.452984930131814

8333. i do my best said mr skyros earnestly just for you my friend. 6.24263704224013

8334. this is awkward for everybody isn't it we all got to put up with inconvenience sometimes. 10.420199611752704

8335. but i do my best for you. 16.47255736675988

8336. he got out of there in a hurry brushing past another man in the door mopping his brow. 9.616784129836086

8337. the expedient thing- yes very true one must make do as one could in some situations. 6.461071090028369

8338. it could all be straightened out later. 20.96677395736879  
8339. not very much later but when things had settled down a little.  
6.907330826728996  
8340. after this deal with the bouvardier woman went through.  
13.321239309323945  
8341. an ace of spades h. 11.135743088448892  
8342. he was not a superstitious man but he felt perhaps there was a  
little something in that indeed. 10.763100508743094  
8343. he rather wished he had never got into the business and still-  
scarcely to be resisted a nice little profit with not much work  
involved easy money h katya roslev who would be katharine ross so very  
soon now rang up her first sale of the day and counted back the change.  
5.041920210571889  
8344. she did not notice that the customer seized her purchase and  
turned away without a smile or a word of thanks. 7.234837298457544  
8345. usually she marked the few who did thank you you didn't get  
that kind much in a place like this: and she played a little game  
with herself seeing how downright rude she could act to the others  
before they'd take offense threaten to call the manager.  
4.672878704005991  
8346. funny how seldom they did: used to it probably. 8.196044167676531  
8347. the kind who came into a cheap store like this! grab snatch i saw  
that first! and here i'll take this i was before her you wait on  
me now or i don't bother with it see! this kind of place h she'd be  
through here just no time at all- leave this kind of thing 'way behind.  
4.357708011480493  
8348. off at noon and she'd never come back. 11.536602410205571  
8349. money- a lot of money enough. 11.731802124779977  
8350. she'd be smart about it get him to give it to her in little bills  
so's nobody would suspect- maybe couldn't get it until monday account  
of that the banks- but that wasn't really long to wait.  
6.221074678776616  
8351. not when she'd waited so long already. 10.009742122044596  
8352. no need say anything at all to the old woman.  
11.041665831751207  
8353. she had it all planned out how she'd do. 9.238733424724364  
8354. she'd say she didn't feel good on sunday couldn't go to church-  
there'd be a little argument but she could be stubborn- and when the  
old woman had gone quick pack the things she'd need to take all  
but the dress she'd wear monday and take the bag down to that place  
in the station where you could put things in a locker overnight for  
a dime. 5.596246723396514  
8355. then on monday morning- or it might have to be tuesday- get up and  
leave just the usual time and last thing put the money in an envelope  
under the old woman's purse there in the drawer. 5.414245351425655  
8356. she wouldn't be going to get that for an hour or so after katya  
had left go do the daily shopping. 7.661419136091847  
8357. no need leave a note with it either- or maybe just something like  
don't worry about me i'm going away to make a better life.  
5.4911936898726115  
8358. it wasn't as if she wanted much. 16.49084636425047  
8359. she didn't mind working hard not as if she figured to do anything  
wrong to live easy and soft- all she wanted was a chance where she  
wasn't marked as what she was. 4.681921877515503  
8360. to be katharine ross and work in a nicer shop somewhere at a  
little more money so she could have prettier clothes and learn  
ladies' manners and all like that and get to know different people than  
up to now not just the ones like her here with foreign-sounding names  
the ones went to the same church and- different place different job  
different people she'd be all different too. 5.855306997091811

8361. prettier she'd do her hair another way; smarter and wear different kinds of clothes- she'd be katharine ross just what that sounded like. 5.136160743688668

8362. you've give me the wrong change said the customer sharply. 5.926917732418019

8363. thinki can't count? 10.363724110347151

8364. katya made up the amount in indifferent silence. 9.060328853487057

8365. she was listening to other voices out of the future. 10.000901422611168

8366. some of those vaguely-imagined new different people. 16.09156408141647

8367. oh katharine's awfully nice and pretty too i like katharine- let's ask katharine to go with us she's always lots of fun- katharine- soon very soon now h mendoza didn't wake until nearly nine-thirty. 5.157337882595288

8368. it was going to be another hot day; already the thermometer stood close to ninety. 13.986306783887729

8369. alison was still sound asleep; he made fresh coffee and searched through all the desk drawers for more cigarettes before thinking of her handbag and found a crumpled stray cigarette at its bottom which tasted peculiarly of face powder. 4.57895448454157

8370. he left a note propped on the desk asking her to call him sometime today and drove home. 7.833904939808143

8371. after he'd got out fresh liver for bast he paused to look at her crouched daintily over her dish. 7.216918533241461

8372. surely she was just a trifle fatter around the middle? 8.932165256721609

8373. he seemed to remember reading somewhere that abyssinians had large litters and suffered a dismaying vision of the apartment overrun with a dozen kittens. 5.19227123965549

8374. y que sigue despues? 11.568363037656766

8375. - what then? 5.266673368210204

8376. he asked her severely. 13.148092146312546

8377. a lot of people are so peculiar that they don't like cats it's not the easiest thing in the world to find good homes for kittens- and damn it you know very well if i have them around long impossible to give them away! and i suppose now that you've finally grown up if a little late you'd go on producing kittens every six months or so. 5.038096119989345

8378. yes well it's a pity to spoil your girlish figure- which all those kittens would do anyway- but i think when you've raised these we'll just have the vet fix it so there won't be any more h. 6.3886479358227195

8379. i wonder if the carters would take one h. 10.115608088918114

8380. and it's no good looking at me like that as she wound affectionately around his ankles. 5.8667089842155855

8381. maude's long nose unexpectedly wrinkled up. 7.622507342753323

8382. happened to be in the hall! happened to hear you quarrel about her! oh well you can't really blame lolotte. 7.647810648037352

8383. she lost her beau to you. 9.987973641461945

8384. but she was talking of emile when she saw the black line of the open door; sarah remembered it clearly. 7.081287966153309

8385. i've got to get busy. 4.990273077554887

8386. miss celie's taken to her bed with the door locked. 8.786764805970698

8387. she opened it an inch and poked out the keys for me to give you. 5.868459107627189

8388. here-she thrust a bundle of keys strung on a thick red cord into sarah's hand. 7.385355106484742

8389. not that there's much use in locking up the smokehouse and the  
storehouse now. 7.486645811911694

8390. maude suddenly looked quite capable of pouring it down her  
throat. 7.879513779734377

8391. i don't want it sarah said firmly. 4.915412401357787

8392. well- i'll take it down with me as i go. 7.879513779734377

8393. maude swooped up the cup and hiked up her top hoop as if about to  
take off with a racing start. 5.079775636272307

8394. at the door she turned back her roman nose looking very long now  
and satiric. 11.365917115140025

8395. ben and lucien have gone after them. 7.622507342753323

8396. it's just like that book your northern friend wrote- except  
there aren't any ice floes to cross and no bloodhounds. 4.252466111521646

8397. i don't know mrs stowe h. 4.7491506386898426

8398. what can they do if they find them? 14.603889071466684

8399. they can't do anything. 13.36930593042626

8400. it's silly childish running after them like that. 9.060328853487057

8401. but of course the paterollers won't be of any help not with  
everything so upset and that yankee cavalry outfit they say is running  
around god knows where. 4.76581317220898

8402. she had swished away she had been gone for a long time probably  
when sarah suddenly realized that she ought to stop her pour out the  
coffee so no one would drink it. 7.125955597219856

8403. but then the so-called coffee was bad enough at best cold it  
was all but undrinkable- especially that cup! she was deeply  
horribly sure that lucien had filled it with opium.  
5.8492545957946644

8404. she had quarreled with lucien she had resisted his demands for  
money- and if she died by the provisions of her marriage contract  
lucien would inherit legally not only the immediate sum of gold under  
the floorboards in the office but later when the war was over her  
father's entire estate. 6.500029345007494

8405. she felt cold and hot sticky and chilly at the same time.  
7.26104304359843

8406. now wait a minute she told herself think about it; lucien is not  
the only person in this house who could have put opium in that coffee.  
7.424866357058852

8407. she had lost a bottle of opium- but that was on the trip from new  
orleans. 6.61712600782368

8408. or someone had taken it during her first day at honotassa.  
9.051424940628914

8409. yes she had missed it after her talk with emile after dinner just  
before emile was shot. 5.427950274147271

8410. rilly or glendora had entered her room while she slept bringing  
back her washed clothes. 7.032105024464237

8411. so somebody else could have come in too- then or later while she was  
out of the room. 7.699557171210962

8412. it would have been easy to identify as opium by its odor.  
7.6924205076212635

8413. it was not very reasonable to believe that lucien had procured  
unprocurable opium and come back to honotassa with a formed plan to  
murder her. 6.526896965308186

8414. he didn't even know that she was there. 10.648531049792185

8415. and he certainly couldn't have guessed that she would resist his  
demand for the gold or that she was not the yielding- yes and credible  
fool he had every right to expect. 5.743742669551544

8416. no he had been surprised unpleasantly surprised but surprised.  
11.344530025335501

8417. then somebody else? 14.43160455482214

8418. don't question rev had said don't        invite danger.  
4.270701532995561

8419. her skin crawled: lolotte had told maude that        she was in the  
hall and the door was open. 6.254122446453258

8420. sarah had begun to tell        lucien of emile she had begun to  
question and a little draft had crept    across the room from the bedroom  
door open barely enough to show    a rim of blackness in the hall.  
6.075970599553096

8421. so lolotte- or anybody- could have        listened and that somebody  
could have already been supplied with    the missing bottle of opium.  
5.983463794619069

8422. that was not reasonable either.    22.836070195266753

8423. the opium had disappeared before emile's death and whoever shot him  
could not by any stretch of the imagination have foreseen sarah's  
own doubts and suspicions- and questions.    5.704609165304231

8424. she began to doubt        whether there had been in fact a lethal dose  
of opium in the cup.    9.714154428711911

8425. so        suppose somebody only wished to frighten her so she would  
leave honotassa! that made a certain amount of logic.    5.15576524365156

8426. added to the        argument was the fact that while she might have  
tasted the coffee if it        had been still hot she might even have drunk  
some of it she wouldn't        have taken enough to kill her for she would  
have been warned by        its taste. 6.336437769264723

8427. it was merely an attempt to frighten her.    14.46262503352129

8428. she wouldn't go back to new york as maude suggested; she wouldn't  
run like a scared cat. 10.044378826341275

8429. but- well she'd be very careful.    7.622507342753323

8430. she dressed and the accustomed routine restored to her a sense  
of normal everyday life.    8.171394947443085

8431. but before she left her room she dug    into her big moire bag took  
out the envelope holding her marriage contract        and the wax seal had  
been broken.    5.46911413810475

8432. so somebody else knew what    would happen to her father's money if  
she died.    8.330529772257353

8433. rev had known        all along. 9.118533821976325

8434. rev didn't need to break the wax seal read the contract and find  
out. 7.198778874655976

8435. he could conceivably have wished to make sure; revloved honotassa  
it was like a part of his breath and body; rev        had stressed the need  
for money. 8.13063622690684

8436. rev would never have tried to give her poison!    she thrust the  
envelope back in the bag; there        was no point in locking it up in the  
armoire now it was like locking    the barn after the horse was stolen.  
7.4607387446924

8437. and in all likelihood by now        there was more than one person in  
the house who knew the terms of her        marriage contract.  
10.556055018280114

8438. there was no point either in telling herself again what a fool she'd  
been. 13.125676935851551

8439. she went downstairs and received another        curious shock for when  
glendora flapped into the dining room in        her homemade moccasins sarah  
asked her when she had brought coffee    to her room and glendora said she  
hadn't.    5.286153820897227

8440. too much work this morning miss sarah- everybody gone like that-  
sarah swallowed    past another kind of constriction in her throat.  
8.19458779820395

8441. well then who brought it? 12.076792408766652

8442.        miss maude.    20.11034579016859

8443. she come to the kitchen        and say she take it up to you.  
7.787505388748069



8444. glendora put down a dish of lukewarm rice. 9.060328853487057  
8445. not much breakfast this morning. 11.172747016032117  
8446. i don't know what we're going to do miss sarah.  
5.695623658910755  
8447. we've got to eat sarah said curtly because a chill crawled over her  
again. 4.635617967570337  
8448. the rice wasn't dosed with opium indeed it had no taste at all not  
a grain of salt. 7.735484842834032  
8449. she ate what she could and went out along the covered passageway  
with the rain dripping from the vines. 5.955612518741647  
8450. in the kitchen glendora was despairingly picking chickens.  
18.61348947387476  
8451. get a basket sarah told her. 8.893662989748096  
8452. we'll go to the storehouse. 6.3309838780295875  
8453. glendora dropped a chicken and a flurry of feathers and went  
with her through the drizzle to the storehouse. 5.15576524365156  
8454. sarah found the right key and unlocked the door. 8.581436094141479  
8455. it was a long low room like a root cellar for it was banked up  
with soil and vines had run rampant over that too. 7.689274648241199  
8456. it was dark but dry and cool. 18.575160393141385  
8457. she doled out what glendora vaguely guessed were the right amounts  
of dried peas eggs cornmeal a little salt. 5.236383152695367  
8458. the shelves looked emptier than when miss celie had shown her the  
storeroom and since the men from the commissary had called; there were  
certainly now fewer mouths to feed but there was less to feed them with.  
6.920920809041023  
8459. she took glendora to the smokehouse unlocked it and saw with  
satisfaction there was still a quantity of hams and sides of bacon hanging  
from the smoke-stained rafters. 5.482414761694449  
8460. they wouldn't go hungry not yet. 13.133843158043385  
8461. and the fields were green and growing. 12.420128637259614  
8462. can't you possibly imagine what life is going to be like here?  
8.03518957237222  
8463. maude had said. 10.363724110347151  
8464. she sent glendora back to the house her basket and her apron  
laden. 9.551289296197064  
8465. she stood for a moment rain dripping from the trees over her head  
thinking of maude. 6.473005157560076  
8466. maude had the opportunity to take the bottle of opium from sarah's  
room. 9.336189346519962  
8467. maude had the cool ruthlessness to do whatever she made up  
her mind to do. 5.542917982132687  
8468. she couldn't see how her death could affect maude.  
10.749202706058774  
8469. she couldn't see any reason why maude would attempt to frighten  
her. 7.187557404882245  
8470. besides there was something hysterical and silly something almost  
childish about an attempt to frighten her. 8.065136868315244  
8471. maude was neither hysterical nor silly and sarah rather doubted if  
she had ever been childish. 5.674295354649883  
8472. yet maude had suggested that sarah return to new york.  
9.663652451954288  
8473. maude could have shot emile- if she'd had a reason to kill him.  
5.825820622377272  
8474. there was no use in standing there in the drizzle trying to find a  
link between emile's murder and opium in a cup of coffee.  
10.616315231318696  
8475. she started back for the house saw a light in the office opened the  
door and surprised a domestic little scene which was far outside the  
dark realm of murder or attempted murder. 4.934822565632548

8476. rev george and lolotte were mending shoes. 9.670406878971576  
8477. a lighted lamp stood on the table that dusky drizzling day.  
7.190017756155806  
8478. they were all three bent over a shabby riding boot; george had a  
tack hammer. 9.012331219925015  
8479. lolotte held a patch of leather rev steadied something a tiny  
brad waiting for george's poised hammer. 5.427950274147271  
8480. george said first thing i do when i get to vicksburg again is  
get me a yankee- with boots on lolotte laughed softly.  
6.81648064755476  
8481. rev looked up and saw her. 8.138356006435677  
8482. lolotte looked up and stiffened. 11.568363037656766  
8483. george didn't look up at all. 8.445737513828405  
8484. there was no way to know no way to guess whether any one of them  
was surprised at sarah's appearance believing her to be drugged and  
senseless- and just possibly dead. 8.771625658930137  
8485. rev said come in sarah. 8.254441635698543  
8486. reckon you know the news. 11.568363037656766  
8487. and what news sarah thought as satirically as maude might have  
said it. 7.9964950820468115  
8488. rev's face was suddenly a little fixed and questioning.  
8.581436094141479  
8489. he turned to george and lolotte. 13.771695597620136  
8490. take your cobbler's shop somewhere else. 10.472119682746735  
8491. i want to talk to sarah. 22.49736982182001  
8492. everything in the office the spreading circle of lamplight the  
patch of leather in lolotte's hands. 9.22839341710695  
8493. george poised with the tack hammer the homely everyday atmosphere  
all denied an attempt at murder. 5.8679005668943764  
8494. a rush of panic caught sarah. 11.87006678428286  
8495. i mean i've got to- to see to the kitchen. 9.286130580420084  
8496. glendora- her words jumbled together and she all but ran from the  
office and from the question in rev's face. 6.54093796655646  
8497. now why did i do that? 11.878755024467265  
8498. she thought as warm drizzling rain touched her face.  
10.749202706058774  
8499. she was no schoolgirl refusing to bear tales.  
10.731278724007474  
8500. as she reached the kitchen door the answer presented itself; if  
she told anyone of the opium it must be lucien her husband.  
8.282952476612262  
8501. it might be indeed it had already proved to be a marriage  
without love but it was marriage. 9.168487504431559  
8502. so she couldn't choose rev as a confidant; it must be lucien.  
10.614633475499602  
8503. always provided that lucien himself had not dosed her coffee with  
opium she thought as coldly and sharply again as maude might have  
said it. 4.901044106437365  
8504. she paused at the kitchen door caught her breath told herself  
firmly that the opium was only an attempt to frighten her and went  
into the kitchen where glendora was eyeing the chickens dismally and  
maude was cleaning lamp chimneys. 6.14640984513995  
8505. miss sarah i can't cut up no chicken. 8.204171224594582  
8506. miss maude say she won't. 12.406760308875619  
8507. again the homely everyday details of daily living refuted a vicious  
attempt to frighten her- or to murder her. 6.102397759864512  
8508. the homely everyday details of living and domestic requirements  
also pressed upon her with their immediate urgency. 8.214965265260524  
8509. no matter what had happened or hadn't happened somebody had to  
see about dinner. 10.974922879179479

8510. she eyed the chickens with if she had known it something of  
glendora's dismal look and thought with a certain fury of the time she  
had spent on latin verbs. 7.36901704271917  
8511. i didn't think there was any reason to. 6.958609338716115  
8512. speak to him again anyway. 12.216031715840696  
8513. try talking to some of the fellows he works with friends anyone.  
6.9843140455529555  
8514. try to find out how happy he is with his wife whether he plays  
around with women. 8.668914804097579  
8515. you might try looking into his wife too. 11.967604678295304  
8516. she might have been talking to some of her friends about her  
husband if they've been having any trouble. 7.934196431965807  
8517. you think black's the one we're looking for?  
10.644218033232553  
8518. yeah. 19.804021762487697  
8519. i think he might be conrad said grimly. 17.020628296415524  
8520. then again he might not. 14.68659254202811  
8521. what a stinking world rourke said. 13.767756760564918  
8522. black is gilborn's best friend. 10.781294570796428  
8523. will you be coming back soon? 10.966798256760931  
8524. i think so. 13.148092146312546  
8525. i'm on my way to see the jacobs woman. 6.124526418672701  
8526. gilborn's secretary? 15.594944937291627  
8527. what for? 20.454815948573874  
8528. you don't think gilborn is the-? 9.048627110815454  
8529. i don't think anything. 5.50021416627485  
8530. i just don't want to go off half-cocked before picking up black  
that's all. 9.764540737582454  
8531. gilborn says he was in his office all day with her yesterday.  
7.820337989471709  
8532. i'd like to make sure. 7.734564608899882  
8533. also it's just possible she might know something about mrs  
gilborn. 6.833928345948588  
8534. aren't you ever going to go home? 6.896026824155868  
8535. it sure as hell doesn't look like it does it?  
6.210871206873012  
8536. i'm telling you if these corpses ever knew the trouble they  
put us to they'd think twice before letting themselves get knocked  
off. 6.221143152558621  
8537. remember to tell that to the next corpse you meet. 8.215704716937493  
8538. conrad hung up and sat on the small telephone-booth bench massaging  
his right leg. 7.416915079765888  
8539. he looked at his watch. 12.127026643485452  
8540. it was ten minutes before eleven. 28.25013444670347  
8541. he wondered how long it would be before they had a signed  
confession from lionel black. 7.189616737976169  
8542. thirty years' experience let him know even at this early stage  
that black was his man. 7.874262680844115  
8543. but he still wanted to know why. 13.80038671629586  
8544. it was a cold windy day the day after kitti's death but stanley  
gilborn paid no attention to the blustery october wind. 9.911348151356  
8545. after leaving conrad gilborn had no destination.  
10.205456107617097  
8546. he simply walked not noticing where he was not caring.  
10.697093789223626  
8547. he stopped automatically at the street corners waiting for the  
traffic lights to change unheeding of other people his coat open and  
flapping. 5.6945138009050655  
8548. as he walked he tried to think. 17.963187923472443

8549. mainly of what conrad had tried to make him believe.  
7.531731278633359

8550. there was nothing coherent about his thinking.  
21.672044027557128

8551. it was a succession of picture-images passing through his mind: the same ones different ones in no apparent sequence in no logical succession.7.345866721976695

8552. the enormity of what conrad had told him made it impossible for gilborn to accept with any degree of realism the actuality of it.  
6.852952259467768

8553. conrad's words had intellectual meaning for him only.  
6.764147616291221

8554. emotionally they penetrated him not at all. 9.060328853487057

8555. whoever he was and your wife were intimate. 7.7245158053748435

8556. gilborn remembered conrad's exact words. 11.568363037656766

8557. they made sense and yet they didn't. 11.134636204353644

8558. he knew conrad had told him the truth. 15.499957972613625

8559. yet it wasn't so. 19.41154013237409

8560. it wasn't so because it couldn't be so. 14.718704829380005

8561. when kitti was alive- and he remembered the pressure of her hand resting lightly on his arm- she had been the center of his life.  
7.653676529527218

8562. she was the sun he the closest planet orbiting around her the rest of the world existing and visible yet removed. 11.716273018375269

8563. for fifty-five years he had lived progressing towards a no-goal eating working breathing without plan without reason. 7.017380987871936

8564. kitti had come along to justify everything. 9.060328853487057

8565. she was his goal she was his reason. 7.240698345721332

8566. he had lived all his life waiting for her. 14.825353590384896

8567. not once in the time that he had known her had he ever considered the possibility not once not for one one-thousandth of a second of her infidelity. 5.985271672307656

8568. he could not consider it now. 19.714635232489073

8569. and so he walked aimless again. 13.712121456749493

8570. the walk ended inevitably right in front of his hotel building.  
12.744313978467405

8571. the doorman began to nod his head automatically then remembered who gilborn was what had happened to him the night before.  
5.670580783382225

8572. he looked at gilborn with undisguised curiosity.  
13.671139498061125

8573. gilborn passed by him without seeing him. 7.14162538120728

8574. he crossed the lobby and rode up in the elevator lost in his own thoughts. 10.437905228411026

8575. in the apartment itself all was still. 13.340672195401854

8576. the police were no longer there. 13.848082117783294

8577. there was no evidence that anything was different than it had been.  
12.599057829330114

8578. except that kitti wasn't there. 14.345513138283163

8579. without taking off his coat he sat in the blue chair which still faced the closed bedroom door. 6.79173550914331

8580. at last sitting there in the familiar surroundings the truth began to sink in. 9.843819290377025

8581. who? 15.610129252044759

8582. he felt no anger towards kitti no sense that she had betrayed him. 8.261013827652203

8583. who? 15.610129252044759

8584. she was all he had everything he had everything he wanted.  
10.850667502179856

8585. someone had taken her away from him. 7.365861925614422

8586. who? 19.804021762487697  
8587. where there is a left-hand entry in the ledger there is a right-hand one he remembered from his school days. 6.389851268424053  
8588. wherethere is a victim there is a killer. 9.977768095358806  
8589. who? 15.610129252044759  
8590. whoever he was and your wife were intimate. 9.192405724452508  
8591. he rose from the chair took off his coat. 9.783357976961607  
8592. quickly he went into the bedroom. 12.779238668117822  
8593. the bed still showed signs of where kitti had lain. 7.916518503319115  
8594. gilborn stood there for a long time. 12.158732307866531  
8595. he looked at the bed unblinkingly. 11.891161577655778  
8596. the bed was empty now. 11.568363037656766  
8597. kitti would lie in it no more. 7.850150404389864  
8598. he would lie in it no more. 17.079919625167907  
8599. gilborn wondered whether kitti had lain in that same bed with h who? 5.825820622377272  
8600. for thirty minutes stanley gilborn stood there. 13.154570381686497  
8601. at the end of the half-hour racking his brains thinking over and over again of kitti her friends her past he left the bedroom. 9.785777327827452  
8602. who? 19.804021762487697  
8603. he could think of no answer. 12.951914593399259  
8604. gilborn put on his coat again. 9.670406878971576  
8605. before leaving he took one last lingering look at the apartment. 8.592409793513852  
8606. he knew he would neversee it again. 20.908405040082005  
8607. in the street walking as quickly as he could stanley gilborn was a lone figure. 9.174032131229543  
8608. on blanche jacobs kitti gilborn's death had a quite different effect. 10.900545364036642  
8609. for blanche kitti's death was a source of guilty but nonetheless soaring happy hope. 7.563568252970948  
8610. in blanche's defense it must be said she was unaware of the newborn hope. 11.819658432061997  
8611. if anyone had asked her she would have described herself only as nervous and worried. 7.618242334714883  
8612. the figures on the worksheet paper in front of her were jumping and waving around so badly it was all she could do to make them out clearly enough to copy them with the typewriter. 0.0  
8613. she wondered whether stanley would call. 9.987973641461945  
8614. she wanted to be with him to give him the comfort and companionship she knew he needed. 8.116950265146208  
8615. she had skipped her lunch hour in the fear that he might call while she was out. 7.019453667774309  
8616. and now she was feeling sick both from concern about stanley and hunger. 9.884804960254113  
8617. why hadn't he called? 14.589704088091107  
8618. men she reflected even men like stanley are unpredictable. 10.016447084567874  
8619. she tried to think of his unpredictable actions in the eleven years she had known him and discovered they weren't so many after all. 5.901780279423045  
8620. stanley really was quite predictable. 10.472119682746735  
8621. that was one of the things she liked about stanley. 16.300127509357768  
8622. he wasn't like so many other men. 13.671139498061125  
8623. the dentist last night for instance. 11.987670074464091  
8624. dinner and the movies had been fine. 9.670406878971576

8625. he had taken her upstairs to say good night. 10.668434029746681  
8626. she had invited him in for coffee. 13.827554352033255  
8627. it was in the kitchen as she was watching the kettle waiting for  
the water to boil that he had grabbed for her. 9.074661271996286  
8628. without warning without giving her a chance to prepare for it.  
8.563655938579043  
8629. from behind he had put his arms on her shoulders turned her around  
and pressed her to him so close she couldn't breathe. 5.58067940057007  
8630. later she apologized for the long scratch across his face tried  
to explain she couldn't help herself that the panic arose in her  
unwanted. 7.367244510988014  
8631. when he left she knew she would never see him again.  
9.645249236254678  
8632. she could always predict what stanley was going to do ever since  
she first met him. 9.751676015249304  
8633. except for that one morning. 15.164675143943152  
8634. the morning he walked in to announce to her blushing that he was  
married. 9.44856474191715  
8635. she thought she was going to die. 12.77962278314772  
8636. she had assumed before then that one day he would ask her to  
marry him. 9.521827725547784  
8637. blanche couldn't remember when she had first arrived at this  
conclusion. 6.6645365289240015  
8638. she thought it was sometime during the second week she worked  
for stanley. 9.874012228597989  
8639. it was nothing that he said or did but it seemed so natural to  
her that she should be working for him looking forward to his  
eventual proposal. 6.345247763375443  
8640. she was thirty-one years old then. 15.13507571649706  
8641. her mother was already considerably concerned over her  
daughter's future. 8.891874781149482  
8642. but blanche had been able to maintain a serene and assured  
composure in the face of her widowed mother's continued carping had  
been able to resist her urgings to date anyone who offered the  
slightest possibility of matrimony. 8.11087090081096  
8643. for blanche it was only a matter of time before stanley would  
propose. 9.55179778219634  
8644. it was to be expected that stanley would be shy slow in taking such  
a momentous step. 13.22947658216411  
8645. stanley went along in life she knew convinced that he deserved  
the love and faith of no woman. 5.506076945773804  
8646. as a result he never looked for it. 15.374567042186891  
8647. but one day she expected he would somehow discover without her  
having to tell him that there was such a woman in the world; a woman who  
was willing to give him love faith and anything else a woman could  
give a husband. 6.120523064131836  
8648. indeed there was a woman who unasked had already given him love.  
8.768237022924117  
8649. and then unexpectedly stanley made his announcement.  
11.80912527055154  
8650. on that first day blanche literally thought she was going to die  
or at the very least go out of her mind. 9.198017333143694  
8651. it might have been easier for her if kitti walker hadn't been  
everything that blanche was not. 8.984594969870324  
8652. kitti was thirty years younger than stanley taller than stanley  
prettier than stanley had any right to hope for much less expect.  
6.365727389270327  
8653. kitti could have married a score of men. 7.14162538120728

8654. there was no reason for her to marry someone like stanley  
gilborn there was no need for her to marry stanley.  
11.552410952191142

8655. kittihad come into the office on somebody's recommendation because  
she needed help in preparing her income tax return. 5.712448943692012

8656. stanley had filled out the return and because when he was  
finished it was close to the lunch hour he had politely asked kitti to  
join him never expecting her to accept. 6.3765988367382045

8657. blanche knew all this because the door to stanley's office was open  
and without straining too hard she could hear everything that was  
said. 5.080801149100255

8658. stanley had gone out saying he would be back in an hour.  
8.144711817614684

8659. he hadn't come back for over two. 9.783357976961607

8660. after that day blanche still didn't know exactly what had happened.  
10.476221694696738

8661. there were mornings when stanley came in late afternoons when he  
left early days when he didn't come in at all. 7.515302613951942

8662. blanche knew something must be causing stanley's new strange  
behavior but she never once connected it with kitti walker.  
6.643215071337043

8663. then six weeks after the day kitti first came into the office  
stanley announced he and kitti were married. 5.964961979798781

8664. somehow blanche managed to cover the stunned surprise and offer  
her congratulations. 9.091292455335491

8665. that night the two of them left for a week's honeymoon in  
acapulco. 10.098960131034632

8666. while they were away blanche came into the office every morning  
running things as she had always run them for stanley going through the  
week in a dazed stupor getting things done automatically out of habit.  
6.36927500317984

8667. for exactly one week she was able to continue in this manner.  
8.074508196225132

8668. on the morning of stanley's return however her strength left  
her. 15.126101462726666

8669. two hours of watching his serenely happy face listening to his  
soft humming as he bent over his penciled figures and blanche had to  
leave. 5.279452207589045

8670. she stayed away for ten days. 14.140224473190667

8671. those ten days were like no others that blanche had known.  
7.012877753432631

8672. mostly she stayed in bed. 10.472119682746735

8673. she didn't tell anyone even her mother what was wrong.  
6.181144455223438

8674. she refused to have a doctor insisting there was nothing a doctor  
could do for her. 9.807254661270614

8675. right said the fingerprint man. 8.689258769277684

8676. also if you're going to believe those prints you'll have to look  
for a killer who's a top-grade piano player. 8.72652226096617

8677. he demonstrated by playing an imaginary piano doing a staccato  
passage with a broadly exaggerated attack. 6.512874137333827

8678. to make it clearer he shifted to acting out but with no change  
of manner the killing of rose mallory. 9.305401855878758

8679. his hands snatched at an imaginary bucket swooping down hard to  
grab it and coming away with equal snap like a ball that's been  
bounced hard. 5.237210997972282

8680. in the same way he pantomimed grasping a mantel and bouncing  
cleanly off that pressing his hands against the floor and bouncing  
cleanly off that. 9.803249236355153

8681. he was moving like a ballet dancer playing for laughs.  
10.068881193379493

8682. if rose mallory's killer acted this way catching up with him was  
going to be a cinch. 12.0856416382172

8683. we'd know him by his stretch pants and the flowers he'd wear twined  
in his hair. 5.7458677294699

8684. perhaps if felix had first come upon us when this boy was not  
cavorting so gaily up and down the hall outside the murdered woman's  
apartment we might have had less trouble convincing felix of our  
seriousness. 7.433762215810269

8685. this you will remember was still new year's day. 9.615268738713864

8686. by the time felix turned up it was early afternoon which one would  
think would be late enough so that by then except for small children  
and a few hardy souls who had not yet sobered up it could have  
been expected that people would no longer be having any sort of  
active interest in the previous night's noisemakers and paper hats.  
6.450508962282604

8687. he had retained his hat and his horn and whatever fun might  
still be going he was ready to join it. 7.476892573841137

8688. that incidentally might give you some idea of what felix was  
like. 12.76842580414058

8689. afterall he hadn't happened upon us in that second-floor hall  
without warning. 6.98750989448313

8690. the me's boys had finished their on-the-spot examination and  
the body had been removed for autopsy. 7.860799503526907

8691. the meat wagon therefore was not out in front of the house any  
more but the cluster of squad cars was still there and there was a cop  
on the door downstairs to screen any comings and goings. 7.339088819151728

8692. there was furthermore the crowd of curious onlookers gathered in  
the street and a couple more cops to hold them at a decent distance.  
9.543902452145767

8693. just put yourself in felix's place for a moment.  
8.413536396092379

8694. you're a taxpayer householder landlord. 8.387192178320554

8695. you've been away from home for the new year festivities but now  
the party is over and you come home. 7.9404363383742

8696. defining sobriety in the limited sense of being free from the  
clinical symptoms of the effects of alcohol ingested and not yet  
eliminated from the system you are sober. 6.933472784274669

8697. you still have your paper hat and you're wearing it but then it is  
an extraordinary paper hat and in addition to anything else you may be  
you are also the sculptor who created that most peculiar dame out in the  
back yard. 6.390492455147965

8698. it's not too much to assume that you will have a more lasting  
interest in paper hats than will mr average citizen. 4.874337927276783

8699. you have your paper horn clutched in your big craggy fist and  
for your entrance you have planned a noisy colorful and exuberant  
greeting to your friends and tenants. 5.81521380143089

8700. you find your house a focus of public and police attention.  
12.284191492130638

8701. can you imagine yourself forgetting under the circumstances that  
you are approaching this startling and unexpected situation so  
unsuitably hatted and armed with a paper horn? 6.133164472548032

8702. maybe one could be startled into forgetfulness.  
9.060328853487057

8703. you shoulder your way through the cluster of the curious and  
you barge up to the cop on the door. 6.453812639777503

8704. you identify yourself and ask him what's going on.  
12.37182052821836



8705. instead of answering you he sticks his head in the door and shouts  
up the stairs. 8.72487064618342

8706. got the upstairs guy he bellows. 9.670406878971576

8707. do i send him up? 12.385585473978882

8708. then he turns back to you. 14.75323684227731

8709. go on in he says. 9.118533821976325

8710. they'll tell you what's cooking. 7.147958626185755

8711. even then as you go into the house oppressed by the knowledge that  
something is cooking and that your house has passed under this  
unaccountable official control could you go on forgetting that you  
still had that ridiculous hat on your head and you were still carrying  
that childish horn in your hand? 4.7020893957538235

8712. what i'm getting at is that we were fully prepared for felix's  
being an odd one. 8.087649514528723

8713. we'd seen his handiwork out in the back yard and the little his  
tenants had told us of him did make him sound a little special.  
6.140771269796904

8714. we were not however prepared for anything like the apparition  
that confronted us as felix came up the stairs. 8.296669767799466

8715. he of course must have been equally unprepared for what confronted  
him but nonetheless i did find his reaction startling. 6.337708441306526

8716. if felix was still wearing the hat and carrying the horn  
because he'd forgotten about them he now remembered.  
7.876372381859706

8717. he came bounding up the stairs and joined the dance.  
9.03924404501138

8718. he adjusted the hat lifted the horn to his lips as though it were  
a flute and fell in alongside our fingerprint expert to cavort with  
him. 7.885336595922754

8719. our man stopped dead and glowered at felix. 7.947892702378575

8720. felix threw his head back and laughed a laugh that shook the  
timbers of even that solidly built old house. 6.44893033609597

8721. this was a bull of a man. 7.738906147426005

8722. he was big-chested big-shouldered and heavy-armed.  
17.218119440805356

8723. his face was ruddy and heavy and unlined and when he laughed he  
showed his teeth which were big and white and strong and unquestionably  
home-grown. 5.707245175293

8724. i don't remember ever seeing teeth that were quite so white and at  
the same time quite so emphatically not dentures. 7.591118861513021

8725. his hair had receded most of the way to the back of his neck.  
12.56892882781233

8726. he had only a fringe of hair and he wore it cropped short.  
10.584718158349082

8727. it was almost as white as his teeth. 14.641503533571957

8728. for a man of his mass he was curiously short.  
16.718297747699378

8729. he wasn't a dwarf but he was a bit of a comic figure.  
8.406573142447122

8730. a man with so big and so staggeringly developed a torso and  
such long and powerful arms is expected to stand taller than five feet  
five. 7.901110230605235

8731. for felix it was a bit of a stretch to make even that measurement.  
6.800157167832778

8732. the man was just this side of being a freak. 15.114924232240053

8733. we waited till he had finished laughing and that gave us a few  
moments for taking stock of him. 7.058240791614236

8734. he was dressed in a manner esquire might suggest for the outdoor  
man's country weekend. 10.107316701574787

8735. dark gray sports jacket lighter gray slacks pink flannel shirt  
black silk necktie. 5.825820622377272

8736. he was freshly shaved and if there had been any alcohol in him we  
could never have missed detecting some scent of it on the massive gusts  
of his laughter. 8.502807620570369

8737. eventually he subsided. 11.8483760059492

8738. me he said merrily. 11.568363037656766

8739. that much latin we remember gibby said dryly. 9.526797988050147

8740. you always live up to your name always like this always making  
happy? 7.960896024375595

8741. i try felix said blithely. 8.254441635698543

8742. the world is full of blokes who put their hearts into making  
the tragic scene. 10.81707563770094

8743. i've never noticed that it improves things any. 7.14162538120728

8744. bully for you gibby said. 11.568363037656766

8745. what's the rest of your name? 9.37614097797751

8746. no rest of it. 13.148092146312546

8747. felix is all there is. 8.254441635698543

8748. all there ever was? 18.785191397009886

8749. the past i leave to historians felix intoned demonstrating  
that he could be pompous as well as happy. 8.148928243478009

8750. you live in the present? 11.568363037656766

8751. in the present felix proclaimed. 21.10661177297555

8752. is there any other time in which a man can live?  
20.282429848895468

8753. we gibby announced are not philosophers. 10.717432709549398

8754. we are assistant district attorneys. 18.739327465619887

8755. this gentleman is a police officer. 11.309843967689007

8756. he is a fingerprint specialist. 25.93515017014358

8757. could your future your immediate future be made to include taking us  
upstairs giving us a bit of space in which our friend can work and  
making available to him your finger tips? 5.204019036503638

8758. the happy one could never have looked happier.  
11.387658710676023

8759. this was more than joy. 18.79457919610455

8760. those lovely whorls he chortled. 15.48680556789494

8761. come right along. 13.358238354611412

8762. he was prancing along the hall heading for the next flight of  
stairs. 11.80205717104242

8763. we're here because of what happened last night he said.  
4.959839302579545

8764. since it is important for the record let's have the full name.  
16.368395141901278

8765. grubb felix whispered. 10.363724110347151

8766. felix grubb? 15.594944937291627

8767. gibby asked not bothering to whisper. 7.622507342753323

8768. i can't see what would make it necessary for you to know.  
7.663517800062761

8769. nothing could make it necessary to proclaim it to the whole  
world. 8.156284398491698

8770. obligingly gibby lowered his voice. 11.568363037656766

8771. edmund but not for years. 9.118533821976325

8772. for years it's been just felix. 14.79291949875697

8773. first thing i did after my twenty-first birthday was go into  
court and have it officially changed and this is something i don't tell  
everybody. 6.113610504660716

8774. that was almost forty years ago. 14.860954966088402

8775. having volunteered that he was a man of about sixty he bounded up  
the stairs and with each leap rendered the number less credible.  
5.965893828052757

8776. this was a broth of a boy our felix and nothing was more  
obvious than the joy he took in demonstrating how agile he was and how  
full of juice and spirit. 7.116662134239656  
8777. we followed him up the stairs. 12.05380807745023  
8778. the cops would gather up connor and the foursome on the third floor  
and bring us those of them who would voluntarily submit to  
fingerprinting. 6.673055462121845  
8779. you may think we didn't need nancy and jean but you always get  
what you can when you can and we had no guarantee that a fingerprint  
record on them couldn't be useful before we were through with this  
case. 5.756679457912886  
8780. also if we had excluded the ladies we would have to that extent  
let the whole world know at least that much of where we stood.  
7.547645701797818  
8781. the killer if in our present group would certainly be interested  
in knowing that much and even though with the fingerprint evidence  
what it was i could see no way he could use this bit of information to  
improve on his situation there might always be some way. 4.959572764290091  
8782. if you can possibly avoid it you don't hand out any extra  
chances. 8.883275713755397  
8783. felix took us into his studio. 7.622507342753323  
8784. it was that oddly shaped space at the very top of the house  
where ceiling heights had to accommodate themselves to the varying  
angles of roof slope. 10.05640553745738  
8785. at each angle of its pitch a big skylight had been fitted into the  
roof and all these skylights were fitted with systems of multiple screens  
and shades. 5.428652167232112  
8786. when felix first opened the door on it all these shades were  
tightly drawn and the whole studio was as dark as night.  
7.610862794686664  
8787. he quickly fixed that rolling back the shades on some of the  
skylights and adjusting screens on the others. 8.029251850285515  
8788. he flew about the place making these adjustments and it was  
obvious that what he was doing was the fruit of long experience.  
8.968429210444997  
8789. none of his movements was tentative. 12.216451405619546  
8790. there was no process of trial and error. 22.924278735431567  
8791. starting with the room completely blacked out as it was when we  
came in he unerringly fixed things so that the whole place was bathed  
in the maximum of light without at any point admitting even so much as a  
crack of glare. 5.697585042985711  
8792. expecting something more-than-average wacky i was surprised by  
what we found. 8.407375448349137  
8793. there was no display of either works in progress or of finished  
work. 11.028689644663492  
8794. here and there on work table or pedestal stood a shape with a  
sheet or a tarpaulin draped over it. 9.066524905828398  
8795. these shapes might have been mad but there was no telling.  
9.9197496666572  
8796. they were all completely shrouded. 17.200385848198177  
8797. the equipment was solid and heavy and in good condition.  
7.839212140222358  
8798. everything was orderly and it seemed to be arranged for the  
workman's comfort convenience and efficiency. 8.442313815843075  
8799. there were tools about but they were neatly kept. 6.850114810505649  
8800. there was no confusion and no litter. 26.84798141185944  
8801. supplies of sheet metal were neatly stacked in bins.  
6.460370037324521  
8802. andy did not see the newspapers the next day. 8.757497432238598

8803. someone on his staff- he suspected it was ed thornburg- intercepted  
them and for this andy was grateful. 5.417864100942573  
8804. he finally fell asleep around six in the morning with the aid of  
a sleeping capsule a crutch he rarely used and didn't awaken until  
early afternoon. 7.521068863432583  
8805. memory flooded him the instant he opened his eyes and the sick  
feeling knotted his stomach. 6.13161733164259  
8806. outside his window bloomed a beautiful summer day. 9.832541831122397  
8807. presumably the same sun was shining upon little drew also and those  
who had kidnapped him. 6.5094034409193355  
8808. but where? 29.954223479466464  
8809. it was still a very big world despite all the modern cant to the  
contrary. 10.600745728087816  
8810. hub was sitting in a chair that blocked the hall door.  
8.243676170711876  
8811. he was dozing perhaps the only sleep he'd gotten.  
10.939493574783542  
8812. he snapped to alertness at andy's entrance. 12.411802052220429  
8813. lot of people waiting to see you though. 8.702845755001738  
8814. questions about the show tonight. 11.568363037656766  
8815. hub picked up the telephone. 10.08935131099144  
8816. shall i let them know you're awake? 10.014864794069384  
8817. i suppose. 22.589978126100267  
8818. how's lissa do you know? 11.568363037656766  
8819. hub considered. 12.292407525564322  
8820. she's got plenty of guts mr paxton. 9.670406878971576  
8821. you want me to call her? 11.823504411807077  
8822. she expecting me to? 11.568363037656766  
8823. hub shook his head so andy told him not to bother.  
6.857357770287108  
8824. the only reason for contacting lissa was to comfort or to be  
comforted. 9.812040372724129  
8825. he could not manage the former or expect the latter; they had  
nothing to give to each other. 8.067622966735081  
8826. the omission might look peculiar to outsiders but andy could not  
bring himself to go through the motions simply for the sake of  
appearances. 7.685114464303618  
8827. he had little time to himself anyway. 13.541236459959519  
8828. as the afternoon sped toward evening the suite saw a steady  
procession of paxton aides pass in and out each with his own special  
problem. 9.53573528752452  
8829. thornburg arrived with the writers. 8.254441635698543  
8830. they had spent the morning revising the act eliminating all the gay  
songs patter and dancing with a view of the best public relations.  
8.94231714556467  
8831. what remained lacked the original verve but it was at least  
dignified as befitting the tragic circumstances. 6.693298919029093  
8832. raymond fox reported that the orchestra had hastily rehearsed  
cradle song in case it was needed. 6.94139604275856  
8833. charlie marble was back and forth on several occasions first to  
confer with andy on the advisability of cancelling the las vegas  
engagement- they decided it was wise- and later to announce that  
a prominent comedian also an agency client had agreed to fill the  
casino's open date. 4.95255573613254  
8834. and once bake slipped in pale and drawn last night's liquor still  
on his breath with some of today's added to it. 8.64579541271297  
8835. he asked if there was anything he could do. 10.537741318730712  
8836. andy invented a job to keep him busy sending him ahead to el dorado  
to supervise last minute arrangements. 6.643215071337043  
8837. but from rocco vecchio they heard nothing. 12.007487675745756

8838. at last it was time to depart. 16.90519436425001  
8839. hub nosing about spotted reporters in the lobby so andy was  
hustled away quietly through the hotel's service entrance in a strange  
car which hub had procured somewhere. 4.726707772215755  
8840. they succeeded in eluding the curious at the hotel but there was  
no chance of avoiding them at the nightclub. 8.877019185953573  
8841. el dorado was surrounded by a mob. 7.980160196327959  
8842. they overflowed the parking lot making progress by automobile  
difficult. 10.372209341984666  
8843. long before he reached the protection of the stage door andy  
was recognized. 7.5721017313365895  
8844. word of his arrival spread through the crowd like a brushfire.  
9.425215411485208  
8845. they surged around him fingers pointing eyes prying.  
9.433178351824823  
8846. it was not a hostile gathering but andy sensed the difference from  
last night's hero-worshippers. 13.557666977591778  
8847. they had come not to admire but to observe.  
11.216186743914033  
8848. it's worse inside thornburg informed andy. 3.6130210406737766  
8849. skolman's jammed in every table he could find. 6.764147616291221  
8850. under the heading of it's an ill wind et cetera. 11.12619541457907  
8851. backstage was tomblike by contrast. 9.118533821976325  
8852. andy's co-workers kept their distance awed by the tragedy.  
8.581436094141479  
8853. but in his dressing room was a large bouquet and a card that read  
we're with you all the way. 6.751469327788575  
8854. it was signed by everyone in the troupe. 18.575160393141385  
8855. andy couldn't help but be touched. 7.622507342753323  
8856. he instructed shirl winter to compose a note of thanks to be posted  
on the call board. 8.397071238534748  
8857. bake was waiting to report that lou duvol had been sobered up to  
the point where he could function efficiently. 8.067590657033387  
8858. andy gathered that this had been no small accomplishment.  
8.624067516896236  
8859. bake himself looked better; any kind of job was better than  
brooding. 8.774320246351223  
8860. andy told him bake i wish you'd talk to skolman see if some kind  
of p a system can be rigged up outside. 6.221143152558621  
8861. it's just barely possible with this crowd that the kidnapper wasn't  
able to get a table. 3.2557901078091316  
8862. i wouldn't want him to miss the message. 12.638351179589593  
8863. skolman isn't going to like it much though giving away what he  
should be selling. 6.170148623671804  
8864. skolman wasn't the only one who didn't care for andy's scheme.  
9.060923381674275  
8865. a short time later lieutenant bonner stomped into the dressing  
room. 8.9224905788325  
8866. i got a bone to pick with you mr paxton. 11.548921067020814  
8867. andy rolled up the revised script he had been studying.  
7.20412641174243  
8868. what about them? 20.3435750720723  
8869. they're going to louse me up good. 7.14162538120728  
8870. my men have been here all afternoon setting up for this thing.  
8.26032117301858  
8871. bonner explained that with the nightclub's cooperation the police  
had occupied el dorado like a battlefield. 5.542917982132687  
8872. motion picture cameras had been installed to film the audience  
the reservation list was being checked out name by name and a special

detail was already at work in the parking lot        scrutinizing  
automobiles for a possible lead. 6.442479021407267  
8873. however it was virtually       impossible to screen the mob outside  
even if bonner had manpower available for the purpose. 7.085356437621066  
8874. i want you to have the speakers taken out. 16.166416051461002  
8875. seems like we're never going to see       eye to eye lieutenant.  
6.210871206873012  
8876. didn't they tell you what i wanted the p       a system for?  
8.56366187605657  
8877.       sure i know. 11.05815118405718  
8878. but it's such a long shot-       no longer than yours.  
7.967516649232659  
8879. what do you expect       to get tonight anyway? 15.039134948795441  
8880. you think somebody is going to stand up in the audience and make  
guilty faces? 12.068813910660458  
8881. or have a sign on his car that       says 'here comes the paxton  
kidnapper'? 6.764051514202514  
8882. andy crumbled the       script in his fist. 9.670406878971576  
8883. i can't stop you from doing what you think       is right.  
5.692555651576243  
8884. but don't try to stop me either. 14.311738608160612  
8885. someday       bonner said you're going to ask us for help.  
6.413534683983516  
8886. what you don't understand is that i'm asking for it now.  
9.80125498513243  
8887. but bonner departed still full of ill will. 9.374544754266388  
8888. he       had gotten stuck with a job too big for his imagination; he  
had to       cling to routine tested procedures. 6.607954976384389  
8889. to act otherwise would be to admit       his helplessness.  
10.013638251641952  
8890. but admit or not bonner was helpless. 12.934994931595257  
8891. the crime showed too much planning the kidnappers appeared too  
proficient to be caught by a checklist. 5.427950274147271  
8892. andy's performance was scheduled for eleven o'clock.  
9.670406878971576  
8893. he stalled for a half-hour longer hoping to hear something from  
vecchio about the ransom money. 6.512874137333827  
8894. bake and shirl       winter on separate telephones could not reach him  
at any conceivable       location in los angeles nor could they secure any  
clear-cut information regarding his efforts. 7.79459187577495  
8895. the sweaty bastard's       probably halfway to peru with our money by  
now. 7.098087065137257  
8896. when no one       smiled he felt constrained to add just kidding  
natch. 9.617190966836258  
8897. thornburg popped in to advise andy skolman's sending up smoke  
signals. 6.210871206873012  
8898. you about ready? 24.616003681853215  
8899. what's he complaining       about? 7.4788191822552905  
8900. bake asked. 29.668223812428412  
8901. they're drinking aren't they? 4.428309279409558  
8902.       no. 19.804021762487697  
8903. we got a bunch of sippers out there tonight. 10.023158748088395  
8904. i guess       nobody wants to pass out and miss anything.  
10.853733375513935  
8905. thornburg added in a lower voice but andy overheard they act more  
like a jury than an       audience. 5.7553919793948625  
8906. andy said well i guess we can't wait any       longer.  
8.196044167676531  
8907. hub you stick by the stage door. 7.14162538120728

8908. if rock shows up during the number- or you hear anything- give me the signal. 8.82473814658389

8909. shirl winter said i'll stay on the phone mr paxton. 6.6596092639716415

8910. there's a couple of call-backs i can work on. 7.891419544171187

8911. you're a sweetheart- but leave one line open. 7.14162538120728

8912. he may try to phone us. 18.084351620780183

8913. andy passed into the corridor their good lucks! following him. 6.460370037324521

8914. it was what they said before every performance but tonight it sounded different as if he really needed it. 10.518080193243035

8915. the act cut to shreds and hastily patched together during the afternoon had not been rehearsed sufficiently by anyone. 5.236383152695367

8916. the result had nothing of the polish pace or cohesion of the previous night. 10.27390557896002

8917. here's where luck would normally step in. 5.5589282064975

8918. but this was no ordinary show and andy knew it. 13.602765943914518

8919. whether he sang well or badly had nothing to do with it. 9.109301370576317

8920. the audience had come not to be entertained but to judge. 11.680676416161015

8921. twenty-four hours had changed him from a performer to a freak. 5.780273330606853

8922. within this framework what followed was strained even macabre. 10.579413745806258

8923. eliminating the patter and the upbeat numbers left little but blues and other songs of equal melancholy. 5.427950274147271

8924. the effect was as depressing as a gravestone the applause irresolute and short-lived. 10.102178510512264

8925. yet andy plowed ahead mouthing the inconsequential words as if they possessed real meaning and gradually his listeners warmed to him. 6.309033862458557

8926. their clapping grew more fervent; the evening was still not beyond salvaging not as a show but for him as a person. 7.664670048936355

8927. the worst was yet to come. 9.802060557618772

8928. as andy reached the finale of his act a subdued commotion backstage drew his attention to the wings. 8.067806571192346

8929. rocco vecchio- a perspiring haggard vecchio- was standing there flanked by two men in the uniforms of armored transport guards. 5.953443468002082

8930. vecchio was nodding and pointing at the large suitcase he held. 7.879513779734377

8931. andy felt his heart thud heavily with relief. 7.14162538120728

8932. he waved at fox to cut off the finale introduction. 11.57995453726121

8933. the music died away discordantly. 12.486750257698887

8934. he drew a deep breath. 15.385132030882776

8935. ladies and gentlemen in place of my regular closing number tonight i'd like to sing something of a different nature for you. 5.1556574702728355

8936. ray if you please- the 'cradle song'. 9.670406878971576

8937. he sensed rather than heard the gasp that swept across the audience. 7.560809233574742

8938. nor could he blame them. 12.946764411202565

8939. this particular song at this particular time could only be interpreted as the ultimate in bad taste callous exploitation beyond the bounds of decency. 5.7721191131877045

8940. having no choice he plunged into it anyway holding onto the  
 microphone for support. 7.741035895207326  
 8941. lullaby and goodnight h his voice shook. 7.622507342753323  
 8942. for the first time in his life he forgot the lyrics midway  
 through and had to cover up by humming the rest.  
 12.643558743621512  
 8943. he wondered if the audience would let him finish.  
 9.026368296067464  
 8944. they did; though contemptuous they were still polite.  
 11.967541482367666  
 8945. but when he was finally through their scorn was made apparent.  
 12.047896270520091  
 8946. someone clapped tentatively then quickly stopped.  
 10.004926592870671  
 8947. otherwise the silence was complete. 10.87754020514496  
 8948. as the lights came up andy could see that a number of patrons were  
 already on their way toward the exit. 8.933838268166687  
 8949. my god he muttered. 10.62070307965623  
 8950. hub was there to support him. 9.670406878971576  
 8951. the money's here all of it. 9.802060557618772  
 8952. at this moment all he could think of was what he'd been forced to  
 undergo. 10.029808239941252  
 8953. did you hear them? 10.363724110347151  
 8954. do you know what they think of me? 19.08840036299369  
 8955. bunch of damn jerks hub growled. 7.622507342753323  
 8956. who needs them? 18.948182413671855  
 8957. thornburg patted his arm. 9.118533821976325  
 8958. sure andy it'll be all right. 10.119555188347436  
 8959. nothing broken that can't be mended. 8.835793994220115  
 8960. thornburg knew better than any of them that a public image was as  
 fragile as humpty dumpty. 8.564585900211444  
 8961. all the king's horses and all the king's men h vecchio  
 shouldered in. 8.619863002627959  
 8962. god knows how but i got it. 11.98413947442243  
 8963. you'll never believe the places i've been today.  
 3.716069476056229  
 8964. i practically had to sign your life away you'll probably fire me  
 for some of the deals i had to go for but- andy nodded dully.  
 9.269605625880176  
 8965. we've done our part. 5.93390891299491  
 8966. he clutched that knowledge to him as he returned to his dressing  
 room. 11.414069600459742  
 8967. the usual congratulatory crowd was conspicuously absent; the  
 place had the air of a morgue. 6.888594869981437  
 8968. andy had no desire to linger himself but hub reported that the  
 mob outside was still large despite the efforts of the police to disperse  
 them. 6.458241936346412  
 8969. his son watched until he got as far as the hall almost out of sight  
 then hurried after. 6.856477747123434  
 8970. he caught up with the old man in the living room. 15.03727498435517  
 8971. old man arthur had put down the suitcase to open the front door.  
 7.129264827835062  
 8972. just this one favor dad. 16.047972100859035  
 8973. just don't tell ferguson that crazy opinion of yours.  
 7.9019311498192  
 8974. why not? 23.24179106238561  
 8975. the old man gave the room a stare in leaving; under the  
 scraggly brows the pale old eyes burned with a bitter memory.  
 5.836492208337605



8976. the bartlett girl was killed by mr dronk's son.  
10.582206877639416

8977. rossi and ferguson have been across the street talking to the  
kid. 6.002446559592496

8978. they've found some sort of new evidence a bundle of clothes or  
something and it must link the kid even stronger to the crime.  
5.912991533115503

8979. why won't you accept facts? 10.769896568464771

8980. the two kids were together a lot they were having some kind of  
teen-age affair- god knows how far that had gone- and the kid's  
crippled. 7.486561546346297

8981. he limps and the man who hit you and took the cane he limped.  
6.955990454870539

8982. my god how much more do you want? 10.123016953672856

8983. his father looked him over closely. 10.166276656810942

8984. you sound like an old woman. 10.472119682746735

8985. you should have gone to work today 'stead of sneaking around  
spying on the dronk house. 7.974055963484742

8986. now see here- the trouble with you old man arthur began and  
then checked himself. 7.572158727937999

8987. young mrs arthur had opened the oven and there was a drifting  
odor of hot biscuits. 7.280862291115295

8988. the old man opened the door and stepped out into the sunlight.  
12.197856138237206

8989. isn't enough time to go into it he finished and slammed the  
door in his son's face. 4.258021306472716

8990. mrs holden turned from the window draperies. 10.359544399544296

8991. they found something else up there she said half-aloud to the empty  
room. 5.825820622377272

8992. they took it away overalls or something. 11.967541482367666

8993. she walked restlessly across the room then back to the windows.  
8.653656819198792

8994. now they've gone they didn't come back and they didn't arrest that  
dronk boy. 8.227229370419836

8995. she stood frowning and chewing her lip. 9.130734915764195

8996. she was wearing a brown cotton dress cut across the hips in a  
way that was supposed to make her look slimmer a yoke set into the skirt  
and flaring pleats below. 8.010706654393665

8997. she smoothed the skirt sat down then stood up and went back to the  
windows. 6.887749517329304

8998. why on earth did i send him off to work? 11.294789671895472

8999. there was excuse enough to keep him home h that young mr  
arthur's still over there. 9.002029935930091

9000. with sudden energy she went to the phone and rang holden's office  
and asked for him. 10.116284299431634

9001. i think you had better come home. 18.55063047912894

9002. mr crosson's been on everybody's neck an order he expected  
didn't come through and he's- i don't care. 7.504617906306989

9003. i'm all alone and certain things are going on that look very  
ominous. 5.825820622377272

9004. i need someone to go out and find out what's happening.  
10.915124176779717

9005. but i couldn't do that even if i were home! his voice grew high  
and trembling. 6.120650508000279

9006. i can't be underfoot every time those cops turn around! they'll h  
they'll think i did something. 6.357681341915617

9007. he couldn't see the grin that split her mouth; the teeth that shone  
into the phone were like a shark's. 5.300898488310679

9008. you'll just have to risk it. 5.110501839626448

9009. you can't wander along in the dark can you? 7.703848421473251

9010. i'd think that you h even more than i h would be wondering what  
they're up to. 7.276636412151885

9011. they found some clothes she tossed in. 11.004909320954061

9012. what?19.804021762487697

9013. deliberately she ignored the yelp. 8.254441635698543

9014. also that mr ferguson was here. 12.15116709216235

9015. i guess he wants to ask you some questions. 10.009508124458607

9016. he doesn't expect you until five.8.066075435657595

9017. then i'd better wait until five. 8.254441635698543

9018. no h o h o. 13.484377447423066

9019. she slapped the receiver into its holder and stepped away.  
7.953336273174813

9020. her eyes were bright with anticipation. 11.190090126764806

9021. in his office mr holden replaced the phone slowly.  
10.531389500658427

9022. he rose from his chair. 15.385132030882776

9023. he had to cough then; he went to the window and choked there with  
the fresh breeze on his face. 8.67327149634139

9024. he got his hat out of the closet.15.470254806721336

9025. for a moment he thought of going into crosson's office to explain  
that he had to leave but there was now such a pain in his chest such a  
pounding in his head that he decided to let it go. 5.983108885548824

9026. he passed the receptionist in the outer office muttering i've got  
to go out for a little while. 9.284529233778397

9027. let her call crosson if she wanted to let crosson raise the roof or  
even can him he didn't care.5.880984140060634

9028. he got into the car. 21.29616356004502

9029. putting the key into the switch pressing the accelerator with  
his foot putting the car into reverse seemed vast endeavors almost  
beyond the ability of his shaking body.4.8562680427125855

9030. once out in the streetthe traffic was a gadfly maze in which he  
wandered stricken. 10.066601305483246

9031. when he turned into the highway that led to the outskirts of the  
city and then rose toward home he had to pull over to the curb and  
wait for a few minutes sucking in air and squinting and blinking his  
eyes to clear them of tears. 6.354633105549391

9032. what on earth was in mae's mind that she wanted him up there  
spying on what the cops were doing? 7.365143963142914

9033. what did she think he could do? 10.875763038298551

9034. he tried to ignore what his own common sense told him but it  
wasn't possible; her motives were too blatant. 8.55921287969878

9035. she wanted him to get into trouble. 11.922908476000162

9036. she wanted the policeto notice him suspect him.  
10.749202706058774

9037. she was going to keep on scheming poking prodding suggesting and  
dictating until the cops got up enough interest in him to go back to  
their old neighborhood and ask questions. 6.0051501236375655

9038. and he knew in that moment with a cold sinking of despair a  
dying of old hopes that mae had spread some kind of word there among  
the neighbors. 7.464824081684594

9039. nothing bald open; but enough. 9.726642574313903

9040. they'd have some suspicions to repeat to the police.  
8.581436094141479

9041. though his inner thoughts cringed at it he forced himself to  
think back recreating the scene in which mae claimed to have caught  
him molesting the child. 5.490483680797886

9042. it hadn't amounted to anything. 22.5434124636122

9043. there had been nothing evil or dirty in his intentions.  
11.418345480156415

9044. a second scene flashed before his mind the interior of the garage at the new house and the young bartlett girl turning startled to meet him the dim dark and the sudden confusion and fear and then the brightness as mae had clicked on the light. 6.212700088402957

9045. suppose the cops somehow got hold of that? 8.412690051217616

9046. well it hadn't been what it seemed he'd had no idea the girl was in there. 7.751082728458298

9047. and when he came to examine the scene there was a certain staginess to it it had the smell of planning and a swift suspicion darted into his mind. 6.116414289462862

9048. mae wouldn't have plotted a thing like that. 9.060328853487057

9049. it was just that little accidents played into her hands. 11.859831723497784

9050. he leaned on the wheel clutching it staring into the sunlight and tried to bring order into his thoughts. 8.767689550698904

9051. he felt light-headed and sick. 14.203808386112158

9052. there was no use wandering off into a territory of utter nightmare. 11.201714275493197

9053. she was married to him for better or for worse. 11.61023454362691

9054. she wouldn't be wilfully planning his destruction. 12.671390746668923

9055. even as the conviction of truth roared through him shattering his last hope of safety he was reaching to release the hand brake to head up the road for home doing her bidding. 5.348381000018987

9056. he drove and the road wobbled familiar scenes crept past on either side. 9.176540466704445

9057. he came to a stretch of old orange groves the trees dead some of them uprooted and then there was an outlying shopping area and tract houses. 7.2310683304730645

9058. he had the feeling that he should abandon the car and run off somewhere to hide. 8.966843711339017

9059. but he couldn't imagine where. 17.228261339645087

9060. there was really no place to go finally except home to mae. 14.05098706947115

9061. at the gate he slowed looking around. 16.241821386678758

9062. cooper was beside his car on the curb at the right just standing there morosely; he didn't even look up. 7.078669562379036

9063. behind him on the steps of the little office sat old man arthur; he was straight something angry in his attitude as if he might be waiting to report something. 5.973077158528461

9064. holden stepped on the gas. 11.672450974675096

9065. a new idea drifted in from nowhere. 10.866467006113202

9066. he could go to the police. 20.187502179124483

9067. he could tell them his fears of being involved he could explain what had happened in the old neighborhood and how mae had misunderstood and how she had held it over him- the scene was complete in his mind at the moment even to his own jerks and snivelings and ferguson's silent patience. 6.45607230668096

9068. he could throw himself on the mercy of the police department. 13.756290984773917

9069. it wasn't what mae would want him to do though. 13.37961157846634

9070. he was sure of this. 19.87986593677342

9071. once he had abandoned himself to the very worst once he had quieted all the dragons of worry and suspense there wouldn't be very much for mae to do. 5.0388923695229

9072. at that moment holden almost slammed on the brakes to go back to cooper and ask if ferguson was about. 8.68720314112158

9073. it would be such a relief. 22.281983037867086

9074. what was that old sign supposed to be painted over a door somewhere abandon hope all ye who enter here? 9.02988686759014

9075.        why holden said to himself surprised at his own sudden insight  
          i'll bet some of those people who enter are just as happy as can  
          be.    4.962523894448977

9076. they've worried they've lain awake nights they've shook at the  
slightest footstep they've pictured their own destruction and now it's  
all over and they can give up.    5.80921119615629

9077. sure they're giving up hope. 9.65096761438776

9078. hand in hand with hope went things like terror and apprehension.  
          10.075120092422562

9079. holden waved a hand at the empty street.        7.311183470306193

9080. glad to        see you go. 11.568363037656766

9081. he drove into the paved space before the garage    and got out  
slamming the car door. 6.824788097151444

9082. he looked up and down the street. 18.34974902006259

9083. if ferguson's car had been in sight holden would have walked  
          directly to it.    8.17948881568496

9084. he went to the front door and opened it and looked in.  
          14.619476329372231

9085. mae entered the room from the hallway to the kitchen.  
          6.210871206873012

9086. she had a cup of something steaming coffee perhaps in one hand a  
          fresh piece of toast in the other.        8.834071347662546

9087. she stood there watching holden    come in and she put the piece of  
toast in her mouth and bit off one corner        with a huge chomp of her  
white teeth.        5.203498306446581

9088. mae- i've been thinking she said swallowing the toast.  
          8.581436094141479

9089. didn't        you have an old pair of painting overalls in the garage?  
          6.002446559592496

9090. you used them that time you painted the porch at our other house.  
          7.391013650626644

9091. and then    you wiped up some grease.    10.242612813271945

9092. she had caught him off guard        no preparation nothing certain  
but that ahead lay some kind of disaster.    9.047392034526428

9093. what do you-    i've been        looking for them and they're gone.  
          10.144885586464854

9094. i'm sure they were in the garage up until a couple of days ago.  
          8.172705202842112

9095. you used to paint        in them and then you just took them for rags.  
          7.346120290659929

9096. the police have them    now.    17.270822623399575

9097. i don't remember any overalls at all.    5.321167624718023

9098. worn through at the knees.    10.472119682746735

9099. she stood sipping        and chewing and watching.    9.987973641461945

9100. green paint wasn't it? 12.017154813173825

9101. well i'm not sure of the color.    7.622507342753323

9102. mae    sit down.    15.594944937291627

9103. put down the cup of coffee. 9.455064269046728

9104. tell me what this is all about.    10.224293196085107

9105. she took another bite of toast.    11.442449083444732

9106. holden        noticed almost absently how she chewed how the whole  
side of her cheek moved a slab of fat that extended down into her neck.  
          6.157942065974489

9107. my goodness        you ought to remember if i do.    7.487989836845301

9108. you're going to have to go    to the police and explain what  
happened.    8.659135808404935

9109. tell them the truth h or        something h before they come here.  
          6.165403007181228

9110. a seeping coldness entered    holden's being; his nerves seemed  
frost-bitten down to the tips        of his tingling fingers and his spine

felt stiff and glass-like liable to break like an icicle at any moment.  
6.495225760426596

9111. i've never owned any painting overalls. 4.830320705807231

9112. a man with a sketch pad in hand sat with a large pink woman in a small office at the end of a long dim corridor and made pencil lines on paper and said is this more like it mrs macready? 8.967018420965061

9113. or are the eyebrows more like this? 9.152997992516964

9114. when he had finished with that he would go to another part of the hotel and say much the same things to someone else most probably a busboy. 9.465242368600151

9115. begin to look like him now would you say? 8.875968883205255

9116. different about the mouth huh? 11.92666390099271

9117. more like this maybe? 15.637926531738279

9118. men blew dust on objects in a room on the seventeenth floor of the hotel dumont and blew it off again and did the same in a tiny almost airless room in a tenement in the west forties. 6.491357590012182

9119. and men also used vacuum cleaners in both rooms sucking dust up once more. 6.7513421309202295

9120. men from the third detective district eighteenth precinct had the longest the most tedious job. 8.62465194759735

9121. at the hotel dumont there had at the time in issue been twenty-three overnighthers counting couples as singular. 10.580227915951044

9122. these included as one mr and mrs anthony payne who had checked in a little after noon the day before and had not checked out together. 6.959484417164457

9123. but gardner willings was not included; he had been at the dumont for almost a week. 7.927374686236315

9124. there was of course no special reason to believe that the man or woman they sought had stayed only overnight at the hotel. 13.35092060658121

9125. the twenty-three provided merely a place to start and their identification was the barest of starts. 6.374057384651866

9126. with names and addresses listed verification came next. 11.993036733268653

9127. it would take time; it would almost inevitably trouble some water. 13.1513244544085

9128. not at the dumont last night and my husband couldn't have been. 11.032113784473422

9129. he's the hotel king arthur across the street provided almost twice as many problems. 6.320429262843674

9130. the king arthur offered respectable and convenient lodgings to people from the suburbs who wanted to see a show and didn't want-heaven knew didn't want!- to lunge anxiously through crowded streets to railroad stations and at odd hours of night drive from smaller stations to distant homes probably through rain or in november something worse. 6.008689370828702

9131. the king arthur was less expensive than the dumont. 9.157391225922586

9132. the king arthur had fifty-four overnighthers again counting rooms rather than people. 7.879513779734377

9133. failing to find what was wanted as was most likely check out other guests with special- but not exclusive- attention to those with rooms on the street. 5.16030075376435

9134. and know while all this went on that there was no real reason to suppose that the murderer had been a guest in either hotel. 7.5289499614943205

9135. it was not even certain the shot had been fired from either hotel. 10.993436864205002

9136. there were other roofs less convenient but not impossible. 16.180205155695525

9137. it is dull business detecting and hard on feet.  
13.987125813235107

9138. there was also the one salient question to ask and ask widely:  
did you notice anything out of the way?11.582491475105154

9139. like for example a man carrying a twenty-two rifle probably  
with a telescopic sight attached?6.040969625507404

9140. there was of course no hope it really would be that simple.  
15.895244559495254

9141. the sniper whether psychopathic marksman or murderer by intent  
would hardly have walked to his vantage point with rifle over  
shoulder whistling a marching tune. 5.327707589329553

9142. anybody carrying anything that might hide a rifle? 9.393880003184625

9143. long thin suitcase? 14.87909153769608

9144. or long fat suitcase for that matter? 11.612086518250209

9145. shrugs met that from room clerks from bellhops. 7.14162538120728

9146. who measures? 23.885782126812085

9147. but nothing it appeared long enough to attract attention.  
9.374544754266388

9148. cases say for musical instruments? 10.472119682746735

9149. nonenoted at the dumont. 9.118533821976325

9150. several at the king arthur. 12.214756538438678

9151. a combo was staying there. 11.781091587713144

9152. and had been for a week. 15.37627068351485

9153. anything else? 12.292407525564322

9154. anything at all? 15.594944937291627

9155. shrugs met that. 10.363724110347151

9156. thought for a time he might be on to something. 9.934243893871614

9157. a refuse bin at the dumont turned up a florist's box- a very long  
box for very long-stemmed flowers. 6.303617961334385

9158. traces of oil on green tissue? 9.670406878971576

9159. the lab to check. 12.486750257698887

9160. anything at all strange? 13.331181950562211

9161. well a man had tried at the king arthur to register withan  
ocelot. 5.674295354649883

9162. at the dumont a guest had come in a collapsible wheel chair.  
11.53798685886355

9163. at the king arthur one guest had had his head heavily bandaged  
and another had a bandaged foot and had walked with crutches.  
6.219099189121283

9164. therehad also been a man who must have had st vitus or something  
because he kept jerking his head. 7.795348196279772

9165. as reports dribbled in william weigand tossed them into the  
centrifuge which had become his head. 6.854642173743764

9166. there was no sign of mrs lauren payne at her house on nod road  
ridgefield connecticut. 11.786541324756065

9167. the house was modern large on five acres. 11.760594373764414

9168. the state cops would check from time to time; pass word when there  
was word to pass. 10.737985325871591

9169. weigand tossed this news into the centrifuge. 7.622507342753323

9170. sort things out damn it. 10.472119682746735

9171. sort out the next move. 8.254441635698543

9172. try to forget motive for the moment. 11.972603423100864

9173. only those actually with payne when he was shot or who had left  
the party within not more than five minutes positively had none.  
7.0056877346508335

9174. the norths; hathaway jerry's publicity director; livingston  
birdwood producer of uprising. 9.430036403335416

9175. they had been with payne when he was shot could not therefore have  
shot him from above. 8.276532795102566

9176. he had left after the scuffle; had been seen to leave.  
10.090191208524187

9177. he would have had ample time to go into a blind somewhere and  
wait his prey. 9.888493806928626

9178. consider him seriously therefore? 17.511315663104252

9179. intangibles entered then- hunches which felt like facts.  
7.14162538120728

9180. willings would ambush certainly; willings undoubtedly had.  
9.670406878971576

9181. willings was presumably a better than average shot.  
8.522291966361538

9182. but- hunch now- willings would not ambush anything which went on  
two legs instead of four. 7.032105024464237

9183. because if for no other reason willings would never for a  
moment suppose he was not bigger tougher than anything else that went on  
two legs. 6.537720889324788

9184. ambushes are laid by those who doubt themselves as any man may  
against a tiger. 7.8554666806602516

9185. faith constable had had to go on from the party and had  
presumably gone on. 6.6676074548278

9186. to be checked out further. 11.568363037656766

9187. forget motive? 12.292407525564322

9188. no motive is a part of fact. 17.614498245802817

9189. nobody in his right mind punishes a quarter-century-old  
dereliction. 7.4332941442357985

9190. grudges simply do not keep that well in a sane mind.  
8.070513494709639

9191. faith constable had accomplished much in a quarter of a century.  
8.078574280567125

9192. jeopardize it now to correct so old a wrong? 8.581436094141479

9193. bill shook his head. 10.55879507725614

9194. also he thought i doubt if she could hit the side of a barn with a  
shotgun. 9.195988857493209

9195. lauren herself? 12.292407525564322

9196. she had left the party early pleading a headache.  
12.513198451296681

9197. no lack of opportunity presuming she had a gun. 8.171392663509755

9198. she might conceivably have brought one in in a large-enough  
suitcase. 9.557448030765887

9199. she might now have taken it away again. 8.472846859613272

9200. motive- her husband wandering? 13.148092146312546

9201. bitter unreasoning jealousy? 10.363724110347151

9202. heaven knew it happened and hell knew it too. 8.878572708331582

9203. but- it happened almost always among the primitive and usually  
among the very young. 5.674295354649883

9204. there was nothing to indicate that lauren payne was primitive.  
20.09350874190919

9205. she did not move in primitive circles. 9.880119467020569

9206. she was young but not that young. 9.818077947137997

9207. it occurred to bill weigand that he was on a hunch basis  
eliminating a good many. 8.594254801221213

9208. he reminded himself that all eliminations were tentative.  
12.411802052220429

9209. he also reminded himself that he had an unusual number of  
possibilities. 8.82748779140268

9210. the masons mother or son or mother and son? 10.582206877639416

9211. opportunity was obvious. 10.363724110347151

9212. here too the cause to hate lay well back in the years.  
12.97322255076579

9213. but bitterness had more cause to remain even increasingly to corrode. 6.210871206873012

9214. the boy had apparently- if mrs macready was right in what she had told mullins- only in recent months been forced to give up college to work as a busboy. 7.24012380952089

9215. seeing the man he blamed for this made much of- youth and bitterness and- bill picked up the telephone; got mullins. 5.552486655435191

9216. send out a pickup on mrs mason and the boy when you've got enough to go on bill said. 6.739657665891012

9217. a man named lars simon playwright-director had expressed a wish that anthony payne drop dead. 5.725106139771221

9218. he would say of course that he had not really had any such wish; that what he had said was no more than one of those things one does say lightly meaning nothing. 9.289270790143886

9219. which probably would turn out to be true; which he obviously had to be given the opportunity to say. 8.734386711816756

9220. a man named blaine smythe with y and e but pronounced without them had been fired at payne's insistence. 8.32143358445726

9221. he was also if pam north was right a closer acquaintance of lauren payne's than she now was inclined to admit. 6.894314262672479

9222. he might deny the latter; would certainly deny any connection between the two things or any connection of either with murder. 8.097988165046116

9223. he would have to be given the opportunity. 13.645825061459687

9224. mullins? 19.804021762487697

9225. it was evident that mullins was the man to go. 12.746406809975174

9226. it was evident that a captain should remain at his desk directing with a firm hand and keeping a firm seat. 8.846085847244218

9227. bill weigand was good and tired of the wall opposite and the crack in the plaster. 5.773676251767952

9228. let mullins keep the firm seat; let stein. 11.347564016416058

9229. when siamese cats are intertwined it is difficult to tell where one leaves off and another begins. 7.424017314209204

9230. stilts and shadow on pam's bed appeared to be one cat- rather large as siamese cats go and to be sure having two heads and two tails. 7.118575574267444

9231. on the other hand they or it seemed to have no legs whatever. 15.50279951215315

9232. pamela north said hi to her cats and added that proper cats met their humans at the door. 6.643215071337043

9233. of four dark brown ears one twitched slightly at this. 8.047874301220256

9234. i know it isn't dinnertime. 19.53967019564306

9235. but at this the one too-large cat suddenly became two cats stretching. 7.793238909001978

9236. shadow the more talkative began at once to talk her voice piteous. 8.10606122814411

9237. stilts a more direct cat leaped from the bed and trotted briskly toward the kitchen. 5.674295354649883

9238. shadow looked surprised wailed and trotted after her. 8.581436094141479

9239. the hell it isn't dinnertime two waving tails told pam north. 7.098087065137257

9240. it was not whatever tale was told by tails. 18.517033352921885

9241. she might be firm. 12.783489925651207

9242. it was most unlikely that she would be firm. 17.521830876211435



9243. they want to be fat cats pam thought and lighted a cigarette and  
 leaned back on a chaise and considered pulling her thoughts together.  
 6.609409509786664

9244. after a time it occurred to her that her thoughts were not worth  
 the trouble. 9.94439056364092

9245. a vague feeling that anthony payne had had it coming was hardly  
 a thought and was in any event reprehensible. 6.772852687210647

9246. had faith constable's explanation of her confidence so uninvited  
 been a little thin? 8.767315445513463

9247. that was more like a thought but not a great deal more.  
 12.080693114237604

9248. had that tall dark boy carrying trays too heavy for him found what  
 he might have considered adulation of a man he probably hated more  
 than he could bear? 7.183889689340993

9249. and possessed himself- how? 13.192167111495898

9250. - of a rifle and killed? 6.1856295509655945

9251. pam found she had no answers; had only a hope. 6.210871206873012

9252. the poor kid- the poor frail kid. 12.435529358277208

9253. some people have luck and some have no luck and that whatever  
 people who prefer order say is the size of it. 6.07743401174962

9254. the poor unlucky- the telephone rang. 13.092899401402555

9255. pam realized to her surprise that she had been almost dozing.  
 8.009698108871172

9256. at four o'clock in the afternoon. 18.49693821297719

9257. two martinis for lunch- that was the trouble. 9.106462250985322

9258. you do remember. 24.616003681853215

9259. you just- hello? 19.40307901854524

9260. yes this is she? 11.568363037656766

9261. what? 15.610129252044759

9262. the voice had music in it. 15.944157331596246

9263. even with words coming too fast they came on the music of the  
 voice. 8.577309147941273

9264. i said i would pam said. 18.064791514414765

9265. they won't talk about who gave the information.  
 10.191364125816797

9266. not unless they have to. 14.174471042466617

9267. not unless they have- she was interrupted.  
 10.009742122044596

9268. call this a cry for help faith constable said. 8.581436094141479

9269. through a door conveniently unlocked madden supplemented.  
 8.622231694406029

9270. that damn door said the police chief. 12.064727433049098

9271. a gift horse to be viewed with suspicion. 8.604265568338976

9272. madden's dark face wore a meditative look. 9.670406878971576

9273. if there was collusion between an outside murderer and a member of  
 the household it would be an elementary precaution to check on the door  
 later. 7.811758236499097

9274. and it makes a very poor red herring for an inside job.  
 11.695756951840433

9275. much better to break a cellar window. 9.256259693809463

9276. don't forget there was the hope it would pass for a natural death  
 pauling reminded him. 7.391716510830432

9277. well with a house as big as that there must be at least one cellar  
 window that wouldn't be noticed right away unless there was a police  
 investigation. 6.20904498076945

9278. and a pane of glass isn't hard to- the telephone interrupted him.  
 9.73086604464448

9279. he scooped up the receiver and said police chief into the  
 mouthpiece and then oh yes mr benson. 6.174920939052518

9280. i was hoping i'd hear from you today. 14.894590857967684

9281. with his free hand he pulled a pad and pencil toward him and began to make notes as he listened saying uh-huh and i see at intervals. 5.670116886062523

9282. at last he said well thank you for calling mr benson. 14.120433088974826

9283. although there was no doubt in my mind and we've been handling it as one i'm glad to have it made official. 6.110319085923541

9284. coroner he said to madden. 11.568363037656766

9285. he's just heard from the pathologist who says mrs meeker apparently died from suffocation. 4.163744250580886

9286. pauling looked at his notes. 13.757179633315918

9287. many minute hemorrhages in the lungs; particles of lint and thread in the mouth and nostrils. 6.409190358631709

9288. scrapings from the bed linen identical with the lint and thread found in the nasal and oral cavities. 7.368125845775065

9289. no other cause of death apparent. 14.03196380657379

9290. trachea clear of mucus and foreign objects. 9.670406878971576

9291. brain examined for thrombosis clot or hemorrhage. 7.14162538120728

9292. no signs of these no gross hemorrhage of lungs heart brain or stomach. 8.520487136832335

9293. oh the time of death. 15.24898568993521

9294. the duration of the digestive process varies the pathologist says but the empty stomach and the findings in the upper gastrointestinal tract indicate that mrs meeker died several hours after her seven-o'clock dinner. 6.419627980767581

9295. probably around midnight give or take an hour either way. 7.085189134227578

9296. so there it is he said. 14.997939904401758

9297. not your problem of course unless johnston and the murderer are one and the same. 5.674295354649883

9298. however likely it was pauling said he couldn't limit himself to it. 8.964602128030208

9299. he had to look for other prospects other motives until more conclusive evidence pointing to johnston came to light. 6.174920939052518

9300. madden with his investigation centered on the fraud said that tomorrow he would go to the bronx bank through which mrs meeker's checks to johnston had cleared. 6.491007157431429

9301. arthur williams had to be located they agreed. 8.57227481055194

9302. he might have been in collusion with johnston on the fraud; he might be mrs meeker's murderer or have played some part in her death. 7.209454105266114

9303. this was madden's suggestion; the police chief shook his head over it. 6.650487077119469

9304. if arthur williams was involved in the fraud or the murder then he too had another identity. 9.24214787566525

9305. no one the medfield police had questioned professed to know any more about him than about johnston. 6.613963300247831

9306. scholarship applicant? 19.804021762487697

9307. pauling looked doubtful. 12.633521198921308

9308. madden explained that he was thinking of an application sent directly to mrs meeker. 7.198778874655976

9309. then he asked to use the phone and called brian thayer who said that he was just leaving to keep a lunch date but would be home by two o'clock. 5.785662603415218

9310. madden said that he would see him at two and made another call this one to mrs meeker's lawyers. 8.169875293179732

9311. mr hohlbein was out for the day but mr garth would be free at one-thirty. 7.308267144732535

9312. the secretary's tone indicated that an appointment at such short notice was a concession for which madden should be duly grateful.  
6.44893033609597

9313. he inferred that hohlbein and garth were high-priced lawyers.  
8.431773034471274

9314. he had lunch with pauling. 19.830059105532623

9315. promptly at one-thirty he entered hohlbein and garth's elegant suite of offices in medfield's newest professional building.  
5.766054785357401

9316. he disliked garth on sight conservative clothes and haircut smile a shade too earnestly boyish for a man who must be well into his thirties handclasp too consciously quick and firm. 6.582752729917001

9317. youngish man on the make madden labeled him and was ready to guess that in a correct not too pushing fashion the junior partner of the firm had political ambitions; that mrs garth would be impeccably suitable as the wife of a rising young lawyer; that there were three children two boys and a girl; that she was active in the woman's club and he in lions rotary and jaycee; and finally that neither of them had harbored an unorthodox opinion since their wedding day.  
4.563488926618623

9318. madden knew that he could be completely wrong about all this but also knew that he would go right on disliking garth. 7.923688062426911

9319. garth was prepared to be helpful in what he referred to with fastidious distaste as this unfortunate johnston affair which would not he said more than once have ever come about if mrs meeker had only seen fit to consult mr hohlbein or him about it. 5.013187273689789

9320. madden regretted not being able to find fault with so true a statement. 9.316665878105635

9321. he asked to see a copy of mrs meeker's will. 10.847230527368236

9322. the date october 8 1957 immediately caught the inspector's eye.  
9.945332631078985

9323. was she in the habit of making new wills? 8.601049231145641

9324. oh no. 20.075671720619166

9325. she had reason to change the one she made right after mr meeker's death. 7.459553825754247

9326. her estate had grown considerably. 11.568363037656766

9327. she wanted to make a more equitable distribution of it among the groups that would benefit the most; particularly the scholarship fund.  
6.679959107771798

9328. at the time the will was drawn mr hohlbein mentioned to me how mentally alert she seemed for her age knowing just what changes she wanted made and so forth. 8.491080117241538

9329. mr hohlbein and i have noticed some lapses since though.  
9.022237212463981

9330. most of them this past year i'd say. 17.848245184530036

9331. even two or three years ago i doubt that she'd have become involved in this unfortunate johnston affair. 6.89509557392354

9332. she'd have consulted us you see. 9.670406878971576

9333. she always did before and showed the utmost confidence in whatever we advised. 6.897938509958291

9334. the inspector nodded doubting this. 13.848082117783294

9335. mrs meeker hadn't struck him as ready to seek anyone's advice least of all garth's. 6.015934503391766

9336. with her sharp tongue she'd have cut his pompousness to ribbons.  
9.353719599580794

9337. it would have been hohlbein who handled her affairs.  
17.10803924101076

9338. madden settled back to read the will. 11.589430902607539

9339. he skimmed over the millions that went to meeker park medfield hospital the civic center the public health nursing association the library and so on pausing when he came to the scholarship fund. 0.0  
9340. two millions were added to what had been set aside for it in mrs meeker's lifetime and the proviso made that as long as brian thayer continued to discharge his duties as administrator of the fund to the satisfaction of the board of trustees he was to be retained in his present capacity at a salary commensurate with the increased responsibilities enlargement of the fund would entail.  
6.562075113255021  
9341. a splendid vote of confidence in thayer madden reflected.  
8.023923068000494  
9342. he went on to personal bequests a list of names largely unknown to him. 13.806415508454466  
9343. twenty-five thousand to each of the great-nieces in oregon ten thousand to this friend and that five thousand to another; to brian thayer the sum of ten thousand dollars; to the pecks ten thousand each; to joan sheldon the conditional bequest of ten thousand to be paid to her in the event that she was still in mrs meeker's employ at the time of the latter's death. 5.103949731102867  
9344. birthday; mrs meeker hadn't got around to taking care too bad madden thought. 7.391013650626644  
9345. joan sheldon had earned the larger bequest. 8.309587635189425  
9346. mr hohlbein was left twenty thousand garth ten.  
10.963282851070431  
9347. there were no other names madden recognized. 16.089861249458878  
9348. arthur williams's might well have been included he felt.  
8.758472976633017  
9349. mrs meeker had spent a small fortune on a search for him but had made no provision for him in her will if he should be found after her death and had never mentioned his name to her lawyers.  
4.717016874744818  
9350. madden took up this point with garth who shrugged it off.  
7.879513779734377  
9351. old people have their idiosyncrasies. 9.51303048330792  
9352. this one came a bit high at thirty thousand or more.  
9.892234820000406  
9353. well she had a number of them where money was concerned garth said.  
8.495678415907088  
9354. sometimes we'd have trouble persuading her to make tax-exempt charitable contributions and i've known her to quarrel with a plumber over a bill for fixing a faucet; the next moment she'd put another half million into the scholarship fund or thirty thousand into something as impractical as this unfortunate johnston affair. 5.617423467216343  
9355. there was no telling how she'd react to spending money.  
13.311782949429915  
9356. madden inquired next about the audit of the scholarship fund.  
7.879513779734377  
9357. there was an annual audit garth informed him.  
15.612420722256681  
9358. no discrepancies or shortages had ever been found.  
11.801499478514648  
9359. brian thayer was a thoroughly honest and competent administrator. 6.764147616291221  
9360. his salary had reached the ten thousand mark.  
10.276228481933904  
9361. his expenses ran another four or five thousand. 8.557015479436208  
9362. the lawyer didn't know him very well although he saw him occasionally at some dinner party- thayer like himself madden reflected

was the extra man so prized by hostesses- and found him easy enough to talk to. 6.0925823706864595

9363. but he didn't play golf didn't seem to belong to any local clubs- his work took him away a lot of course- which probably accounted for his tendency to keep to himself. 6.543633122674813

9364. garth's glance began to flicker to his watch. 9.060328853487057

9365. he said that he had already told the police chief that he didn't know what insurance man had recommended johnston to mrs meeker. 7.066372495193681

9366. he would offer no theory to account for her murder. 12.695092995522733

9367. the whole thing his manner conveyed was so far outside the normal routine of hohlbein and garth that it practically demanded being swept under the rug. 5.583840394698593

9368. no doubt mrs meeker had snubbed him many a time and he felt no grief over her passing. 8.977778966786344

9369. even so madden's dislike of the suave correct lawyer deepened. 8.06896123575588

9370. it would be all right with him he decided if his investigation of the fraud with its probable by-product of murder led to garth's door. 8.18026603504326

9371. at first glance not much of a motive for a man of his standing; but for all his air of affluence who could tell what his private financial picture was? 6.7799879382234245

9372. the inspector knew as he left that this was wishful thinking. 11.672118752015344

9373. nevertheless he made a mental note to look into garth's financial background. 6.714801540574991

9374. brian thayer had a downtown address. 9.670406878971576

9375. he lived in an apartment house not over three or four years old a reclaimed island of landscaped brick and glass on the fringe of the business district. 7.2574958844318544

9376. he occupied a two-bedroom apartment on the fourth floor using the second bedroom as his office. 7.032105024464237

9377. airy and bright the apartment was furnished with good modern furniture rugs and draperies. 5.674295354649883

9378. done by a professional decorator madden thought and somehow as impersonal as unremarkable as its occupant. 7.032105024464237

9379. in dunston the rent would run close to two hundred a month; in medfield perhaps twenty-five less not all of it paid by thayer who could charge off one room on his expense account. 5.558935734532947

9380. he took madden into the room he used as an office. 11.053812967913414

9381. it contained a desk files a typewriter on a stand and two big leather armchairs. 7.456160179316808

9382. a newspaper open at stock-market reports lay on one of them. 9.484079466754219

9383. thayer folded it up and offered a drink. 7.740826906014617

9384. to begin the interview he asked if thayer with more time to think it over could add to what he had said the other day about johnston. 8.401192133887427

9385. it's all i think about too. 2.690759358905576

9386. it's still unbelievable that it was murder. 4.686300985702388

9387. for all her domineering ways i can't conceive of her having had a deadly enemy. 5.7810420801678895

9388. dammit phil are you trying to wreck my career? 8.5841764800845

9389. because that's what you're doing- wrecking it wrecking it! griffith had confronted hoag on the building's front steps- hoag had been permitted no further- and backed him against a wrought-iron railing. 4.625142923266387

9390. his rage had built up as he made his way here from the second floor  
helped by the quantity of champagne he had consumed. 7.975057883424432  
9391. hoag said i didn't send for you leigh. 4.872351232078798  
9392. i want the captain in charge. 17.76915433389997  
9393. where is he? 14.174771857579415  
9394. phil for god's sake go away. 10.472119682746735  
9395. i told you there's nothing between midge and me nothing.  
10.75953570034339  
9396. it's all in your mind. 3.2927943356586518  
9397. a couple of sobs escaped him followed by a sentiment that  
revealed his emotional state. 6.247659742340451  
9398. why i'm not fit to touch the hem of her garment. 8.932838799082655  
9399. leigh get a grip on yourself. 7.622507342753323  
9400. it's not about you or midge. 3.2854110023773564  
9401. i have some security information about the prime minister.  
12.158104897697392  
9402. griffith looked at him suspiciously through red-rimmed eyes.  
9.060328853487057  
9403. not about me? 15.295075013501911  
9404. you mean it phil? 20.025453829488345  
9405. you wouldn't pull my leg old man? 11.823504411807077  
9406. i did get you on the platform this morning. 10.853733375513935  
9407. i'm not pulling your leg. 3.699222138671167  
9408. will you call that captain? 14.426380302955707  
9409. no use he won't come. 8.254441635698543  
9410. he peered closely at hoag in the gathering darkness.  
11.45143587764551  
9411. what happened to your head? 16.170419359535178  
9412. i was hit- knocked out. 10.472119682746735  
9413. now will you get him? 10.622662447258575  
9414. he says i'm to take the message. 11.49703622891372  
9415. he stared at hoag drunkenly. 12.127026643485452  
9416. who'd hit you in the head? 10.699912332610028  
9417. it doesn't matter. 13.434345552963515  
9418. you get back to the captain and tell him this: somebody's going  
to take a shot at the prime minister and mahzeer is in on the plot.  
8.901730060518291  
9419. tell him under no circumstances to trust the prime minister with  
mahzeer. 7.080688105965021  
9420. mahzeer's the ambassador. 15.594944937291627  
9421. griffith was trying to clear his head of the champagne fuzz that  
encased it. 6.473709645204878  
9422. i'll show you how wrong you are. 5.994717221457542  
9423. mahzeer and the prime minister are alone right now.  
7.592498988449206  
9424. so that proves it! hoag looked terrified. 12.554642036077182  
9425. where are they? 12.60684743790722  
9426. where'd you expect the john? 10.472119682746735  
9427. mahzeer's office. 15.610129252044759  
9428. where is that? 17.983034337081474  
9429. facing us two flights up. 9.596210979619054  
9430. look old man you can't go up. 12.72504492967193  
9431. they won't even let you in the front door. 9.497629028263638  
9432. so why don't you be a good boy and- hoag grabbed him by the  
shoulders. 9.768645645068922  
9433. if you want to spend another day in the state department- another  
day- you get in there and tell that captain what i told you.  
8.124261035163126  
9434. he bit out the words. 15.385132030882776  
9435. and you know i can do it. 13.84443137665413

9436. easy does it phil. 12.242792916458907  
9437. i'm on my way. 4.113546812337769  
9438. he turned and fled into the house and made his way up the marble stairs without once looking back. 9.176745145465267  
9439. on the second landing he paused to look for docherty didn't see him and accepted a glass of champagne. 7.882397645819055  
9440. he took several large swallows recollected that docherty had gone up another flight and decided he would be wise to cover himself by finding him. 8.214622767994227  
9441. the way hoag was no telling what he might say or do. 8.59490414741109  
9442. he finished his champagne and climbed uncertainly to the next landing. 11.652942151369658  
9443. at the top a uniformed officer blocked further progress. 13.731976253742163  
9444. yes what is it? 14.895633550238912  
9445. he asked. 21.889553134177078  
9446. he spotted docherty coming out of a room at the far end of the corridor and called to him. 8.651336741618248  
9447. docherty said it's okay bonfiglio let him by. 7.14162538120728  
9448. they walked toward each other. 14.714773213271867  
9449. well? 15.610129252044759  
9450. griffith said hoag told me to tell you- he waited until they were close; it was hideously embarrassing- not to let the prime minister be alone with mahzeer. 6.6530588659456775  
9451. griffith looked half-crooked to the captain; it would be just like him. 6.803151947791753  
9452. why not? 23.24179106238561  
9453. he claims mahzeer's in a plot to kill the pm. 8.431773034471274  
9454. docherty went taut: was it possible? 9.670406878971576  
9455. could the ambassador himself be the man on this side the prime minister feared? 6.056488500469207  
9456. not possible he thought; the prime minister knew who his enemy was here; he wasn't going to allow himself to be led meekly to the slaughter. 7.310562810427102  
9457. and if by some wild chance mahzeer was the man he wouldn't dare try anything now- not after docherty had looked in on the two of them to see that all was well. 6.830727567732846  
9458. docherty was damned if he would make a fool of himself again the way he had earlier over the laundry truck. 6.907450414312023  
9459. one more muddleheaded play like that one and they'd be leading him away. 7.165084184249607  
9460. still this had to be checked out. 14.807120140710179  
9461. where'd your friend hoag get his information? 7.622507342753323  
9462. he asked. 27.770505909397876  
9463. would you mind sending him up here? 12.830047857123914  
9464. i'd like to talk to him. 8.792226327121  
9465. troubled he continued along the corridor poking his head into the next office for a careful look around. 5.326519577128725  
9466. but hoag had not stayed on the front steps when griffith disappeared into the building. 9.228699091116056  
9467. he was unwilling to rely on griffith's carrying his message and he had no confidence the police would act on it. 7.5946844841106405  
9468. if mahzeer was alone with the prime minister he could be arranging his execution while hoag stood out here shivering in the darkening street. 7.392407394171671  
9469. he would have to do something on his own. 24.115479891019483  
9470. but what? 29.954223479466464

9471. the door opened and three men and a woman in a sari swept past him and down the stairs. 7.391480455403589

9472. in the lighted interior he saw other men and women struggling into their wraps. 12.1392359179099

9473. these were the early departures; in half an hour the reception would be over. 7.393816280820123

9474. if mahzeer was planning to set up the prime minister for muller he would have to do it in the next few minutes. 0.0

9475. hoag descended the stone steps to the street and looked up at the building. 6.417048588227443

9476. wide windows with many small leaded panes swept across the upper stories. 7.615092762846159

9477. on the second floor he saw the animated faces of the party guests; the scene looked like a christmas card. 8.786836652303633

9478. on the third floor one of the two windows was lighted; it was framed in maroon drapes and no faces were visible. 10.604191598636165

9479. this would be mahzeer's office. 18.35045750049644

9480. he and the prime minister would be back from the window seated at mahzeer's desk; they would be going over papers mahzeer had saved as excuse for just such a meeting. 8.211124376106362

9481. in a minute or five minutes the business would be done; mahzeer would stand up the prime minister would follow. 6.953094130407581

9482. mahzeer would direct the prime minister's attention to something out the window and would guide him forward and then step to one side. 6.290129093830134

9483. the single shot would come; hoag would carry its sound to his grave. 7.950779798968883

9484. mahzeer of course would be desolate. 10.472119682746735

9485. how was he to suspect that an assassin had been lurking somewhere across the street waiting for just such a chance? 6.800434638826115

9486. hoag turned. 15.594944937291627

9487. where across the street? 11.992927780254675

9488. where was muller waiting with the rifle? 14.180770527053488

9489. narrow four-story buildings ran the length of the block like books tightly packed on a shelf. 5.56874018813484

9490. most of them could be eliminated; muller's would have to be one of the half dozen almost directly opposite. 18.323739242119032

9491. the legation was generously set back from the building line; if the angle of fire were too great the jutting buildings on either side would interfere. 5.4282734535383454

9492. would the shot come from a roof? 14.316751096402603

9493. he ran his eye along the roof copings; almost at once a figure bulked up. 6.730642805070004

9494. but dully glinting on the dark form were the buttons and badge of a policeman. 8.741314683746015

9495. with a cop patrolling the road muller would have to be inside a building- if he was here at all and not waiting for the prime minister somewhere between this street and the terminal building at la guardia airport. 5.650612490176673

9496. hoag crossed the narrow street squeezing between parked cars to reach the sidewalk. 8.235068666213383

9497. from this side he could see farther into the legation's third-story window but he saw no faces; the room's occupants were still seated or they had been called into the hallway by an alarmed police captain. 4.993842357035171

9498. if only the latter were true h. 14.553063018573363

9499. he walked rapidly along the buildings scanning their facades: one was a club- that was out; two others he ruled out because all their windows were lighted. 5.667698505292368



9500. that left three possibly four one looking much like the next.  
11.534517059210005

9501. he climbed the steps of the first and opened the door to the vestibule. 7.93639865910942

9502. he quickly closed it again. 17.83289566254582

9503. he had assumed that all these buildings had been divided into apartments but this one from a glance at the hall furnishings was obviously still a functioning town house and its owners were in residence; that made it doubtful as the hiding place of a man whose plans had to be made in advance. 5.920814850622213

9504. he went on to the next building and found what he expected- the mingled cooking aromas of a public vestibule. 11.453197264580682

9505. on one wall was the brass front of a row of mailboxes; there were six apartments. 8.089137664553816

9506. now what? 22.766819579048363

9507. the names on the mailboxes meant nothing to him. 8.341215694113531

9508. this was senseless- he had no idea what to look for.  
11.72501503564456

9509. he peered in the boxes themselves; all were empty except one and that one was jammed with letters and magazines. 5.909009505545415

9510. the occupants of apartment number 3 were probably away for a few days and not likely to return on a friday. 8.876734178258184

9511. had muller made the same deduction? 10.212421362573018

9512. muller was attracted to the lore of mailboxes. 9.060328853487057

9513. he opened the inner door; the cooking odors were stronger- all over the city at this hour housewives would be fussing over stoves.  
6.684858639525011

9514. he climbed as quickly as he could urge his body up the two unbroken flights to the third floor pulling himself along on a delicate balustrade all that remained of the building's beauty.  
7.0322775754555185

9515. he paused on the landing to steady his breathing and then bent to examine the single door by the light of the weak bulb overhead.  
6.936188152771157

9516. now he was certain: the lock had not yielded to muller's collection of keys; fresh scars showed that the door had been prized open. 7.8554925581440855

9517. it had been shut again but the lock was broken; he noted with a thrill of fear that the door moved under his touch. 7.464718089608291

9518. what was he to do now? 17.138235265359828

9519. he had thought no further than finding muller.  
10.918931351420587

9520. he realized now he had more than half hoped he wouldn't find him- that muller would not be here that the attempt would be scheduled for somewhere beyond hoag's control. 8.460981252274793

9521. he could not break in on an armed man. 12.246154729187973

9522. he would have to climb back down to the street and signal a cop. 15.173901752613181

9523. was there time? 13.792598116558866

9524. his thoughts were scattered by the sharp report of a rifle from the other side of the door. 11.652286979350551

9525. hoag pushed open the door: at the far end of the long dark room muller was faintly silhouetted against the window the rifle still raised; he stood with his feet apart on a kitchen table he had dragged to the sill. 5.260267474524373

9526. he turned his head to the source of the disturbance and instantly back to the window and his rifle sight dismissing hoag for the moment with the same contempt he had shown in their encounter at hoag's apartment. 6.854168544685825

9527. hoag stretched his left hand to the wall and fumbled for the switch: evil flourishes in the dark. 6.493967974587749

9528. the room was bathed inlight at the instant muller's second shot came. 9.174739856193675

9529. muller nakedly exposed at the bright window like a deer pinned in a car's headlights threw down the rifle and turned to jump from the table; his face wore a look of outrage. 4.595688357851942

9530. a shot caught him and straightened him up in screaming pain; a following volley of shots shattered glass ripped the ceiling and sent him lurching heavily from the table. 6.625285932929113

9531. he was dead before his body made contact with the floor. 10.725742815089818

9532. hoag stumbled back into the hall leaned against the wall and started to retch. 8.165685406101204

9533. aftercaptain docherty sent arleigh griffith for hoag he was able to complete his detailed inspection of the third floor and to receive a report from his man covering the floors above before griffith returned buoyed up by a brief stop for another glass of champagne. 5.846316264310328

9534. the safe at ingleside district station stands next to the gum machine in a narrow passageway that leads to captain harris's office the lieutenant's office and the janitor's supply closet. 7.102927361335862

9535. the safe is a repository for three dead flashlight batteries a hundred and fifty unused left-hand fingerprint cards a stack of unsold policemen'sball tickets from last year and thirty-seven cents in coins and stamps. 4.863954945259373

9536. gun set the captain's fifth of hiram walker inside the safe before he reported to lt killpath though he knew that killpath's ulcer prevented him from making any untoward incursion on herman wolff's gift. 5.795373458792256

9537. it was more a matter of tact and also it was none of killpath's goddam business. 9.631835081598096

9538. he walked up to the lieutenant's office leaned wearily against the gun rack that housed four rifles and a gas gun nobody remembered having used and a submachinegun that was occasionally tried out on the academy range. 6.664515562079166

9539. he stared at the clerk who sat at a scarred and ancient fumed-oak desk stuffing envelopes. 6.718491433348979

9540. where's the lieut? 13.148092146312546

9541. the clerk wagged his head toward the captain's office. 8.341215694113531

9542. gun went to the connecting door which was open and stood at attention while orville torrence killpath in full uniform finished combing his hair. 6.70329089811944

9543. the lieutenant's sparse brown hair was heavily pomaded and as killpath raked the comb through it it stuck together in thatches so that it looked like umbrella ribs clinging to his pink skull. 4.908401855518352

9544. the lieutenant eyed gun's reflection in the mirror over the washbowl and then glanced back at his own face moving the comb methodically around his head. 6.759075170978014

9545. leave me alone gun thought. 8.587897212087949

9546. fight with sam schaeffer fight with the whole damned bureau. 8.97583737370944

9547. because i'm looking for the son of a bitch that killed that old man and i'mgoing to get him. 6.4978251600893495

9548. if you just leave me to hell alone lieutenant. 14.515882452352491

9549. killpath peered through half-closed lids at his reflection  
thrust up his chin in a gesture of satisfaction and about-faced.  
5.276337146317519

9550. gun waited for killpath to sit down behind the desk near the  
window. 7.198778874655976

9551. he sat stiff-backed in a chair that did not swivel though it was  
obvious to gun that killpath felt his position as acting captain  
plainly merited a swivel chair. 5.728385616492295

9552. the desk before him was in no better repair than the rest of the  
furniture crowded into the room including wooden file cabinets with  
some of their pulls yanked off and a wardrobe stained with the roof  
seepage of countless seasons. 7.564821394139843

9553. killpath pulled one thin leg up clamping his arms around the  
shinbone to press his knee into an incredibly scrawny gut.  
5.083242045036259

9554. it was the posture which the men had come to recognize as that  
of killpath defying his ulcer. 13.158168346144352

9555. he put his chin on his kneecap stretching his neck like that of a  
turkey on a chopping block and stared wordlessly at his sergeant.  
5.64716074050781

9556. the 7:45 bell rang and he could hear the outside doors bang shut  
closing in the assembled day watch. 7.972464856454861

9557. finally orville intoned through his hawk nose we can't have  
people running in any time they please sergeant. 5.155714308165967

9558. can't have it. 13.148092146312546

9559. makes for confusion and congestion. 10.85553059437782

9560. he rocked back in the chair knee locked against stomach his beady  
eyes fixed on matson. 9.264732953423893

9561. he was silent again possibly listening to the sounds in the  
squadroom. 8.81770600605173

9562. gun cleared his throat. 11.568363037656766

9563. killpath said you were expected to report to my office twenty  
minutes ago sergeant. 5.825820622377272

9564. that's not getting all the juice out of the orange now is it?  
5.676220765717217

9565. no sir. 17.961036902762967

9566. gun knew that nothing but aces back to back would give the  
lieutenant an ulcer and a smile at the same time. 7.295157359942498

9567. the day-watch platoon commander lt rinker was calling out the  
beat assignments but matson couldn't make the names mean anything.  
5.780140237098333

9568. i called the station at three this morning killpath's nasal voice  
pronounced. 9.713745980661573

9569. do you have any idea who might have been in charge at the time?  
9.464585145176281

9570. sergeant vaughn sir. 16.401825322142553

9571. now now you're just guessing sergeant. 9.565087858411951

9572. he smiled thinly savoring his joke. 10.472119682746735

9573. what if i said nobody was here but a couple of patrolmen?  
9.809536200257417

9574. sir vaughn knows better than to leave the station without a  
relief. 11.098865587992254

9575. he must have- he let a patrolman take over the duties of the  
station keeper. 9.972981994991574

9576. now that's not regulation is it? 10.472119682746735

9577. no sir. 17.961036902762967

9578. but you didn't know a thing about it did you?  
11.959720553337062

9579. killpath leaned forward; his foot slipped off the chair and he put  
it back again frowning now. 5.648340237486337

9580. that's not taking one's command with a responsible attitude matson.  
5.0043554466587175

9581. gun told himself that the old bastard was a fool. 6.815666006158545

9582. but stupidity was no consolation when it had rank.  
11.921750304851345

9583. i was out in the district sir. 16.867251704441426

9584. he stretched a pale hand out to the scattered papers on his  
desk. 10.460253268689408

9585. i might point out that your inability to report to my office this  
morning when you were instructed to do so has not helped limited my  
knowledge of your activities as you may have hoped.  
6.3875047167162835

9586. he took up a white sheet of paper dark with single-spaced data.  
10.503327180421053

9587. a car pulled into the driveway outside the window. 7.563545188002981

9588. gun knew it was car 12 the wagon returned from delivering  
ingleside's drunk-and-disorderlies to the city jail. 7.032105024464237

9589. but for some fool reason he couldn't remember which men he'd put  
on the transfer detail. 7.664101394710116

9590. he stared at the report in killpath's hand sure it was written by  
accacia- just as sure as if he'd submitted it in his scrawled longhand.  
7.453445896984611

9591. he sucked in his breath and kept quiet while killpath laid down  
the sheet again wound the gold-wire stems of his glasses around his ears  
and then eying the report as it lay before him on the desk intoned  
acting lieutenant gunnar matson one failed to see that the station  
keeper was properly relieved two absented himself throughout the  
entire watch without checking on the station's activities or the  
whereabouts of his section sergeants three permitted members of the  
homicide detail of the inspector's bureau to arrogate for their own  
convenience a patrolman who was thereby prevented from carrying on his  
proper assignment four failed to notify the station commander acting  
captain o t killpath of a homicide occurring in the district five  
frequented extralegal establishments known as after-hours spots for  
purposes of an unofficial and purportedly social nature and six-  
he leaned back and peeled off his glasses - failed to co-operate  
with the acting captain by returning promptly when so ordered.  
4.207545009438322

9592. what have you to say to that sergeant? 9.964458074684218

9593. killpath sailed the paper across the desk but matson didn't pick  
it up or even glance at it. 5.236383152695367

9594. well? 19.804021762487697

9595. i didn't think accacia knew so many big words lieutenant.  
6.320003807314731

9596. patrolman accacia is an alert and conscientious law-enforcement  
officer. 8.887218524223295

9597. i don't think his diligence mitigates your negligence matson.  
4.733174593885167

9598. negligence hell! gun held his breath a moment pushing the  
volume and pitch of his voice down under the trapdoor in his throat.  
6.365727389270327

9599. i would have been negligent and a goddam lousy cop to boot if i'd  
sat around this station all night when somebody got away with murder  
in my district. 6.457012227096904

9600. it's too bad i didn't call you and it's too bad i let schaeffer  
use accacia when he could have had a boy who'd be glad to learn  
something of homicide procedure. 4.5162879669825005

9601. but i'm not one damned bit sorry i went out to question the people  
i know in the places they hang around and- let's not push our

patience beyond the danger line sergeant killpath nasaled.  
5.219294226953131

9602. i shouldn't like to have to write you up for insubordination as well as dereliction of duty.9.338000564390374

9603. gun stiffened his hands balling into fists at his sides.  
6.460370037324521

9604. he clamped his jaws to keep the fury from spilling out.  
10.090191208524187

9605. an argument with orville torrence killpath was as frustrating and as futile as a cap pistol on a firing range. 5.567218969184224

9606. killpath leaned forward again rocked comfortably with his arms still wrapped around one knee. 7.198778874655976

9607. let's just remember sergeant that we must all carry our own umbrella. 5.373183103331538

9608. a district station can't run smoothly unless- he interrupted himself looking around gun at the doorway. 7.88014969880378

9609. i thought you hadn't come in yet.10.811031912098686

9610. i've been here for some time. 10.472119682746735

9611. he stood up cocked his head and eyed gun coldly.  
8.936790637584727

9612. the sergeant is just leaving. 13.848082117783294

9613. it had come as no great surprise to matson that the hot water in the showers didn't work that loren severe had thrown up all over the stairs or that some thieving bastard of a cop had walked off with his cigarettes.5.60472638323512

9614. it was the best he could hope for on a watch that had ended with a session in killpath's office. 7.558066805449029

9615. now as he passed the open counterthat divided the assembly room from the business office he nodded and said good night to the station keeper and his clerks not stopping to hear the day-watch playback of his chewing out.5.099771825076438

9616. not that he gave a damn what the grapevine sent out about killpath's little speech on the comportment of platoon commanders.  
7.915179535500628

9617. he just didn't want to talk about it. 11.244578594760805

9618. if the acting captain wanted his acting lieutenantto sit on his ass around the station all night killpath would just have to go out and drag gun back by the heels once an hour; because he'd be damned if he was going to be a mid-watch pencil-pusher just to please his ulcerated pro-tem captain. 7.962402392096954

9619. at the doorway he squinted up at the gray morning overcast and patted his jacket pockets for the cigarettes remembering then that he'd left them at the doughnuttery. 6.2269536610610245

9620. he could pick up another pack on his way home if he were going home. 12.947679664904548

9621. but even before he started across the oiled road to his plymouth parked in the lot under the cypress trees across from the station he knew that he wasn't going home. 6.260705965786049

9622. it was nine o'clock in the morning: the hour which like a spade turning clods of earth exposed to the day a myriad of busy creatures that had lain dormant in the quiet night. 6.095627203023252

9623. mission street at this hour was populated by a whole community that gun could not have seen on his tour of duty- the neighborhood that had known urbano quintana by day. 5.097768844765743

9624. sol phillips had purchased the alliance furniture mart seventeen years ago. 7.879513779734377

9625. it was professedly worth three thousand dollars in stock and good will and the name was written in gold in foot-high letters across each of the two display windows. 7.357281475253275

9626. on the right window at eye level in smaller print but also in gold was gonzalez prop and under that se habla espanol. 8.689149284186371

9627. mr phillips took a razor to gonzalez prop but left the promise that spanish would be understood because he thought it meant that spanish clientele would be welcome. 5.807261820546441

9628. language was no problem anyway; mr phillips had only to signal from his doorway to summon aid from the ubiquitous bilingual children who played on the sidewalks of mission street. 6.141018564392989

9629. aside from the fact that business was slow this time of year and his one salesgirl was not the most enterprising mr phillips had no worries at all and he said as much to gun matson who sat across from him in civilian clothes on a jiffy-couch-a-bed mauve velour \$79. 6.406283619882419

9630. 89 nothing-down special! she's honest as the day mr phillips said and added mr gunnar i can say this to you: beebe is a little too honest. 6.80415857755805

9631. you can't tell a customer how much it's going to cost him to refinance his payments before he even signs for a loan on the money down! a time plan is a mere convenience you understand and when- he interrupted himself smiling. 5.001036923379987

9632. i put her in lamps. 19.168476557564315

9633. that way i don't lose so much. 13.593734168111315

9634. why don't you just hire somebody else? 11.263243143073376

9635. she says she has to finish a story. 8.610012913503606

9636. i asked her why she couldn't do it tomorrow but it seems the muse is working good tonight and she's afraid to let it go. 7.000408661330232

9637. casey made some comment but his mind was busy as he considered the man. 5.890344338293082

9638. his name was george needham and he too had come from a good family. 9.138465587865305

9639. he was perhaps thirty-two nicely set up with light brown hair that had a pronounced wave. 7.3535919669018925

9640. he was always well groomed and well tailored and he had that rich man's look which was authentic enough and came from two good prep schools and a proper university. 7.503381246787366

9641. an only child he had done all the things that young men do who have been born to money and social position until his father double-crossed him by dying broke. 5.541906517613796

9642. since then he had worked at this and that though some said his main interest was gambling. 8.349326071772477

9643. all this went through casey's mind in the first instant but what held his interest was the fact that these two should be together at all. 5.6423408877191825

9644. for he had understood that betty had been engaged to a boy named barry jenkins. 9.871467320798672

9645. she had grown up with young jenkins and he had heard that they had been at the point of getting married at least twice. 8.851084553096657

9646. he wanted to ask her about jenkins now but he knew he couldn't do so in needham's presence. 12.759026029789597

9647. and so still wondering and a little perplexed he grinned at the girl and spoke lightly to make sure that she would know he was kidding. 6.153287755680425

9648. where did you pick him up? 12.04051079364257

9649. oh i've known him quite a while. 8.869713567468498

9650. she glanced at her companion fondly. 12.671390746668923

9651. haven't i george? 12.292407525564322

9652. i've been after her for years needham said but i've never been able to get anywhere until the last few days. 6.00807775536811

9653. the girl's eyes were softly shining as she reached out and touched casey's hand. 6.578982329721101  
9654. can i tell you a secret? 12.241857630548214  
9655. we're going to get married. 9.193151629059258  
9656. do you approve? 30.23431028108215  
9657. casey kept his smile fixed but some small inner disturbance was working on him as he thought again about needham who was eight or ten years older than the girl. 5.016082875082831  
9658. he wondered whether needham was going to swear off gambling and get a steady job or whether he was counting on the income from betty's estate to subsidize him. 7.204281936780856  
9659. none of this showed in his face and he tried to keep his skepticism in hand. 8.717725202106307  
9660. he made a point of frowning of acting out the part of the fond father-confessor. 17.363623885380456  
9661. i'll have to give it some thought he said. 8.421726563527756  
9662. you wouldn't want me to say yes without making sure his intentions are honorable would you? 9.165981822717155  
9663. she made a face at him and then she laughed. 7.533469760296565  
9664. i'll get my references in order needham said and though he spoke with a smile casey somehow got the idea that he was not particularly amused. 5.640852739535696  
9665. stop by any time casey. 9.629045873528531  
9666. he stood up and touched the girl's arm. 12.32918527712499  
9667. if you're really serious about working on that story i'd better take you home. 5.470833263778384  
9668. casey watched them go still frowning absently and then dismissing the matter as he called for his check. 6.953337243345167  
9669. as he went out he told freddie the dinner was perfect and when he got his hat and coat from nancy parks and put a fifty-piece piece in the slot he told her to be sure that it went toward her dowry. 5.8460683224366825  
9670. a taxi took him back to the bar and grill where he had left his car and a few minutes later he found a parking place across the street from his apartment. 7.333585661023366  
9671. because his mind had been otherwise occupied for the past couple of hours he did not think to look and see if jerry burton's car was still there. 6.178311412935174  
9672. in fact he did not think about jerry burton at all until he entered his living room and closed the door behind him. 9.615621603358813  
9673. only then when his glance focused on the divan and saw that it was empty did he remember his earlier problem. 5.7104115345172275  
9674. even from where he stood he could see the neatly folded blanket that he had spread over burton the pillow the sheet of paper on top of it. 8.658121233021983  
9675. then he was striding across the room his thoughts confused but the worry building swiftly inside him as he snatched up the note. 6.100073531075903  
9676. jack: look in the wastebasket. 13.148092146312546  
9677. i knew the only way i could beat you was to play possum but it was a good try kid and i appreciate it. 7.723893519396546  
9678. j the wastebasket stood near the wall next to the divan and the instant casey picked it up he knew what had happened. 6.797890195505221  
9679. the discarded papers inside were sodden there was a glint of liquid at the bottom and the smell of whisky was strong and distinct. 6.527733501288731  
9680. he put the basket down distastefully muttering softly and thoroughly disgusted with himself and his plan that had seemed so foolproof. 8.082238293010477

9681. for he remembered too well how he had brought back the loaded drinks to burton and then returned to the kitchen to get weaker drinks for himself. 6.081676676833635

9682. for another second or two he gave in to the annoyance that was directed at himself; then his mind moved on to be confronted by something far more serious and as the thought expanded the implications jarred him. 6.721177813726227

9683. it no longer mattered that burton had outsmarted him. 6.764147616291221

9684. the important thing was that burton had gone somewhere to meet a blackmailer with a gun in his pocket. 8.175607234186513

9685. and that gun was empty. 16.26905287195387

9686. even before his mind had rounded out the idea he thrust one hand into his trousers pocket and pulled out the six slugs he had taken from the revolver. 7.713014303320637

9687. he considered them with brooding eyes brows bunched as his brain grappled with the problem and tried to find some solution. 6.743614190618342

9688. he said: the crazy fool half aloud. 13.671139498061125

9689. he put the shells on the table as though he could no longer bear to hold them. 7.56953932012892

9690. he thought: where the hell could he have gone? 11.45143587764551

9691. how can i find him? 13.798694057385854

9692. there was no answer to this and he began to pace back and forth across the room his imagination out of control. 11.822757104647204

9693. he tried to tell himself that maybe burton had sobered up enough to get some sense. 8.818807756068935

9694. maybe he only intended to scare the blackmailer whoever he was in which case an unloaded gun would be good enough. 8.594528182897653

9695. he thought of other possibilities none of them satisfactory and finally he began to think to wonder if there was some way he could reach burton. 6.418600809631403

9696. then as he turned toward the telephone it rang shrilly to shatter the stillness in the room and he reached for it eagerly. 7.9136955469918995

9697. tony calenda. 12.292407525564322

9698. casey heard the voice distinctly and he knew who it was but it took him a while to make the mental readjustment and control the disturbance inside his head. 6.568293702227357

9699. when he heard calenda say: what about that picture you took this afternoon? 8.56294043647447

9700. it still took him another few seconds to remember the job he had done for frank ackerly. 9.104207350109357

9701. you took a picture of me at the corner of washington and blake about three thirty this afternoon. 7.363053419052398

9702. who says so? 18.948182413671855

9703. one of my boys. 29.120826228793916

9704. calenda was not the sort who walked around without one of his boys close at hand. 8.095513598658757

9705. so? 15.610129252044759

9706. with my trial coming up in federal court next week i wouldn't want that picture published. 7.032105024464237

9707. who says it's going to be published? 10.730140671535784

9708. i wouldn't even want it to get around. 8.581436094141479

9709. under normal circumstances casey was a little fussy when people told him what to do with pictures he had taken. 7.711678106143414

9710. even so he generally listened and was usually reasonable to those who voiced their objections properly. 10.862515415720477



9711. right now however he was still too worried about jerry burton and the gun that had no bullets and the story burton had told him to care too much about tony calenda.5.021759007081566  
9712. his nerves were getting a little ragged and his impatience put an edge in his voice. 7.407049836017958  
9713. i was hired to take a picture. 13.515423079641023  
9714. that's all i know about it and that's all i care. 5.446579851310273  
9715. maybeyou'd better tell the guy who hired you what i said. 6.338907635937182  
9716. all right calenda said his voice still quiet. 11.369735003123072  
9717. but i meant what i said casey. 12.800672623818418  
9718. if that picture gets around and i find out you had anything to do with it i'mgoing to send a couple of my boys around to see you. 0.0  
9719. you do that casey said. 9.118533821976325  
9720. just be sure to send your two best boys tony. 11.650747985695698  
9721. he hung up with a bang annoyed at himself for running off at the mouth like that but still terribly concerned with the situation he had helped to create. 6.036795224973835  
9722. as soon as he could think logically again he reached for the telephone directory and found jerry burton's home number. 9.84160711764459  
9723. he dialed it and listened to it ring ten times before he hung up. 6.955990454870539  
9724. he called the bar and grill where he had picked burton up that afternoon. 11.720742149285464  
9725. when he was told that no one had seen burton sincethen he thought of three other places that were possibilities. 9.816577108211186  
9726. each time he got the same answer and in the end he gave up. 10.235926509368435  
9727. by the time he had smoked three cigarettes he had calmed down. 6.002446559592496  
9728. he had done all he could and that was that. 14.774283550067736  
9729. and anyway burton was not the kind of guy who would be likely to get in trouble even when he was drunk. 7.136059644574391  
9730. he casey had been scared for a while but that had come mostly from the fact that he felt responsible. 9.63016008856077  
9731. he should have stayed here and watched burton. 10.629729299791055  
9732. so he made a mistake. 21.517988580556814  
9733. so what? 18.59128237484222  
9734. he kept telling himself this as he went out to the kitchen to make a drink. 9.418751908949478  
9735. only then did he decide he didn't want one. 8.202551488033812  
9736. he considered opening a can of beer but vetoed that idea too. 10.821413532385549  
9737. finally he went into the bedroom and sat down to take off his shoes. 7.4415975647592285  
9738. he had just finished unlacing the right one when the telephone rang again.11.647756301757601  
9739. when he snatchedit up the voice that came to him was quick and urgent. 8.1652396953117  
9740. casey? 19.804021762487697  
9741. you don't know me but i know you. 7.403782317067599  
9742. if you want a picture get to the corner of adams and clark just as fast as you can. 12.281888260938223  
9743. if you hurry you might beat the headquarters boys. 9.509064554218082

9744. casey heard the click of the distant receiver before he could open his mouth and it took him no more than three seconds to make his decision. 7.728891300969694

9745. for over the years he had received many such calls. 9.290002832984825

9746. some of them came from people who identified themselves. 18.00041715922287

9747. some telephoned because he had done them a favor in the past. 7.908561587082374

9748. others because they expected some sort of reward for the information. 8.967010855918263

9749. a few passed along a tip for the simple reason that they liked him and wanted to give him a break. 6.732941992237565

9750. only an occasional tip turned out to be a phony and like the police casey had made a point of running down all such suggestions and he did not hesitate this time. 7.8254003490872455

9751. he was in his car with his camera and equipment bag in less than two minutes and it took him only three more to reach the corner a block from columbus avenue. 6.777639040054995

9752. it was a district of small factories and loft buildings and occasional tenements and he could see the police radio car as he rounded the corner and slammed on the brakes. 8.43140585330406

9753. he did not bother with his radio- there would be time for that later- but as he scrambled out on the pavement he saw the filling station and the public telephone booth and knew instantly how he had been summoned. 6.423233980268475

9754. the police car had pulled up behind a small sedan its headlights still on. 8.692816950710247

9755. slowly he pulled out the hand throttle until the boat was moving at little more than a crawl and watched elaine rapidly spin from one station to another tune in the null then draw in a line on the chart. 4.6986338168856925

9756. we're out just a little too far. 8.231388558586541

9757. make a 90 degree straight for shore. 10.3200230810868

9758. poet came in raising his eyebrows appreciatively as he saw elaine. 7.879513779734377

9759. pretty quick she replied. 10.686789592928747

9760. will you drop the anchor? 14.426380302955707

9761. poet nodded swung below and a moment later emerged from the forward hatch where he picked up the anchor. 5.706796208540525

9762. the rock and roll music coming from the radio station suddenly faded as the boat coasted into the null on the rdf. 7.480765934180597

9763. reverse elaine said then peered through the loop of the rdf and waved to poet. 5.542917982132687

9764. a second later she came behind the wheel and backed off the anchor line until it was set in the ocean floor. 8.040362282484079

9765. she cut the engines and slowly the cruiser swung around on the end of its lines until its bow was pointing into the wind and the cockpit faced toward the shore. 5.323212874448376

9766. nick watched her somewhat enviously as she efficiently cut the engines and started the auxiliary motor. 7.20145901369959

9767. poet came up from below wearing new bathing trunks. 6.460370037324521

9768. the price tag hung from the belt and he pulled it off as he entered the chartroom and looked at it curiously. 8.35195770629959

9769. nick wondered if elaine had bought them but he said nothing. 6.210871206873012

9770. nobody he suddenly realized was saying anything. 10.694117775472467

9771. it seemed as if they were all under a spell. 15.390267451541506

9772. there should be an excited conversation for somewhere directly  
below them was a treasure lost for more than four hundred years.  
11.373576963101192

9773. but instead of chatter there was a null like on the radio direction  
finder. 7.407038838449361

9774. once in new york he had gone flying with some friends in a  
small private airplane with a single engine. 8.017505052746605

9775. they had all been laughing joking when suddenly the engine had  
failed. 8.94304882371024

9776. no one had prayed. 22.280328944726612

9777. all had fallen into a complete silence listening to the wind  
whistle over the wings. 6.3679245317677085

9778. the pilot had been good. 14.717419125242657

9779. he'd landed the plane on a small airstrip in connecticut and as  
soon as the aircraft had coasted to a stop everyone had burst into  
chatter at the same moment. 5.918556538736704

9780. there had been tension in the plane during the silent descent;  
a tension similar to the one now. 10.422266469928877

9781. but in the plane there was a concrete reason for it.  
13.125732762028516

9782. now at this moment there should be none unless skin diving was  
much more dangerous than he had been led to believe. 9.10708203153312

9783. the same taut-nerved relationship as there had been between the  
passengers on the plane now strained at the three of them here on the  
boat. 6.146509968909198

9784. it hung over them like a cloud its arrival as sudden as a cloud  
skidding over the sun. 8.565612180375407

9785. silently elaine picked up her keys from the table and went out  
into the cockpit poet behind her nick trailing behind him.  
5.767836081502082

9786. she threw back a cushion over one of the seats unlocked a  
padlock on the chest beneath it then presently straightened holding a  
long knife and a wicked looking spear gun in her hand. 6.770800824915481

9787. poet whistled softly as he looked at the gun. 6.968746590851131

9788. they are the best. 26.204604952183743

9789. she kicked the locker lid shut and replaced the cushion.  
7.533469760296565

9790. they are the most efficient. 26.045838823219967

9791. and the deadliest poet commented as he buckled on his tank harness.  
8.3115201837941

9792. why do you need an arsenal? 13.663388853342104

9793. nick asked apprehensively staring at the weapon. 7.14162538120728

9794. it's quite possible there's more than codfish down there man poet  
replied with a short nervous laugh as he held the harness for  
elaine. 4.6855296205937185

9795. a moment later moving awkwardly because of the swimming fins  
she picked up the gun handed the knife to poet then rolled off the  
transom of the boat back first. 5.4255342493524354

9796. poet nodded to nick and entered the water in a similar  
fashion. 8.149408063313643

9797. another moment and they were out of sight leaving behind only a  
string of bubbles as a clue to their whereabouts. 0.0

9798. for a while nick followed the twisting course of the bubbles  
wondering which set came from elaine. 10.746666733896244

9799. they remained close together their air trail wiggling like serpents  
traveling side by side. 6.793852307633501

9800. eventually the bubbles became lost in the sparkle of the ocean  
surface and he rolled over on his back. 7.703336839382465

9801. clasping his hands behind his head he stared at the blue sky.  
6.002446559592496

9802. there was nothing quite like being alone on a boat on the ocean.  
11.065775357961698

9803. alfredo certainly must have enjoyed being alone.  
7.622507342753323

9804. next to the ocean probably the loneliest spot was the desert.  
12.326874534722377

9805. if elaine's uncle had stuck to this desire for aloneness he  
probably would still be alive. 7.288703696461154

9806. yet alfredo wanted money h wanted money to roam through the  
deserts. 8.783628152824377

9807. and graham wanted money probably to roam among the dice tables in  
las vegas. 5.825820622377272

9808. it was an odd combination h a strange pair to stumble upon the  
wreck of the trinidad. 10.707464937364284

9809. but graham hadn't stumbled on it. 11.276709257332119

9810. two to three weeks prior to the charter of the virginia graham  
had been snooping around the san luis rey mission. 9.174672741667946

9811. the small helicopter with its two steel skids churned offshore and  
nick raised up to watch it heading south. 5.902564164932943

9812. that was a hell of a note he thought. 14.304933511210336

9813. a couple couldn't even find a secluded spot anywhere on a beach  
to neck nowadays without someone swooping down upon them.  
6.710739962299863

9814. if the character flying that thing had gone over san clemente  
island yesterday he would have had an eyeful. 9.870332853210217

9815. off to the west a beautiful schooner slowly beat its way into the  
wind headed on a tack toward san clemente. 7.892017203100846

9816. behind it a cabin cruiser drifted crossways in the small  
ground-swell a lone fisherman in the chair aft. 7.549846296533712

9817. the fisherman was right in the middle of the deep.  
12.139423670736546

9818. nick recalled stories that the two best fishing spots in  
southern california were over the la jolla deep and the redondo deep  
two spots where the ocean dropped off to fantastic depths almost from the  
shoreline. 6.044299927214209

9819. someday geologists had warned the land on both sides of these  
deeps would fall into the ocean and no more la jolla or redondo beach.  
6.292214312459591

9820. meanwhile fishermen took advantage of them to pull up whoppers.  
11.4630655167699

9821. sometimes the fish exploded as they neared the surface because of  
the difference in pressure. 8.405989892004232

9822. why he wondered had elaine wanted him along on this trip?  
8.932838799082655

9823. he couldn't skindive he couldn't run a boat except on the open  
sea. 5.825820622377272

9824. he stood up stretched looked around for the bubbles but could see  
none. 9.176540466704445

9825. strolling down to the galley he lit the butane under the  
coffee pot and when the brew was heated poured himself a cup and  
went up to the chartroom. 5.290027356459293

9826. turning on the hi-fi he went back to the cockpit stretched out on  
the cushions and listened to the music. 9.134473375556533

9827. elaine and poet returned together popping up over the transom  
almost like dolphins breaking water. 5.674295354649883

9828. he sat up and watched as they pulled themselves over the stern.  
9.805655982032302

9829. poet shook his head sliding his face mask up on his forehead.  
6.002446559592496

9830. we're right on the edge of the deep elaine said.  
11.683201647763704

9831. pulling off her face mask she carefully placed the spear gun  
across the stern then lifted her wet hair from her back and squeezed out  
the water. 4.76581317220898

9832. which is a break as the area to search is less than a square mile  
she added as she swung her legs over the transom. 6.533109828340079

9833. any news? 15.009412063232862

9834. not a thing. 13.148092146312546

9835. he tossed her a towel then repeated the service for poet.  
7.953394054598466

9836. cigarette? 19.804021762487697

9837. elaine shook her head as she slipped out of her harness but  
poet nodded. 5.969802314021069

9838. his feet still hung over the stern of the transom but as he  
reached for the smoke he raised them to swing them in.  
7.08338320394739

9839. the fin on his foot caught on the moulding throwing him off  
balance. 6.817408452020724

9840. his forearm smashed painfully into the narrow washboard and he  
grimaced as he grabbed his bruised limb with his other hand and rolled  
into the boat. 6.409188347120729

9841. kee-reist! the word hissed distinctly from poet's lips as he  
struggled to his feet. 5.674295354649883

9842. turning slowly he saw poet in a brilliant glare of horror.  
9.079234361089874

9843. poet! his face was still creased in pain as he studied the  
underside of his arm. 6.076559550927458

9844. poet a murderer? 13.148092146312546

9845. turning quickly toward elaine nick saw that she too stood in  
shocked surprise. 6.002446559592496

9846. the sudden silence was too silent. 12.435529358277208

9847. instinctively aware of the charged atmosphere poet raised his  
head slowly looking first at elaine. 5.674295354649883

9848. she had caught the implication of the oath. 13.744732884676733

9849. her face was frozen into the mask of a mannequin her body  
absolutely motionless. 6.183003451448296

9850. and then nick knew that all of them knew h elaine himself h and  
poet. 12.179334267186501

9851. elaine recovered first so quickly that nick thought he might have  
imagined her sudden reaction. 6.564895438829204

9852. do you need a bandage? 12.886172342385436

9853. she asked steadily. 23.0547882925987

9854. it's like banging a shin he said his eyes lingered on nick's face  
then moved back to elaine. 4.210250940207141

9855. hurts like hell for a second then it disappears. 6.764147616291221

9856. elaine turned and started toward the companionway. 9.799821426480841

9857. but her walk was too steady too slow telegraphing her fear.  
8.956819770028424

9858. so did poet. 21.219408643065556

9859. springing like a cat he leaped back swooped up the spring gun and  
whirling pointed it toward the cabin. 5.15576524365156

9860. at the same instant nick hit the barrel and threw himself upon  
the smaller man. 9.91192618671525

9861. the gun fired next to his ear with a vicious whoosh like the first  
stroke of an old steam engine. 5.670580783382225

9862. at the same instant elaine screamed wildly the sound ending  
abruptly as nick went off the boat and into the water on top of the  
frantic struggling poet. 9.775915445011245

9863. the moment the sea closed over nick some atavistic sense warned  
 him that he would survive in this alien element only if he did not  
 panic. 6.541385697111927  
 9864. but the murderer to whom he clung had a tremendous advantage.  
 12.25687715443773  
 9865. the wide flippers on poet's feet gave his legs incredible power  
 driving the two of them down into the water as they rolled over and  
 over. 5.411135972127183  
 9866. poet was the captured arms pinioned to his side and he twisted  
 convulsively trying to escape. 7.032105024464237  
 9867. poet would escape nick thought grimly because he wore the  
 apparatus which would keep him alive under water. 5.236383152695367  
 9868. but nick would not let go. 16.181449055670814  
 9869. the rubber and glass face mask slipped from poet's forehead bounced  
 painlessly off nick's chin then disappeared. 6.040227447879625  
 9870. poet twisted again and nick's knuckles scraped on the air tank  
 ripping off the skin. 0.0  
 9871. for a split second nick relaxed his grip and poet's slippery  
 body spun completely around before nick could stop him holding him now  
 from the rear. 5.947506138900282  
 9872. something flailed at the side of nick's head as they rolled around  
 and around. 7.82065044720888  
 9873. suddenly poet stopped struggling and the two of them hung  
 suspended in the water not rising not sinking. 7.539041506834666  
 9874. a sharp pain lanced across nick's chest and a bubble of air  
 escaped from his tortured lungs joining dozens of others that sailed  
 lazily toward the surface like helium balloons rising into the sky.  
 6.236647835329602  
 9875. a black snake-like object swayed eerily in front of him spewing  
 bubbles from its flat cobra head. 5.901300571347011  
 9876. the air hose was free! the discovery struck nick like a blow.  
 10.26712911461418  
 9877. desperately nick flashed one hand up catching poet's neck in the  
 bend of his elbow. 5.542917982132687  
 9878. at the same instant he grabbed the loose writhing hose with his  
 other hand and bit down on the hard rubber mouthpiece.  
 9.899557906944723  
 9879. instinctively he exhaled through his nose then sucked in the air  
 from the hose. 6.357828940933421  
 9880. at once the excruciating pain in his chest stopped and he was  
 seized with a sudden wild exultation. 8.009492186306446  
 9881. as if this was a signal poet abruptly began to thrash the water  
 and the quick movement slowly made them sink through the water.  
 8.005576324297841  
 9882. relentlessly nick held on sucking on the hose inhaling the air  
 that belonged to poet. 7.032105024464237  
 9883. poet was not fighting nick now. 8.254441635698543  
 9884. harbor point sticks out into the ocean like the fat neck of a  
 steamer clam. 7.783496754152731  
 9885. it's a rich village but not much for action- too many solid  
 residents not enough tourists or working stiff. 2.8645273052810962  
 9886. it's at the far end of the county and the last time i came here was  
 for a hit and run manslaughter- about seven months ago. 0.0  
 9887. chief bob moore looked his same hick-self; a man mountain running  
 to lard in his middle-age. 5.8860979088200995  
 9888. seeing me he said with real surprise well well ain't we honored!  
 hardly expected the head of county homicide up for this murder.  
 7.1869976971301694  
 9889. you sure climbed fast jed. 13.44371259307425

9890. rookie investigator last summer and now it's inspector jed.  
9.340573795225142

9891. took me 19 years to become chief of our three man police force.  
5.825820622377272

9892. proves a college education pays off. 10.472119682746735

9893. his sarcasm was followed by a stupid grin of his thick mouth and  
bad teeth. 6.957522633124658

9894. i guess it helps i said paying no attention to his ribbing.  
9.713745980661573

9895. never could figure out why you ever wanted to be a cop jed.  
7.872551571393695

9896. you're not only young but h well you don't even look like a police  
officer. 6.568722368971689

9897. a runt with narrow shoulders and that brush haircut h hell  
you'd pass for a juvenile delinquent of the hotrod set. 5.556996210447807

9898. in my day the first requirement for a cop was to look like the  
law big and tough. 10.03530089465117

9899. man when my 275 pounds and six-four comes along why it's the same  
as another badge. 6.991511491253528

9900. when i say move a guy moves! don't worry about my being tough  
moore. 10.023170022092753

9901. also it's far too early in the day for corny lines like the bigger  
they come h you've had your gassy lecture let's get to work.  
6.0069646851245215

9902. who was the murdered woman h mrs buck? 11.465359098595414

9903. widow nice sort of woman. 8.254441635698543

9904. came to the harbor as a bride and h don't worry jed this one is  
in the bag. 8.0815273587822

9905. i know the killer have the only road off the peninsula covered.  
9.235895597698871

9906. yeah passed your road block as i drove in i said sitting on his  
polished desk. 7.130716134282969

9907. although bob dressed like a slob he kept a neat office.  
6.452430126248838

9908. okay what happened? 13.148092146312546

9909. about nine this morning mrs buck phones me she's having  
trouble with one of her farm hands- money trouble. 6.393362306737407

9910. colored fellow named tim williams- only hand she has working for  
her now. 7.615092762846159

9911. tim come with the migratory workers that follow the crops up from  
the south last year but tim and his wife settled here.  
5.959454296096567

9912. never had no trouble with him before thought he was a hard worker  
hustling around to get a full week's work. 8.474623429207004

9913. anyway julia asks me to h. 8.134693648553869

9914. julia? 19.804021762487697

9915. come on inspector look alive. 8.724941562995992

9916. julia buck the deceased moore said slipping me his smug idiot-grin  
again. 7.615092762846159

9917. julia asks me to come out at once. 7.457752026677368

9918. but she didn't sound real alarmed h you know like there was any  
immediate danger. 9.525292416183285

9919. i got there at 9:47 am found her strangled. 8.555241096529764

9920. i would have come sooner if i'd known h. 14.369461809796423

9921. no doubt about tim being the killer- i have a witness.  
9.60088282401826

9922. don't know why the county had to send anybody up here.  
4.363650715767831

9923. told them i can handle this. 8.749248354773348

9924. yeah seems you have a nice package with all the strings tied.  
8.635005015638637

9925. who's h? 12.292407525564322

9926. i'll collar tim before night. 10.472119682746735

9927. who's your witness? 12.292407525564322

9928. julia had- has- an old indian woman cooking for her- nellie  
harris. 7.615092762846159

9929. probably the last of the original island indians.  
14.733006278381518

9930. nellie was in the kitchen had just come to work when she heard  
tim arguing with julia in the living room. 8.027846222997388

9931. swears she recognized his voice that tim yelled 'it's my money and  
i want it'! and then rushed out of the house. 5.497012601758184

9932. then she heard julia phone me. 16.087227891890386

9933. nellie went on with her house work- until i found julia dead.  
5.825820622377272

9934. and before you say it nellie ain't near strong enough to have  
strangled julia. 9.055736407309672

9935. there's no doubt this tim sneaked back and killed mrs buck.  
4.310085652005411

9936. another fact: tim's disappeared- on the run. 10.012878786259575

9937. but there's no way off the point except through my road block.  
6.153172426787273

9938. guess you want to see the body- have her up the street in doc abel's  
office. 8.220701993984127

9939. we walked up main street to this big white house then around to  
the back. 7.111035778232825

9940. being the harbors sole doctor abel was also its medical  
examiner. 8.59507477522854

9941. the corpse was on a table covered by a sheet. 8.343459063383007

9942. doc abel was busy up front with some of his live patients.  
7.615092762846159

9943. pulling back the sheet i examined the bruises around julia  
buck's once slender throat. 5.674295354649883

9944. powerful hands had killed her. 11.568363037656766

9945. find any prints? 15.913986167299297

9946. chief moore shook his big head seemed lost in thought as he  
stared at the nude body. 7.132972503588475

9947. then he said never noticed it before h i mean when she was  
dressed h but for a woman her age julia had a real fine figure.  
5.653970971280281

9948. i dropped the sheet glanced at my watch. 9.060328853487057

9949. it was almost one and i hadn't had lunch. 13.062289472438172

9950. still i wanted to get this over with had a lot of paper work  
waiting in my own office. 7.686064042876594

9951. i told him i want to go see the buck house. 13.384234523216598

9952. walking back down mainstreet i said i saw the harbor's one squad  
car at the road block we'll ride out in my car. 7.038304529498586

9953. naw we'll use mine moore said opening the door of a sleek white  
jaguar roadster. 5.963184996302299

9954. as i slid in beside him he said some heap hey?  
11.588700663119663

9955. got a heck of a buy on this dirt cheap. 6.460370037324521

9956. yeah it's a real load i told him looking up the street at my  
battered ford. 6.886249538313906

9957. five racing minutes later we pulled into the driveway of this  
typical two-story house and when the jaguar stopped i managed to  
swallow. 5.840218953494701



9958. there was a garage and a modern barn in the rear all of it standing  
between two large flat fields planted in early potatoes.  
10.232052156832989

9959. everything shouted gentleman farming the kind of grandfather-  
father-to son folding money the point is known for. 6.156653426142427

9960. the fins of a caddy were sticking out of the garage while the  
inside of the house was a comfortable mixture of old and expensive  
contemporary furniture. 8.366509284893144

9961. nellie harris wasn't old she was ancient- a tiny shriveled woman  
with a facelike a tan prune. 5.549698842587148

9962. she was also stone deaf in her right ear. 11.56778822071982

9963. she calmly repeated what moore had told me. 9.130734915764195

9964. when i asked why didn't you go into the living room to see how  
mrs buck was? 10.820936186268868

9965. the old gal stared at me with her hard eyes said she didn't  
call. 6.920215127642494

9966. i do the living room last. 13.2877255772935

9967. i went up stairs and did the bath and her bedroom- way i always  
do in the morning. 6.910641834803099

9968. have you any idea what this tim and mrs buck were arguing  
about? 11.151971229551643

9969. probably wages. 12.292407525564322

9970. miss julia was a hard woman with a dollar. 9.817458051943278

9971. years ago when i asked her to put me in social security so's i  
wouldn't have to be working now miss julia threatened to fire me-all  
because it would mean a few more dollars a year to her.  
5.1986896278875205

9972. did you hear tim return? 14.877179522839205

9973. no sir. 17.961036902762967

9974. nobody came until chief moore. 14.530256684107691

9975. i drummed on the kitchen table with my pencil. 9.109083027534092

9976. mrs buck have any men friends? 11.206270766916212

9977. her? 15.610129252044759

9978. the wrinkled mouth laughed revealing astonishingly strong  
white teeth. 8.196044167676531

9979. but then i wasn't her social secretary. 11.637010237415607

9980. was she on friendly terms with other members of her family?  
12.10346094835995

9981. didn't have no family- around here. 7.622507342753323

9982. they had a son- killed in the war. 11.967541482367666

9983. i walked into the living room. 14.49435793600634

9984. there didn't seem to be any signs of a struggle.  
14.488121938080596

9985. i told moore where does tim's wife live? 13.050059730664218

9986. i'll take you there. 6.870483982306236

9987. look jed this is an open and shut case and i have to relieve my  
men at the road block soon. 7.735265237939426

9988. we did 80 miles an hour across a hard dirt road to a cluster of  
shacks. 9.689557854342599

9989. in late summer migratory workers lived five and six to a room in  
these. 7.403567763867268

9990. now they were empty except for a cottage across the road.  
8.966594188385317

9991. mrs tim williams was about 21 with skin the color of bitter  
chocolate and if you discounted the plain dress and worn slippers she  
was startlingly pretty. 5.169953762698439

9992. the inside of their place was full of new furniture five bucks  
down and a buck a week stuff but all of it clean and full of the warmth  
of a home. 7.944368606016113

9993. mrs williams was both sullen and frightened. 8.378122941683957

9994. she said she didn't know a thing- tim had left the house at  
six in the morning as usual.9.66740274029851  
9995. she hadn't seen him since. 11.145752833777212  
9996. did mrs buck owe him any wages? 10.645658068567197  
9997. i asked. 22.589978126100267  
9998. well for this week but they wasn't due 'till saturday.  
8.539196933474878  
9999. listen mr inspector no matter what anybody say my tim didn't  
kill that woman!tim is a good man hard working. 6.437921429279896  
10000. he strong as a bull but gentle as a baby.  
10.697093789223626  
10001. even if he angry tim wouldn't hurt a woman.11.449402866653354  
10002. he never in his life took a hand to a woman or h we'll get  
him soon see what he says chief moore cut in. 0.0  
10003. doesyour husband have a car? 8.254441635698543  
10004. i asked. 28.659110453221246  
10005. got us an old station wagon. 8.254441635698543  
10006. need it for the job. 15.89017231223043  
10007. i asked a silly question: you've no idea where your husband could  
be now? 8.434468747828578  
10008. she shook her head. 11.568363037656766  
10009. i knew she was lying.16.237547252705603  
10010. i stood there staringat her for a moment- thinking mostly of her  
beauty and her poverty. 9.06019382174683  
10011. moore said come on jed i have to get to my men. 8.34258972853802  
10012. on my way out i told her if you should h eh h just happen to  
see your husband get him to give himself up. 7.51356501253222  
10013. he'll get a fair trial.5.5447349469503715  
10014. hiding out like this won't get him anything except more  
trouble or a bullet. 7.198778874655976  
10015. i'll tell him- if i see him. 4.8393280814891115  
10016. we made it back to the harbor in less than four minutes.  
13.346379951144332  
10017. i tried not to act scared. 12.042437096602649  
10018. that jaguar could really barrel along. 14.860954966088402  
10019. i told moore i was going to eat get some forms filled out by  
doc abel. 8.76093382365209  
10020. chief moore said if i don't see you when i return see you for  
certain at my road block inspector. 7.179293498093283  
10021. i had a bowl of decent chowder phoned the doc and he said he'd  
leave the death statements with his girl- in a half hour. 0.0  
10022. lighting my pipe i took a walk. 9.670406878971576  
10023. the harbor is a big yachting basin in the summer.8.151289522035512  
10024. even now there were several slick cruisers tied to the dock an  
ocean-going yawl anchored inside the breakwater. 8.428093721152417  
10025. there was a 34 foot wheeler with chief bob's in big gold  
letters on its stern also tied up at the dock. 7.87579146696959  
10026. it wasn't a new boat about five years old but fitted with fishing  
outriggers and chairs. 9.119726373603218  
10027. i asked an old guy running a fishing station if the boat was  
moore's. 8.04708539859421  
10028. bob moore is plumb crazy about blue fishing. 9.478650322803942  
10029. i dropped into the doctor's office picked up my forms.  
6.460370037324521  
10030. as i was walking back to the police station which was in the  
same building with the city hall and post office i saw mrs tim  
williams sneaking into the back of my car. 8.533395702777812  
10031. if she moved gracefully she was clumsy at it.  
10.982180461477217  
10032. i got into the front seat. 15.22807193134607

10033. she was 'hiding' on the floor of the back seat the soft curves of her back and hips- rousing lines. 7.421868218584726  
10034. i drove out of the harbor turned off into a dirt road among the scrub pine trees and stopped. 8.52990122484709  
10035. i waited a few minutes and she sat up. 11.199748507885188  
10036. for another moment we didn't talk then she began to weep. 9.348956645805288  
10037. she mumbled i just know that chief moore is out to kill my tim! maybe. 6.440940776014829  
10038. i never saw him so anxious before i said lighting my pipe and offering her a cigarette. 8.731879650480746  
10039. of course it could be because this is his first murder case. 9.586222648021128  
10040. you know where tim is don't you mrs williams? 14.420034143527548  
10041. she puffed on the cigarette slowly sitting slumped against the back seat; didn't answer. 6.652099300943592  
10042. but the police have dropped the case. 16.451243876233317  
10043. i want you to go to pearson city and find out why- first-hand stuff for your modern crime series. 7.591308851668953  
10044. take the same train diana beauclerk took and get there at the same time. 9.406787317626458  
10045. go to the same hotel and occupy the same suite- 1105. 9.218463676282909  
10046. will the hotel rent it so soon after the crime? 11.245618310491801  
10047. why not? 15.610129252044759  
10048. the police have finished with it. 13.32531974997142  
10049. besides the number of the suite hasn't been published in any newspaper. 7.874643633465293  
10050. to the hotel people you'll just be an innocent tourist who happens to ask for that particular suite. 9.130538752425451  
10051. still they may not want to rent it. 9.561889926199674  
10052. once inside keep your eyes open! for what! alec was growing more and more skeptical. 9.200957368758349  
10053. the police will have gone over every square inch of the place with a fine-tooth comb. 6.425639103923853  
10054. the hotel people will have scoured and vacuumed it. 11.80779538661733  
10055. ten to one it's even been redecorated! there's always a chance they may have overlooked something returned the chief. 6.712865441283555  
10056. i'm betting on that chance. 5.161050289908855  
10057. interview the bellboy and chambermaid who waited on beauclerk. 6.764147616291221  
10058. study the topography of the suite. 11.048507668910377  
10059. reenact everything beauclerk did. 9.118533821976325  
10060. try to imagine you're going to be murdered yourself- between eleven pm and one am the night you arrive. 8.204829036277316  
10061. cheerful way to spend an evening! a sudden thought wiped the smirk from his face. 5.542917982132687  
10062. suppose the murderer should return to the scene of the crime! the chief's eyes gleamed. 8.594075080836147  
10063. that is exactly what i'm hoping for. 13.827521639701168  
10064. after all the murderer is still at large. 11.812918415449817  
10065. and the key to the suite is still missing. 14.866537039855018  
10066. on the train alec refreshed his memory of the beauclerk case by reading teletype flimsies- spot-news stories about the crime sent out by the pearson city star a member of the syndicate press. 9.177589898893663

10067. diana beauclerk was a second-rate actress living in new york.  
6.460370037324521

10068. two weeks ago she had gone west to pearson city.  
10.406792649437548

10069. daniel forbes her divorced husband lived there. 8.014557746228913

10070. so did the firm of lawyers who had got her the divorce kimball and stacy. 8.89543686755114

10071. she reached pearson city at nine pm and went straight to the hotel westmore. 7.029122141643838

10072. she telephoned the junior partner of her law firm martin stacy and asked him to call at her hotel that evening. 7.409570904513642

10073. at the time of her divorce forbes had promised to pay her a lump sum in lieu of further alimony if she remarried. 8.305427455441764

10074. according to stacy she told him she was planning to remarry and she wanted him to ask forbes for the lump sum. 7.691448637762026

10075. stacy replied that it would bankrupt forbes who had just sunk all his money in a real estate venture. 6.371052781713109

10076. stacy said he left her suite at nine forty-five pm.  
8.196044167676531

10077. she was in good health and spirits but still determined to get the money from forbes. 8.600380737320283

10078. no one saw stacy leave. 16.941975467163637

10079. no other visitor inquired for her that evening.  
9.815720848054497

10080. next morning she was found dead in her suite with a bullet from a . 7.843293507052036

10081. 22-caliber colt revolver in her brain. 6.893059764084083

10082. according to the medical examiner she was shot between eleven pm and one am. 9.402634930372518

10083. her door was locked and the key was missing. 7.227998241277275

10084. when alec finished reading he was sure that either forbes or stacy had killed diana beauclerk. 8.279690541262237

10085. forbes had motive and stacy had opportunity. 7.622507342753323

10086. find a motive for stacy or an opportunity for forbes and the case would be solved. 8.433273101739449

10087. the hotel westmore proved to be one of the older hotels in pearson city and definitely second-rate. 9.425354824470817

10088. alec's first impression of the lobby was gloomy victorian dignity- black walnut and red plush a black and white tiled floor and persian rugs. 6.803016330776595

10089. he studied the night clerk as a man measures an adversary.  
9.28787855993614

10090. i'd like the room i had the last time. 6.965630564827038

10091. the clerk was young and limp with a tired smile. 7.43304005989246

10092. do you recall the number? 18.261201714858576

10093. it was 1105. 32.02354270542482

10094. that suite is taken. 17.150845923962493

10095. alec's glance went to a chart of guest names and room numbers hanging on the wall behind the clerk. 5.236383152695367

10096. opposite the number 1105 stood one word: unoccupied.  
9.411653599446996

10097. the clerk's glance followed alec's. 10.915477388587384

10098. we have better rooms vacant now he babbled.  
12.350455461918722

10099. at the same rate. 28.206304657824212

10100. alec's face was dark blunt and sulky. 9.060328853487057

10101. he always looked impertinent and he could look dangerous.  
9.713194882521604

10102. he was looking dangerous now. 17.83289566254582

10103. anything wrong with the plumbing in 1105? 7.622507342753323

10104. there was a sudden stillness in the lobby.  
23.313980369911977

10105. two women who had been chattering like parrots were struck dumb.  
7.739841013898023

10106. a man lighting a match for his cigar paused until the flame  
burned his fingers. 9.145521883518203

10107. even the bellboys on their bench were listening. 9.998493309306532

10108. of course not! anybody with a contagious disease been in there?  
11.938572455483165

10109. no! the clerk was almost hysterical. 8.254441635698543

10110. it's just that- well 1105 is being redecorated. 3.793234504022867

10111. alec cleaned on the desk holding the clerk's eyes with his.  
6.210871206873012

10112. suppose you tell me the real reason he drawled. 8.581436094141479

10113. there might be a story in it. 17.49825585072783

10114. st-story? 19.804021762487697

10115. i'm with the syndicated press feature service.  
4.0320972279153615

10116. either i get the story- or i get the suite. 9.40744738182812

10117. it was blackmail and the clerk knew it. 13.062289472438172

10118. there is no story he piped tremulously. 11.714984270178366

10119. front! show this gentleman to 1105! the stillness persisted as  
alec followed a bellboy across the lobby to the elevator.  
5.15576524365156

10120. he could feel eyes on his back. 16.431638350461586

10121. he wished it had not been necessary to announce the number of  
his suite quite so publicly. 7.320665941266794

10122. the corridor on the eleventh floor was dimly lighted by  
electric globes at intervals of thirty feet. 7.663024046550707

10123. a thick crimson carpet muffled every footfall. 7.622507342753323

10124. at the end of the corridor alec noticed a door marked: fire  
stairs. 17.37442375178616

10125. it was a neat setup for murder. 19.958795528615465

10126. the bellboy unlocked a white door numbered 1105.  
11.387658710676023

10127. the room was dark but a neon sign flashed and faded beyond the  
window. 6.954705838825702

10128. a few snowflakes sifted down through that theatrical red glow  
languid as falling feathers. 9.102514307290226

10129. hastily the boy switched on a ceiling light. 7.14162538120728

10130. the room looked normal and even commonplace.  
12.408259766679173

10131. there was no hint of a violent struggle now.  
10.957833388038045

10132. deal furniture with a mahogany finish was neatly arranged as if it  
stood in the window of a department store. 7.775788278411019

10133. the blue rug was suspiciously bright and new. 9.362698053404962

10134. it had never been stained with blood. 20.149343399215635

10135. table covers and towels were clean ashtrays empty and supplied  
with fresh matches. 5.825820622377272

10136. the mirror over the bureau was a blank eye round and innocent.  
9.005093323721033

10137. alec played the part of an innocent tourist.  
10.641650871563217

10138. is there anything wrong with this room? 16.700127609610323

10139. n-no. 15.610129252044759

10140. the boy dropped his eyes. 15.171311956103395

10141. afraid you'll lose your job if you don't keep your mouth shut?  
3.9186622124103896

10142. the boy raised his eyes. 15.841500723885778

10143. if you want my advice pack up and take the next train back to new york. 9.122736274151693

10144. were you on duty here two weeks ago? 9.060328853487057

10145. the boy hesitated.16.691720768716127

10146. but i wouldn't spend a night in here for a million bucks! he was in a hurry to get out of the room. 12.920125626728964

10147. alec gave him a tip and let him go. 7.316221426124328

10148. alone alec examined the doors. 10.472119682746735

10149. there were three- one leading to a bathroom one to the hall and one to the room next door which was immovable- locked or bolted on the other side. 6.857583759410922

10150. alec locked the hall door and put the key with his watch on the bedside table. 6.886249538313906

10151. it was just quarter of nine. 16.79056552587768

10152. as he ranged his belongings on the bureau he noticed a film of white dust on the dark surface of the wood beyond the linen cover. 6.9573818983305005

10153. not gray like the dust that collects in an unused room but white. 6.907330826728996

10154. women didn't use white face powder nowadays he recalled. 8.890874774374288

10155. they used pink tan orcream powder. 10.352492626598039

10156. alec glanced into the bathroom. 10.472119682746735

10157. blood in the bathtub where the murderer appears to have washed his hands. 5.953990336323622

10158. it seemed clean now but alec decided against a bath. 12.356930286633146

10159. he crawled into bed and switched off the light. 9.026368296067464

10160. in the darkness he could see the rosy reflection of the neon sign on the wall opposite the window. 10.97480490736344

10161. it winked as steadily as a metronome- on off- on off. 9.093323993376403

10162. in less than five minutes alec was asleep. 14.227369829482376

10163. he never knew just what woke him. 10.29055358604462

10164. yet suddenly he was wide-awake. 11.568363037656766

10165. there was no sound and apparently no movement in the room except the noiseless pulsation of the red light on the wall. 8.320189136133957

10166. he lay still listening to the silence watching the light. 10.697093789223626

10167. somewhere in the city a big clock sounded twelve solemn notes- midnight. 10.326748415165481

10168. according to the medical examiner she was shot between eleven pm and one am h. 10.079940622430705

10169. alec heard a faint sound. 8.254441635698543

10170. his heart seemed to swell and knock against the wall of his chest. 8.685507619036454

10171. for the sound was inside the room. 11.508743234048968

10172. he let his eyelids droop and breathed heavily feigning sleep. 10.697093789223626

10173. the sound was coming nearer. 12.947693295611707

10174. a monstrous shadow fell across the illuminated wall distorted and indefinable. 7.879513779734377

10175. when the neon sign faded out the shadow disappeared. 9.704619657859853

10176. when the neon sign flashed on the shadow was still there. 10.835114532228467

10177. it stretched to an impossible height climbing the wall to the ceiling. 9.905847024002107  
10178. that meant that something between the light and its reflection on the wall was moving closer to the source of the light- in this case the window. 8.701018069086702  
10179. cautiously alec tensed his muscles ready to jump. 6.764147616291221  
10180. the bedsprings betrayed him with a creak. 13.499449391363237  
10181. someone had moved beyond the range of the light from the window. 7.298341745480555  
10182. abandoning caution alec leaped out of bed and groped for the light switch. 8.960381713898284  
10183. before he could snap it on a stinging blow caught him in the ribs. 9.293960504603698  
10184. he lashed out blindly with his right. 12.411802052220429  
10185. there was a thick squashy crack of fist on flesh. 14.374086352143031  
10186. something hard grazed his knuckles. 12.246287563936663  
10187. he put everything he had into the next and aimed down where the stomach ought to be. 5.427950274147271  
10188. rough cloth rasped his fist. 10.472119682746735  
10189. there was a grunt curiously inarticulate like that of an animal in pain. 13.80942789113019  
10190. something heavy shook the floor as it dropped. 10.298065780877309  
10191. alec waited a moment on guard. 7.622507342753323  
10192. again he groped for the light switch. 10.845474991152743  
10193. the blue rug had been rolled up and stacked in one corner of the room. 7.614187831297698  
10194. on the bare floorboards a man lay face down. 11.635031451158836  
10195. he had a short heavy powerful body. 15.837126840237762  
10196. alec turned him over and discovered a round lumpy face with narrow slanting eyes- a primitive tartar face from russia or the balkans. 6.290129093830134  
10197. the man's shoes were too pointed his overcoat too broad at the shoulders and too narrow at the waist. 4.909188983539079  
10198. there was a slight bulge under the left armpit- a shoulder holster. 12.045760172508219  
10199. alec promptly removed the gun. 9.118533821976325  
10200. he was familiar with this type. 18.610126092812646  
10201. he had seen it in the lineup at police headquarters in new york in broadway night clubs and seventh avenue pool rooms in the criminal courts. 7.382070035792819  
10202. but he was surprised to meet it here. 10.104213841520648  
10203. diana beauclerk had no connection with the underworld. 7.14162538120728  
10204. a professional gunman would not have killed her with a weapon of such small caliber as a . 8.284972290739534  
10205. nor would he choose a respectable hotel as the scene for a killing when it would be so much safer to take his victim for a one-way ride on a lonely country road. 5.183042155458108  
10206. he opened his eyes. 19.23300488358196  
10207. what are you doing here? 17.632317597370832  
10208. demanded alec. 15.594944937291627  
10209. the man made no reply. 12.486750257698887  
10210. his lips were bruised and swollen where alec had hit him. 8.699012786417118  
10211. did you kill diana beauclerk? 11.726643105254862  
10212. alec expected an indignant denial but there was no response at all. 10.182206906163243

10213. oh come on snap out of it! or i'll turn        you over to the  
police! the silence was getting on alec's        nerves.        5.93150127816879  
10214. the man opened his mouth but no words came. 13.596832499555417  
10215. only that curious animal grunting alec had heard during their  
fight.        7.395484348269232  
10216. don't you speak english?        4.112779170864945  
10217.        the man opened his mouth        wider.        15.29200528341881  
10218. a forefinger pointed toward his gullet.        11.87006678428286  
10219. alec leaned forward to        look. 9.118533821976325  
10220. there were hideous scars inside the throat and the palate was  
mutilated. 12.647783970494853  
10221. in good time i shall get to the distressing actuality to red  
mciver        and handley walker to murder and sudden death.  
6.323022086312158  
10222. but you realize i am sure how much old deeds incite to new ones  
and you must forgive me if i tell you first of the old ones.  
8.461385097338765  
10223. it was in 1814 that abraham wharf and his sister sat by a meager  
fire in their house        on dogtown common a desolate place even then.  
7.531617464748053  
10224. he was sharpening his razor.        23.792940596339033  
10225. sister said he do you think people who commit suicide go to  
heaven?        6.522574161349563  
10226. and she answered i don't know but i hope        you'll never do such a  
thing.        8.420011246553958  
10227. without a tremor god forbid!        he said and went out and cut his  
throat in the cave near granny        day's swamp.        5.855095875986525  
10228. what has this to do with the present? 14.096933518045741  
10229. much        i assure you.        10.363724110347151  
10230. you must know what gets into people even such as red and handley  
before you can tell what comes out of them. 8.349206971671933  
10231. they had learned both of them about abraham wharf.  
6.764147616291221  
10232. that's why i        beg        you not to forget him. 4.758361768603671  
10233. his ghost is not laid.        9.627882438407596  
10234. red and handley god        help them knew the old dogtown lore; and i  
knew they knew it for i'd told them a lot of it. 7.158743000996661  
10235. and isn't it true that you get a deeper        perception about a man  
and his motives when you know what it is        he knows? 7.154238887010776  
10236.        yes gentlemen i am getting to the point to my point.  
12.399655486416956  
10237. you know the facts; they are set forth in your own newspapers.  
10.835128151736724  
10238. you want from me the story but a story is about 'why' and then  
perhaps about 'how'. 9.020229890999294  
10239. the 'when' you know; yesterday morning.        9.802060557618772  
10240. so what i am trying to tell you is the 'why'- that is my  
point- and that concerns the spirit of the matter.  
10.084819981834093  
10241. there is an        inwardness and a luster to old furniture        which  
has a provocative emanation if i may say so. 8.077209915779783  
10242. places        too have their haunting qualities.  
10.472119682746735  
10243. and my point        in this sad story is the spirit of the matter.  
10.333811280879132  
10244. when you hold the spirit        of a thing then somehow you know the  
truth- you know a fake antique        from the real thing. 9.248635554121693  
10245. and the truth is what you've come for is        it not?  
10.560889276599694



10246. now dogtown is one of those places that creeps into the marrow  
as worms get into old wood under the veneer. 9.067193315744522

10247. in fact all the folk who lived on the back of cape ann they are  
not just like others. 9.016125019673632

10248. there's a different hall-mark on them. 4.695322059037497

10249. there were no witch burnings here because everyone had a witch in  
the family. 9.597659189833779

10250. just think of old granther stannard who pulled the teeth of  
dark younger and because he bungled the job and left two protruding  
tusks she put such a hex on him that he thought his legs were made of  
glass. 6.669711102223252

10251. after that he was never known to run or even walkfast.  
9.649581741423283

10252. today dogtown is the only deserted village in all new england  
that i know of. 9.484579271853189

10253. there it sits a small highland with towns like gloucester near  
by; but now it's the most lost and tortured place in the world.  
6.126620333011741

10254. those who lived in that desolation of rocky deformity took on  
some of the moraine's stony character. 11.17726995198261

10255. scientists say it is the last spewings of a great glacier but  
one rather feels that only a malevolent giant could have piled up those  
crouching monsters of granite which still seem to preserve a sort of  
suspended ominous life in them. 4.9975063015927415

10256. we'll walk up there later. 6.1280579316837445

10257. it's perhaps a mile from here where we sit. 3.045018931533812

10258. and not one single dwelling left there though once in the early  
eighteenth century there were close to a hundred houses.  
9.203372051137928

10259. even i can remember nothing but ruined cellars and tumbled  
pillars and nobody has lived there in the memory of any living man.  
7.026819527054193

10260. it is now a sweep of boulders and ledges with oak walnut and  
sumac creeping across the common and everywhere the ruins and the long  
long shadows. 8.873051843863433

10261. that's your setting and a sinister one. 7.622507342753323

10262. please get that in your reports. 9.670406878971576

10263. it accounts for so many things. 15.469609066243708

10264. both red mciver and handley walker lived nearby almost as near  
as i do. 7.893095814049571

10265. red lived at lanesville and from his house he could be up on  
the common in a half hour's brisk walk; handley lived further on at  
pigeon cove. 0.0

10266. i'd often find one or other of them up around dogtown sketching.  
5.893271152772876

10267. they were both painters well anyhow dogtown common is so much  
off the beaten track nowadays that only sunday picnickers still stray  
up there from time to time. 5.617690514368088

10268. sea-road railroad lack of water killed dogtown. 9.801857274312379

10269. dead dead as a brass door nail and i sometimes feel like the  
sexton for i'm about the last to be even interested. 5.966017009814404

10270. i knew red and handley well. 18.703116319546275

10271. as i said they were both painters. 13.389741006724769

10272. they'd come separately to gloucester some twenty years ago-  
there's always been an artists' colony somewhere on cape ann- and each  
married here. 6.290129093830134

10273. they married cousins anta and freya norberg. 9.433178351824823

10274. there are a lot of scandinavians in this neck of the woods and  
many still make painted furniture and take steam-baths.  
10.575644592147752

10275. pretty girls among them with blonde hair and pert faces.  
6.568040904258867

10276. handley married freya and red of the red beard married anta.  
9.04168670581374

10277. and it was because of an old norberg inheritance that i got to  
understand them all so well.8.149916229065486

10278. the quarrel ended in a ridiculous draw but i must tell you  
about it. 8.573073452570451

10279. oh yes i'm quite sure it's important because of the beech pasture.  
7.6615516804272366

10280. what's that? 10.658282670269122

10281. why that's what gave me the feeling gave me as-it-were the  
spirit the demoniac evil spirit of this whole affair.  
5.083242045036259

10282. you see besides being custodian of antiquities i am also  
registrar. 10.781441329716351

10283. no i don't hold with those who live entirely among dead  
things. 8.21945529046286

10284. i know as well as the next man that a ship is called from the  
rigging she carries where the live wind blows and not from the hull.  
7.230535095967661

10285. but you've got to know both. 12.754707820148809

10286. what's below the water-line interests me also. 7.361768780586858

10287. as i was saying i've known all about the old records including the  
old norberg deed. 6.749244774219272

10288. some ten years ago that page was torn out i don't know by whom.  
0.0

10289. about five years ago handley came to ask me if he could see the  
tattered register. 7.300770315394

10290. he was courteous and casual about it as though it were of no  
consequence. 10.487600528194417

10291. he's always like that in spite of being a big man.  
4.003371155515014

10292. of fingering i might almost say stroking a large mole with black  
hairs a sensual man but very courteous some would say slick.  
7.272364009841689

10293. like his glossy black hair. 11.85368945158854

10294. too many outside manners to my taste. 16.04642406320357

10295. he is the sort who with an appraising eye would cross the street  
to help a strange woman on to a bus and then pinch her.  
6.5151637924114105

10296. a real gentleman i feel would do neither. 10.72932062241581

10297. he's always worn a broad-brimmed hat and i've noticed in my  
small study at the society that he rather smells of cosmetics.  
4.237263629743823

10298. the next week cousin red wandered in as casually but curt and  
untidy. 9.630122568915404

10299. red was small and fine-boned like ivory-inlay.  
9.46426985577303

10300. he too asked to see the same page. 14.085513688788064

10301. when i told him someone had torn it out he shouted.  
7.975657520711742

10302. by god it's that damn handley the sneak! and later in the same  
week they both came together to examine the register. 8.358370636358398

10303. fortunately we were alone in the building- so few people  
nowadays are interested even in their own past or in the lovely craft  
of other days- for they began to abuse each other in the foulest  
language. 5.051601810475467

10304. red thrusting out his tawny beard handley glowering under his  
suddenly rumpled black hair.8.176108302188684

10305. le rouge et le noir. 8.394614028573898  
10306. red always was morose yet that day the dapper handley was the  
louder of the two. 7.930518924162958  
10307. but for my presence they would have been at each others' throats.  
12.271505182663505  
10308. during the quarrel i learned what the trouble was from the  
accusations each hurled at the other. 9.883050324422099  
10309. the beech pasture had suddenly become valuable.  
10.915477388587384  
10310. there's a fine granite quarry there and granite's coming back for  
public buildings. 4.705349682081825  
10311. both men knew it was in the norberg family holdings but to  
which of the cousins did it belong anta or freya? 6.725900621460134  
10312. fortunately i knew almost exactly what the will had said.  
9.075813551354416  
10313. it began with a preamble of course. 12.500673361276684  
10314. this explained that the judge of probate of essex county 1785  
or 1786 appointed three free-holders of gloucester to divide and  
establish the norberg estate. 6.978391389128306  
10315. after the usual honorable sirs it went on to say that there had  
been set off to the widow one full third part of the real estate of  
the deceased salu norberg one lower room on the western side  
privileges to the well and bake-oven and to one third of the cellar also  
one cow right and lastly they set off to the widow her own land that  
she brought with her as dower namely the beech pasture.  
5.849892673432795  
10316. and i remember that the whole of the privileges not counting the  
beech pasture was valued at twenty pounds. 9.46251019193315  
10317. i wish you could have seen the crests fall on these two sparring  
coxcombs when i told them that obviously the pasture belonged to  
their wives jointly. 6.408726874931109  
10318. that battle scene ridiculous at it was remained in my mind.  
9.867826324417488  
10319. a disturbing picture of bad blood to be further heightened with  
illicit if buccolic colors for on a subsequent day i saw handley  
escorting anta red's wife up on dogtown common. 4.921499038542727  
10320. i felt it would be inopportune to disclose my presence.  
11.695749990523437  
10321. not that i intentionally go unperceived but the boulders up there  
are very high and i am a small woman. 6.389416886416705  
10322. one other cause of jealousy between them i must tell you.  
9.98162729088661  
10323. paint! gloomy and unkempt as red mciver was he was much the better  
painter. 5.674295354649883  
10324. i suppose handley knew it. 18.265483552057145  
10325. if red had a show at gloucester handley would hurry to hang his  
pictures in rockport. 6.955925656704601  
10326. you may say this has little pertinence but gentlemen remember  
that all this prepared my mind alerted my intelligence. 8.779039166366374  
10327. by such touches the pattern takes shape. 7.622507342753323  
10328. you would call these the motives of crime. 14.740208339509758  
10329. i would call them the patterns of life perhaps even the  
designs of destiny. 8.164794394656553  
10330. yet with all this knowledge i had nothing of substance to unravel  
our case as you would call it till yesterday. 8.17119140179726  
10331. one month ago on the 20th of october was the opening of the  
gunning season in massachusetts. 8.060868187006784  
10332. not much to shoot but there are a few pheasant.  
14.129476729439812

10333. rabbits too if you care for them which most of the folk  
around here haven't the sense to appreciate. 6.01265605802985

10334. any more than they have the sense to eat mussels.  
12.338033524208598

10335. that was the day red was said to have gone away. 12.46088502527346

10336. oh yes he'd talked about doing so. 10.398550832016166

10337. in fact he often disappeared from time to time- off to paint  
the sea aboard a dragger out from gloucester. 7.477996373266558

10338. anta his wife never seemed to mind. 10.064186585403892

10339. i suppose these absences gave her more clearance for her embraces  
with cousinhandley. 7.319167417194751

10340. anyhow i wasn't surprised early that morning to see handley  
himself crossing from dogtown common road to the back road.  
6.54093796655646

10341. no he didn't have his gun which he should have. 7.591133834134149

10342. it would have been a good excuse for his being there at all.  
10.317580793410237

10343. i myself had been up there by seven o'clock after mushrooms  
since there'd been a week of rain which had stopped early that morning  
and the day was as clear as sandwich glass. 5.564820757044114

10344. that's what the man had said. 5.0137363084105155

10345. haney peered doubtfully at his drinking companion through bleary  
tear-filled eyes. 6.210871206873012

10346. he had no ready answer as much from surprise as from the fit of  
coughing. 10.43837655131038

10347. was the man drunk or crazy or both? 8.56621628280458

10348. but his new-found buddy had matched him drink for drink until  
he lost count and the man's eyes were still clear. 8.330631160458484

10349. the guy is off his rocker haney thought to himself and looked  
away from those eyes. 6.424230161236276

10350. eyes that were clear but also bright with a strange intensity a  
sort of cold fire burning behind them. 7.11028347841323

10351. why hadn't he noticed it before? 9.684323749366209

10352. no the man was not drunk h he wondered how he got tied up  
with this stranger. 8.542953034322647

10353. but of course he remembered now. 12.754707820148809

10354. it was blurred after two hours of steady drinkingbut the occasion  
of it came back to him. 10.437845761237792

10355. the stranger his headseemingly sunk in thought started to cross  
the street against the light just as a huge moving van roared through the  
intersection. 5.259904251726102

10356. brakes howled and a horn blared furiously but the man would have  
been hit if phil hadn't called out to him a second before.  
6.415932087413076

10357. his shout had been involuntary something anybody might have done  
without thinking on the spur of the moment. 6.156463064223487

10358. as a matter of fact he wouldn't have cared at all if the guy had  
been hit. 12.784590281080657

10359. actually he regretted having opened his mouth when the truck  
came to a stop and the angry driver jumped down from the cab and  
walked back toward them. 5.745220990795273

10360. by then the stranger was thanking haney profusely and had one  
arm around his shoulders as if he were an old friend. 8.341326933857141

10361. so the driver started to curse at both of them as if they had  
been in a plot together to ruin his safe-driving record.  
8.937890524560025

10362. then the man he saved turned and looked squarely into the  
truck driver's face without saying a word. 8.070563353430112

10363. very suddenly the driver stopped swearing at them turned on his  
heel and went back to his truck. 5.499255214453805

10364. haney hadn't given it much thought at the time. 8.581436094141479  
10365. now he recalled it very clearly and wondered what the truck  
driver had seen in those eyes to make him back off.  
6.093982830698962  
10366. it must have been the sort of look that can call a bluff  
without saying a word. 11.422110310779983  
10367. when the light went their way they went on across the street.  
8.108546705266287  
10368. and when the stranger found out that phil was on the way to one of  
his favorite bars he insisted on offering to buy drinks for both of  
them. 8.985272895340177  
10369. phil usually went alone and kept to himself sitting in a corner  
and passing the time by nursing his favorite grudges.  
5.0176589645046334  
10370. but he decided he wouldn't mind company in return for free drinks  
even though he made good money at his job. 9.270558604894687  
10371. now he wondered if it was worth it having a screwball for company.  
6.583633325843117  
10372. he really didn't take the offer seriously but he began to feel  
uneasy. 10.36845009879809  
10373. when he finally got the coughing under control he realized that  
pete was still waiting for an answer- he didn't even seem to wink as  
he continued to stare. 4.750645921087632  
10374. haney managed a weak laugh. 11.568363037656766  
10375. guess i can't think of anyone pete. 7.199111221629212  
10376. a faint crease appeared between the man's eyebrows.  
10.179668886367091  
10377. i think you aren't taking me seriously phil.  
14.193748186515572  
10378. and everybody has some kind of grudge. 11.619512176303008  
10379. i might have got hit by that truck if it wasn't for you.  
7.761710231167913  
10380. i believe in returning favors. 25.63722078909603  
10381. i'll do anything for somebody i like. 4.8393280814891115  
10382. it won't cost you a cent phil. 9.54068311234232  
10383. go ahead and try me! phil rubbed his forehead wearily.  
6.460370037324521  
10384. he was beginning to feel woolly. 10.649951465826932  
10385. maybe it would be better to humor the guy and then make an exit.  
8.066699098167911  
10386. he really didn't expect anything to come of it and there were a  
few people here all right he conceded finally if you must know i  
don't get along with the landlord. 7.851881967751936  
10387. he keeps riding me because i like to listen to the radio and  
sing while i'm taking a bath. 6.642773151705387  
10388. he says the neighbors complain but i don't believe it.  
14.53194554011196  
10389. why don't they tell me themselves if it bothers them?  
8.640676351528805  
10390. the man closed his eyes and nodded. 16.136316515150554  
10391. when he looked up again he seemed almost contented.  
9.055853309868477  
10392. it will take a little time. 25.036904963861904  
10393. i want to study your landlord's habits and movements first.  
10.992994112308635  
10394. you see i always make it look like an accident.  
11.48832940527018  
10395. maybe suicide if it looks reasonable. 9.102905270528913  
10396. in that way there's no trouble for the customer.  
14.060671472259948

10397. customer? 15.610129252044759  
10398. pete smiled modestly. 14.873319658741169  
10399. it's my line of work he said h five minutes later before haney  
could make his break the stranger stood up and nodded farewell.  
3.8096331697156143  
10400. haney watched the small but wiry man slip out the door quickly  
and silently and felt relieved to see that nobody else seemed to  
notice his departure. 6.498807655264582  
10401. phil decided to stay a little longer and as time passed it  
seemed as if the strange little man had never been there but for the  
other glass on the table. 5.449659368809648  
10402. some time before midnight he returned to his apartment and hit the  
sack putting the whole incident out of mind before he fell asleep.  
7.971095646797427  
10403. the next day sunday the hangover reminded haney where he had been  
the night before. 10.994448763969507  
10404. the hangover in turn reminded him of his conversation with the  
weirdy and he groaned. 9.643322200567408  
10405. he went for more aspirin later in the day and passed the surly  
landlord on the way- he was still alive and scowling as usual as if  
tenants were a burden in his life. 6.1682294298234135  
10406. phil shrugged and ignored him. 10.472119682746735  
10407. he went back to work monday. 14.811805817129299  
10408. by wednesday the landlord was still alive.  
11.788959499727591  
10409. of course h on thursday haney mailed the monthly check for  
separate maintenance to his wife lolly and wished the stranger could  
do something about her h coming home from work he was startled to see  
a police car parked in front of the apartment building.  
6.117930125909768  
10410. inside the lobby people were standing around talking excitedly.  
9.92718902319611  
10411. his spine crawled with a foreboding premonition as he asked one  
of his fellow tenants what had happened. 5.593433126427083  
10412. late that afternoon it seemed he had fallen off the roof while  
on some obscure errand or inspection. 6.742286821861181  
10413. he had apparently been alone. 16.214412714951944  
10414. nobody witnessed the fall- just the sickening impact when his  
body smashed on the pavement just outside the basement delivery  
entrance. 6.691830724209359  
10415. haney hoped that nobody noticed his sudden pallor as he felt the  
blood drain from his cheeks. 5.326519577128725  
10416. he muttered something about how terrible it was and walked with  
deliberate slowness to the elevator. 8.26265427207832  
10417. once inside his apartment he poured a drink with trembling hands  
and flopped limply in a chair. 5.427950274147271  
10418. after a while he began to feel better about it especially when no  
one bothered to ask any questions. 9.361337398055829  
10419. but after all why should they? 12.754707820148809  
10420. still later he finally convinced himself that it was an  
accident- just a coincidence. 8.746455801181735  
10421. the stranger really had nothing to do with it of course h haney  
went to bed happy that at least he was rid of that lousy landlord.  
6.202845766727812  
10422. after all the man had no family so no one suffered and everybody  
was better off for it. 8.681337776128059  
10423. really he said to himself nobody kills a man just as a favor!  
so you thought i didn't mean what i said. 5.4522052811283706  
10424. the stranger's eyes were large and sad as if phil haney had hurt  
his feelings. 8.086542342015262

10425. it was like a recurrent annoying dream but now the dream was  
beginning to take on overtones of a nightmare. 8.698976925365663  
10426. however haney knew it was not a dream. 16.162314916690484  
10427. he might be very tight but he knew where he was.  
10.964596607253961  
10428. it was the same bar and it was two weeks later- saturday night  
when he had an excuse to drink heavier than usual. 11.573422862316912  
10429. he had been sitting in the usual corner at the little table as  
far as possible from any talkative friendly luses. 5.91871883499631  
10430. he was enjoying the weekly ritual of washing down his pet  
grievance with bourbon slightly moistened with water. 9.016975878454005  
10431. this favorite grievance was not the landlord.  
10.910513575229855  
10432. he had already quite forgotten about him.  
13.671139498061125  
10433. in fact he had only mentioned him on the spur of the moment.  
10.676262045250937  
10434. his real grievance was lolly. 12.214555706636531  
10435. toward the end of his fourth hairy highball while he was  
moodily making wet rings on the table-top with the bottom of the glass  
he became aware that he was not alone. 6.444037218837682  
10436. he looked up with bloodshot eyes and beheld the stranger sitting  
across the table smiling a secret smile at him as if they were fellow  
conspirators. 7.245762767568395  
10437. he hadn't even noticed- what was his name? 9.783357976961607  
10438. pete? 19.804021762487697  
10439. - he hadn't seen him sit down. 4.642150625821065  
10440. the man was uncanny like a shadow and made as much noise as a  
shadow. 8.086542342015262  
10441. haney felt like shrinking out of sight but he was already trapped  
in the corner with the wiry dark little man. 0.0  
10442. he began to wish that he hadn't shouted that other evening when the  
truck bore down through the crossing. 9.702025602788266  
10443. was he going to be saddled from now on with a creep for a bar-  
buddy? 7.930102173568722  
10444. he'd have to start going to some of the other places again.  
10.588187671277922  
10445. in a low voice almost whispering the man had asked phil if he  
was happy with the way the landlord had been taken off his back.  
8.014814296585245  
10446. he made the mistake of answering in an offhand way and instantly  
realized that his skepticism must have showed in his face or voice.  
8.337200082911378  
10447. pete frowned slightly then became sad and moody. 7.268549642882431  
10448. haney didn't want to encourage his company but felt he ought  
to buy him a drink anyhow to prevent possible trouble.  
6.74074628308523  
10449. but there was no trouble. 34.50673952625305  
10450. the guy sulked over his drink obviously upset by haney's lack of  
appreciation. 9.0284140295764  
10451. to break the uncomfortable silence haney began to talk.  
8.463364151644718  
10452. in time and two drinks later he was complaining bitterly about  
his wife he was on the subject for ten minutes or so when he noticed the  
renewed interest in his listener- it showed in the alert face and the  
suddenly bright eyes. 7.876311408596005  
10453. when he paused to moisten his throat the stranger broke in.  
10.028893198027992  
10454. but why pay her bills? 20.182527185765537

10455. if she runs around with other men and if you hate her as you say why not just divorce her? 7.278945948699489  
10456. haney scowled. 15.594944937291627  
10457. that bitch would love a divorce he growled. 9.509783259141862  
10458. then she'd get half of everything i have. 11.185419424362621  
10459. community property deal- you know. 9.619866555855914  
10460. i'd have to sell out my business to pay her off with her share. 5.846149303975244  
10461. she can drop dead! pete nodded understandingly. 11.821003819038125  
10462. you must understand i haven't been in this state too long. 10.781441329716351  
10463. i came out here to retire. 15.500336337628632  
10464. that's why i- why i do a free job now and then. 4.747003294750034  
10465. you should have told me about her before. 7.14162538120728  
10466. haney felt a twinge of annoyance when he heard the now familiar line again. 7.568039029815002  
10467. then a wild thought ran circles through his clouded brain. 8.193088844836073  
10468. suppose- just suppose this guy was really what he said he was! a retired professional killer h if he was just a nut no harm was done. 7.45214725579004  
10469. but if he was the real thing he could do something about lolly. 12.211708388715605  
10470. he felt very cunning very proud of himself as he played on the other man's soft spot. 10.615859602780361  
10471. no offense intended he said gently. 9.570057002710861  
10472. but it's just that- well you know. 7.852334189897101  
10473. the cops didn't suspect a thing and i thought it was a coincidence. 6.817408452020724  
10474. after all i didn't know you pete. 14.287468628095631  
10475. it could have been an accident. 9.546113479869389  
10476. but if you say you managed it h the stranger was hooked. 9.887008010130634  
10477. yes yes he muttered impatiently. 10.334184435897878  
10478. of course it looked like an accident. 13.899042175769491  
10479. i always work it that way- and always at a time when the customer has an alibi. 7.758850631798414  
10480. let me prove it phil. 17.03922172947959  
10481. i think i can manage one more favor for you. 7.187365013754166  
10482. haney swished the liquor in the bottom of his glass. 10.109039551546998  
10483. about halfway back pops groped against a wall and stopped pulled away two loosely nailed wide boards at one end and went through. 5.603270927903557  
10484. c'mon he whispered; floor level's about three feet down so don't fall. 7.879513779734377  
10485. i went through and down into pitch darkness. 9.169644675936961  
10486. he said jist stay still. 17.83289566254582  
10487. i'll pull the boards back and then get us a light. 4.489674125097363  
10488. jist stay where you are. 10.472119682746735  
10489. i jist stayed where i was while he fumbled around and then walked away. 7.033748404049442  
10490. a moment later he struck a match and lighted a candle and i could see. 7.88014969880378  
10491. it was a big room empty except for a few things of pop's at the far end- a wooden crate on which stood the candle a spread out blanket and an unrolled bindle. 7.245188310071653



10492. i looked back over my shoulder while i went to join him; he'd hung another half of a blanket over the boarded window so no light would show through. 7.275509611550843

10493. i took the pint bottle from my pocket and handed it over as i sat down beside him on the spread blanket. 6.198322943593805

10494. he drank and handed it back. 14.544358862697363

10495. niceplace i told him. 9.118533821976325

10496. listen i got a buddy i travel with real nice guy named larry. 7.947797872177788

10497. i know where he is right near here. 15.129210390056071

10498. could he join the party and sleep here tonight too? 8.686942886564017

10499. we'll both be blowing town tomorrow so we won't be moving in on you. 4.272790580033819

10500. he hesitated a second looking at the bottle before he said sure-sure and i reassured him. 9.002804282263241

10501. he'll bring a bottle too and i'll get another one or maybe two while i'm out. 4.402201038136795

10502. you can work on this one while i'm gone kill it if you want. 10.702801782734763

10503. i took a short swallow from it myself and handed it to him. 8.124098364995595

10504. his sure-sure was enthusiastic this time. 12.214555706636531

10505. he put the bottle down. 14.697534940976485

10506. git over by the window while there's light an' i'll put th' candle out. 7.59535018803733

10507. whenyuh come back i'll put it out agin till you're both inside. 5.825820622377272

10508. charlie was waiting leaning against a building front. 8.581436094141479

10509. perfect set-up i told him. 9.118533821976325

10510. but we got to go back to fifth and get another bottle or two. 11.832757202944913

10511. on the way i'll give you the scoop. 15.126754286699835

10512. on the way i gave him the scoop. 26.063700498619408

10513. i bought another pint of sherry and when we got back pops let us in in the dark put back the blanket and then lighted the candle again. 5.9966546970025325

10514. i introduced my friend larry to pops and we made ourselves comfortable. 9.713745980661573

10515. there was still a little not much left in the first bottle and we passed it around once and killed it and charlie opened his. 8.625010068210852

10516. i was reminded amusedly by a poem of kenneth patchen's called the murder of two men by a young kid wearing lemon colored gloves which patchen himself read on a record against jazz background. 7.134682597928682

10517. the poem consisted of only two words the word wait repeated over and over at irregular intervals and with different inflections and then the word now! and a blaring final chord from the jazz group. 5.606677678796274

10518. this was the same except that it was the murder of one man by two men and neither of us was wearing gloves. 11.01515914480251

10519. but we could wait all right; there was no hurry. 11.25361757827344

10520. i said wait h wait to charlie and he grinned digging the reference. 9.285570187987327

10521. we'd heard the record together once. 6.710151112086783

10522. the second bottle passed a few times. 13.06263632702246

10523. pop was taking long ones but not showing the effect yet.  
6.210871206873012

10524. he seemed as drunk as when i'd first talked to him but no  
drunker. 10.21550409562075

10525. he had a capacity; if we'd really been trying to get him dead  
drunk we'd have had to go out for more wine. 8.946748489297391

10526. about halfway through the second bottle charlie looked at me  
across pops who was sitting between us and asked now? 7.01976550281841

10527. i said wait and handed the bottle to pops for his final  
drink. 5.825820622377272

10528. when he handed it back and i had hold of it safely pops was  
looking toward me and i said now to charlie and he swung the short  
length of lead pipe he'd meanwhile taken from his pocket once.  
6.92354111842378

10529. it was a lead pipe cinch. 19.958795528615465

10530. there was a sound like the one you produce by flicking a  
watermelon with your finger only louder and pops fell forward from the  
waist and then over sidewise. 8.559715532691726

10531. out cold if not dead; and he'd never known what hit him- he'd  
never known that anything had hit him. 6.387127952101957

10532. i reached my hand toward him to put it inside his shirt to feel  
for a heartbeat but charlie said wait!- and said it sharply not as in the  
patchen bit but as an order- so i stopped my hand and looked at him.  
6.793053782611969

10533. he was holding the piece of lead pipe out to me.  
7.953394054598466

10534. we don't want to know whether he's dead yet. 7.563239437115806

10535. i gauged that blow to be borderline. 9.95288923829895

10536. to kyo him and maybe or maybe not kill. 10.079693388337176

10537. you hit again about twice that hard before we know whether he's  
dead or not. 7.073823370696189

10538. that way we'll never know which of us really killed him and which  
was just the accomplice. 9.838039515886702

10539. dig? 15.610129252044759

10540. i dug him i saw his point; it made sense.  
10.227318669010717

10541. i took the piece of pipe from charlie's hand and used it harder  
than he had. 6.950729068539884

10542. the thunk was louder anyway and i thought i heard bone crack.  
9.921153990887353

10543. that did it if mine didn't. 11.713854418644907

10544. and we'll never know which. 14.541342074437404

10545. all right now i'll give you a hand. 8.961969194380144

10546. we straightened pops up and i made sure there was no trace of a  
heartbeat. 8.497743810732977

10547. let's put him down again the way he was. 7.302928851907084

10548. it's a more natural position. 2.4895117825465722

10549. how do you feel? 17.058897260570216

10550. charlie asked me. 13.148092146312546

10551. what do you feel? 25.38840841655893

10552. nothing. 19.804021762487697

10553. well h maybe i'm exaggerating. 10.59633742259972

10554. it was a kick but not a big enough one for me to want to take the  
chance again except for stakes. 11.119930901565123

10555. but let's not talk about it abstractly until we're out of here.  
7.793238909001978

10556. now first question: the bottles. 13.476598103985157

10557. shall we take them all with us or leave one? 6.636666065131321

10558. take them i said. 14.547058520014232

10559. if we left one we'd have to wipe it for fingerprints.  
8.316587089358201

10560. here's the picture we want to leave for the fuzz- whenever the  
body gets found. 5.900854572412973

10561. this happened in the middle of a drinking bout with another bum.  
9.598187607030894

10562. if they'd been working on a bottle or a jug he'd have taken it  
with him. 9.29164091385634

10563. and he'd have taken the weapon with him too so we take that.  
7.411667773880849

10564. i've been careful about fingerprints. 5.619779380086188

10565. there are the boards over the window of course but they're not  
painted and too rough to take prints. 7.0758606955518335

10566. same goes for the rough cement of the ledge. 8.196044167676531

10567. besides i doubt if the cops will even try dusting.  
7.36155552517143

10568. they find dead winos every day maybe they won't even autopsy him  
for the cause of death. 8.284985380647505

10569. we can't take a chance on that. 6.377326113887548

10570. we've got to assume they'll decide he was murdered and we've  
got to keep the picture consistent. 5.746732924089678

10571. our hypothetical other bum who killed him would have turned out  
his pockets. 6.270394613191037

10572. we did that and found a dirty handkerchief some matches and  
fourteen cents in change. 9.62584488426135

10573. we took the matches- they were book matches and once they'd been  
touched might retain fingerprints- and the change. 5.236383152695367

10574. we discussed the candle and decided the hypothetical other bum  
would have left it burning to light his way to the window and because  
he'd have no reason to blow it out. 7.516103490177819

10575. the candle had been stuck on a tin lid so it wouldn't set fire to  
the crate when it guttered out. 5.792716478870052

10576. a fire wouldn't have mattered except that it would cause pops to  
be found sooner. 11.618282574135279

10577. he might not be found for days even weeks otherwise.  
6.460370037324521

10578. we went once more over every point then triple-checked.  
11.399541947434118

10579. being picked up for questioning by a cop on the way out seemed to  
be the only possible remaining danger and we weren't picked up by a  
cop. 7.26283185086176

10580. in fact nobody saw us cop or citizen. 16.02767527308239

10581. winsett is a quiet street with no taverns and was completely  
deserted at that hour. 5.946164924123117

10582. which if it matters was one am. 11.744554566091274

10583. less than three hours ago we'd decided in maxine wells's pad  
on cosmo to commit a trial murder. 6.364962735301224

10584. it had gone like clockwork. 25.82858759257853

10585. almost too smoothly i found myself thinking and then told  
myself that was ridiculous. 6.612703502166117

10586. how safe is too safe? 13.921012568448406

10587. thinking like that can get you into a padded pad.  
6.460370037324521

10588. an hour later we were back in my unpadded pad killing what had  
been left of the second pint. 9.22979475253257

10589. we decided to leave the third one intact for tomorrow.  
7.475480301730271

10590. also our plans for me to commit charlie's murder and for him to  
commit mine. 8.52216100130935

10591. but we were really going to do it. 15.31092165032838

10592. we shook hands on it.15.292242212242115  
10593. we planned ahead only one step a rendezvous for tomorrow when  
we could swap notes. 6.6981788258569415  
10594. i'd tell him everything i'd learned about seaton's habits and  
habitat and he'd tell me the score on radic. 5.4921307270326984  
10595. we made the date for two o'clock in the afternoon at maxine  
wells's pad. 7.527108699739346  
10596. charlie would get there early because he had the key.  
11.005819625419974  
10597. from here on in the less charlie and i were seen together in  
public or visited one another's rooms the better. 6.022223999077327  
10598. i was dead tired and slept soundly as far as i know  
dreamlessly. 12.747872201093443  
10599. we met at maxine's and decided we were set to stay as long as it  
took into or even through the evening to talk things out.  
5.934629797301404  
10600. charlie had brought food and we'd decided on no drinks.  
8.196044167676531  
10601. i'd brought along the virgin pint from last nightbut we were going  
to kill that only when we were through talking. 4.9039274077800865  
10602. i talked first telling him everything i knew about seaton and  
his house and domestic arrangements. 8.345247830725647  
10603. i drew diagrams and floor plans;he memorized them thoroughly and  
then we tore them into tiny pieces and flushed them down.  
6.082556929924355  
10604. he gave me equivalent and even more detailed dope on radic  
including diagrams- one of the apartment building radic lived in and one  
of the apartment itself. 9.955000727586274  
10605. he'd been there several times back when while he and radic had  
been friends or at least not enemies. 5.236383152695367  
10606. it didn't take us as long as we'd thought it might; it was not  
quite six o'clock when we finished and charlie said well i guess  
that's it. 7.0712764649340505  
10607. shall we flip a coin to see which of us goes first?  
6.144150771473031  
10608. or would you rather deal a hand of show-down poker or play a  
game of gin rummy or what? 7.391149566124332  
10609. wait a minute charlie i said.8.254441635698543  
10610. one thing we haven't discussed expense money.  
17.591171375084503  
10611. we'll need some at least if only bus fare to the scene of the  
crime. 4.240163322596448  
10612. and if you're as flat broke as i am i think we'll have to take the  
added risk of knocking over a filling station or something before we  
split for one of us to set up an alibi while the other does his dirty  
work. 8.35454531847783  
10613. all right i'll come clean.12.459734490734041  
10614. i've got a little stashed for a rainy day and i guess this is  
rainy enough. 5.442531252584684  
10615. if you draw the shortstraw i'll lend you some bread like fifty  
bucks before i take off to visit my sister in frisco. 6.525936975929947  
10616. then after i'm back another fifty so you can put some mileage  
on yourself and have a solid alibi somewhere while i take care of  
your seat cover boy. 8.782032775401019  
10617. i took a deep breath and the plunge. 9.169644675936961  
10618. in that case let's not draw. 20.228455055719962  
10619. i'll go to bat first.4.98254549585643  
10620. you'd have to wait till seaton'sback from mexico city and also  
while i set it up with doristo have her have an alibi for d-night.  
6.315080921832862

10621. so it wouldn't be        for days or even a week before you could do anything. 7.483173170844182  
 10622. but your friendmanny can go any time. 12.934994931595257  
 10623. he grinned and clapped me on the shoulder. 11.189339384863365  
 10624. i was hoping you'd say that willy. 14.894590857967684  
 10625. but i wouldn't have suggested it. 16.84389310610293  
 10626. well- in that case i take off tomorrow morning    for frisco.  
       7.879513779734377  
 10627. and in case i brought the money with me. 10.156773605060762  
 10628. now that he knew himself to be self he was free to grok ever  
 closer        to his brothers merge without let. 9.237963749856066  
 10629. self's integrity was and    is and ever had been. 6.764147616291221  
 10630. mike stopped to cherish all his brother selves    the many threes-  
 fulfilled on mars corporate and discorporate the precious        few on  
 earth- the unknown powers of three on earth that would    be his to merge  
 with and cherish now that at last long waiting he grokked and cherished  
 himself. 5.482669510571224  
 10631. mike remained in trance; there    was much to grok loose ends to  
 puzzle over and fit into his growing-    all that he had seen and heard  
 and been at the archangel foster tabernacle h why bishop senator boone  
 made him warily uneasy how miss    dawn ardent tasted like a water brother  
 when she was not the smell    of goodness he had incompletely grokked in  
 the jumping up and down and wailing-    jubal's conversations coming and  
 going- jubal's    words troubled him most; he studied them compared them  
 with what    he had been taught as a nestling struggling to bridge between  
 languages    the one he thought with and the one he was learning to think  
 in. 4.454925916010261  
 10632. the word church which turned up over and over again among jubal's  
       words gave him knotty difficulty; there was no martian concept  
       to match it- unless one took church and worship and        god and  
 congregation and many other words and equated them to the totality of the  
 only world he had known during growing-waiting        h then forced the  
 concept back into english in that phrase which        had been rejected by  
 jubal by mahmoud by digby. 6.03300961000493  
 10633. he was closer to understanding    it in english now although it  
 could never have the inevitability of    the martian concept it stood for.  
       6.244951219500418  
 10634. in his mind he spoke simultaneously    the english sentence and the  
 martian word and felt closer grokking. 9.882896131012437  
 10635. repeating it like a student telling himself that the jewel is in  
 the    lotus he sank into nirvana. 5.236383152695367  
 10636. before midnight he speeded his    heart resumed normal breathing  
 ran down his check list uncurled and    sat up. 7.639312262253327  
 10637. he had been weary; now he felt light and gay and clear-headed  
       ready for the many actions he saw spreading out before him.  
       6.794244789921382  
 10638. he felt a puppyish need for company as strong as his earlier  
 necessity    for quiet. 9.908904935333027  
 10639. he stepped out into the hall was delighted to encounter        a  
 water brother. 9.21486800923784  
 10640. my    you look chipper. 13.148092146312546  
 10641. i feel fine! where is everybody? 12.499679017771939  
 10642.        asleep. 19.804021762487697  
 10643. ben and stinky went home an hour ago and people    started going to  
 bed. 5.674295354649883  
 10644. mike felt disappointed        that mahmoud had left; he wanted to  
 explain his new grokking. 8.23599424518072  
 10645. i ought to be asleep too but i felt like a snack. 8.970932134155579  
 10646. are you hungry? 28.260706101627743

10647. sure i'm hungry! come on there's some cold chicken and  
 we'll see what else. 5.674295354649883  
 10648. they went downstairs loaded a tray lavishly.  
 15.455953350789537  
 10649. it's plenty warm. 12.292407525564322  
 10650. a fine idea mike agreed. 13.150214475214955  
 10651. warm enough to swim- real indian summer. 7.622507342753323  
 10652. i'll switch on the floods. 6.321180167012423  
 10653. i'll carry the tray. 5.415523385813093  
 10654. he could see in almost total darkness. 16.057423410908584  
 10655. jubal said that his night-sight probably came from the conditions  
 in which he had grown up and mike grokked this was true but grokked that  
 there was more to it; his foster parents had taught him to see.  
 5.572823351434084  
 10656. as for the night being warm he would have been comfortable  
 naked on mount everest but his water brothers had little tolerance for  
 changes in temperature and pressure; he was considerate of their  
 weakness once he learned of it. 7.871937346372747  
 10657. but he was looking forward to snow- seeing for himself that each  
 tiny crystal of the water of life was a unique individual as he had  
 read- walking barefoot rolling in it. 6.555685006744985  
 10658. in the meantime he was pleased with the warm night and the  
 still more pleasing company of his water brother. 9.509851941930114  
 10659. i'll switch on the underwater lights. 4.98254549585643  
 10660. that'll be plenty to eat by. 9.670406878971576  
 10661. mike liked having light up through the ripples; it was a goodness  
 beauty. 7.267122619102895  
 10662. they picnicked by the pool then lay back on the grass and looked  
 at stars. 9.730990650855384  
 10663. it is mars isn't it? 27.114282721940036  
 10664. or antares? 21.155649925121566  
 10665. it is mars. 36.00803266626256  
 10666. mike? 19.804021762487697  
 10667. what are they doing on mars? 7.622507342753323  
 10668. he hesitated; the question was too wide for the sparse  
 english language. 9.592132658614503  
 10669. on the side toward the horizon- the southern hemisphere- it is  
 spring; plants are being taught to grow. 6.393932997153159  
 10670. 'taught to grow'? 13.148092146312546  
 10671. he hesitated. 12.292407525564322  
 10672. larry teaches plants to grow. 10.472119682746735  
 10673. but my people- martians i mean; i now grok you are my people-  
 teach plants another way. 6.478669021782826  
 10674. in the other hemisphere it is growing colder and nymphs those  
 who stayed alive through the summer are being brought into nests for  
 quickening and more growing. 8.178782410630626  
 10675. of the humans we left at the equator one has disincorporated and  
 the others are sad. 7.814769178457865  
 10676. yes i heard it in the news. 13.26959208979501  
 10677. mike had not heard it; he had not known it until asked.  
 6.323833855253015  
 10678. they should not be sad. 25.794544051780168  
 10679. mr booker t w jones food technician first class is not sad; the  
 old ones have cherished him. 5.899583550538197  
 10680. he had his own face dark and beautiful. 17.062674567850294  
 10681. oh dear! mike how do you ever get homesick? 7.674607905193737  
 10682. for mars? 26.043761833710224  
 10683. at first i was homesick he answered. 7.738906147426005  
 10684. he rolled toward her and took her in his arms. 8.196044167676531  
 10685. but now i am not lonely. 15.343289009395573

10686. i grok i shall never be lonely again. 11.901001831990433  
10687. mike darling- they kissed and went on kissing. 7.14162538120728  
10688. presently his water brother said breathlessly.  
12.778969895512995  
10689. oh my! that was almost worse than the first time.  
7.259083843395202  
10690. you are all right my brother? 17.799652589239614  
10691. yes. 15.610129252044759  
10692. a long time later by cosmic clock she said mike?  
14.462381231847532  
10693. is that- i mean 'do you know'- i know. 8.819386396683496  
10694. it is for growing closer. 34.101075985686876  
10695. well h i've been ready a long time- goodness we all have but h  
never mind dear; turn just a little. 5.510318087248114  
10696. as they merged grokking together mike said softly and  
triumphantly: thou art god. 9.825365907322965  
10697. her answer was not in words. 9.707775903539014  
10698. then as their grokking made them ever closer and mike felt  
himself almost ready to disincorporate her voice called him back: oh! h  
oh! thou art god! wegrok god. 6.412522996181235  
10699. on mars humans were building pressure domes for the male and  
female party that would arrive by next ship. 6.482950835391445  
10700. thiswent faster than scheduled as the martians were helpful.  
8.196044167676531  
10701. part of the time saved was spent on a preliminary estimate for a  
long-distance plan to free bound oxygen in the sands of mars to make  
the planet more friendly to future human generations. 5.837069178973483  
10702. the old ones neither helped nor hindered this plan; time was not  
yet. 9.814261381964235  
10703. their meditations were approaching a violent cusp that would  
shape martian art for many millennia. 6.0499009441942295  
10704. on earth elections continued and a very advanced poet published a  
limited edition of verse consisting entirely of punctuation marks and  
spaces; time magazine reviewed it and suggested that the federation  
assembly daily record should be translated into the medium.  
6.295968853380908  
10705. a colossal campaign opened to sell more sexual organs of plants  
and mrs joseph douglas was quoted as saying: i would no more sit down  
without flowers on my table than without serviettes. 4.906150919746423  
10706. a tibetan swami from palermo sicily announced in beverly hills  
a newly discovered ancient yoga discipline for ripple breathing which  
increased both pranha and cosmic attraction between sexes.  
6.975146640763646  
10707. his chelas were required to assume the matsyendra posture  
dressed in hand-woven diapers while he read aloud from rig-veda and an  
assistant guru examined their purses in another room- nothing was  
stolen; the purpose was less immediate. 4.810457141890152  
10708. the president of the united states proclaimed the first sunday  
in november as national grandmothers' day and urged america to  
say it with flowers. 11.519204592431944  
10709. a funeral parlor chain was indicted for price-cutting.  
8.023923068000494  
10710. fosterite bishops after secret conclave announced the church's  
second major miracle: supreme bishop digby had been translated bodily  
to heaven and spot-promoted to archangel ranking with-but-after  
archangel foster. 6.046219493410928  
10711. the glorious news had been held up pending heavenly  
confirmation of the elevation of a new supreme bishop huey short- a  
candidate accepted by the boone faction after lots had been cast  
repeatedly. 5.3116668516122525

10712. l'unita and hoy published identical denunciations of short's elevation l'osservatore romano and the christian science monitor ignored it times of india snickered at it and the manchester guardian simply reported it- the fosterites in england were few but extremely militant. 5.8091401848612625

10713. digby was not pleased with his promotion. 7.14162538120728

10714. the man from mars had interrupted him with his work half finished- and that stupid jackass short was certain to louse it up. 6.328375638842273

10715. foster listened with angelic patience until digby ran down then said listen junior you're an angel now- so forget it. 5.15576524365156

10716. eternity is no time for recriminations. 10.472119682746735

10717. you too were a stupid jackass until you poisoned me. 8.498258318368384

10718. afterwards you did well enough. 10.472119682746735

10719. now that short is supreme bishop he'll do all right he can't help it. 7.381131313890214

10720. same as with the popes. 12.904760905460407

10721. some of them were warts until they got promoted. 14.894614155375903

10722. check with one of them go ahead- there's no professional jealousy here. 8.597539841999144

10723. digby calmed down but made one request. 7.14162538120728

10724. you can't touch him. 10.132095952869534

10725. you shouldn't have tried to. 13.44371259307425

10726. oh you can submit a requisition for a miracle if you want to make a fool of yourself. 10.583134193036019

10727. but i'm telling you it'll be turned down- you don't understand the system yet. 7.144332561680589

10728. the martians have their own setup different from ours and as long as they need him we can't touch him. 9.398668714714095

10729. they run their show their way- the universe has variety something for everybody- a fact you field workers often miss. 5.806893583481489

10730. you mean this punk can brush me aside and i've got to hold still for it? 7.032105024464237

10731. i held still for the same thing didn't i? 12.398026735304922

10732. i'm helping you now am i not? 9.060328853487057

10733. now look there's work to be done and lots of it. 7.779335544175993

10734. the boss wants performance not gripes. 12.435529358277208

10735. if you need a day off to calm down duck over to the muslim paradise and take it. 7.61185968612517

10736. otherwise straighten your halo square your wings and dig in. 9.293162213147937

10737. the sooner you act like an angel the quicker you'll feel angelic. 6.817408452020724

10738. get happy junior! digby heaved a deep ethereal sigh. 9.228466373617696

10739. where do i start? 13.779044544304579

10740. jubal did not hear of digby's disappearance when it was announced and when he did while he had a fleeting suspicion he dismissed it; if mike had had a finger in it he had gotten away with it- and what happened to supreme bishops worried jubal not at all as long as he wasn't bothered. 7.187436000435433

10741. his household had gone through an upset. 8.100034263261762

10742. jubal deduced what had happened but did not know with whom- and didn't want to inquire. 7.7863138642745255



10743. mike was of legal age and presumed able to defend himself in the clinches. 5.674295354649883  
10744. anyhow it was high time the boy was salted. 9.32077175195465  
10745. jubal couldn't reconstruct the crime from the way the girls behaved because patterns kept shifting- abc vs d then bcd vs a h or ab vs cd or ad vs cb through all ways that four women can gang up on each other. 5.007799260061334  
10746. this continued most of the week following that ill-starred trip to church during which period mike stayed in his room and usually in a trance so deep that jubal would have pronounced him dead had he not seen it before. 6.8415633708662975  
10747. jubal would not have minded it if service had not gone to pieces. 6.8487660326918665  
10748. the girls seemed to spend half their time tiptoeing in to see if mike was all right and they were too preoccupied to cook much less be secretaries. 8.172984359896788  
10749. even rock-steady anne- hell anne was the worst! absent-minded subject to unexplained tearsh jubal would have bet his life that if anne were to witness the second coming she would memorize date time personae events and barometric pressure without batting her calm blue eyes. 4.654404053973777  
10750. the expense and time involved are astronomical. 15.37373384855785  
10751. however we sent a third vessel out a much smaller and faster one than the first two. 6.906128545742077  
10752. we have learned much about interstellar drives since a hundred years ago; that is all i can tell you about them. 6.875298304288526  
10753. but the third ship came back several years ago and reported h that it had found a planet on which human beings could live and which was already inhabited by sentient beings! said hal forgetting in his enthusiasm that he had not been asked to speak. 5.958104489456173  
10754. macneff stopped pacing to stare at hal with his pale blue eyes. 7.615092762846159  
10755. how did you know? 19.254026956884726  
10756. he said sharply. 35.485283191076476  
10757. forgive me sandalphon said hal. 9.118533821976325  
10758. but it was inevitable! did not the forerunner predict in his time and the world line that such a planet would be found? 11.430141241607075  
10759. i believe it was on page 573! macneff smiled and said i am glad that your scriptural lessons have left such an impression. 5.418854009719454  
10760. how could they not? 20.754207695001554  
10761. thought hal. 12.292407525564322  
10762. besides they were not the only impressions. 13.290152026153214  
10763. i still bear scars on my back where pornsen my gapt whipped me because i had not learned my lessons well enough. 6.079890685916713  
10764. he was a good impresser that pornsen. 20.671395827884076  
10765. was? 15.610129252044759  
10766. is! as i grew older and was promoted so was he always where i was. 7.198778874655976  
10767. he was my gapt in the creche. 10.776005861178222  
10768. he was the dormitory gapt when i went to college and thought i was getting away from him. 9.57308635264569  
10769. he is now my block gapt. 19.67510719041467  
10770. he is the one responsible for my getting such low m r's. 15.79575104286616  
10771. swiftly came the revulsion the protest. 7.622507342753323  
10772. no not he for i and i alone am responsible for whatever happens to me. 7.979643700582811

10773. if i get a low m r i do so because i want it that way or my  
 dark self does. 6.585818007077786  
 10774. if i die i die because i willed it so. 12.781233928239018  
 10775. so forgive me sigmen for the contrary-to-reality thoughts!  
 please pardon me again sandalphon said hal. 6.566375660587496  
 10776. but did the expedition find any records of the forerunner  
 having been on this planet? 8.741314683746015  
 10777. perhaps even though this is too much to wish find the  
 forerunner himself? 7.594643982287583  
 10778. no said macneff. 19.760916551105623  
 10779. though that does not mean that there may not be such records  
 there. 7.564520033479743  
 10780. the expedition was under orders to make a swift survey of  
 conditions and then to return to earth. 9.153824850745861  
 10781. i can't tell you now the distance in lightyears or what star  
 this was though you can see it with the naked eye at night in this  
 hemisphere. 4.969723932498112  
 10782. if you volunteer you will be told where you're going after the  
 ship leaves. 12.44786035053452  
 10783. and it leaves very soon. 16.876262121443325  
 10784. you need a linguist? 13.148092146312546  
 10785. said hal. 17.401135049171184  
 10786. the ship is huge saidmacneff but the number of military men and  
 specialists we are taking limits the linguists to one. 8.947529095868312  
 10787. we have considered several of your professionals because they  
 were lamechians and above suspicion. 8.03948294732158  
 10788. unfortunately h hal waited: macneff paced some more frowning.  
 8.581436094141479  
 10789. then he said unfortunately only one lamechian linguist exists and  
 he is too old for this expedition. 7.992885081129845  
 10790. therefore h a thousand pardons said hal. 10.736049194446608  
 10791. but i have just thought of one thing. 18.29819550328225  
 10792. no problem at all said macneff. 13.484377447423066  
 10793. there will be no women aboard the gabriel. 19.494498604946124  
 10794. and if a man is married he will automatically be given a divorce.  
 9.358154751973185  
 10795. hal gasped and he said a divorce? 10.001807622962554  
 10796. macneff raised his hands apologetically and said you are  
 horrified of course. 7.615092762846159  
 10797. but from our reading of the western talmud we urielites  
 believe that the forerunner knowing this situation would arise made  
 reference to and provision for divorce. 6.8197853079348665  
 10798. it's inevitable in this case for the couple will be separated  
 for at the least forty years. 4.447768971936297  
 10799. naturally he couched the provision in obscure language.  
 7.14162538120728  
 10800. in his great and glorious wisdom he knew that our enemies the  
 israelites must not be able to read therein what we planned.  
 8.710909315912243  
 10801. tell me more sandalphon. 9.588202614397494  
 10802. six months later hal yarrow stood in the observation dome of  
 the gabriel and watched the ball of earth dwindle above him.  
 7.145164081717731  
 10803. it was night on this hemisphere but the light blazed from the  
 megalopolises of australia japan china southeast asia india siberia.  
 7.16567459221874  
 10804. hal the linguist saw the glittering discs and necklaces in  
 terms of the languages spoken therein. 8.886042952771371

10805. australia the philippine islands japan and northern china were inhabited by those members of the haijac union that spoke american. 5.7271862127835895

10806. southern china all of southeast asia southern india and ceylon these states of the malay federation spoke bazaar. 6.904123578213819

10807. his mind turned the globe swiftly for him and he visualized africa which used swahili south of the sahara sea. 6.615385214502506

10808. all around the mediterranean sea asia minor northern india and tibet hebrew was the native tongue. 7.853634057958918

10809. in southern europe between the israeli republics and the icelandic-speaking peoples of northern europe was a thin but long stretch of territory called march. 4.958070100322966

10810. this was no man's land disputed by the haijac union and the israeli republic a potential source of war for the last two hundred years. 7.6411475967317

10811. neither nation would give up their claim on it yet neither wished to make any move that might lead to a second apocalyptic war. 6.322589208182508

10812. so for all practical purposes it was an independent nation and by now had its own organized government. 9.297560076463489

10813. its citizens spoke all of the world's surviving tongues plus a new one called lingo a pidgin whose vocabulary was derived from the other six and whose syntax was so simple it could be contained on half a sheet of paper. 4.81109560617958

10814. hal saw in his mind the rest of earth: iceland greenland the caribbean islands and the eastern half of south america. 6.44893033609597

10815. here the peoples spoke the tongue of iceland because that island had gotten the jump on the hawaiian-americans who were busy resettling north america and the western half of south america after the apocalyptic war. 5.77612605009306

10816. then there was north america where american was the native speech of all except the twenty descendants of french-canadians living on the hudson bay preserve. 6.221143152558621

10817. hal knew that when that side of earth rotated into the night zone sigmen city would blaze out into space. 5.083242045036259

10818. and somewhere in that enormous light was his apartment. 10.287421266955633

10819. but mary would soon no longer be living there for she would be notified in a few days that her husband had died in an accident while on a flight to tahiti. 5.599908064302229

10820. she would weep in private he was sure for she loved him in her frigid way though in public she would be dry-eyed. 7.383559575995673

10821. her friends and professional associates would sympathize with her not because she had lost a beloved husband but because she had been married to a man who thought unrealistically. 5.202300107616343

10822. if hal yarrow had been killed in a crash he must have wanted it that way. 9.216615257228089

10823. there was no such thing as an accident. 31.51399156488887

10824. somehow all the other passengers have died in this web of elaborate frauds to cover up the disappearance had simultaneously agreed to die. 7.399997117206211

10825. and therefore being in disgrace they would not be cremated and their ashes flung to the winds in public ceremony. 6.63161347574479

10826. no the fish could eat their bodies for all the sturch cared. 10.049405630952123

10827. hal felt sorry for mary; he had a time keeping the tears from welling to his own eyes as he stood in the crowd in the observation dome. 5.571891459712226

10828. yet he told himself this was the best way. 11.45981022323534

10829. he and mary would no longer have to tear and rend at each other; their mutual torture would be over. 6.585403889684707  
10830. mary was free to marry again not knowing that the sturch had secretly given her a divorce thinking that death had dissolved her marriage. 6.717792787651652  
10831. she would have a year in which to make up her mind to choose a mate from a list selected by her gapt. 7.356479223090401  
10832. perhaps the psychological barriers that had prevented her from conceiving hal's child would no longer be present. 8.645068462809599  
10833. hal doubted if this happy event would occur. 7.14162538120728  
10834. mary was as frozen below the navel as he. 8.892172105014772  
10835. no matter who the candidate for marriage selected by the gapt h the gapt. 9.010102772692655  
10836. he would no longer have to see that fat face hear that whining voice h hal yarrow! said the whining voice. 10.004458941426464  
10837. and slowly feeling himself icy yet burning hal turned. 8.108856755126041  
10838. there was the squat loose-jowled man smiling lopsidedly up at him. 16.83937934090461  
10839. my beloved ward my perennial gadfly said the whining voice. 7.095994055561842  
10840. i had no idea that you too would be on this glorious voyage. 11.005023618795416  
10841. but i might have known! we seem to be bound by love; sigmen himself must have foreseen it. 8.22349001756726  
10842. love to you my ward. 10.983477020546593  
10843. sigmen love you too my guardian said hal choking. 6.460370037324521  
10844. how wonderful to see your cherished self. 9.670406878971576  
10845. i had thought we would never again speak to each other. 9.323688320053892  
10846. the gabriel pointed towards her destination and under one-gee acceleration began to build up towards her ultimate velocity 99. 7.48837548295765  
10847. 1 percent of the speed of light. 12.21476784965131  
10848. meanwhile all the personnel except those few needed to carry out the performance of the ship went into the suspensor. 7.2824623277407525  
10849. here they would lie in suspended animation for many years. 9.541021300868657  
10850. some time later after a check had been made of all automatic equipment the crew would join the others. 9.952496417846513  
10851. they would sleep while the gabriel's drive would increase the acceleration to a point which the unfrozen bodies of the personnel could not have endured. 6.463467907489391  
10852. upon reaching the desired speed the automatic equipment would cut off the drive and the silent but not empty vessel would hurl towards the star which was its journey's end. 6.350370199731661  
10853. many years later the photon-counting apparatus in the nose of the ship would determine that the star was close enough to actuate deceleration. 6.345892447065436  
10854. again a force too strong for unfrozen bodies to endure would be applied. 8.363747787044698  
10855. then after slowing the vessel considerably the drive would adjust to a one-gee deceleration. 6.679996801724873  
10856. and the crew would be automatically brought out of their suspended animation. 11.407704029517989  
10857. these members would then unthaw the rest of the personnel. 10.78959546031297

10858. and in the half-year left before reaching their destination the men would carry out whatever preparations were needed.  
10.125848877460767

10859. hal yarrow was among the last to go into the suspensor and among the first to come out. 6.6133398397231105

10860. he had to study the recordings of the language of the chief nation of ozagen siddo. 13.174267852371106

10861. and from the first he faced a difficult task. 11.4822246633842

10862. the expedition that had discovered ozagen had succeeded in correlating two thousand siddo words with an equal number of american words. 7.89731643363319

10863. the description of the siddo syntax was very restricted.  
8.341215694113531

10864. and as hal found out obviously mistaken in many cases.  
12.33523252385319

10865. this discovery caused hal anxiety. 11.309843967689007

10866. his duty was to write a school text and to teach the entire personnel of the gabriel how to speak ozagen. 8.10870657293274

10867. yet if he used all of the little means at his disposal he would be instructing his students wrongly. 6.623002916648006

10868. moreover even getting this across would be difficult.  
10.514280166105873

10869. for one thing the organs of speech of the ozagen natives differed somewhat from earthmen's; the sounds made by these organs were therefore dissimilar. 7.246196728979406

10870. it was true that they could be approximated but would the ozagenians understand these approximations? 13.513578749536904

10871. another obstacle was the grammatical construction of siddo. 7.14162538120728

10872. instead of inflecting a verb or using an unattached particle to indicate the past or future siddo used an entirely different word.  
8.97061060664233

10873. thus the masculine animate infinitive dabhumaksanigalu'ahai meaning to live was in the perfect tense ksu'u'peli'afo and in the future mai'teipa. 7.490544664083626

10874. the same use of an entirely different word applied for all the other tenses. 11.74086542457542

10875. plus the fact that siddo not only had the normal three genders of masculine feminine and neuter but the two extra of inanimate and spiritual. 4.903693293796623

10876. fortunately gender was inflected though the expression of it would be difficult for anybody not born in siddo. 7.738106859483177

10877. the system of indicating gender varied according to tense.  
8.341215694113531

10878. all the other parts of speech: nouns pronouns adjectives adverbs and conjunctions operated under the same system as the verbs.  
7.98292226510367

10879. this was not for the angel just a matter of running through a logical or deductive chain or deciding on some action from some already established premise. 6.783491024342418

10880. no doubt the angels could do that kind of thing as fast as any computer. 11.113688151867496

10881. what gabriel was being asked to do now however was to re-examine all his basic assumptions make value-judgments on them and give them new and different powers in his mind to govern his motives.  
5.139461289280905

10882. this is not wholly a reasoning process- a computer cannot do it all- and even in an angel it takes time. 10.850633196868232

10883. perhaps especially in an angel whose assumptions had mostly been  
being reasonably sure of thereason for the long pause however did  
not make it seem any less long to jack. 5.623452495899517  
10884. he had already become used to hesperus' snapping back answers  
to questions almost before jack could get them asked.  
8.725284242937896  
10885. there was nothing he could do but wait. 8.923219809040408  
10886. at last gabriel spoke. 13.148092146312546  
10887. we misjudged you he said slowly. 10.717432709549398  
10888. we had concluded that no race as ephemeral as yours could have had  
time to develop a sense of justice. 9.411182198381992  
10889. of course we have before us the example of the great races at the  
galactic center; individually they are nearly as mortal as you- the  
difference does not seem very marked to us where it exists.  
5.808033151720827  
10890. but they have survived for long periods as races whereas you are  
young. 12.35026672032372  
10891. we shall recommend to them that they shorten your trial period by  
half. 7.970495892540978  
10892. for now it is clear that we were in the wrong.  
12.372623381612586  
10893. you may reclaim your property and the penalty on hesperus is  
lifted. 9.242266870568722  
10894. i did not perceive this essential distinction either first-born  
hesperus said at once i was only practicing a concept that jack  
taught me called a deal. 6.602504042024367  
10895. nevertheless you were its agent. 11.11483049001212  
10896. jack what is the nature of this concept? 13.86513856163982  
10897. it's a kind of agreement in which each party gives something  
to the other jack said. 5.542917982132687  
10898. we regard it as fair only when each party feels that what he has  
received is as valuable or more valuable than what he has given.  
6.889256769405176  
10899. his heart he discovered was pounding. 9.235400264666348  
10900. for instance hesperus agreed to help me find my property and i  
agreed to take him to earth. 7.513561455654996  
10901. between individuals this process is called bargaining.  
10.075132092453119  
10902. when it is done between races or nations it is called making a  
treaty. 12.247404281143323  
10903. and the major part of my mission to your nest is to make a  
treaty between your race and mine. 7.484009081100845  
10904. recovering the property was much less important.  
9.670406878971576  
10905. and apparently impossible. 12.292407525564322  
10906. though it might be that we would have much to give you you have  
nothing to give us. 11.094116013052464  
10907. hesperus and lucifer jack said show that we do. 6.764147616291221  
10908. another pause; but this one was not nearly as long.  
10.904068427512161  
10909. then it is a matter of pleasure; of curiosity; of a more alive  
time. 14.373985640214492  
10910. yes those could be commodities under this concept.  
10.889027716785424  
10911. but you should understand jack that hesperus and lucifer are not  
long out of the nursery. 8.283635008922003  
10912. visiting the earth would not be an offering of worth to those of  
us who are older. 10.78831962583174  
10913. this explained a great deal. 11.309843967689007

10914. all the more reason then jack said why we must have a treaty.  
14.397144668987599

10915. we will gladly entertain your young and give them proper living quarters in return for their help in running our fusion reactors.  
6.558752098367788

10916. but we must know if this is in accordance with your customs and must have your agreement they will not misuse the power we put in their hands to our hurt. 7.953229150945037

10917. but this simply requires that they behave in accordance with the dictates of their own natures and respect yours in turn.  
7.717408201811601

10918. to this we of course agree. 16.190745095301136

10919. jack felt a wave of complete elation but in a second it had vanished without a trace. 5.8816751717433835

10920. what gabriel was asking was that mankind forego all its parochial moral judgments and contract to let the angels serve on earth as it is in heaven regardless of the applicable earth laws.  
7.601954052211928

10921. the angels in turn would exercise similar restraints in respect for the natural preferences and natures of the earthmen- but they had no faintest notion of man's perverse habit of passing and enforcing laws which were contrary to his own preferences and violations of his nature. 5.045119849433976

10922. the simple treaty principle that gabriel was asking him to ratify in short was nothing less than total trust. 8.901660027869564

10923. and it might be considering the uncomfortable custom the angels had of thinking of everything in terms of absolutes that the proposal of anything less might well amount instead to something like a declaration of war. 5.854493217679945

10924. furthermore even the highly trained law clerk who was a part of jack's total make-up could not understand how the principle could ever be codified. 6.921684858431951

10925. almost the whole experience of mankind pointed toward suspicion not trust as the safest and sanest attitude toward all outsiders.  
5.629028301924947

10926. yet there was some precedent for it. 14.319941035478317

10927. the history of disarmament agreements for instance had been unreassuringly dismal; but the united states and the union of soviet socialist republics nevertheless did eventually agree on an atomic bomb test ban and a sort of provisional acceptance of each other's good intentions on this limited question. 6.002904610295051

10928. out of that agreement though not by any easy road eventually emerged the present world hegemony of the united nations; suspicion between member states still existed but it was of about the same low order of virulence as the twentieth-century rivalry between arizona and california over water supplies. 7.427094716615564

10929. besides agreements in principle with the petty details to be thrashed out later were commonplace in diplomatic history.  
5.326519577128725

10930. the trouble with them was that they almost never worked and in fact an agreement in principle historically turned out to be a sure sign that neither party really wanted the quarrel settled.  
8.646848205708821

10931. suppose that this onewere to work? 9.127449882314659

10932. there was no question in jack's mind of the goodfaith on one side at least. 16.012429851565877

10933. if mankind could be convinced of that h it was worth trying.  
7.88257437762797

10934. in fact it had to be tried. 24.98576663201377

10935. it would be at once the most tentative and most final treaty that earth had ever signed. 7.950739728011832  
10936. secretary hart had taught jack at least partially to be content with small beginnings in all diplomatic matters; but there was no small way to handle this one. 7.002504151625705  
10937. he turned back to the screens the crucial conclusive phrase on his lips. 7.9256312140364  
10938. but he was too late. 27.657270061307578  
10939. he had lost his audience. 15.6306526737611  
10940. for a moment he could make no sense at all of what he saw. 13.883206222786983  
10941. it seemed to be only a riot of color light and meaningless activity. 11.848590042306634  
10942. gradually he realized that the pentagon of angel elders had vanished and that the ritual learning dance of the nursery had been broken up. 7.334172383305516  
10943. the angels in the nursery were zigzagging wildly in all directions seemingly at random. 0.0  
10944. hesperus! what's going on here? 11.568363037656766  
10945. what's happened? 8.401180936029741  
10946. your brothers have been found. 11.568363037656766  
10947. they are on their way here. 17.082094893376148  
10948. where? 19.804021762487697  
10949. i don't see them. 6.084341628539399  
10950. the instruments don't show them. 13.848082117783294  
10951. you can't see them yet jack. 6.367225191385647  
10952. they'll be in range in a short while. 6.6289753843903  
10953. jack scanned the skies the boards and the skies again. 6.547479639170025  
10954. no- there was a tiny pip on the radar; and it was getting bigger rapidly. 8.251252432117036  
10955. if that was the skiff it was making unprecedented speed. 0.0  
10956. then the skiff hove into sight just a dot of light at first against the roiling blackness and crimson streaks of the coal sack. 7.280158286512424  
10957. through the telescope jack could see that both spacesuits were still attached to it. 7.129445514922139  
10958. the sail was still unfurled though there were a good many holes in it as langer had predicted would be the case by now. 7.918613288279828  
10959. it was a startling almost numinous sight; but even more awesome was the fact that it was trailing an enormous comet's-tail of angels. 10.4567288281964  
10960. the skiff was not heading for the nursery however. 10.582206877639416  
10961. it seemed unlikely that her crew if either of them were alive could even see the ariadne for they were passing her at a distance of nearly a light-year. 5.9127764110214756  
10962. and there would be no chance of signaling them- without the nernst generator jack could not send a call powerful enough to get through all the static and by the time he could rebuild his fusion power the skiff would be gone. 7.416799495565291  
10963. fuming helpless he watched them pass him. 7.14162538120728  
10964. the sail ragged though it was still had enough surface to catch some of the ocean of power being poured out from the nursery stars. 7.887739882487606  
10965. he would never have believed without seeing it that the bizarre little vessel could go so fast. 8.729608424786454  
10966. but where was it going? 19.49450951439212



10967. and why was it causing so much agitation among the angels and being followed by so many of them? 7.812252363792124

10968. there was only one possible answer but jack's horrified mind refused to believe it until he had fed the radar plots of the skiff's course into the computer. 6.400585945516949

10969. the curve on the card the computer spat back at him couldn't be argued with however. 6.196120048044738

10970. the skiff was headed for the very center of the nebula- toward that place which jack knew now could hold nothing less important than the very core of the angel's life and religion. 7.749943859944991

10971. it was clear that langer had at last found a way to attract the angel's attention. 11.43902686201217

10972. it was equally clear that as of this moment the treaty was off. 11.455245618923785

10973. langer would have to be headed off whether he knew where he was going or not. 10.264992231772533

10974. almost surely he did; after all he had had the same set of facts as jack had had to work from and he was an almost frighteningly observant man. 6.333234254760902

10975. but not having talked to the angels he had made a wrong turn in his reasoning somewhere along the line. 7.905415341781941

10976. had he decided perhaps that the center of the cloud was a center of government instead of a center of life and faith? 9.410730226673008

10977. but it didn't matter now whether he meant to invade the holy of holies or was simply headed in that direction by accident. 5.719618084621793

10978. if it was intentional it was now also unnecessary; and whether intentional or not the outcome would be disastrous. 6.748510665599446

10979. jack crawled under the boards and restored the six feet of lead line he had excised from the nernst generator switch. 5.121869688821158

10980. when he was back on his feet again and about to reinstall the fuses however he hesitated. 10.637525725885334

10981. he had to have fusion power to catch up with the skiff and he had to have it fast. 8.713290499555995

10982. but fusion power in the coal sack was what had triggered all the trouble in the first place- and he already had an angel aboard. 8.520910618568008

10983. i'm going to turn my generator back on as i promised to do. 5.825820622377272

10984. but i can't take you to earth yet. 16.239762984882013

10985. first i've got to intercept my brothers before they get any deeper into trouble. 6.511591705507893

10986. will you obstruct this or will you help? 11.775292123015198

10987. i know it's not part of the bargain and your elders might not like it. 8.546495096048107

10988. nobody else can live in your hearth while i am in it hesperus said promptly. 7.78190563939677

10989. as for my elders they have already admitted that they were wrong. 9.42680368706412

10990. if because of this incident they become angry with earth i will not be permitted to go there at all. 8.856021111336474

10991. therefore of course i will help. 10.886199914602827

10992. with a short-lived sigh of relief jack plugged the fuses back in and threw the switch. 7.032105024464237

10993. without an instant's transition the green light that meant full fusion power winked on the board. 5.771383279736075

10994. always before it had taken five minutes to- of course. 8.362327575108047

10995. fromhere on out the ariadne was going to be hotter than any space  
cruiser man had ever dreamed of. 6.320077487249449

10996. but since he had failed to anticipate it he lost the five minutes  
anyhow in plotting an intercept orbit. 9.409014824555035

10997. hesperus don't use this t-tau vector trick of yours please.  
6.460370037324521

10998. ryan hefted his bulk up and supported it on one elbow.  
7.615092762846159

10999. he rubbed his eyes sleepily with one huge paw. 9.026368296067464

11000. ekstrohm nogol you guys okay? 11.568363037656766

11001. nothing wrong with me that couldn't be cured nogol said.  
8.397368370591282

11002. he didn't say what would cure him; he had been explaining all  
during the trip what he needed to make him feel like himself.  
6.737496598911188

11003. his small black eyes darted inside the olive oval of his face.  
6.352670641660905

11004. well let's take a ground-level look at the country around  
here. 11.588680584333435

11005. the facsiport rolled open on the landscape. 8.976097203071156

11006. a range of bluffs hugged the horizon the color of decaying  
moss. 10.601977221576893

11007. above them the sky was the black of space or the almost equal  
black of the winter sky above minneapolis seen against neon-lit snow.  
5.636038071104872

11008. that cold empty sky was full of fire and light.  
10.44343699232173

11009. it seemed almost a magnification of the galaxy itself of the  
milky way blown up by some master photographer. 7.5397878010045

11010. this fiery swath was actually only a belt of minor planets  
almost like the asteroid belt in the original solar system.  
8.215843633134716

11011. these planets were much bigger nearly all capable of holding  
an atmosphere. 6.002446559592496

11012. but to the infuriation of scientists for no known reason not all  
of them did. 10.928600126034778

11013. this would be the fifth mapping expedition to the planetoids of  
yancy-6 in three generations. 9.177731967121193

11014. they lay months away from the nearest earth star by jump drive and  
no one knew what they were good for although it was felt that they  
would probably be good for something if it could only be discovered-  
much like the continent of antarctica in ancient history.  
7.678909076855233

11015. how can a planet with so many neighbors be so lonely?  
8.911879279033903

11016. ryan asked. 15.594944937291627

11017. he was the captain so he could ask questions like that.  
10.743926260935995

11018. some can be lonely in a crowd nogol said elaborately.  
9.584783452671674

11019. what will we need outside ryan? 10.34648963827048

11020. ekstrohm asked. 15.594944937291627

11021. no helmets the captain answered. 10.628794361170721

11022. we can breathe out there all right. 15.139777690503488

11023. it just won't be easy. 14.93623902024112

11024. this old world lost all of its helium and trace gases long ago.  
9.082686404028868

11025. nitrogen and oxygen are about it. 8.254441635698543

11026. ryan look over there nogol said. 10.472119682746735

11027. think they're intelligent maybe hostile? 11.430068883054222

11028. i think they're dead ekstrohminterjected quietly.  
19.061703932371586

11029. i get no readings from them at all. 9.169644675936961

11030. sonic electronic galvanic- all blank. 11.568363037656766

11031. according to these needles they're stone dead.  
12.002787321537234

11032. ekstrohm you and i will have a look ryan said. 12.62526755829106

11033. you hold down the fort nogol. 11.823504411807077

11034. easy nogol confirmed.14.027712197458941

11035. i heard a story once about a rookie who got excited when the captain stepped outside and he couldn't get an encephalographic reading on him. 5.630248229889276

11036. me i know the mind of an officer works in a strange and unfathomable manner. 7.737926519342896

11037. i'm not worried about you mis-reading the dials nogol just about a lug like you reading them at all. 5.236383152695367

11038. remember when the little hand is straight up that's negative.  
9.705268617267441

11039. positive results start when it goes towards the hand you use to make your mark. 5.821849765783676

11040. ryan told him what he could do then. 10.94873513418626

11041. ekstrohm smiled and followed the captain through the airlock with only a glance at the lapel gauge on his coverall. 5.391783373294707

11042. the strong negative field his suit set up would help to repel bacteria and insects. 8.174413315489243

11043. actually the types of infection that could attack a warm-blooded mammal were not infinite and over the course of the last few hundred years adequate defenses had been found for all basic categories.  
5.969651984732209

11044. he wasn't likely to come down with hot chills and puzzling striped fever. 10.00708833805685

11045. they ignored the ladder down to the planet surface and with only a glance at the seismological gauge to judge surface resistance dropped to the ground. 5.95426293446165

11046. it was day but in the thin atmosphere contrasts were sharp between light and shadow. 13.012007510586653

11047. they walked from midnight to noon noon to midnight and came to the beast sprawled on its side. 7.446409008128629

11048. ekstrohm nudged it with a boot. 11.417277206425638

11049. hey this is pretty close to a wart-hog. 7.14162538120728

11050. one of the best matches i've ever found.  
18.702622605902395

11051. well it has to happen. 14.387055325262873

11052. still it sometimes gives you a creepy feeling to find a rabbit or a snapping turtle on some strange world. 8.314697679054335

11053. it makes you wonder if this exploration business isn't all some big joke and somebody has been everywhere before you even started.  
6.267346744067786

11054. the surveyor looked sidewise at the captain. 9.670406878971576

11055. the big man seldom gave out with such thoughts.9.058583833820324

11056. what shall we do with this one? 13.126227377958582

11057. dissect it? 12.292407525564322

11058. ryan nudged it with his toe following ekstrohm's example.  
8.581436094141479

11059. it sure as hell doesn't look like any dominant intelligent species to me. 8.132629406549228

11060. no hands for one thing. 13.484377447423066

11061. of course that's not definite proof. 15.754054259857726

11062. no it isn't ekstrohm said.13.484377447423066

11063. i think we'd better let it lay until we get a clearer picture of  
the ecological setup around here. 6.504485355708924  
11064. in the meantime we might be thinking on the problem all these  
dead beasts represent. 11.611933442411688  
11065. what killed them? 16.035421498336767  
11066. it looks like we did when we made blastdown. 8.196044167676531  
11067. but what about our landing was lethal to the creatures?  
6.460370037324521  
11068. radiation? 19.804021762487697  
11069. ekstrohm suggested. 12.292407525564322  
11070. the planet is very low in radiation from mineral deposits and  
the atmosphere seems to shield out most of the solar output.  
8.745898847204742  
11071. any little dose of radiation might knock off these critters.  
7.524892144125054  
11072. i don't know about that. 6.0964767090762  
11073. maybe it would work the other way. 7.622507342753323  
11074. maybe because they have had virtually no radioactive exposure and  
don't have any r's stored up they could take a lot without harm.  
7.6051683742883025  
11075. then maybe it was the shockwave we set up. 8.20532328403787  
11076. or maybe it's sheer xenophobia. 12.833041965406032  
11077. they curl up and die at the sight of something strange and alien-  
like a spaceship. 6.376876511860498  
11078. at this stage of the game anything could be possible.  
13.400532751372204  
11079. but there's one possibility i particularly don't like.  
8.418897191255065  
11080. and that is? 31.457922823996512  
11081. suppose it was not us that killed these aliens.  
8.167867558607044  
11082. suppose it is something right on the planet native to it.  
9.723644663794278  
11083. i just hope it doesn't work on earthmen too. 10.41765113989062  
11084. these critters went real sudden. 12.678917125559895  
11085. ekstrohm lay in his bunk and thought the camp is quiet.  
6.210871206873012  
11086. the earthmen made camp outside the spaceship. 9.670406878971576  
11087. there was no reason to leave the comfortable quarters inside  
the ship except that faced with a possibility of sleeping on solid  
ground they simply had to get out. 7.394625013199234  
11088. the camp was a cluster of aluminum bubbles ringed with a spyweb  
to alert the earthmen to the approach of any being. 7.34666920488753  
11089. eachman had a bubble to himself privacy after the long period of  
enforced intimacy on board the ship. 5.726173925838508  
11090. ekstrohm lay in his bunk and listened to the sounds of the night  
on yancey-6 138. 8.883013402178744  
11091. there was a keening of wind and a cracking of the frozen ground.  
11.15724393844686  
11092. insects there were on the world but they were frozen solid during  
the night only to revive and thaw in the morning sun. 7.108551420335513  
11093. the bunk he lay on was much more uncomfortable than the  
acceleration couches on board. 6.374057384651866  
11094. yet he knew the others were sleeping more soundly now that they  
had renewed their contact with the matter that had birthed them to  
send them riding high vacuum. 7.4797049856303435  
11095. now there could be an end to pretending. 11.385006813316828  
11096. he threw off the light blanket and swung his feet off the bunk  
to the floor. 9.112998257296404  
11097. there was no longer any need to hide. 8.871998250907023

11098. but what was there to do? 20.19236609887658  
11099. what had changed for him? 13.359616238729945  
11100. he no longer had to lie in his bunk all night his eyes closed  
pretending to sleep. 8.463790579529437  
11101. in privacy he could walk around leave the light on read.  
8.183213117121184  
11102. it was small comfort for insomnia. 21.30159973117459  
11103. some doctors had informed him he was mistaken about this.  
7.555016367052815  
11104. actually they said he did sleep but so shortly and fitfully that  
he forgot. 8.228058686047829  
11105. others admitted he was absolutely correct- he never slept.  
8.519169806948323  
11106. his body processes only slowed down enough for him to dispell  
fatigue poisons. 8.059409733643921  
11107. occasionally he fell into a waking gritty-eyed stupor; but he  
never slept. 6.480693448216934  
11108. naturally he couldn't let his shipmates know this.  
9.562664058756887  
11109. insomnia would ground him from the exploration service on  
physiological if not psychological grounds. 6.527247349132692  
11110. he had to hide it. 25.659219419391817  
11111. over the years he had had buddies in space in whom he thought he  
could confide. 6.973716106968502  
11112. the buddies invariably took advantage of him.  
11.387658710676023  
11113. since he couldn't sleep anyway he might as well stand their  
watches for them or write their reports. 6.596079166598416  
11114. where the hell did he get off threatening to report any laxness  
on their part to the captain? 8.37994952077852  
11115. a man with insomnia had better avoid bad dreams of that kind if  
he knew what was good for him. 6.965294609714713  
11116. ekstrohm had to hide his secret. 9.670406878971576  
11117. in a camp instead of shipboard hiding the secret was easier.  
9.41105084804108  
11118. but the secret itself was just as hard. 15.227354815117762  
11119. ekstrohm picked up a lightweight no-back from the ship's library a  
book by bloch the famous twentieth century expert on sex.  
5.263432701720354  
11120. he scanned a few lines on the social repercussions of a celebrated  
nineteenth century sex murderer but he couldn't seem to concentrate  
on the weighty pontifical ponderous style. 7.134701507884765  
11121. on impulse he flipped up the heat control on his coverall and  
slid back the hatch of the bubble. 6.231299284568089  
11122. ekstrohm walked through the alien glass and looked up at the  
unfamiliar constellations smelling the frozen sterility of the thin air.  
7.338897613321559  
11123. behind him his mates stirred without waking. 9.971796932341148  
11124. ekstrohm was startled in the morning by a banging on the hatch  
of his bubble. 7.898488776977889  
11125. it took him a few seconds to put his thoughts in order and then he  
got up from the bunk where he had been resting sleeplessly.  
7.2192104105912485  
11126. the angry burnt-red face of ryan greeted him.  
11.387658710676023  
11127. okay stormy this isn't the place for fun and games.  
6.210871206873012  
11128. what did you do with them? 15.120916080885502  
11129. do with what? 17.462072214443666  
11130. the dead beasties. 13.148092146312546

11131. all the dead animals laying around the ship. 9.746226610466692  
11132. what are you talking about ryan? 19.147156018699693  
11133. what do you think i did with them? 17.72497555790629  
11134. i don't know. 8.280368894557514  
11135. all i know is that they are gone. 8.961969194380144  
11136. gone? 19.804021762487697  
11137. ekstrohm shouldered his way outside and scanned the veldt.  
6.764147616291221  
11138. there was no ring of animal corpses. 26.84798141185944  
11139. nothing but wispy grass whipping in the keen breeze.  
7.650142392474281  
11140. i'll be damned ekstrohm said. 6.321180167012423  
11141. you are right now buddy. 9.118533821976325  
11142. expe doesn't like anybody mucking up primary evidence.  
9.060328853487057  
11143. where do you get off ryan? 10.044583681921951  
11144. ekstrohm demanded. 19.804021762487697  
11145. why pick me for your patsy? 9.684323749366209  
11146. this has got to be some kind of local phenomenon.  
13.580546355572395  
11147. why accuse a shipmate of being behind this? 8.257640091759392  
11148. listen ekstrohm i want to give you the benefit of every  
doubt. 10.143422291442931  
11149. but you aren't exactly the model of a surveyor you know.  
8.860709006202686  
11150. you've been riding on a pink ticket for six years you know that.  
6.072739869207662  
11151. no ekstrohm said no i didn't know that. 8.17636563921545  
11152. you've been hiding things from me and nogol every jump we've made  
with you. 5.693935231539689  
11153. now comes this! it fits the pattern of secrecy and stealth  
you've been involved in. 7.01750234008083  
11154. what could i do with your lousy dead bodies?  
11.921029140940288  
11155. what would i want with them? 11.381895949116338  
11156. all i know is that you were outside the bubbles last night  
and you were the only sentient being who came in or out of our  
alarm web. 6.364242546740684  
11157. now all the bodies are missing like they got up and walked  
away. 6.713926052561442  
11158. it was not a new experience to ekstrohm. 22.972559927717377  
11159. suspicion wasn't new to him at all. 9.416324377007264  
11160. ryan there are other explanations for the disappearance of the  
bodies. 7.879513779734377  
11161. lookfor them will you? 9.118533821976325  
11162. i give you my word i'm not trying to pull some stupid kind of  
joke or to deliberately foul up the expedition. 7.279247487033728  
11163. take my word can't you? 10.118940873009322  
11164. ryan shook his head. 11.568363037656766  
11165. i don't think i can. 14.392431089066493  
11166. there's still such a thing as mental illness. 5.603364996017602  
11167. you may not be responsible. 10.157270994812965  
11168. don't try anything violent stormy. 11.568363037656766  
11169. i outweigh you fifty pounds and i'm fast for a big man.  
7.920146737168444  
11170. i wasn't planning on jumping you. 12.66615925928101  
11171. why do you have to jump me the first time something goes wrong?  
11.388777584800145  
11172. she lived and was given a name. 9.060328853487057

11173. for her first three vegetable months she waved her crabbed claws kicked weakly with her clubbed feet and enjoyed the usual routine of the infant. 5.439788407572194

11174. she was not alone for there were three other such children in the big city's special nursery. 10.817526684684777

11175. soon they all were removed to central laboratory school where their delicate transformation began. 7.108256989545012

11176. one of the babies died in the initial transferral but of helva's class seventeen thrived in the metal shells. 10.889070611316614

11177. instead of kicking feet helva's neural responses started her wheels; instead of grabbing with hands she manipulated mechanical extensions. 7.017950403160634

11178. as she matured more and more neural synapses would be adjusted to operate other mechanisms that went into the maintenance and running of a space ship. 7.331835168355716

11179. for helva was destined to be the brain half of a scout ship partnered with a man or a woman whichever she chose as the mobile half. 5.836554568500412

11180. she would be among the elite of her kind. 11.557104603852515

11181. her initial intelligence tests registered above normal and her adaptation index was unusually high. 6.183003451448296

11182. as long as her development within her shell lived up to expectations and there were no side-effects from the pituitary tinkering helva would live a rewarding rich and unusual life a far cry from what she would have faced as an ordinary normal being. 6.340392602630257

11183. however no diagram of her brain patterns no early iq tests recorded certain essential facts about helva that central must eventually learn. 5.556304376121015

11184. they would have to bide their official time and see trusting that the massive doses of shell-psychology would suffice her too as the necessary bulwark against her unusual confinement and the pressures of her profession. 5.762497154626007

11185. a ship run by a human brain could not run rogue or insane with the power and resources central had to build into their scout ships. 5.114810761233693

11186. brain ships were of course long past the experimental stages. 8.42590376083644

11187. most babies survived the techniques of pituitary manipulation that kept their bodies small eliminating the necessity of transfers from smaller to larger shells. 5.833942733956985

11188. and very very few were lost when the final connection was made to the control panels of ship or industrial combine. 7.973147204266182

11189. shell people resembled mature dwarfs in size whatever their natal deformities were but the well-oriented brain would not have changed places with the most perfect body in the universe. 5.152621062652346

11190. so for happy years helva scooted around in her shell with her classmates playing such games as stall power-seek studying her lessons in trajectory propulsion techniques computation logistics mental hygiene basic alien psychology philology space history law traffic codes: all the et ceteras that eventually became compounded into a reasoning logical informed citizen. 5.818487943640943

11191. not so obvious to her but of more importance to her teachers helva ingested the precepts of her conditioning as easily as she absorbed her nutrient fluid. 5.657890385526852

11192. she would one day be grateful to the patient drone of the sub-conscious-level instruction. 9.416787766541301

11193. helva's civilization was not without busy do-good associations  
exploring possible inhumanities to terrestrial as well as  
extraterrestrial citizens. 6.401368991752259

11194. one such group got all incensed over shelled children when helva  
was just turning fourteen. 9.147527049952899

11195. when they were forced to central worlds shrugged its shoulders  
arranged a tour of the laboratory schools and set the tour off to a big  
start by showing the members case histories complete with photographs.  
6.779358238818638

11196. very few committees ever looked past the first few photos.  
12.126166407417266

11197. most of their original objections about shells were overridden  
by the relief that these hideous bodies were mercifully concealed.  
7.495733760670601

11198. helva's class was doing fine arts a selective subject in her  
crowded program. 7.391013650626644

11199. she had activated one of her microscopic tools which she would  
later use for minute repairs to various parts of her control panel.  
6.755599647819141

11200. her subject was large- a copy of the last supper- and her  
canvas small- the head of a tiny screw. 8.370717655627091

11201. she had tuned her sight to the proper degree. 9.965850596706412

11202. as she worked she absentmindedly crooned producing a curious  
sound. 12.181076897243338

11203. shell people used their own vocal cords and diaphragms but sound  
issued through microphones rather than mouths. 5.326519577128725

11204. helva's hum then had a curious vibrancy a warm dulcet quality  
even in its aimless chromatic wanderings. 7.082240814220785

11205. why what a lovely voice you have said one of the female visitors.  
8.551945576148809

11206. helva looked up and caught a fascinating panorama of regular dirty  
craters on a flaky pink surface. 6.757567981697296

11207. her hum became a gurgle of surprise. 8.154987146205233

11208. she instinctively regulated her sight until the skin lost its  
cratered look and the pores assumed normal proportions. 7.735353964671092

11209. yes we have quite a few years of voice training madam remarked  
helva calmly. 7.767951575872715

11210. vocal peculiarities often become excessively irritating during  
prolonged intra-stellar distances and must be eliminated.  
8.234678314852948

11211. although this was the first time that helva had seen unshelled  
people she took this experience calmly. 8.436561334441596

11212. any other reaction would have been reported instantly.  
10.102979009923285

11213. i meant that you have a nice singing voice h dear the lady  
amended. 9.020431141465878

11214. would you like to see my work? 12.193066547509792

11215. helva asked politely. 10.363724110347151

11216. she instinctively sheered away from personal discussions but  
she filed the comment away for further meditation. 8.171394947443085

11217. i am currently reproducing the last supper on the head of a screw.  
11.701370563470412

11218. o i say the lady twittered. 16.646095230094698

11219. helva turned her vision back to magnification and surveyed her  
copy critically. 6.002446559592496

11220. of course some of my color values do not match the old master's  
and the perspective is faulty but i believe it to be a fair copy.  
11.384695445480714

11221. the lady's eyes unmagnified bugged out. 9.802060557618772



11222. oh i forget and helva's voice was really contrite.  
9.209344271860562

11223. if she could have blushed she would have.  
10.355462156122869

11224. you people don't have adjustablevision. 15.233429227980745

11225. the monitor of this discourse grinned with pride and amusement as helva's tone indicated pity for the unfortunate. 5.902564164932943

11226. here this will help suggested helva substituting a magnifying device in one extension and holding it over the picture.8.54354563985759

11227. in a kind of shock the ladies and gentlemen of the committee bent to observe the incredibly copied and brilliantly executed last supper on the head of a screw. 8.12971191762765

11228. well remarked one gentleman who had been forced to accompany his wife the good lord can eat where angels fear to tread.  
7.513328524263081

11229. are you referring sir asked helva politely to the dark age discussions of the number of angels who could stand on the head of a pin? 7.962914197439772

11230. i had that in mind. 18.25917094604721

11231. if you substitute 'atom' for 'angel' the problem is not insoluble given the metallic content of the pin in question. 7.556635699664603

11232. which you are programed to compute? 11.411762843875357

11233. of course. 12.292407525564322

11234. did they remember to program a sense of humor as well young lady? 8.824855318428737

11235. we are directed to develop a sense of proportion sir which contributes the same effect.8.288672059160659

11236. the good man chortled appreciatively and decided the trip was worth his time. 9.736749750147508

11237. if the investigation committee spent months digesting the thoughtful food served them at the laboratory school they left helva with a morsel as well. 6.682104660870068

11238. singing as applicable to herself required research.  
9.670406878971576

11239. she had of course been exposed to and enjoyed a music appreciation course which had included the better known classical works such as tristan und isolde candide oklahoma nozze de figaro the atomic age singers eileen farrell elvis presley and geraldine todd as well as the curious rhythmic progressions of the venusians capellan visual chromatics and the sonic concerti of the altairians.  
4.706437468570445

11240. but singing for any shell person posed considerable technical difficulties to be overcome. 9.887008010130634

11241. shell people were schooled to examine every aspect of a problem or situation before making a prognosis. 5.535892284966784

11242. balanced properly between optimism and practicality the nondefeatist attitude of the shell people led them to extricate themselves their ships and personnel from bizarre situations.  
7.009267041408341

11243. therefore to helva the problem that she couldn't open her mouth to sing among other restrictions did not bother her.  
5.406664019112

11244. she would work out a method by-passing her limitations whereby she could sing. 10.242987398630188

11245. she approached the problem by investigating the methods of sound reproduction through the centuries human and instrumental.  
6.402798769851467

11246. her own sound production equipment was essentially more instrumental than vocal. 8.745349295385674

11247. breath control and the proper enunciation of vowel sounds within the oral cavity appeared to require the most development and practice.

5.083242045036259

11248. shell people did not strictly speaking breathe. 9.424251318913965

11249. for their purposes oxygen and other gases were not drawn from

the surrounding atmosphere through the medium of lungs but sustained artificially by solution in their shells. 5.400569273754009

11250. after experimentation helva discovered that she could manipulate her diaphragmic unit to sustain tone. 9.321964308809935

11251. by relaxing the throat muscles and expanding the oral cavity well into the frontal sinuses she could direct the vowel sounds into the most felicitous position for proper reproduction through her throat microphone. 4.8713992634943395

11252. she compared the results with tape recordings of modern singers and was not displeased although her own tapes had a peculiar quality about them not at all unharmonious merely unique.

7.679082385822223

11253. acquiring a repertoire from the laboratory library was no problem to one trained to perfect recall. 5.542917982132687

11254. she found herself able to sing any role and any song which struck her fancy. 8.559727042502269

11255. it would not have occurred to her that it was curious for a female to sing bass baritone tenor alto mezzo soprano and coloratura as she pleased. 7.982768559027653

11256. it was to helva only a matter of the correct reproduction and diaphragmic control required by the music attempted.

10.741384610399065

11257. if the authorities remarked on her curious avocation they did so among themselves. 8.4523693293472

11258. shell people were encouraged to develop a hobby so long as they maintained proficiency in their technical work. 8.557768929103208

11259. on the anniversary of her sixteenth year in her shell helva was unconditionally graduated and installed in her ship the xh-834.

6.950980296135223

11260. her permanent titanium shell was recessed behind an even more indestructible barrier in the central shaft of the scout ship.

7.203185581781905

11261. the neural audio visual and sensory connections were made and sealed. 7.43304005989246

11262. her extendibles were diverted connected or augmented and the final delicate-beyond-description brain taps were completed while helva remained anesthetically unaware of the proceedings.

6.941080974350345

11263. when she awoke she was the ship. 12.708757651009384

11264. her brain and intelligence controlled every function from navigation to such loading as a scout ship of her class needed.

6.989613124061633

11265. she could take care of herself and her ambulatory half in any situation already recorded in the annals of central worlds and any situation its most fertile minds could imagine. 5.84691706177135

11266. her first actual flight for she and her kind had made mock flights on dummy panels since she was eight showed her complete mastery of the techniques of her profession. 6.493458138950358

11267. she was ready for her great adventures and the arrival of her mobile partner. 9.575385045162779

11268. there were nine qualified scouts sitting around collecting base pay the day helva was commissioned. 10.732511993673237

11269. there were several missions which demanded instant attention but helva had been of interest to several department heads in central

for some time and each man was determined to have her assigned to his section. 4.884561692402227

11270. consequently no one had remembered to introduce helva to the prospectivepartners. 8.17557889168528

11271. the ship always chose its own partner. 11.147217359465333

11272. had there been another brain ship at the base at the moment helva would have been guided to make the first move. 9.506376731214857

11273. as it was while central wrangledamong itself robert tanner sneaked out of the pilots' barracks out to the field and over to helva's slim metal hull. 8.034584092320445

11274. hello anyone at home?11.568363037656766

11275. tanner wisecracked. 12.292407525564322

11276. of course replied helva logically activating her outside scanners. 11.610299168532578

11277. are you my partner? 11.723600643567618

11278. she asked hopefully as she recognized the scout service uniform. 12.606151612815394

11279. all you have to do is ask he retorted hopefully. 16.147943779990744

11280. i thought perhaps there were no partners available and i've had no directives from central. 9.059999578018873

11281. even to herself helva sounded a little self-pitying but the truth was she was lonely sitting on the darkened field. 6.305891416797736

11282. always she had had the company of other shells and more recently technicians by the score. 8.371681114529826

11283. the sudden solitude had lost its momentary charm and become oppressive.7.43304005989246

11284. no directives from central is scarcely a cause for regret but there happen to be eight other guys biting their fingernails to the quick just waiting for an invitation to board you you beautiful thing. 6.466179359491326

11285. it would have killed you in the cabin. 18.71942963857734

11286. do you have anything for me? 21.74407606575169

11287. mercer stammered not knowing what b'dikkat meant and the two-nosed man answered for him i think he has a nice baby head but it isn't big enough for you to take yet. 5.476915644847906

11288. mercer never noticed the needle touch his arm. 9.060328853487057

11289. b'dikkat had turned to the next knot of people when the super-condamine hit mercer. 5.674295354649883

11290. he tried to run after b'dikkat to hug the lead spacesuit to tell b'dikkat that he loved him. 9.058027016699187

11291. he stumbled and fell but it did not hurt. 11.877094637966294

11292. the many-bodied girl lay near him. 12.435529358277208

11293. isn't it wonderful? 5.006130362527981

11294. you're beautiful beautiful beautiful. 9.011594807050702

11295. i'm so happy to be here. 4.0320972279153615

11296. the woman covered with growing hands came and sat beside them. 9.430036403335416

11297. she radiated warmth and good fellowship.11.145752833777212

11298. mercer thought that she looked very distinguished and charming. 8.196044167676531

11299. he struggled out of his clothes.12.360047368900819

11300. it was foolish and snobbish to wear clothing when none of these nice people did. 11.707472334128875

11301. the two women babbled and crooned at him. 8.976097203071156

11302. with one corner of his mind he knew that they were saying nothing just expressing the euphoria of a drug so powerful that the known universe had forbidden it. 7.376281431504996

11303. with most of his mind he was happy. 9.453274480108805

11304. he wondered how anyone could have the good luck to visit a planet  
as nice as this. 8.406914292039355  
11305. he tried to tell the lady da but the words weren't quite  
straight. 9.229421941257328  
11306. a painful stab hit him in the abdomen. 13.302374541844653  
11307. the drug went after the pain and swallowed it. 11.09897877440027  
11308. it was like the cap in the hospital only a thousand times better.  
12.480392195690849  
11309. the pain was gone though it had been crippling the first time.  
7.8937132813842945  
11310. he forced himself to be deliberate. 15.04687202720679  
11311. he rammed his mind into focus and said to the two ladies who  
lay pinkly nude beside him in the desert that was a good bite.  
6.214954103639055  
11312. maybe i will grow another head. 11.548535644303174  
11313. thatwould make b'dikkat happy! the lady da forced the foremost  
of her bodies in an upright position. 5.326519577128725  
11314. said she i'm strong too. 15.013342074182058  
11315. remember man remember. 14.185224116558695  
11316. we can die too we can die like real people. 11.794906001175134  
11317. i do so believe in death! mercer smiled at her through his  
happiness. 9.32357402524811  
11318. but isn't this nice h with this he felt his lips thicken and  
his mind go slack. 8.219259445435762  
11319. he was wide awake but he did not feel like doing anything.  
9.923631093244717  
11320. in that beautiful place among all those companionable and  
attractive people he sat and smiled. 9.773484020714712  
11321. b'dikkat was sterilizing his knives. 8.254441635698543  
11322. mercer wondered how long the super-condamine had lasted him.  
8.581436094141479  
11323. he endured the ministrations of the dromozoa without screams  
or movement. 7.953394054598466  
11324. the agonies of nerves and itching of skin were phenomena which  
happened somewhere near him but meant nothing. 7.663024046550707  
11325. he watched his own body with remote casual interest.  
9.026368296067464  
11326. the lady da and the hand-covered woman stayed near him.  
9.430036403335416  
11327. after a long time the half-man dragged himself over to the  
group with his powerful arms. 6.477201233647785  
11328. having arrived he blinked sleepily and friendlily at them and  
lapsed back into the restful stupor from which he had emerged.  
7.893878171826976  
11329. mercer saw the sun rise on occasion closed his eyes briefly and  
opened them to see stars shining. 5.236383152695367  
11330. the dromozoa fed him in their mysterious way; the drug canceled  
out his needs for cycles of the body. 7.48837548295765  
11331. at last he noticed a return of the inwardness of pain.  
10.997683404068063  
11332. the pains themselves had not changed; he had.  
10.582206877639416  
11333. he knew all the events which could take place on shayol.  
8.898806823353825  
11334. he remembered them well from his happy period. 9.060328853487057  
11335. formerly he had noticed them- now he felt them.  
6.764147616291221  
11336. he tried to ask the lady da how long they had had the drug and  
how much longer they would have to wait before they had it again.  
8.707562049453962

11337. she smiled at him with benign remote happiness; apparently her many torsos stretched out along the ground had a greater capacity for retaining the drug than did his body. 5.117710496397998

11338. she meant him well but was in no condition for articulate speech. 9.118601195872367

11339. the half-man lay on the ground arteries pulsating prettily behind the half-transparent film which protected his abdominal cavity. 6.493358149305356

11340. mercer squeezed the man's shoulder. 11.568363037656766

11341. the half-man woke recognized mercer and gave him a healthily sleepy grin. 7.472514967835612

11342. 'a good morrow to you my boy'. 9.670406878971576

11343. that's out of a play. 4.891959009765589

11344. did you ever see a play? 14.877179522839205

11345. you mean a game with cards? 11.823504411807077

11346. no said the half-man a sort of eye-machine with real people doing the figures. 8.289788911750433

11347. i never saw that said mercer but i- but you want to ask me when b'dikkat is going to come back with the needle. 7.611410928822407

11348. yes said mercer a little ashamed of his obviousness. 10.156670255308262

11349. that's why i think of plays. 3.7535542527621146

11350. we all know what is going to happen. 19.04667999034648

11351. we all know when it is going to happen. 14.209581995199503

11352. we all know what the dummies will do- he gestured at the hummocks in which the decorticated men were cradled- and we all know what the new people will ask. 8.451402409092166

11353. but we never know how long a scene is going to take. 10.332331064545217

11354. what's a 'scene'? 15.594944937291627

11355. asked mercer. 15.804493013470257

11356. is that the name for the needle? 17.91920835513786

11357. the half-man laughed with something close to real humor. 8.341215694113531

11358. you've got the lovelies on the brain. 5.923003360391702

11359. a scene is just a part of a play. 11.342963562701621

11360. i mean we know the order in which things happen but we have no clocks and nobody cares enough to count days or to make calendars and there's not much climate here so none of us know how long anything takes. 6.882554441293756

11361. the pain seems short and the pleasure seems long. 9.012483256971692

11362. i'm inclined to think that they are about two earth-weeks each. 7.096443957475753

11363. mercer did not know what an earth-week was since he had not been a well-read man before his conviction but he got nothing more from the half-man at that time. 5.510267251195164

11364. the half-man received a dromozootic implant turned red in the face shouted senselessly at mercer take it out you fool! take it out of me! when mercer looked on helplessly the half-man twisted over on his side his pink dusty back turned to mercer and wept hoarsely and quietly to himself. 6.455341386768802

11365. mercer himself could not tell how long it was before b'dikkat came back. 5.825820622377272

11366. it might have been several days. 27.514061231808526

11367. it might have been several months. 21.687415678907698

11368. once again b'dikkat moved among them like a father; once again they clustered like children. 8.941105298549155

11369. this time b'dikkat smiled pleasantly at the little head which had grown out of mercer's thigh- a sleeping child's head covered with

light hair on top and with dainty eyebrows over the resting eyes.  
5.239408790216542

11370. mercer got the blissful needle. 10.472119682746735

11371. when b'dikkat cut the head from mercer's thigh he felt the knife grinding against the cartilage which held the head to his own body.  
5.703434887995785

11372. he saw the child-face grimace as the head was cut; he felt the far cool flash of unimportant pain as b'dikkat dabbed the wound with a corrosive antiseptic which stopped all bleeding immediately.  
7.050027437923726

11373. the next time it was two legs growing from his chest.  
9.624040027248594

11374. then there had been another head beside his own.  
17.804823963765617

11375. or was that after the torso and legs waist to toe-tips of the little girl which had grown from his side? 5.601109887293008

11376. he forgot the order. 13.148092146312546

11377. he did not count time. 20.330024155874902

11378. lady da smiled at him often but there was no love in this place.  
9.302130110915176

11379. she had lost the extra torsos. 13.83851307075949

11380. in between teratologies she was a pretty and shapely woman; but the nicest thing about their relationship was her whisper to him repeated some thousands of time repeated with smiles and hope people never live forever. 6.6553329038962215

11381. she found this immensely comforting even though mercer did not make much sense out of it. 7.0340329379824755

11382. thus events occurred and victims changed in appearance and new ones arrived. 8.750339123612346

11383. sometimes b'dikkat took the new ones resting in the everlasting sleep of their burned-out brains in a ground-truck to be added to other herds. 5.482105696494662

11384. the bodies in the truck threshed and bawled without human speech when the dromozoa struck them. 7.860799503526907

11385. finally mercer did manage to follow b'dikkat to the door of the cabin. 6.785973292092455

11386. he had to fight the bliss of super-condamine to do it.  
9.060005390028206

11387. only the memory of previous hurt bewilderment and perplexity made him sure that if he did not ask b'dikkat when he mercer was happy the answer would no longer be available when he needed it.  
5.109177495171131

11388. fighting pleasure itself he begged b'dikkat to check the records and to tell him how long he had been there. 7.381238108121702

11389. b'dikkat grudgingly agreed but he did not come out of the doorway. 8.133069332684652

11390. he spoke through the public address box built into the cabin and his gigantic voice roared out over the empty plain so that the pink herd of talking people stirred gently in their happiness and wondered what their friend b'dikkat might be wanting to tell them.  
6.269805039858547

11391. when he said it they thought it exceedingly profound though none of them understood it since it was simply the amount of time that mercer had been on shayol: standard years- eighty-four years seven months three days two hours eleven and one half minutes. 6.236561744974687

11392. mercer turned away. 13.148092146312546

11393. the secret little corner of his mind which stayed sane through happiness and pain made him wonder about b'dikkat. 5.780140237098333

11394. what persuaded the cow-man to remain on shayol?  
12.585241102236301

11395. what kept him happy without super-condamine? 10.34648963827048  
11396. was b'dikkat a crazy slave to his own duty or was he a man  
who had hopes of going back to his own planet some day surrounded by a  
family of little cow-people resembling himself? 6.204626463762973  
11397. mercer despite his happiness wept a little at the strange fate of  
b'dikkat. 6.370413084821668  
11398. his own fate he accepted. 11.568363037656766  
11399. he remembered the last time he had eaten- actual eggs from an  
actual pan. 0.0  
11400. the dromozoa kept him alive but he did not know how they did  
it. 11.801938937979154  
11401. he staggered back to the group. 12.127026643485452  
11402. the lady da naked in the dusty plain waved a hospitable hand and  
showed that there was a place for him to sit beside her. 9.0289841831107  
11403. there were unclaimed square miles of seating space around them  
but he appreciated the kindness of her gesture none the less.  
5.535488937493352  
11404. the years if they were years went by. 13.008572457105636  
11405. the land of shayol did not change. 13.162119585332062  
11406. sometimes the bubbling sound of geysers came faintly across the  
plain to the herd of men; those who could talk declared it to be the  
breathing of captain alvarez. 6.545873499335468  
11407. there was night and day but no setting of crops no change of  
season no generations of men. 8.241102730507091  
11408. time stood still for these people and their load of pleasure was so  
commingled with the shocks and pains of the dromozoa that the words of  
the lady da took on very remote meaning. 6.200493671767169  
11409. her statement was a hope not a truth in which they could  
believe. 6.649093374899663  
11410. they did not have the wit to follow the stars in their courses to  
exchange names with each other to harvest the experience of each for the  
wisdom of all. 10.480514073276964  
11411. there was no dream of escape for these people.  
15.840497579329636  
11412. though they saw the old-style chemical rockets lift up from the  
field beyond b'dikkat's cabin they did not make plans to hide among the  
frozen crop of transmuted flesh. 7.3718488558642905  
11413. far long ago some other prisoner than one of these had tried to  
write a letter. 7.732077783896534  
11414. his handwriting was on a rock. 11.441118572516087  
11415. mercer read it and so had a few of the others but they could  
not tell which man had done it. 6.289079952739863  
11416. the letter scraped on stone had been a message home.  
11.13462238962699  
11417. they could still read the opening: once i was like you stepping  
out of my window at the end of day and letting the winds blow me  
gently toward the place i lived in. 5.302561948955673  
11418. once like you i had one head two hands ten fingers on my hands.  
8.92185985319961  
11419. the front part of my head was called a face and i could talk with  
it. 6.807867091712346  
11420. now i can only write and that only when i get out of pain.  
10.214982174759779  
11421. dan morgan told himself he would forget ann turner.  
6.602288863182544  
11422. he was well rid of her. 10.649951465826932  
11423. he certainly didn't want a wife who was fickle as ann.  
8.435856834513274  
11424. if he had married her he'd have been asking for trouble.  
13.580771794471305

11425. but all of this was rationalization. 16.419244749812176  
11426. sometimes he woke up in the middle of the night thinking of ann  
and then could not get back to sleep. 8.316497141586856  
11427. his plans and dreams had revolved around her so much and for so  
long that now he felt as if he had nothing. 6.488459088839963  
11428. the easiest thing would be to sell out to al budd and leave the  
country but there was a stubborn streak in him that wouldn't allow it.  
6.900054305824345  
11429. the best antidote for the bitterness and disappointment that  
poisoned him was hard work. 7.5190214974874525  
11430. he found that if he was tired enough at night he went to sleep  
simply because he was too exhausted to stay awake. 10.2064726365445  
11431. each day he found himself thinking less often of ann; each day  
the hurt was a little duller a little less poignant. 5.3875967688313  
11432. he had plenty of work to do. 16.55193635861438  
11433. because the summer was unusually dry and hot the spring produced a  
smaller stream than in ordinary years. 6.795022836550863  
11434. the grass in the meadows came fast now that the warm weather  
was here. 9.095373081665869  
11435. he could not afford to lose a drop of the precious water so  
he spent most of his waking hours along the ditches in his meadows.  
6.5121308590339435  
11436. he had no idea how much time budd would give him.  
13.093647161087064  
11437. in any case he had no intention of being caught asleep so he  
carried his revolver in its holster on his hip and he took his  
winchester with him and leaned it against the fence. 6.336650757272846  
11438. he stopped every few minutes and leaned on his shovel as he  
studied the horizon but nothing happened each day dragging out with  
monotonous calm. 7.000426104312035  
11439. when in late afternoon on the last day in june he saw two  
people top the ridge to the south and walk toward the house he quit  
work immediately and strode to his rifle. 6.233246572484019  
11440. it could be some kind of trick budd had thought up.  
17.518687731946223  
11441. no one walked in this country least of all ed dow or dutch renfro  
or any of the rest of the bar b crew. 0.0  
11442. morgan watched the two figures for a time puzzled.  
9.895600314428009  
11443. when they were closer and he saw that one was a woman he was more  
puzzled than ever. 7.75092365603415  
11444. he cleaned his shovel left it against the fence picked up his  
winchester and started downstream. 8.26265427207832  
11445. his visitors had crawled through the south fence and were crossing  
the meadow angling toward the house. 5.708511922817988  
11446. now he saw that both the man and woman were moving slowly and  
irregularly staggering as if they found it a struggle to remain on their  
feet. 9.541626530158686  
11447. reaching the house ahead of them he waited with his winchester  
in his hands. 6.273387381665005  
11448. they crawled through the north fence and came on toward him and  
now he saw that both were young not more than nineteen or twenty.  
7.977398471246495  
11449. they were dirty their clothes were torn and the girl was so  
exhausted that she fell when she was still twenty feet from the front  
door. 6.166797392070864  
11450. she lay there making no effort to get back on her feet.  
10.304069102815689  
11451. the boy came on to the porch and sat down his gaze on morgan as if  
half expecting him to shoot and not really caring. 5.805230789628029



11452. morgan hesitated thinking that if this was a trick it was a good one. 10.191684830114603  
11453. he didn't think it was possible for this couple to be pretending. 6.4113176305625865  
11454. the boy licked his dry lips. 10.472119682746735  
11455. he asked could we have a drink? 13.54783454121167  
11456. morgan jerked his head toward the front door. 8.581436094141479  
11457. in the kitchen he said. 19.971035072747803  
11458. leaning his winchester against the front of the house he walked to the girl. 9.917223100679301  
11459. there's water in the house. 4.675983334456371  
11460. she didn't move or say anything. 9.130607962350611  
11461. her eyes were glazed as if she didn't hear or even see him. 6.382269394684917  
11462. she had reached a point at which she didn't even care how she looked. 9.463673485236166  
11463. her face was very thin and burned by the sun until much of the skin was dead and peeling the new skin under it red and angry. 5.55772838090236  
11464. her blond hair was frowzy her dress torn in several places and her shoes were so completely worn out that they were practically no protection. 6.499993851510746  
11465. it must have hurt her even to walk for the sole was completely off her left foot and morgan saw that it was bruised and bleeding. 7.440490959900155  
11466. he picked her up sliding one hand under her shoulders the other under her knees and carried her into the house. 7.816973914534184  
11467. she was amazingly light and so relaxed in his arms that he wasn't even sure she was conscious. 6.481409197065396  
11468. any lingering suspicion that this was a trick al budd had thought up was dispelled. 8.245871118902311  
11469. no girl would go this far to fool a man so she could kill him. 6.289796640564554  
11470. besides she had a sweet face that attracted him. 9.638918084835845  
11471. he put her down on the couch and going into the kitchen saw that the boy had dropped into a chair beside the table. 6.118860983357414  
11472. they looked a good deal alike morgan thought. 14.159769149993837  
11473. both had blonde hair and blue eyes and there was even a faint similarity of features. 8.209841614532648  
11474. morgan filled the dipper from the water bucket on the shelf went back into the front room lifted the girl's head and held the edge of the dipper to her mouth. 7.1397097047906435  
11475. she drank greedily and murmured thank you as he lowered her head. 7.187557404882245  
11476. he stood looking down at her for a moment wondering what could have reduced her to this condition. 8.939966036876687  
11477. he had seen a few nester wagons go through the country the families almost starving to death but he had never seen any of them on foot and as bad off as these two. 6.392687593471784  
11478. the girl dropped off to sleep. 13.848082117783294  
11479. morgan returned to the kitchen built a fire and carried in several buckets of water from the spring which he poured into the copper boiler that he had placed on the stove. 5.8006210204306115  
11480. he brought his winchester in from the front of the house then faced the boy. 14.956042527552608  
11481. who are you and what happened to you? 11.879285871565685

11482. he asked. 27.770505909397876  
11483. i'm billy jones the boy answered. 4.0320972279153615  
11484. we ran out of money and we haven't eaten for two days.  
9.587944246952246  
11485. what are you doing here? 17.632317597370832  
11486. are we in wyoming? 22.138920418755124  
11487. morgan nodded. 12.292407525564322  
11488. about five miles north of the line. 15.152625218202909  
11489. jones sighed as if relieved. 9.380284888114716  
11490. we've been looking for work but all the ranchers have turned  
us down. 5.45171308170528  
11491. you mean you dragged your wife all over hell's half-acre  
looking for work? 7.665003147107107  
11492. morgan demanded. 15.594944937291627  
11493. the town of buckhorn's only about six miles from here.  
8.389679824170722  
11494. why didn't you go there? 13.663388853342104  
11495. we didn't want town work jones said. 10.717432709549398  
11496. this is a mighty empty country morgan said. 19.99530004640928  
11497. there's only one more ranch three miles north of here.  
4.3589877313461995  
11498. you'd have starved to death if you'd missed both places.  
7.437578767697484  
11499. then we're lucky we got here. 9.61074369102138  
11500. could you give us a job mr h morgan. 9.807724056868572  
11501. he was silent a moment thinking he could use a man this time of  
year and if the girl could cook it would give him more time in the meadows  
but he knew nothing about the couple. 5.9311323621661005  
11502. they might kill him in his sleep thinking there was money in the  
house. 11.20254647807371  
11503. he dismissed the possibility at once. 12.127026643485452  
11504. the girl's thin face haunted him. 12.435529358277208  
11505. it wasn't the face of a killer. 15.9272309263861  
11506. he wasn't so sure about the boy. 12.411802052220429  
11507. he hadn't shaved for several weeks his sparse beard giving his  
face a pathetic weebegone expression. 6.512874137333827  
11508. there was more to this than jones had told him.  
14.698513644193772  
11509. they were running from something. 10.27900613288638  
11510. he'd be an idiot to let them stay he thought but he couldn't  
send them on either. 7.448168936426921  
11511. i could use some help morgan said finally but i can't afford to  
pay you anything. 5.341276970875824  
11512. i guess you'd better go on in the morning. 12.830308075018873  
11513. we'll work for our keep the boy said eagerly. 4.077585458255311  
11514. i've been mucking in a mine in the san juan but i used to work on  
a ranch. 6.731635446741555  
11515. sharon she's cooked in a restaurant. 7.622507342753323  
11516. we'll work hard mr morgan. 5.195753516392166  
11517. right now you need a meal and a bath. 7.607728967111214  
11518. your wife's in terrible shape. 11.859129509932668  
11519. i know jones said dejectedly. 9.118533821976325  
11520. morgan filled the fire box with wood again then started supper and  
set the table. 7.838163577917966  
11521. when the meal was ready he told jones to wash up and going into  
the front room woke the girl. 6.557212435250233  
11522. he said i've got some supper ready. 17.04255706974967  
11523. she rubbed her eyes and stretched then sat up her hands going to  
her hair. 5.674295354649883  
11524. i'm a mess she said and suddenly she was alarmed. 4.764711232350748

11525. who are you? 12.292407525564322  
11526. how did we get here?16.953574445288268  
11527. i'm dan morgan. 4.172730491814591  
11528. this is the rafter m.28.12899562840158  
11529. you fell down in front of the house and i carried you in.  
10.511386332485396  
11530. i gave you a drink and then you went to sleep. 10.21600417043405  
11531. she stared at him her eyes wide as she thought about what he had  
said; then she murmured: you're very kind mr morgan. 5.524137465800026  
11532. do you take in all the strays who come by? 13.671135208171233  
11533. i don't have many strays coming to my front door he said.  
5.825820622377272  
11534. think you can walk to the table?12.746425383264153  
11535. of course. 22.50110393273728  
11536. she got to her feet staggered and almost fell.  
10.090117903264954  
11537. he caught her by an arm and helped her into the kitchen.  
7.560809233574742  
11538. she sat down at the table shaking her head.  
13.902762446146971  
11539. i'm usually a very strong woman but i'm awfully tired.  
3.95834514274077  
11540. it's not much of a meal but it's what i eat. 4.325614882285625  
11541. not much of a meal? 12.265573073940953  
11542. the girl cried. 18.83174821599479  
11543. mr morgan it's the best-looking food i ever saw.  
6.764147616291221  
11544. he told himself he had never seen two people eat so much.  
9.283996778266717  
11545. when they were finally satisfied jones said i think he's going to  
give us work. 7.639476434645116  
11546. the grateful way she looked at morgan made him ashamed of himself.  
9.005093323721033  
11547. when he saw the expression in her eyes he knew he couldn't send  
them on. 10.791529360303228  
11548. she said i guess the lord looks out for fools drunkards and  
innocents. 10.028962160681107  
11549. which are you? 16.19882824142316  
11550. we're not drunkards she said.7.3804064617970475  
11551. that's all i'm sure of. 9.118533821976325  
11552. she helped him with the dishes then he brought more water in  
from the spring before it got dark. 9.191048607807117  
11553. he carried the tub from the back of the house where it hung  
from a nail in the wall. 9.418786543196529  
11554. he said: you'll feel a lot better after you have a bath.  
10.869629738233373  
11555. your feet are in bad shape mrs jones. 7.425517705353834  
11556. you'll have to go to town to see the doc. 5.666757849705443  
11557. no she'll be all right jones said quickly. 8.782747648819885  
11558. i mean we don't have any way to get there and we can't expect  
you to quit work just to take us to town. 7.133705045155472  
11559. could you find me a needle and thread?8.261878609047885  
11560. the girl asked. 18.83174821599479  
11561. my dress needs some work on it. 7.979268300280018  
11562. he nodded and going into the bedroom brought a needle thread and  
scissors. 9.176540466704445  
11563. he said: i'm going to bed. 10.776005861178222  
11564. he nodded at the door in front of him.14.590866089605505  
11565. the bed isn't made but you'll find plenty of blankets there.  
7.43304005989246

11566. you're       awfully kind the girl said. 10.472119682746735  
11567. we'll pay you back ifyou'll let us.    4.606770265395096  
11568. it's all right he said.       3.2927943356586518  
11569. you'd better sleep.   8.50172930762657  
11570. jones followed him into the front room closing the door behind  
him. 8.22227871994032  
11571. he said: if       it's all right with you mr morgan i'll sleep out  
here on the couch.       6.512874137333827  
11572. we haven't slept together since we started. 12.350455461918722  
11573. i just       can't take any chances on getting her pregnant and if we  
were sleeping       together h   he stopped embarrassed and morgan said  
      i understand that but i don't savvy why you'd go off and leave  
      your jobs in the first place.       4.592196881176985  
11574. we got fired jones   said. 21.15156745952886  
11575. we had to do something.       19.783118044325487  
11576. they were a pair of lost   whipped kids morgan thought as he went  
to bed.       11.864658554646157  
11577. you can't stay here with me.       6.855509851267169  
11578. it'slate and you said they'd be here by dawn.       8.196044167676531  
11579. you can't make me go. 15.784668708114987  
11580. gavin sank down again into his chair and began   to rock.  
      7.879513779734377  
11581. he was thinking of rittenhouse and how he had left him there to  
rock to death on the porch of the splendide. 7.171945707417333  
11582. it was the onlything in his life for which he felt guilt.  
      17.255161947077024  
11583. beneath his black shirt       his frail shoulders shook and croaks of  
pain broke from his throat the       stored pain shattering free in slow  
gasps terrible to see. 5.237128200868747  
11584. clayton   tried to call back the face of the man he had known.  
      12.480265416485558  
11585. against that other   man he could rally his anger; against this  
bent man in the chair he was powerless.       6.254510006460113  
11586. gavin's lips moved so that clayton had       to stoop to catch the  
words.       7.391013650626644  
11587. do you remember big charlie?       15.77470249627467  
11588. he whispered. 19.804021762487697  
11589. he stuck with me all these years.       9.783357976961607  
11590. just a half-breed       'pache never said much never meant anythin to  
me but he stuck with   me.   9.172639261561187  
11591. he got into a fight with tom english your brother's son.  
      8.754033591088435  
11592. it was a fair fight the boy provoked it- big charlie told me so.  
      12.00405110959422  
11593. they killed big charlie dumped his body in my rose       garden two  
nights ago. 7.051677171251191  
11594. my men they all left me.   10.925148545819344  
11595. i didn't understand why clay.   7.996641429906819  
11596. they just all cleared out. 14.714773213271867  
11597. i treated them fair hhe wiped his lips with a sleeve then stared  
      at clayton in a childish kind of wonder.       5.957761328531721  
11598. do you mean- he asked almost shyly- you want me to go with you  
wherever you're goin? 11.543283882943529  
11599. yes.   15.610129252044759  
11600. you don't hate me any more?       8.478871088013367  
11601.       clayton choked shook his head murmuring no.   8.100835098732363  
11602. the old man beckoned with one finger and clayton went forward to  
him. 9.567666473338514  
11603. gavin slipped his arms around his chest and hugged him fiercely.  
      6.210871206873012

11604. all my life he said i tried. 0.0  
11605. i saw you driftin away- but i tried. 10.360498346572188  
11606. and you wanted no part of me when i had so much to give.  
11.570229163504342  
11607. now there's nothin left of me. 9.565087858411951  
11608. laurel is gone my men are gone ed is dead- and you come to me to  
help me. 7.345461562059415  
11609. oh! god in heaven i can't refuse you now. 6.460370037324521  
11610. that would mock me too much! can't let you go way from me  
again h he closed his eyes ashamed of his tears. 7.134834805926132  
11611. clayton freed himself from the embrace and stepped back.  
6.460370037324521  
11612. the eyes followed him fearfully. 11.568363037656766  
11613. i'll saddle the horses and bring them round. 4.9334832126488  
11614. he burst from the hot confinement of the room into the cold night  
air. 10.041897220031743  
11615. gavin's stallion was in the barn and he tightened the cinches  
over the saddle blanket working by touch in the darkness comforting  
the animal with easy words. 5.199389211489164  
11616. when he had finished he led him and the mare to the porch.  
13.509835311564986  
11617. the stallion had smelled the mare coming into heat and began to  
paw the turf shaking his head. 6.478108647787729  
11618. clayton looped the reins in a knot over the veranda post and  
patted the warm flesh of his neck. 6.757567981697296  
11619. the mare had backed away. 10.915477388587384  
11620. you take it easy boy clayton whispered. 16.215129893655938  
11621. she doesn't want you now. 10.19441996556735  
11622. you take it easy your time will come. 14.494817959576494  
11623. gavin stood on the porch a thin figure. 8.76698370306116  
11624. he had taken a carbine down from the wall and it trailed from his  
hand the stock bumping on the wood floor. 7.4034621840547885  
11625. clayton called to him and he came slowly down the steps.  
8.323538248997904  
11626. clay he said where are we goin? 10.071985693198506  
11627. to a ranch in the valley. 11.822315645061988  
11628. there's someone there i have to see. 5.798444109528978  
11629. we may take her with us- to california. 10.452918720779126  
11630. i don't know yet it's crazy; i have to think about it.  
11.924901307870304  
11631. but california is where we're goin. 12.754707820148809  
11632. that's a new land. 4.769845249824081  
11633. a man could make a mark there. 10.978525873391352  
11634. two men together like us we could do somethin fine out there  
maybe find a place where no one's ever been. 6.93295231255783  
11635. start out fresh the two of us like nothin had ever happened.  
7.407287750262948  
11636. yes like a father and son. 12.767794456650835  
11637. i made you what you are gavin whispered. 10.575100839399578  
11638. i made you so you could stand up. 12.626880398769476  
11639. i made you a man. 12.384361145835424  
11640. he approached the horse and laid a hand on the stallion's  
quivering neck. 10.639675320856774  
11641. help me up i feel kind of stiff. 7.14162538120728  
11642. clayton lifted him gently into the saddle like a child.  
8.196044167676531  
11643. i hate to leave my garden gavin said. 10.381182755283646  
11644. i loved my garden. 18.25917094604721  
11645. it will grow again- in california. 20.11792448101284  
11646. i loved this valley he whispered huskily. 13.93195501835056

11647. lived alone here for three years before any man came.  
6.754058641432702

11648. lived alone by the river. 11.568363037656766

11649. it was nice then so peaceful and quiet. 13.356252733642458

11650. there was no one but me. 14.619341708172643

11651. i don't want to leave it. 4.949437024028267

11652. clayton swung into the saddle and whacked the stallion's rump.  
8.196044167676531

11653. the two horses broke from the yard from the circle of light cast  
by the lamp still burning in the house into the darkness.  
6.688725908030852

11654. they rode at a measured pace through the valley. 8.581436094141479

11655. dawn would come soon and the night was at its coldest.  
7.090018642016223

11656. the moon had sunk below the black crest of the mountains and  
the land seen through eyes that had grown accustomed to the absence of  
light looked primeval as if no man had ever trespassed before.  
6.64371319432769

11657. it looked as gavin had first seen it years ago on those nights  
when he slept alone by his campfire and waked suddenly to the hoot of an  
owl or the rustle of a blade of grass in the moon's wind- a savage  
land untenanted and brooding too strong to be broken by the will of  
men. 0.0

11658. in that inert landscape the caravan of his desires passed  
before his mind. 10.703814417463274

11659. he saw them ambushed strewn in the postures of the broken and  
the dying. 7.416545470363821

11660. in vain his mind groped to reassemble the bones of the  
relationships he had sought so desperately but they would not come to  
life. 8.095387006263792

11661. the silence oppressed him made him bend low over the horse's neck  
as if to hide from a wind that had begun to blow far away and was  
twisting slowly through the darkness in its slow search.  
5.181983653000524

11662. they passed ranches that were framed dark gray against the black  
hills. 9.33913350279515

11663. then at last the darkness began to dissolve. 9.525321672928165

11664. a bold line of violet broke loose from the high ridge of the  
mountains followed by feathers of red that swept the last stars from  
the sky. 6.614943673935176

11665. the wan light spread over the ground and the valley revealed  
in the first glimmer the contours of trees and fences and palely  
shadowed gullies. 6.4567967126078445

11666. they had been seen as soon as they left the ranch picked out of  
the darkness by the weary though watchful eyes of two men posted a few  
hundred yards away in the windless shelter of the trees.  
7.715560638129194

11667. the two men whipped their horses into town and flung themselves  
up the steps of the saloon crying their intelligence. 6.287324802449701

11668. the men in pettigrew's were tired from a night's drinking their  
faces red and baggy. 10.689950160020043

11669. but the liquor had flushed their courage. 13.493555769182233

11670. they greeted the news angrily as though they had been cheated  
of purpose. 11.708657357397964

11671. lester heard their muttering saw their eyes reveal their  
desire. 6.602288863182544

11672. he worked his tongue round and round in the hollow of his cheek  
and his voice came out of his throat dry and cracked. 8.530868162659038

11673. that's what you wanted isn't it? 4.013884467057159

11674. clayton is with him takin him out of the valley.  
11.806054526955966

11675. you can't- keep outof this purvis snarled.  
10.644218033232553

11676. he's not your brother he's gavin's son. 5.229105600568654

11677. you see he lied to us when he said he was leavin alone.  
11.752432084794073

11678. joe purvis was thinking back many years. 9.218221359689302

11679. first he thought of the time he had ridden to gavin and told him  
how his cattle were being rustled at the far end of the valley.  
6.243729083550116

11680. he remembered gavin's smirk his own cringing feeling his  
impotence. 10.697093789223626

11681. then he thought of a time when clayton's horse had fallen lame in  
the gap. 8.705757200133075

11682. his wife had said to him: nellie is in love with clayton roy.  
8.626883035498802

11683. he wouldn't even dance with her at gavin's party.  
9.026368296067464

11684. he treats her like she was dirt. 13.879903389590947

11685. and you stand by like a fool and let him do it h he remembered  
clayton's mocking smile in the saloon when he had asked him what he would  
do if they brought their cattle to water. 6.051085227125725

11686. it was the night clayton had tricked them in the poker game.  
14.749107487231763

11687. you're gavin's son joe purvis had said. 6.2419695959693735

11688. you brought him back to this valley thinkin he would help you find  
your boy. 8.974310828266274

11689. he meant to help gavin all the time. 9.802842312442479

11690. he made a fool of you lester. 21.04491955904991

11691. he swung round to the other men- we can catch him easy! there  
are plenty of fresh horses halfway at my place. 6.947188279628536

11692. if we let them go they won't stay away they'll find men to ride  
with them and they'll be back. 6.80263439824598

11693. there's only one way they can get out now and that's through the  
gap- if we ride hard we can take them. 4.359355503839404

11694. lester's hand fluttered to cabot's shoulder. 9.670406878971576

11695. he killed tom- do you understand that? 10.14352705623984

11696. cabot turned back to the men and he was drunk with the thing  
they would do wild to break from the cloying warmth of the saloon into  
the cold of the ebbing night. 7.0768614990088405

11697. he fled through the door and down the steps running and the men  
grunted and followed pushing lester to one side where he backed against  
the wall with the sleeve of his jacket raised before his eyes to  
shut out the light. 5.427870873614131

11698. purvis and silas pettigrew were the last to leave.  
10.098877781168886

11699. they mounted up and rode slowly behind the others at a safe  
distance. 7.0542205307673

11700. in the cold dawn the mist swirled low to the ground then rose  
with a gust of sudden wind to leave the valley clear. 9.534458510955531

11701. the clouds parted and hard gashes of sunlight swooped down to  
stain the earth with streaks of white and gold light so that the  
shadows of the running horses flowed like dark streams over the dazzling  
snow. 5.045144822776985

11702. when they turned in the saddle they could see the men behind  
them strung out on the prairie in a flat black line. 8.559591945749858

11703. the wind of their running was cold and wild the horses were  
lathered and their manes streamed like stiff black pennants in the  
wind. 5.392585924657252

11704. the mare began to tire and clayton felt the spray of snow from  
the hoofs of gavin's stallion. 7.48837548295765

11705. he looked over his shoulder at the thin dotting of pursuers.  
7.953394054598466

11706. they neither gained nor fell back. 13.133843158043385

11707. he rode low on the mare's neck. 10.776005861178222

11708. ahead of him gavin turned slightly off the trail and pointed for  
the gap no more than a mile away. 8.282595012204844

11709. gavin's face was bloodless with excitement. 8.254441635698543

11710. he did not look back; he could feel more than hear the staccato  
beat of hoofs that fanned out across the prairie to the north.  
8.316086472634666

11711. he knew who was riding after him- the men he had known all his  
life the men who had worked for him sworn their loyalty to him.  
7.008494751156934

11712. now they were riding to kill him. 15.47578690371493

11713. and he was fleeing running- fleeing his death and his life at  
the same time. 8.667647832259895

11714. the land over which he sped was the land he had created and lived  
in: his valley. 8.696893592992074

11715. with every leaping stride of the horse beneath him he crossed one  
more patch of earth that had been his that he would never see again.  
6.544850292688108

11716. the gap looming before him- the place where had confronted jack  
english on that day so many years ago- was his exit from all that had  
meaning to him. 7.420770518537629

11717. california is too far he thought. 7.848254163972344

11718. he would never reach california. 21.18935534430853

11719. he was too old- when he passed up and through the corridor of  
pines that lined the trail he could see ahead he was passing from  
life. 6.293602468474845

11720. the sentry was not dead. 13.848082117783294

11721. he was in fact showing signs of reviving. 18.256252700549886

11722. he had been carrying an enfield rifle and a holstered navy cap-  
and-ball pistol. 11.564583389344953

11723. a bayonet hung in a belt scabbard. 8.604265568338976

11724. he was partially uniformed in a cavalry tunic and hat.  
12.77403531117276

11725. mike stripped these from him and donned them. 7.14162538120728

11726. he and dean tied and gagged the man using his belt and shirt  
for the purpose. 9.142280788587135

11727. they dragged him inside the building. 10.352492626598039

11728. fiske joined them unsteady on his feet. 9.060328853487057

11729. julia seeing the bandage rushed to him. 7.622507342753323

11730. you are hurt! she breathed. 20.62728783560616

11731. i never felt better in my life fiske blustered.  
9.585935903270716

11732. he turned to susan and kissed her on the cheek. 11.53167801843261

11733. thank you my dear he said. 22.053410381192666

11734. mike silenced them. 13.148092146312546

11735. first we've got to get out of here. 13.684308520936499

11736. we'll grab horses dean said. 11.568363037656766

11737. the main bunch is outside but there are some over there inside  
the wall. 7.00267667147391

11738. mike debated it trying to decide whether fiske was strong enough  
to ride. 8.211628357957135

11739. but it at least offered him a chance for living.  
12.500646461563038

11740. and for the sake of julia and susan it had to be tried.  
10.082991692056677



11741. the guerrilla bivouac remained silent. 14.843753820270253  
11742. light showed in the orderly room across the parade ground.  
9.231574966951777  
11743. someone evidently was on duty there. 7.8861859043075775  
11744. no doubt there would be men guarding the horses.  
12.456852159104024  
11745. about a dozen animals were held inside the stockade as best mike  
could make out in the moonlight. 6.6063678369100485  
11746. evidently this was a precaution so that mounts would be available  
in an emergency. 7.940874103768368  
11747. he handed the guard's rifle to fiske. 9.783357976961607  
11748. dean and myself will try to cut out horses to ride he said.  
7.859005551251455  
11749. you stay with the ladies. 13.44371259307425  
11750. all of you be ready to ride hell for leather. 13.90622267896328  
11751. he added if this doesn't work out the three of you barricade  
yourself in the house and talk terms with them. 7.6719973828421235  
11752. he handed the bayonet to dean and kept the pistol.  
10.697093789223626  
11753. susan halted dean and kissed him. 8.309587635189425  
11754. she clung to him talking to him and dabbing at her eyes.  
9.83649448904584  
11755. he was thinking that the way she had responded to his own kiss  
hadn't meant what he had believed it had. 6.538969013429846  
11756. dean turned from susan and took julia fortune in his arms.  
7.879513779734377  
11757. he kissed her also and with deep tenderness. 9.783357976961607  
11758. she too began to weep. 14.782158591075653  
11759. he released her and joined mike. 12.127026643485452  
11760. mike only said later. 13.148092146312546  
11761. be careful mclish! susan said fiercely. 14.994530997536978  
11762. the way you were careful? 25.299090204633444  
11763. he snorted. 21.889553134177078  
11764. running around in the moonlight almost naked and slugging a man  
with a rock? 9.202914598236363  
11765. he kept going. 10.363724110347151  
11766. he wanted no more sentimental scenes with her.  
15.265938752245571  
11767. he might say or do something foolish. 12.074261005839755  
11768. something all of them would regret. 12.246287563936663  
11769. he might tell her how sorry a spectacle she was making of herself  
pretending to be blind to the way julia fortune had taken dean's  
affections from her. 6.348497614628541  
11770. and using him mike mclish as a sop to her pride.  
9.73086604464448  
11771. he handed the bayonet to dean and kept the pistol.  
8.431773034471274  
11772. stay well back of me he said. 9.060328853487057  
11773. i'm going to walk up to the horses bold as brass pretending i'm  
one of the guerrillas. 4.369040032018733  
11774. there's bound to be someone on guard but the hat might fool them  
long enough for me to get close. 5.631309364959688  
11775. holding the pistol concealed he walked to the rear wall of the  
stockade. 7.169710626020369  
11776. it was pierced by a wagon gate built of two wings.  
13.850842327221208  
11777. mike passed through it and moved toward the dark mass of horses.  
6.583633325843117  
11778. they were tethered army style on stable lines. 13.59768831576407  
11779. who's that? 15.610129252044759

11780. just me mike said.16.047972100859035  
11781. is that you bill? 16.332208592714803  
11782. he located his man. 17.83289566254582  
11783. the guard stood in the shadow of the stockade wall just out of reach of the moonlight. 6.040227447879625  
11784. mike kept walking and got within arm's reach before the man became suspicious and straightened from his lax slouch. 6.643215071337043  
11785. mike struck with the muzzle of the pistol. 7.14162538120728  
11786. but the luck that had been running their way left him.  
13.11010965327133  
11787. the guard instinctively parried the blow with his rifle.  
7.839212140222358  
11788. he tried to veer the rifle around to fire into mike's body.  
9.592132658614503  
11789. mike off balance managed to bat the muzzle away a moment before it exploded. 5.952194736442484  
11790. mike swung the pistol in a savage backlash. 8.581436094141479  
11791. this time it connected solidly on the man's temple felling him.  
8.96661564248771  
11792. the explosion of the rifle had crashed against the walls of the stockade and the deep echoes were still rolling in the hills.  
6.940550884585623  
11793. the startled horses began rearing on their tethers.  
7.14162538120728  
11794. are you hit? 28.260706101627743  
11795. he demanded. 21.889553134177078  
11796. no but the fat's in the fire! mike said.  
10.373067412998452  
11797. there's no chance now of all of us getting away.  
4.3589877313461995  
11798. you'll have to try it alone. 5.021053878257715  
11799. the sentry's saddled horse stood picketed nearby having been kept handy in case of need. 5.674295354649883  
11800. mike took the bayonet from dean's hand and slashed the picket line. 7.615092762846159  
11801. up you go! he said. 12.059826482807932  
11802. ride! dean resisted mike's attempt to push him toward the horse. 7.879513779734377  
11803. why not you? 18.601846221890774  
11804. he protested. 27.770505909397876  
11805. you're lighter than me. 7.103211731042159  
11806. it's our only chance now. 3.6130210406737766  
11807. try to find these feds. 11.60462592055087  
11808. the rest of us can fort up in the house and hang on until you get back. 11.68393305740907  
11809. you're the one that's taking the big chance. 5.955381787546666  
11810. dean still hesitated but mike lifted him almost bodily into the saddle and thrust the reins in his hand. 6.634019108848722  
11811. no telling how good this horse is mike panted. 6.764147616291221  
11812. favor him and save something in case you hit trouble.  
8.196044167676531  
11813. watch out for apaches when it comes daylight. 8.030587502291649  
11814. you might need it. 25.332555223364672  
11815. we'll still have the rifle and i might be able to round up some more. 4.774636176996138  
11816. i'll stampede the rest of these horses so they can't chase you.  
7.95864412706139  
11817. dean leaned from the saddle and gave him a mighty whack on the back. 5.88631376693808

11818. mclish he said as he kicked the horse into motion i'd be a mighty  
sad man if we never met again. 6.365727389270327  
11819. then he was on his way at a gallop. 10.417410036190766  
11820. mike ran down the line slashing picket ropes with the bayonet.  
7.879513779734377  
11821. he lifted a screeching war whoop. 10.776005861178222  
11822. that touched off a total stampede. 14.860954966088402  
11823. he darted inside the stockade and freed the horses there.  
8.431773034471274  
11824. these poured through the gate and joined the flight.  
9.952722225158219  
11825. the animals thundered away into the moonlight heading for the  
ridges. 7.43304005989246  
11826. the guerrillas were swarming from their bivouac at the west end of  
the enclosure. 9.055676704058166  
11827. they're stealin' the stock! he scuttled in shadow along the  
east wall of the stockade and then followed the south wall until he was  
at the rear of the two frame buildings. 5.0236993030527985  
11828. his shout had been taken up and repeated. 10.276228481933904  
11829. the guerrillas were running across the parade ground and  
through the rear gate in the wake of the departing horses.  
8.567802685096412  
11830. all were carrying guns they had seized up but they were half-  
clad or hardly clad at all. 8.032178107647553  
11831. durkin and calhoun came running from the post. 7.14162538120728  
11832. they had pistols in their hands. 16.182443916823054  
11833. they bawled questions that were not answered in the uproar.  
8.175689281675892  
11834. they followed the others toward the east gate.  
11.967541482367666  
11835. beyond the stockade rifles began to explode as some of the  
guerrillas fired at shadows that they imagined were apaches.  
5.474531342049449  
11836. mike made a dash to the rear of the frame buildings.  
8.352423964981433  
11837. he crawled beneath the two supply wagons which stood between the  
buildings and peered around a corner. 6.512874137333827  
11838. a man was standing in the open door of the lighted orderly room a  
few yards to mike's left but he too suddenly made up his mind and went  
racing to join the confused activity at the east end of the stockade.  
7.333922850745452  
11839. mike crawled to the door and peered in. 7.14162538120728  
11840. the orderly room seemed to be deserted. 13.97992031253537  
11841. a lantern hung from a peg giving light. 8.023923068000494  
11842. ducking inside he found that three rifles were stacked in a  
corner. 7.615092762846159  
11843. a brace of pistols holstered on belts hung from a peg along  
with ammunition pouches. 6.211372457527363  
11844. an ammunition case stood open containing canisters which  
contained powder cartridges. 8.832753266979044  
11845. mike seized a blanket from a pallet in a corner spread it on the  
floor and used it to form a bag in which he placed his booty.  
6.803649988278166  
11846. shouldering the load he peered from the door. 8.581436094141479  
11847. his looting of the orderly room had taken only a minute or two  
and the vicinity was still clear of guerrillas. 5.398794248435963  
11848. he looked at the looming hoods of the supply wagons struck by a  
new inspiration. 10.233689097660884  
11849. he set his bundle down. 20.395488178977015

11850. snatching the lantern from its peg he shattered its globe with  
a blow against a post. 6.886249538313906  
11851. he picked up the powder canister and ran out.  
10.491114131903798  
11852. bursting paper cartridges he scattered powder beneath the nearest  
wagon and dumped the contents of the canister upon it. 6.54093796655646  
11853. he shouldered the blanket again backed off and tossed the  
lantern with its open wick beneath the wagon. 6.4891610436624845  
11854. he turned and raced across the parade ground toward the rock  
house. 11.257768575309084  
11855. powder flame gushed beneath the wagon. 7.622507342753323  
11856. the stockade was brilliantly lighted and the guerrillas sighted  
him. 9.430036403335416  
11857. bullets began to snap past him. 7.622507342753323  
11858. one struck the muzzle of one of the rifles that projected  
from the shoulder pack. 12.644775849673021  
11859. its force spun him around but he recovered and got into stride  
again. 6.585332564606704  
11860. a bullet tore the earth from beneath his foot when he was a  
stride or two from safety. 7.324251899623047  
11861. another struck him heavily in the thigh and he went down.  
6.718376022673354  
11862. guerrillas were racing toward him. 10.472119682746735  
11863. susan and julia came from the door and dragged him with them.  
7.150824715064571  
11864. the three of them floundered through the door into the interior  
and fell in a heap. 8.201843146506944  
11865. susan bounced to her feet and slammed the door. 7.351289038679152  
11866. she crouched aside as bullets beat at the portal chewing into  
the planks. 8.75117189369985  
11867. sometore entirely through the whipsawed post oak.  
7.14162538120728  
11868. the iron hinges held but the planks were in danger of being torn  
from the crossbars. 8.234409022249103  
11869. mike rolled to susan grasped her around the knees dragging her off  
her feet. 5.98563732311679  
11870. he hovered over her to shield her for spent bullets were  
thudding against the rear walls. 8.26265427207832  
11871. he peered from a loophole. 12.127026643485452  
11872. guerrillas were only a dozen yards away charging the house.  
8.196044167676531  
11873. mike snatched a pistol from the heap of scattered booty and  
fired. 6.002446559592496  
11874. he dropped a man with the first bullet. 17.388716373636676  
11875. at the same moment wheeler fiske fired the rifle mike had  
given him and another guerrilla was hit. 8.051161396798552  
11876. the guerrillas scattered for cover. 13.848082117783294  
11877. the wagons were burning fiercely. 12.486750257698887  
11878. the mudwagon had caught fire also. 12.435529358277208  
11879. the blaze was spreading to the frame buildings. 0.0  
11880. the guerrillas realized they faced a new problem.  
11.387658710676023  
11881. there goes our grub an' ammunition! get a bucket line  
going! calhoun shouted. 6.002446559592496  
11882. hurry! hurry! the guerrillas began a frantic search for pails  
in which to bring water from the spring. 7.513561455654996  
11883. but what few containers they found were inadequate.  
11.12995643692041  
11884. many of them in increasing panic came running with water in their  
hats in a ludicrous effort. 8.134699306004906

11885. both buildings were in flames. 9.822490383565295  
11886. the heat drove the guerrillas back. 15.00667951087731  
11887. the roof of the command post began to buckle. 9.934835291233957  
11888. drag the wagons to the spring! lew durkin yelled.8.196044167676531  
11889. run 'em right into the spring! hustle! one of the wagons  
erupted a massive pillar of flame. 5.427950274147271  
11890. a sizable supply of powder had been touched off.  
10.179668886367091  
11891. the wagons and the coach were beyond saving and so were the  
buildings. 7.217176366802297  
11892. the glow of the fire reached through the openings in the  
windows giving light enough to examine mike's wound. 7.93207314580076  
11893. the bullet had torn through the flesh just above the knee  
inflicting an ugly gash that was forming a pool of blood on the floor.  
5.519758338907703  
11894. but it had missed the bone and had passed on through.  
9.041155388804004  
11895. susan and julia ripped strips from their clothing and bound the  
injury. 6.357934500541791  
11896. mike tested the leg and found that he was able to hobble  
around on it. 9.519505244470297  
11897. so it wasn't the earthquake that made him return to his village!  
no. 7.905217694850846  
11898. now dammit i don't want to go into any more explanations.  
9.1017133262004  
11899. keep this to yourself. 11.29430280776596  
11900. reverend jason looking worried hurried toward us.9.186019237828585  
11901. anything wrong cap'n? 12.292407525564322  
11902. the men seem to think so. 16.453799382070844  
11903. dirion found a large war party south of us. 6.764147616291221  
11904. they'll probably attack at dawn montero said. 6.857683493612344  
11905. he brushed past the clergyman and walked into the center of the  
camp. 8.137390422024271  
11906. using his hands as a trumpet he shouted fort up! fort up!  
there's a large war party on their way! for a second engages cooks  
voyageurs appeared struck dumb. 6.5248309691582245  
11907. then little billy began shouting orders to round up the ponies and  
fill the water buckets and for the cooks to hurry up with the meal.  
5.541433120220804  
11908. they all flew into action. 11.568363037656766  
11909. that was a terrible thing to do i said to oso.  
11.26112861550338  
11910. the aricaras treated us like friends. 12.435529358277208  
11911. and here all the time you knew the sioux would be using our  
rifles on them! god what a world you people live in.  
5.7286145966242055  
11912. oso gave me an unruffled look. 10.472119682746735  
11913. old knife's got the largest war party ever seen on the river he  
said calmly. 5.950508036481023  
11914. what would you have done in montero's moccasins?  
13.044634782666947  
11915. let old knife come up and kill you and your people or would you  
steer him on someone else? 6.579955532313581  
11916. he shook his head. 17.83289566254582  
11917. mr manuel did that in the war. 9.474431667093892  
11918. that's why the british never got the tribes to fight for the  
king. 4.989406672681278  
11919. mr manuel whispered in the ears of the sioux that the cheyennes  
were comin' to raid 'em for their horses. 5.671415469219829

11920. then he went on to the cheyennes and told them that the sioux  
was goin' to move up. 10.462392934242546

11921. he did that with all the nations. 15.08470632451048

11922. hellthey were fightin' each other so hard they had no time for  
anyone else. 9.838131847219275

11923. the war department wrote mr manuel a letter and said he was a  
hero. 7.799262051541884

11924. he carried it in a little wallet made of fish skin.  
13.827445336334137

11925. but that was war i said. 15.895820713420235

11926. there's no war on now. 10.020179113463245

11927. in this countrythere's a war on every time the grass turns green.  
10.713261962467861

11928. first it was the nations against themselves then it was them  
against the whites. 8.567450933935744

11929. and it's goin' to go on like this year after year until the white  
people take over this land. 5.045570666411777

11930. i remember being told it would happen so fast people would think  
it took place overnight. 8.511455505189446

11931. that's why this company's important. 9.118533821976325

11932. once we get over the mountains others will come along.  
11.31236496518887

11933. that's why the trust don't want us to make it.  
3.7024153772148614

11934. that bastard chambers!- old knife's not the only chief he'll get  
to do his dirty work! before we get through he'll have the blackfeet  
hankerin' for our hair and our goods. 6.574875698381135

11935. welltalkin' ain't goin' to help- let's fort up! as i dug in  
behind one of the bales we were using as protection i grudgingly found  
myself agreeing with oso's logic especially when i imagined what would  
have happened to missy if old knife's large party of screeching warriors  
had overrun our company. 4.555860917313279

11936. for unlike the sioux and the crows the aricaras are not great  
horsemen nor are they aggressive like the savage blackfeet.  
7.372054225787005

11937. more of an agricultural nation they have relied on their  
warriors only for defense and for survival in the endless wars of the  
plains. 5.7682890224846

11938. still i was disgustedwith myself for agreeing with montero's  
methods. 9.09088676501256

11939. surprisingly he had told the others what he had done.  
6.908820694756014

11940. in the brief moment i had to talk to them before i took my post on  
the ring of defenses i indicated i was sickened by the methods men  
employed to live and trade on the river. 8.204282556553649

11941. i think montero did right amy said firmly. 11.90722482757631

11942. let the savages kill each other what do we care?  
11.328689484044578

11943. reverend jason was understandably bitter. 8.254441635698543

11944. it was a terrible thing to do. 25.32102166610615

11945. but oso replied calmly trouble ain't easy to dodge out in this  
country rev'rend. 8.285409763333197

11946. gray eyes attacked our camp just as the first pink threads  
stitched together the hills and the sky. 7.253299614129841

11947. our camp was in the center of a wide valley.  
11.368385470324792

11948. montero had set up a strong position using every bale and box we  
had in addition to barricades of logs and brush. 7.894367486866993

11949. he had ordered the ponies brought inside the fortified circle  
and had assigned pierre and a band of picked engages the job of  
trying to keep them steady under fire. 6.0615275061740554  
11950. the pony herd was the one flaw in our defense; the rees  
undoubtedly would try to cut down as many of the animals as possible.  
8.241522001977899  
11951. wildly bucking horses would make the position difficult to defend  
against charging warriors. 5.825820622377272  
11952. the cooks had prepared one of the best meals we'd had in a long  
time and on montero's orders had baked enough bread to last the day.  
9.216700034432904  
11953. buckets were filled the herd fed and watered. 7.14162538120728  
11954. the worst part had been the waiting; although we didn't  
expect the attack before dawn the long cloudy night filled with the  
sounds of the industrious insects seemed endless. 7.379422411391173  
11955. coyotes and hunting wolves sounded like signaling indian  
scouts the whinny of a restless pony made one's skin crawl.  
5.15576524365156  
11956. oso slept unconcernedly his rifle cradled in his arms; i didn't  
catch a wink. 7.391013650626644  
11957. every time i closed my eyes i saw gray eyes rushing at me with a  
knife. 6.426937507238269  
11958. it was a relief when they finally came. 19.139196617203407  
11959. they poured through the opening in the valley then spread out in  
a long line to come at us brandishing their lances and filling the  
morning with their spine-chilling scalp cry. 5.146349420610364  
11960. oso montero called i'll get gray eyes. 9.670406878971576  
11961. that'll be a pleasure to see the big black murmured as he stared  
down the barrel of his rifle. 5.236383152695367  
11962. hold your fire montero was shouting. 10.103298113849831  
11963. i'll shoot the first man who doesn't. 5.3598734063464395  
11964. i could see them in my sights. 17.988172485904624  
11965. they were about a mile off; under me the ground quivered  
slightly. 8.084077299926864  
11966. at first they were only feathers and dark indistinguishable faces  
and bodies hunched over their horses' heads. 9.06704307321627  
11967. gradually they emerged as men. 9.139931845753472  
11968. gray eyes was in the lead. 12.134987469719709  
11969. his face was split by a vermilion streak his eyes were pools of  
white; jagged red and black medicine symbols covered his chest.  
5.868982978662346  
11970. he was naked except for a clout. 16.382646054291385  
11971. next to him was a young boy i was sure had sat near me at one  
of the trading sessions. 7.169680300160624  
11972. his mouth was open his neck corded with the strain of his  
screams. 8.059409733643921  
11973. i found his chest in my sights. 13.164418645275045  
11974. it had a red circle. 25.81473521031209  
11975. the circle came nearer and nearer. 9.802060557618772  
11976. my god how long is he going to wait i thought h. 7.976605828466205  
11977. at first i thought he had missed. 13.758626721952014  
11978. the feathered lance was still above his head.  
10.582206877639416  
11979. as he started to slump over another warrior swung him onto his  
horse. 5.881264192582968  
11980. at the last second i dropped my sights from the bare chest  
and bright red circle to the chest of his pony. 8.682024625727331  
11981. i saw the pony fall like a stone and the young warrior flew over  
its head bouncing like a rubber ball. 6.674115810572968

11982. he started to run but oso's shot caught him on the wing.  
 10.897486384879642  
 11983. he jerked once in the grass and lay still. 9.706986427198157  
 11984. if you're goin' to kill 'em- kill 'em! oso growled.  
 8.962939615574799  
 11985. what else he said was lost in the rattle of gunfire on all  
 sides. 9.779952169334301  
 11986. the aricaras broke under the devastating fire wheeled and  
 retreated. 9.945332631078985  
 11987. lead up! lead up! they'll be back! montero was shouting.  
 6.460370037324521  
 11988. far up the valley i could see the rees circling and  
 reorganizing. 10.65322002605649  
 11989. out in front of our walls the grass was covered with dead and  
 dying men war shields lances blankets and wounded and dead horses.  
 6.893875547742425  
 11990. the morning air was filled with the sweetish odor of new-  
 spilled blood the acrid stench of frightened horses and the  
 bitterness of burned powder. 7.6096172238858415  
 11991. a horse screamed as it twisted from side to side in a frenzy.  
 6.992568265113983  
 11992. a rifle cracked; the square head fell over. 10.915928998043894  
 11993. one of the warriors suddenly leaped to his feet and began running  
 across the valley to the trees that lined the small creek.  
 8.45011442703396  
 11994. his legs pumped furiously his long black hair streamed out behind  
 him. 8.544323270472242  
 11995. there was a ragged volley. 11.995464083733335  
 11996. he was dead before he hit the ground. 14.94857320120787  
 11997. for christ's sake don't waste your powder on one of 'em!  
 montero shouted furiously. 7.3158859978125  
 11998. wait for the charge! the charge i tell you! the sharp cries at  
 the end of the valley were faint. 9.3922668226896  
 11999. they grew louder as the indians charged again. 8.729760093721831  
 12000. i could see their faces glistening with sweat and bear grease  
 their mouths open shouting their spine-chilling cries.  
 9.283455960103378  
 12001. gray eyes is back montero said. 8.254441635698543  
 12002. the war captain had been badly wounded and was fighting to hold  
 his seat. 9.806839755593408  
 12003. i could see the blood running down his chest.  
 14.683131401502942  
 12004. he was riding between two warriors who held him erect when he  
 started to slump. 9.688906735989212  
 12005. in my sights i watched him looming bigger and bigger.  
 9.586553235979116  
 12006. montero's shot had caught him high in the chest; there was no  
 doubt he was dying. 7.814739189650783  
 12007. again we waited for montero. 10.283688157474398  
 12008. this time he delayed so long that some of the engages shouted  
 frantically but they held their fire. 12.070440123414585  
 12009. the horses were only several lengths away when he fired.  
 9.143514200721675  
 12010. the bullet flung gray eyes from his horse. 10.582206877639416  
 12011. our rolling volley swept most of the other riders from their  
 mounts. 8.076756257669505  
 12012. but a few reached our wall. 18.445182089734388  
 12013. i heard the whir of an ax and a canadian's face burst apart in a  
 bloody spray. 7.008690212545931



12014. i saw little billy rise and fire almost point blank and an indian's face became shattered flesh and bone. 8.475949337590892  
12015. a second leaped from his horse to the top of the bale firing four arrows in such rapid succession it didn't seem possible they were in flight. 7.194723849896014  
12016. oso reached up jerked the buck from the bale and snapped his neck. 7.391013650626644  
12017. other indians were running at the ponies shrilling and waving blankets. 6.777914345066018  
12018. reverend jason got one the canadians the others. 9.186019237828585  
12019. i saw the clergyman kneel for a moment by the twitching body of the man he had shot then run back to his position. 8.612952549318615  
12020. the ponies were almost uncontrollable. 13.848082117783294  
12021. the pall of dust they raised made it difficult to see when the aricaras charged again. 7.039470073267151  
12022. this time more of them hurdled the barrier. 14.390392567869048  
12023. a small indian dived at montero who caught him with a swift upward stroke of his rifle butt. 6.358009149338423  
12024. it sounded like a man kicking a melon. 13.388290833654258  
12025. above me a dark rider was whipping his pony with a quirt in an attempt to hurdle the bales. 5.917832999199861  
12026. although my shot killed his horse he rolled off the bale on top of me. 8.637901651174987  
12027. i could smell woodsmoke grease and oil. 11.695419116937586  
12028. his eyes were dark fluid fearful and he gave a sigh as my knife went in. 8.610607758165054  
12029. coming over the wall he had seemed like a hideous devil. 6.210871206873012  
12030. now under me i could see him for what he really was a boy dressed up in streaks of paint h. 7.678333575328015  
12031. the aricaras made one last desperate charge. 8.976097203071156  
12032. it was pitiful to see the thin ranks of warriors old and young wheeling and twisting their ponies frantically from side to side only to be tumbled bleeding from their saddles by the relentless slam slam of the cruelly efficient hawkinses. 7.076911536342233  
12033. others badly wounded gripped hands in manes knees in bellies held on as long as possible and then weak from ghastly wounds slipped sideways slowly almost thoughtfully to be broken under the slashing hoofs. 5.785565677596943  
12034. some gracefully soared from the backs of their wounded screaming mounts to make one last defiant charge before the lead split their hearts or tore their guts h. 6.527171414932445  
12035. none of them reached our walls again. 12.216451405619546  
12036. the few survivors grudgingly turned away. 12.435529358277208  
12037. in the distance we could hear the drums and the wail of the death song. 6.214123239492383  
12038. she was carrying a quirt and she started to raise it then let it fall again and dangle from her wrist. 8.128158058477432  
12039. i saw your fire she said speaking slowly making an effort to control her anger. 8.349096582199778  
12040. you could burn down this whole mountainside with a fire that size. 8.633099307307559  
12041. it wouldn't matter to a fool like you. 11.601728556192805  
12042. all right wilson said quickly. 11.568363037656766  
12043. and i appreciate the advice. 17.71727254748585  
12044. he was losing patience again. 19.87986593677342  
12045. an hour before with the children asleep and nothing but the strange darkness he would have appreciated company. 6.183924846480278  
12046. she had helped him change his mind. 14.431176431654745

12047. i'm not advising you she said. 3.7015045771243886  
12048. that fire's too big. 17.150845923962493  
12049. and make sure it's out when you leave in the morning.  
8.23699786698917  
12050. it took him a long time to compose himself.  
13.520346423378275  
12051. there's some mistake he said finally. 4.675983334456371  
12052. you're right about the fire. 8.387192178320554  
12053. it's bigger than it has to be though i don't see where it's  
doing any harm. 4.290612895338659  
12054. but you're wrong about the rest of it. 17.095584455738695  
12055. i'm not leaving in the morning. 3.699222138671167  
12056. why should i? 24.23823096593575  
12057. i own the place. 14.392431089066493  
12058. she showed her surprise by tightening the reins and moving  
the gelding around so that she could get a better look at his face.  
7.528339729369748  
12059. it didn't seem to tell her anything. 8.705106217545758  
12060. she glanced around the clearing taking in the wagon and the  
load of supplies and trappings scattered over the ground the two kids  
the whiteface bull that was chewing its cud just within the far reaches  
of the firelight. 6.197130710271735  
12061. she studied it for a long time. 13.75159317082359  
12062. then she turned back to wilson and smiled and he wasn't quite sure  
what she meant by it. 6.886249538313906  
12063. you own this place? 15.784668708114987  
12064. she said and her tone had softened until it was almost  
friendly. 12.132165923153005  
12065. you bought it? 19.40307901854524  
12066. from a man in st louis wilson said. 11.420119607208166  
12067. the girl laughed. 14.843753820270253  
12068. i ought to. 22.150701097072105  
12069. my father ran him off here six years ago. 7.457430260325163  
12070. he stood watching the girl wondering what was coming next.  
11.420228772298287  
12071. she had picked up the quirt and was twirling it around her wrist  
and smiling at him. 7.356196120525962  
12072. carwood didn't tell you that she said. 9.670406878971576  
12073. but it's understandable. 7.69674876835218  
12074. it's not the kind of thing that a man would be proud of.  
4.658485826915615  
12075. and it doesn't make any difference. 14.508668449261632  
12076. he sold me a clear title. 13.671139498061125  
12077. i have it with me right here. 9.545209647245795  
12078. if you want to see- never mind she said sternly.  
20.656084645720217  
12079. it wouldn't matter to my father and not to me. 9.740106390825309  
12080. i meant what i said about that fire. 11.633205579815934  
12081. be sure it's out when you leave. 14.953058771197819  
12082. i'll let you go back to doing the dishes now. 6.280661590185376  
12083. it was meant to insult him and didn't quite succeed.  
11.859831723497784  
12084. he took the reins just below the bit and held them firmly and  
it was his turn to smile now. 8.472402762768146  
12085. i don't mind washing dishes now and then he said pleasantly.  
4.928854484287296  
12086. it might hurt you though. 31.683686230238845  
12087. somebody might mistake you for a woman. 7.428480081286302  
12088. he meant to say more but he never got the chance.  
10.246754943516056

12089. she brought the quirt down slashing it across his cheek and he  
tried to step back. 6.257697475937866

12090. she swung the quirt again and this time he caught her wrist and  
pulled her out of the saddle. 8.984225912471691

12091. she came down against him and he tried to break her fall.  
8.209822338071609

12092. he grabbed her by the shoulders and went down on one knee taking  
her weight so that some of the wind was driven out of him.  
8.405247519312327

12093. it made him a little sick and he let go of her.  
10.483566844810595

12094. he got up slowly and she was already on her feet and he stood  
facing her. 9.9709382647831

12095. he wiped the blood from his cheek. 9.783357976961607

12096. i ought to- he said. 18.25917094604721

12097. he was shaking with anger his breath coming in long painful  
gasps. 8.81770600605173

12098. that quirt- i ought to use it on you where it would do the most  
good. 10.70906542704759

12099. if you were a man- she isn't mister. 14.033648972451692

12100. the voice came from behind him and wilson turned.  
10.964701440381639

12101. the fire had gone down and the man was only a shadow against the  
trees. 9.47988803328324

12102. but a moment later he brought his horse forward into the light  
and wilson had a good look at him. 8.512084097037281

12103. he was tall and dark-skinned a half-breed wilson thought.  
10.939493574783542

12104. and he was handsome despite the long thin scar that slanted  
across his cheek. 10.99825032983255

12105. she's not a man mister he said. 5.199590626032467

12106. if you've got any ideas. 13.208379935979165

12107. he raised the winchester and pointed it at wilson's chest.  
8.431773034471274

12108. put the rifle down joseph the girl said. 9.060328853487057

12109. i thought i told you to stay home. 7.14162538120728

12110. the half-breed eased the winchester down and rested it across  
his lap. 9.005093323721033

12111. the scar looked pure white in the half-darkness; his eyes were  
black and deep-set and expressionless. 6.40429955600299

12112. you shouldn't be riding up here after dark judith he said quietly.  
10.204085970961833

12113. i can take care of this. 18.522113676750312

12114. it's no job for you. 3.200940729365887

12115. the girl tapped the quirt impatiently against her knee and glared  
at him. 6.817408452020724

12116. he took it without flinching. 17.89381761794641

12117. i said go home joseph. 14.392431089066493

12118. you've got no business up here. 6.058743502399721

12119. the half-breed didn't answer this time. 10.915477388587384

12120. but the scar seemed to pull hard at the corner of his mouth and  
his eyes were hurt and angry. 8.893983056737822

12121. he watched the half-breed as he turned silently. 9.026368296067464

12122. they could hear the pony's feet on the dry leaves for a while then  
the sound faded out. 7.867395731975124

12123. wilson brushed the dust from his coat. 7.14162538120728

12124. who was that? 15.594944937291627

12125. he asked. 21.889553134177078

12126. your personal guard? 15.428181156637756

12127. you're pretty hard on him. 7.103211731042159

12128. he works for my father the girl said and then seemed to change her mind. 9.244956432141908  
12129. his name's joseph sanchez. 12.631558650863068  
12130. is there anything else you want to know? 17.98362252811136  
12131. not now wilson said. 9.118533821976325  
12132. i guess i'll find out soon enough. 13.93195501835056  
12133. you've got blood on your cheek. 4.775684975088896  
12134. it must have got there when you fell against me.  
12.356930286633146  
12135. she wiped it off with the sleeve of her coat.7.953336273174813  
12136. i'll bet that's as close as you've been to a man since you were a baby wilson said. 5.350813862707408  
12137. he saw her hand start to work down the leather thong toward the handle of the quirt and he grabbed her wrist. 5.8814223863024635  
12138. oh no he said and he was without humor now. 10.92885737873948  
12139. i've had enough of that. 4.8991063637661245  
12140. i've had enough of you. 5.760844415795509  
12141. i don't know what goes on around here and i don't care.  
4.667103519579292  
12142. i don't know what makes you think you can get away with this kind of business and i don't care about that either. 6.297090790111638  
12143. you took me by surprise. 15.784668708114987  
12144. but i'll know how to handle you next time. 14.217384933543453  
12145. she brought up her free hand to hit him but this time he was quicker. 7.821903682754583  
12146. he side-stepped her blow and she fell stumbling against the gelding. 9.592132658614503  
12147. she finally regained her balance and got up in the saddle.  
8.57192931380279  
12148. her hat had come off and fallen behind her shoulders held by the string and he could see her face more clearly than he had at any time before. 7.141345976950406  
12149. he had forgotten that she was so pretty. 12.66136117777819  
12150. but her prettiness was what he had noticed first and all the other things had come afterward: cruelty meanness self-will.  
9.906942144834186  
12151. he had known women like that one woman in particular.  
10.05140996736625  
12152. and one had been too many. 21.56593318521171  
12153. he watched the girl until she had gone into the trees and waited until he couldn't hear the sound of her horse any longer then went up to where the children were sleeping. 5.788954990151543  
12154. they weren't sleeping of course but they thought they were doing him a favor by pretending. 8.320368604903889  
12155. he hadn't shown up too well in their eyes letting himself be browbeaten by a woman. 6.512874137333827  
12156. they expected greater things from him regardless of how trying the circumstances and they were disappointed. 7.3915229198035135  
12157. and determined not to show it. 11.3944679046587  
12158. they lay a little too stiffly with their eyes straining to stay closed. 8.09528547037174  
12159. go to sleep he said. 11.189622631959072  
12160. there's better things to do than listen to something like that.  
5.468054022635353  
12161. i'll be down at the creek finishing the dishes if you want me.  
5.106352624910841  
12162. he found the pan where he had dropped it and carried it back down to the stream. 9.63983903476225  
12163. the coyote was calling again and he hoped that this time there would be no other sounds to interrupt it. 5.670580783382225

12164. not tonight at any rate. 14.174471042466617  
12165. he had a feeling that the girl meant trouble. 9.735550941679392  
12166. if she did he could stand it better in the light.  
12.747825990681422  
12167. he scrubbed absent-mindedly at the pans and reflected on how  
things had turned out. 6.955990454870539  
12168. that afternoon when they had pulled up in front of the broken-  
down ranch house his hopes had been high. 9.817927495268885  
12169. already some of the pain had gone from amelia's death.  
8.726435559257615  
12170. there would still be plenty of moments of regret and sadness and  
guilty relief. 11.87140610071374  
12171. but they were starting a new life. 12.243592785386083  
12172. and they had almost everything they needed: land a house two  
whiteface bulls three horses. 8.565190225393588  
12173. the land wasn't all wilson had expected of it.  
9.851523114888616  
12174. six hundred and forty acres the old man back in st louis had  
said; good grass good water. 7.2273685404919865  
12175. well the grass was there though in some places the ground was too  
steep for a cow to get to it. 6.357736137740203  
12176. the water was there so much of it that it spread all through the  
dead orchard. 11.342579774178636  
12177. and there was a house; livable perhaps but badly in need of  
repairs. 13.150085991530853  
12178. in the last analysis though wilson had little cause to  
complain. 14.103377732759068  
12179. the place had been cheap- just the little he had left after  
amelia's burial- and it would serve its purpose. 6.041237801692851  
12180. there was only one place where jake carwood's description had  
gone badly awry: the peace and quiet. 12.030109205048033  
12181. it hadn't started out that way. 14.93623902024112  
12182. and he had a feeling- thanks to the girl- that things would get  
worse before they got better. 10.589948510622724  
12183. they had the house cleaned up by noon and wilson sent the boy out  
to the meadow to bring in the horses. 7.292646559480176  
12184. he stood on the porch and watched him struggling with the heavy  
harness and finally went over to help him. 8.582795776087332  
12185. kathy was already in the wagon. 8.394614028573898  
12186. they were going to town and they were both excited.  
15.945725285630184  
12187. wilson backed the team into the traces and wished they weren't  
going to town at all. 5.427950274147271  
12188. he had an uneasy feeling about it. 16.211259576588034  
12189. that girl last night what was her name? 9.509783259141862  
12190. judith pierce. 15.594944937291627  
12191. it was the only thing about her that was the least bit hard to  
remember. 11.106530160468486  
12192. he finished with the team and filled his pipe and stood  
looking about him. 8.824820353737188  
12193. he had spent two hours riding around the ranch that morning and in  
broad daylight it was even less inviting than judith pierce had  
made it seem. 6.0924755685767265  
12194. there was brush and stands of pine that no grass could grow under  
and places so steep that cattle wouldn't stop to graze. 8.703052026935532  
12195. there was an artificial lake just out of sight in the first stand  
of trees fed by a half dozen springs that popped out of the ground  
above the hillside orchard. 0.0  
12196. yes there was plenty of water too much and that was probably  
the trouble. 9.55764918183988

12197. there were tracks of cattle all over his six hundred and forty acres. 9.37400426923309

12198. the first part of the road was steep but it leveled off after the second bend and curled gradually into the valley. 8.4004536701202

12199. it was hotter once they reached the flat and drier but the grass was better. 8.595594853566553

12200. a warm breeze played across it moving it like waves. 9.59560366773705

12201. a red-tailed hawk flew in behind them and stayed there watching for any snakes or rabbits that they might stir up from the side of the road. 6.561377494787317

12202. it took them an hour before they came to the first houses of kelseyville. 10.801089117890836

12203. the town was about what wilson expected: one main street with its rows of false-fronted buildings a water tower a few warehouses a single hotel; all dusty and sunbaked. 5.21918360651743

12204. such was my state of mind that i did not question the possibility of this; under the circumstances i was only too willing to confess all. 8.091663412205813

12205. i was nearly thirty at the time. 11.74036724649576

12206. i went to the hall in the afternoons only on these preliminary matters. 11.189882844197793

12207. it was dark and i sensed very large; only the counter at one end was lighted by a long fluorescent tube suspended directly above it. 6.502999082036729

12208. sometimes i was aware of people moving about in the darkness. 12.150969996172167

12209. i would turn away from my writing in the hope of getting a good look at them but i never quite succeeded. 7.6486672499380095

12210. a glimpse of three of four vague figures at the most. 9.258857116347524

12211. squatting as if waiting. 9.625903376260457

12212. the pulsing glow of a cigarette. 13.848082117783294

12213. since they could see me but i not them their presence in the hall disturbed me. 7.277664389987489

12214. the clerk paid them no attention. 12.435529358277208

12215. this impressed me until i realized how limited was his sphere of influence. 6.954879689604739

12216. his job simply consisted in registering new men. 9.631463447962453

12217. when the phone rang he answered it. 12.937051705538712

12218. his authority extended to the far edge of the counter no further. 11.743185007180887

12219. none of the men hanging around the hall bothered to speak to him. 10.656623881673069

12220. baldness was attacking his pate. 10.472119682746735

12221. he spoke to me in a gruff voice an affectation which quite belied his personality. 7.303218157515648

12222. he wore his white shirt open at the neck revealing a bit of scrawny pale chest underneath. 9.665179448550838

12223. it was obvious that he wished himself different from the sort of person he thought he was. 9.75424785302504

12224. but it was not easy for him and he often slipped. 23.231851472990158

12225. when one of the men in the hall behind us spat on the floor and scraped his boot over the gob of spittle i noticed how the clerk winced. 7.68961368661108

12226. i felt certain he was really a spineless little man. 10.227318669010717

12227. his hat hung on a hook on the wall and underneath it i could see his tie knotted ready to be slipped over his head a black badge of

frayed respectability that ought never to have left his neck.

5.155986784899988

12228. the morning's tabloids were on the counter and a stack of dog-eared men's magazines. 9.425587732110527

12229. on a shelf in the office behind the counter was a small radio dialed permanently on a station which broadcast only vulgar commercials and cheap popular music. 6.107775289493932

12230. everything about the clerk was trivial. 10.472119682746735

12231. once pressing him i learned that his job was only part-time in the afternoons when nothing went on in the hall. 6.085239817428627

12232. noticing my disappointment he attempted to salvage what scraps and shreds of authority he felt might still be clinging to his person. 6.482882632975171

12233. with distaste i saw him assume a pompous air. 8.19042451245208

12234. when he saw me coming he turned his radio off.

14.010139104510168

12235. he made a show of rearranging my forms on the shelf.

10.823522173964337

12236. he would pick up the ringing phone with studied negligence then bark into it with gruff importance. 9.829693031877651

12237. what limited knowledge he possessed he forced upon me.

8.725541529919292

12238. in the mornings i was informed fluorescent tubes similar to the one above the counter illuminated the entire hall. 9.761050036404082

12239. they and the two large fans which i could dimly see as daylight filtered through their vents down at the far end of the hall could be turned on by a master switch situated inside the office. 6.089485078103391

12240. he pointed out the switch to me and for a moment i foolishly believed that he would let deed follow words. 8.561135228634843

12241. i was shown instead a batch of white tickets of the sort handed out he told me every morning. 8.718105339421161

12242. now here was something of obvious importance to me yet when i reached for the tickets he snatched them away from my hand.

6.290129093830134

12243. he couldn't afford to have anyone mess around with them he said.

6.401007052155879

12244. each of those tickets was of great value to its rightful recipient. 10.322795302890796

12245. later i would remember what this pompous little man had told me about the worth of a ticket. 5.776112937550153

12246. having nothing else to do except wait for my forms to be processed i gave myself over to speculations concerning the hall itself.

6.608561366147926

12247. when suitably lighted what would it look like? 9.055853309868477

12248. the presence of the two exhaust fans seemed to indicate that the hall could become crowded for air. 8.686202664218705

12249. one afternoon upon receiving permission and the necessary instructions from the clerk i had visited the toilet adjoining the hall. 6.159966303489678

12250. by counting the number of stalls and urinals i attempted to form a loose estimate of how many men the hall would hold at one time.

7.4594467463534

12251. for although i had crossed a corner of the hall on my way to the toilet i still could not tell for sure how far to the rear the darkness extended. 6.1097525980689635

12252. i could observe the two fans down at the end but their size in themselves meant nothing to me as long as i had no measure of comparison. 7.350594465183244

12253. i had for some time been hoping in vain for one of the dim figures to pass between the fan vents and myself. 8.613603075580809

12254. i knew that three or four of them were almost always present in the hall but what they were doing and exactly where i could not tell. 9.203810128863353

12255. it was i felt possible that they were men who having received no tickets for that day had remained in the hall to sleep perhaps in the corners farthest removed from the counter with its overhead light. 6.460928090166492

12256. this light did not penetrate very far back into the hall and my eyes were hindered rather than aided by the dim daylight entering through the fan vents when i tried to pick out whatever might be lying or squatting on the floor below. 6.842961066950583

12257. also the clerk appeared to disapprove of my frequent curious glances back over my shoulder. 6.573175611438736

12258. no sooner would i turn my head away from the counter before he would address me at times quite sharply in order to bring back my attention. 8.339921044514817

12259. and i had hardly finished my business in the toilet on the aforementioned occasion when the lights in that place like the hall lights controlled from the switch in the office flicked off and on impatiently. 5.793379141265374

12260. this sort of petty vigilance annoyed me. 12.83916464908928

12261. i felt certain it was self-appointed. 10.981588546931944

12262. it sprang from a type of mentality i'd encountered often enough but certainly had not expected to find here. 9.16662892550264

12263. i decided to see no more of the clerk until the processing of my papers was completed. 7.079044817757014

12264. i felt strongly attached to the hall however and hardly a day passed when i did not go to look at it from a distance. 8.363135560274381

12265. i lived in a state of suspense because of it. 10.291980138524453

12266. i could not cling to my past nor did i wish to. 11.600000485126305

12267. i had signed it off on the forms. 10.865611456511958

12268. my future lay solely with the hall yet what did i know about the hall at this point? 7.040574914466818

12269. although i had been inside it i had not yet seen it functioning. 6.243930524020066

12270. i wished to prepare myself but did not even know what sort of clothes i ought to be wearing. 8.954214580296332

12271. i did not despair however; far from it! i was constantly searching for clues around the neighborhood of the hall. 6.686641483035892

12272. though only a relatively short walk separated it from my own part of town its character was wholly foreign to me. 6.44893033609597

12273. large warehouses flanked the street on which the hall fronted. 7.58069280422349

12274. the river was only a few blocks away but an unbroken line of piers prevented me from seeing it. 8.326723403680983

12275. sometimes i noticed the tops of ships' masts and funnels reaching above the pier roofs. 5.84660975948877

12276. the sounds issuing from beyond- winches whirring men shouting- indicated great activity and excited me. 8.086542342015262

12277. the hall on the other hand appeared lifeless and deserted on these long waterfront afternoons. 7.226639403582978

12278. it resembled nothing i'd ever seen before. 14.718704829380005

12279. its front was windowless but irregularities in the masonry might be an indication that windows now blinded had once looked out upon the street. 5.324825508063031

12280. i kept circling the block hoping to see from the street behind it the rear of the hall. 7.123311798911028



12281. but it was not a tall structure and other buildings concealed  
it. 15.016478270492904

12282. for weeks i wandered about this neighborhood of warehouses and  
garages truck terminals and taxi repair shops gasoline pumps and  
longshoremen's lunch counters yet never did i cease to feel myself a  
stranger there. 6.535004649846883

12283. i returned to the hall despite my dislike for the clerk.  
9.260181761627793

12284. as i had expected he insisted that my visits to the hall would  
do nothing to further the process of my application.  
10.526621146616572

12285. meanwhile spring had passed well into summer. 7.798858451394669

12286. at last when i put it to him directly the clerk was forced to  
admit that the delay in my case was unusual. 9.838910130836346

12287. when i asked him what if anything i could do about it he  
surprised me by referring me to the director of the hall.  
8.452309825922159

12288. i could consult this personage on any weekday morning though not  
before ten o'clock. 9.905375629458117

12289. the clerk impressed this upon me: that i should not arrive in the  
hall before ten o'clock. 6.040227447879625

12290. when i went for my interview with the director i saw why.  
11.08122135630587

12291. although it was dark as usual i could see that the hall had only  
recently contained a great many people. 7.749725701357577

12292. cigarette butts littered the floor. 10.472119682746735

12293. the big fans were going drawing from the large room the remnants  
of stale smoke which drifted about in pale strata underneath the  
ceiling. 5.611360554217259

12294. i had felt the draft they were making while mounting the stairs.  
11.126231026356198

12295. the staircase itself seemed still to be echoing the heavy  
footfalls of many men. 6.578982329721101

12296. i stopped by the counter. 15.711603260075847

12297. no one was behind it but in the rear wall of the office i noticed  
for the first time a door which had been left partially open.  
7.2937943234420315

12298. past it i could see part of a desk a flag in a corner a rug on  
the floor. 8.636528248237447

12299. i rapped my knuckles on the counter. 9.95288923829895

12300. the director came to the door. 19.45952510366148

12301. i was at once disappointed although just what i had expected him  
to look like i could not have explained. 7.91279782448371

12302. he was a man in his late forties with graying hair of medium  
height; he looked dapper in a lightweight summer suit brown silk  
tie and green-tinted soft collar. 9.208313576982482

12303. he wore perforated white-topped shoes; they somehow made me  
expect to see him launch into a vaudeville tapdance routine any  
moment. 6.767864846646179

12304. but he came toward me sedately enough showed me around the  
counter offered me a seat inside his office then walked to a file cabinet  
and got out my application. 7.265985789686624

12305. i had the impression that he had read my forms perhaps several  
times. 9.261922647940567

12306. he did not look at them now. 21.76456148840094

12307. as he lowered himself on the chair behind his desk i wondered  
what this dapper slightly ridiculous man could possibly have to  
do with the workings of the hall. 5.932474290939318

12308. he spoke in a voice as immaculate as his appearance.  
12.007365624449713

12309. why had i registered?14.31060311472704  
12310. begging my pardon hemust express his astonishment over seeing a  
person of my background applying at the hall. 6.928248950019972  
12311. he had looked over my forms and was impressed by what he had seen  
there; indeed my scholastic qualifications were such that he a college  
graduate himself must envy me them. 5.571642275093166  
12312. was i sure he asked that i knew what i was applying for?  
8.375504646178372  
12313. what sort of men i would come into contact with at the hall?  
9.56507048826924  
12314. these questions did not surprise me; i felt certain that the  
director like the afternoon clerk seldom moved beyond the counter that  
the hall to them was a jungle a dark and unwelcome place.  
6.562191924007718  
12315. though i doubted that he would understand me i told the director  
my motives for applying. 7.0153260198939495  
12316. i had always i said hankered after working hard with my hands.  
11.126231026356198  
12317. this desire i went on growing voluble as my conviction was  
aroused had mounted at such a rate recently that i now found its  
realization necessary not only to my physical but also to my spiritual  
wellbeing. 5.232634001503675  
12318. to this effect i had already severed all connections which  
bound me to my former existence. 8.62587172710785  
12319. the flat hard cap was small but he thrust it to the back of his  
head. 7.767625229937203  
12320. hell with it. 13.148092146312546  
12321. before they could guess his intention rankin stepped forward  
and swung the guard's own gun against the uncovered head hard.  
5.15576524365156  
12322. the man went over without sound falling to the bare floor.  
11.712284366933911  
12323. barton said harshly why did you do that? 7.14162538120728  
12324. rankin sneered at him. 11.568363037656766  
12325. whatdid you want me to do kiss him? 7.446893647681135  
12326. he dumped me in solitary twice.13.671139498061125  
12327. barton caught the lighter man's shoulder and swung him around.  
6.460370037324521  
12328. let's get one thing straight you and me. 7.472039264896897  
12329. the only reason we brought you was to get miller out.  
6.728596852024254  
12330. if you ever try anything without my orders i'll kill you.  
13.396989096021509  
12331. fred rankin looked at him. 9.118533821976325  
12332. it seemed to barton that the green eyes mocked him the thin-lipped  
smile held insolence but he had no time to waste now. 9.467835090486789  
12333. they filed out through the guard-room door into the paved square.  
7.728847218742062  
12334. there were three other men within this prison whom barton  
would have liked to liberate but they were in other cell blocks.  
9.254608812752089  
12335. they moved slowly toward the main gate following the wall.  
8.175689281675892  
12336. they had chosen this night purposely.14.714773213271867  
12337. they reached the guard house without alerting the men on the  
walls above and powers slipped through the door. 6.381100142593491  
12338. two men were on duty inside playing pinochle relaxed.  
10.954585055389993  
12339. theylooked up in surprise as powers came in. 6.764147616291221  
12340. what are you doing out of the block? 16.859102142377616

12341. it's curtiss he said naming the man rankin had hit.  
3.092413983030036

12342. i've got to have help. 6.1280579316837445

12343. the sergeant in charge climbed to his feet. 8.341215694113531

12344. what's wrong with him? 8.523590111096883

12345. he's having some kind of a fit. 4.121739274801433

12346. the sergeant turned to the door. 15.09908895130595

12347. as he passed through it barton shoved his gun against the man's side. 8.23315565584684

12348. one sound and you're dead. 11.568363037656766

12349. powers had not followed. 10.363724110347151

12350. powers was covering the remaining guard. 9.670406878971576

12351. the man half-reached for the cord of the alarm bell.  
9.900138948499714

12352. powers knocked his arm aside. 10.472119682746735

12353. deliberately with none of rankin's viciousness he laid the barrel of his gun alongside the guard's head. 5.326519577128725

12354. even barton could not quite believe it. 11.783128185031327

12355. it had gone without a hitch. 17.177395146583414

12356. they slid through the wicket in the big gate ghosted across the dark ground. 9.135986244447125

12357. five minutes later they reached the horses. 9.37082001757008

12358. barton was relieved to see that carl dill and emmett foster had brought extra mounts. 7.032105024464237

12359. he had been worried that with miller and rankin added to the escape party they would be short. 8.026604682632193

12360. they walked the horses heading along the river barton and emmett foster in the lead seven men riding quietly through the night.  
7.231737476099396

12361. the only thing which would have attracted attention was that two wore the uniform of prison guards three the striped suits of convicts.  
6.003004281647442

12362. in a small grove against the river they halted turning deep into the protection of the trees. 9.313837693294142

12363. foster had brought extra clothing also. 8.254441635698543

12364. he had been one of the original night riders one who had escaped the trial. 14.344640406156033

12365. it was to him that barton had sent carl dill on dill's release from the prison. 9.231756408456198

12366. clyde miller was crying softly to himself shedding his striped suit and fumbling into the nondescript butternut pants the worn brown shirt. 6.365727389270327

12367. kid boyd was unusually silent rankin watchful a few paces apart.  
6.136062553413316

12368. barton finished his dressing and extended his hand to powers.  
7.879513779734377

12369. i won't even try to thank you. 7.8674961494772395

12370. the ex-prison guard was embarrassed. 15.841500723885778

12371. he said in a studied voice i didn't do it for you.  
11.49446894685808

12372. i did it for the valley. 18.799867226563126

12373. you're the only man the night riders will follow.  
6.692094571302032

12374. we've been starving and i don't like to starve. 5.635497662279574

12375. barton turned away his eyes falling upon rankin beside his horse.  
6.210871206873012

12376. the murderer lifted his head. 13.848082117783294

12377. meaning you want me to ride out? 7.14162538120728

12378. you aren't one of us. 20.025453829488345

12379. there's nothing for you here. 4.675983334456371

12380. i got no place to go. 15.711603260075847  
12381. he did not trust rankin his violent temper his killer  
instinct. 11.086617814195742  
12382. but ten years in prison had taught him realities.  
11.89315510008271  
12383. they were in a fight outweighed in both numbers and money.  
10.760865119841403  
12384. it was all right to put a bunch of ranchers onto horses to call  
them night riders to set out to attack the largest mining combination  
the country had ever seen if all they wanted was adventure.  
8.381270675103593  
12385. but if they really hoped to succeed they needed professionals men  
who knew how to use a gun against men who would match the killers on  
the other side. 5.246980644258727  
12386. your choice he said briefly and turned to kid boyd.  
10.587434711329745  
12387. bury those uniforms so they won't be found. 6.764147616291221  
12388. then barton touched carl dill's arm and moved off up the river  
bank. 8.543109428536168  
12389. he wanted a careful uninterrupted report from dill on the  
conditions in the valley. 7.952839862706998  
12390. they squatted on their heels in the deep mud and dill found a  
cigar in his breast pocket passing it over silently. 7.231737476099396  
12391. he too knew the agony of going for weeks sometimes months  
without the solace of tobacco. 6.767092837476563  
12392. mitchell barton drew in the fragrance deeply letting the smoke lie  
warm and soothing in his throat for a moment before he exhaled.  
6.9266443514590685  
12393. through the gloom he could not see the man beside him clearly  
but he knew him thoroughly. 7.1242553310960535  
12394. for his first five years in prison they had shared a cell.  
10.052113232822672  
12395. carl dill was neither a rancher nor a valley man. 6.460370037324521  
12396. he had been the auditor for the mining syndicate and he had  
stolen fifty thousand dollars of the syndicate's money.  
11.192338752187542  
12397. he had done time for the theft. 14.42843394665355  
12398. the one thing they had in common was their hatred.  
9.945332631078985  
12399. it had drawn them together and since his release from prison dill  
had worked tirelessly to effect this night's escape.  
6.994497311889883  
12400. he said now i've got the perfect headquarters set up.  
8.581436094141479  
12401. mitch barton knew the place. 8.254441635698543  
12402. twenty years before a group of easterners had bought out the  
haskell claims in the rocky hills south of grass valley. 7.929956930720631  
12403. they had spent a million dollars carving in a road putting up  
buildings drilling their haulage tunnel. 7.384927036101855  
12404. then the vein had petered out and the whole project had been  
abandoned. 8.9524274349772  
12405. the road's washed badly said dill but there's a trail you can get  
over with a horse. 5.909825399783732  
12406. a company of cavalry couldn't come in there if two men were  
guarding that trail. 8.788088360761813  
12407. how do the valley people feel? 12.581099690444626  
12408. as mad as ever. 18.01708567881216  
12409. but kruger's men keep them off balance and they don't trust me.  
5.612732558018799

12410. when they learn you're in the hills though they'll rally don't  
 worry about that. 10.110661561521283  
 12411. barton waited for a long moment then asked the question which  
 lay always uppermost in his mind. 5.427950274147271  
 12412. did you find him? 17.171912493159287  
 12413. dill was silent as if he hated to answer and barton had a  
 cold sick feeling of apprehension. 6.051818343124361  
 12414. barton half-straightened in surprise. 11.568363037656766  
 12415. what's he doing there? 7.4788191822552905  
 12416. again dill hesitated. 17.44209166126226  
 12417. dealing faro? 12.292407525564322  
 12418. how come? 23.90221720139551  
 12419. your sister-in-law has the faro bank in cap ayres' saloon.  
 7.0413287261957445  
 12420. barton cursed under his breath. 11.568363037656766  
 12421. after another long pause he asked how many people know who they  
 are? 7.377288161736213  
 12422. everyone. 19.804021762487697  
 12423. your cousin finley saw to that. 9.347724754445679  
 12424. he's quite a rat you know. 5.229105600568654  
 12425. he sold out to kruger's men. 10.776005861178222  
 12426. he's informed them of everything you've ever written him.  
 5.107476066452653  
 12427. barton stood up. 10.363724110347151  
 12428. he said tensely all right. 27.577776874074  
 12429. let's go get the boy. 6.376515073648512  
 12430. dill had come up also. 10.472119682746735  
 12431. i was afraid of this. 9.118533821976325  
 12432. i almost didn't tell you. 15.711603260075847  
 12433. if you hadn't i'd have killed you. 10.230302394263456  
 12434. but you can't ride into the ferry. 15.40953913658233  
 12435. that's what they'll expect you to do. 4.013884467057159  
 12436. they'll be there waiting for you. 6.857683493612344  
 12437. i understand how you feel about the child h. 9.169644675936961  
 12438. barton's voice was rougher than dill had ever heard it.  
 8.196044167676531  
 12439. my wife died in childbirth after i was sent away. 7.166085718054756  
 12440. i can't leave him there. 11.568363037656766  
 12441. donald kruger would like nothing better than to hold him as  
 hostage and i wouldn't entrust a snake to his tender care.  
 5.0176589645046334  
 12442. i've got to get the boy. 7.89214839617644  
 12443. two barton's men cut the telegraph wires in half a dozen  
 places carrying away whole sections to make repairs more difficult.  
 5.083242045036259  
 12444. it was over an hour before their escape was discovered but still  
 the news that barton was free flashed across the central portion of the  
 state. 6.839868556728676  
 12445. it reached donald kruger in his massive home in burlingame.  
 9.093323993376403  
 12446. it reached the mines at north san juan and bloomfield.  
 11.536380215083017  
 12447. it brought men out of bed and sent them into hurried conferences.  
 7.370986955910962  
 12448. for everyone involved knew that the whole valley was a powder keg  
 and mitchell barton the fuse which could send it into explosive  
 violence. 7.209967499685006  
 12449. creighton hague sat in his office above the ione pit.  
 6.925319829210522

12450. the office was of logs four rooms each heated by an iron stove.  
7.391013650626644

12451. the building was dwarfed by the scene outside. 7.14162538120728

12452. there a dozen giant monitors played their seventy-five-foot  
jets of water against the huge seam of tertiary gravel which was the  
mountainside. 8.771042783857961

12453. the gravel was the bed of an ancient river buckled in some  
prehistoric upheaval of earth. 6.524665880839762

12454. it was partially cemented by ages and pressure yet it crumpled  
before the onslaught of the powerful streams the force of a  
thousand fire hoses and with the gold it held washed down through the  
long sluices. 8.6494200419816

12455. a million dollars' of gold a month. 8.604265568338976

12456. a million tons of rock and soil and brush.  
11.835719755731208

12457. the monitors ran twenty-four hours each day. 8.976097203071156

12458. their roar like the swelling volume of a hundred tornadoes could  
be heard for miles. 8.566552179474249

12459. hague like all who worked near the pits was partly deafened  
from the constant assault against his eardrums. 5.236383152695367

12460. he was a big man wearing a neat flannel shirt against the cold  
foothill air. 7.449639826257348

12461. fat showed in loose rolls beneath the shirt. 6.929534989480969

12462. ten years older than mitch barton he had clawed his way up from  
mucker in the pits to manager of the operation. 7.868923777098013

12463. he was proud of his accomplishments proud of his job proud that  
donald kruger and his associates trusted him. 7.500867793067318

12464. he lived and breathed for the mining company.  
14.664240474129224

12465. no man could have reached his spot nor held it without being  
ruthless and hague had made a virtue of ruthlessness all of his life.  
5.3227733462713

12466. there came a ghost of noise at the office door and hague swung  
to see kodyke in the entrance from the outer room. 7.035735924163798

12467. hague had never accustomed himself to kodyke. 7.622507342753323

12468. the man was tall thin with a narrow face and a too-large nose.  
11.580778186661524

12469. the eyes always held hague eyes of a dead man lidless as a  
lizard's with the fixed intensity of a cobra. 6.81200992812806

12470. even hague was repelled by the machinelike deadliness that  
was kodyke. 9.686402124987813

12471. he knew nothing about the man's history. 13.251792314754383

12472. kodyke had appeared at the mine one day bearing a letter from  
kruger. 8.191338403514786

12473. kodyke was to head the dread company police. 7.14162538120728

12474. he ran the change rooms. 15.385132030882776

12475. he threw out the hi-graders. 15.176102750796224

12476. he supervised the cleanups and handled the shipments of raw gold  
which each week went out to san francisco. 8.043137872714693

12477. hague squeezed down his uneasy dislike. 8.254441635698543

12478. he pulled open the top drawer of his desk and drew out a  
tintype. 9.574611628192725

12479. he broke out of folsom last night. 10.776005861178222

12480. apparently he bribed one of the guards. 15.16922189857847

12481. we want him back there or we want him dead. 9.565948447780118

12482. kodyke took the picture in a lean hand studying it thoughtfully.  
7.879513779734377

12483. you know how the ranchers in the valley are. 12.448818652057222

12484. they blame us for all their troubles. 12.562672915688301

12485. ten years ago they blew up some of our ditches. 0.0

12486. it cost us a hundred thousand dollars and thirty days lost time to  
fix them. 10.07744747749777

12487. we don't want barton's night riders loose again.  
6.222406585790925

12488. the gunman nodded slipping the picture into his breast pocket  
saying nothing. 9.005093323721033

12489. normally hague wasted no words but now he found himself unable to  
stop their flow although he knew kodyke was aware of all he said.  
5.044170728672143

12490. if she sensed any unusual preoccupation on the part of her mother  
she did not comment upon it. 12.036637997748727

12491. after they had finished eating melissa took sprite the kitten  
under her arm- so that auntie grace can teach it about the whistle-  
and climbed into the station wagon beside her mother.  
5.4240751850323425

12492. she had offered to walk but pamela knew she would not feel  
comfortable about her child until she had personally confided her to the  
care of the little pink woman who chose to be called auntie.  
7.3741466311825885

12493. when they reached their neighbor's house pamela said a few polite  
words to grace and kissed melissa lightly on the forehead the impulse  
prompted by a stray thought- of the type to which she was frequently  
subject these days- that they might never see one another again.  
5.270237877983819

12494. then she turned the station wagon around and headed it back  
down the hill with the village as her ostensible destination.  
8.078360846807618

12495. as she drove she thought about her plan. 10.390455524726253

12496. it was really quite simple. 31.04425555256091

12497. so simple in fact that it might even work- although pamela now  
in her new frame of mind was careful not to pretend too much  
assurance. 6.9690037898749155

12498. that mistake she thought had cost her dearly these past few  
days and she wanted to avoid falling into any more of the traps that  
the mountain might set for her. 6.624813052276481

12499. she must be cautious so as not to alert the scheming forest.  
7.408104725819052

12500. when the station wagon drew abreast of the dusty dirt road  
that led up to the porch of the culver house pamela turned the wheel  
guiding the car to its familiar parking spot close to the house and  
stopped. 8.308434680995507

12501. all of her movements were careful and methodical partaking of the  
stealth of a criminal who has plotted his felony for months in advance  
and knows exactly which step to take next in the course of the final  
execution of his crime. 6.229464986401441

12502. she locked the ignition removed the keys stepped out of the car  
and went into the house. 9.321038103525812

12503. here she dropped the keys on a small table beside the door and went  
upstairs to her bedroom. 6.111329052248312

12504. on her bureau lay a small brass ornament of simple design and  
faded engraving- an object which pamela believed now had been the  
property of her great-grandfather major hiram munroe culver.  
7.437036735943127

12505. he had belonged to this land and perhaps had desecrated it- and  
this was the only material symbol that remained of him. 8.204833774983959

12506. if she pamela were being held responsible for his crimes then  
hers must be the final act of expiation. 8.8808475145664

12507. she would return this symbol to the mountain as one pours seed  
back into the soil every spring or as ancient fertility cults demand  
annual human sacrifice. 4.921538323043143

12508. slowly and thoughtfully she slipped the ornament into the pocket of her slacks moved down the stairs and out of the house.  
6.365727389270327

12509. there was only one place where the mountain might receive her- that unnamed unnameable pool harbored in its secret bosom.  
8.393609162359732

12510. atonement if atonement were possible could only be made at that sacred sacrificial basin. 7.60500898731464

12511. it was there that she would have to enact her renunciation beg forgiveness. 15.242274435948202

12512. perhaps it was insane pamela thought. 15.551251131047142

12513. perhaps it was all a vividly conceived dream. 9.877802848476074

12514. but she was caught in it and she faced the terrible possibility that if it were a dream it was one from which she might never awaken. 7.595942671108817

12515. facing the forest now she who had not dared to enter it before walked between two trees at random and headed in what she believed was the direction of the pool. 4.656645272807095

12516. she remembered little of her previous journey there with grace and she could but hope that her dedication to her mission would enable her to accomplish it. 6.636813461700928

12517. the forest was open and freely welcoming extending an enchanted hand. 7.43304005989246

12518. the ground was covered with soft pine needles and the slope was gentle. 9.385757099577065

12519. birds chirped and chattered in the trees and the sun all dewy-eyed and soft caressed her shoulders warmly from time to time. 5.985983713706106

12520. it was not thought pamela such an evil place after all. 16.28067559941205

12521. no wonder melissa responded so completely to its beckoning. 8.595555349266164

12522. perhaps she had no reason to fear these trees that whispered their secrets above her head as she passed. 8.754431690808206

12523. was it not possible after all that the forest was in league with her and her child h that its sympathy lay with the culvers h that she had erred in failing to understand this? 5.538415058925673

12524. pamela felt calm and peaceful as she walked along. 8.581436094141479

12525. the slight flutter that had disturbed the motion of her heart when she entered the forest was gone now and even the dim groves of trees through which she occasionally passed did not reawaken her fear. 4.835545431085908

12526. she regarded them as signs that she was nearing the glen she sought and she was glad to at last be doing something positive in her unenunciated undefined struggle with the mountain and its darkling inhabitants. 6.787905576134926

12527. having persisted too long in deliberate ignorance and denial of the forces that threatened her pamela was relieved now to admit their potency and to be taking definite steps toward grappling with them. 5.555224606892063

12528. a few days ago she would have thought such an expedition as this utterly ridiculous; today on the contrary it seemed utterly reasonable. 8.910253278868163

12529. she did not pause to consider what she would do if her plan should fail; she directed all of her mental and physical energy toward achieving this one goal. 5.376517630488616

12530. if as she walked her steps fumbled from time to time she chose to ignore that omen. 9.719070621055401



12531. if the slope grew steeper and the groves more dim she tried not to  
heed. 7.716171661448851

12532. success depended upon maintaining her equanimity; she must be  
poised and proud and unafraid in order to prove to the mountain  
that she was in earnest. 6.963567000839393

12533. the forest took on an impersonal aspect. 8.976097203071156

12534. it did not care what sort of person prowled its woods plucked at  
its bark or stripped the berries from its bushes. 9.57125167940666

12535. unconcerned indifferent unmotivated the forest was simply  
there- fighting man's depredations with more abundant growth and  
man's follies with its own musical evening laughter.  
5.1935703684273

12536. red man or white man pacifist or killer the forest would accept  
them all- knowing that it could thrive equally well on slaughter and  
beneficence; knowing that its ageless mass would always dwarf the short  
span of time allotted to any man. 6.309971546584139

12537. she must not think about time. 10.451197814660853

12538. that was another one of those traps. 16.04604357945442

12539. in her grim pursuit of tranquillity pamela focused her thoughts  
on her husband. 7.997980573544702

12540. if when this was all over she found the words to tell him about  
it she wondered if he would ever understand. 9.32400447357015

12541. how could he comprehend her need when he himself was innocent?  
8.652991609428083

12542. indian ghosts would not impinge upon his nights nor would his  
days be haunted by the dimly-outlined ill-conceived figure of her  
benighted ancestor. 6.290129093830134

12543. his bright daylight mind would whistle away such images; they  
would not dare to face his scoffing. 5.995475902037606

12544. pamela was glad jim was nowhere near. 9.670406878971576

12545. his presence would have interfered with her duty.  
8.100034263261762

12546. the mountainside grew steeper and she slipped once or twice on  
the smooth pine needles. 8.086542342015262

12547. the trees huddled more closely together their limbs and leaves  
intertwined in a coarse curtain against the sun. 6.293964813708376

12548. bushes and vines abetted the rocks in forming thorny detours for  
the struggling stranger and without the direct light of the sun to  
act as compass pamela could no longer be positive of her direction.  
6.938698384977444

12549. nevertheless she continued to move upward. 8.930589264239343

12550. she was sure she would reach the pool by climbing and she  
clung to that belief despite the increasing number of obstacles.  
9.274900997225007

12551. the forest had become an alien world where she strove alone  
unprotected unguided to deal with whatever hindrances were offered.  
6.316811857912978

12552. it was a bold dark castle of pine boughs that stood like a  
medieval fortress eclipsing the sun and human time.  
10.911473353290813

12553. at one and the same time she was within it but still searching  
for the drawbridge that would give her entry. 9.217613608887323

12554. silence came into the forest- a solid being that clapped its  
hand over the murmuring mouths of the birds and the whispered comfort  
of the trees. 6.09983039226678

12555. silence walked at pamela's side its presence numbingly close yet  
too far for her to hear. 5.542917982132687

12556. silence stood in front of her waiting and in back of her blocking  
her retreat. 0.0

12557. she stumbled over the root of a tree that protruded maliciously  
above the earth. 6.652099300943592

12558. in spite of her attempt to preserve her balance she fell  
bruising her arm on a naked stone. 9.42323694515568

12559. for a moment she could not catch her breath and then her breath  
returning in short frightened spasms she lifted herself to her feet  
laboriously. 6.711220066620575

12560. she started to brush the dirt and bits of leaves off her  
clothes. 9.174705629782341

12561. her arm bled slightly and the offended skin cried out in pain.  
6.6158785931347355

12562. she was bewildered. 24.933130579944567

12563. she seemed to have come such a long distance- too far for her  
destination which had wilfully been swallowed up in the greedy gloom of  
the trees. 5.712086826504732

12564. she stood quite still trying to focus upon a direction in which to  
turn a path to follow a clue to guide her. 7.934426622250684

12565. she was standing in a thick grove. 12.173221674601228

12566. the trees were crowded so closely together that their branches  
overlapped virtually shutting out the sun completely.  
7.984931715199298

12567. the earth smelled moist and pungent as it might in a cave deprived  
of the cleansing effect of the sun's rays. 6.022877958625589

12568. she had the feeling that under the mouldering leaves there  
would be the bodies of dead animals quietly decaying and giving their  
soil back to the mountain. 10.014631744810153

12569. the thought made pamela shudder. 12.486750257698887

12570. a terrible chill swept through the grove. 11.827351117541651

12571. not a breeze exactly but a pocket of icy air that settled with a  
loathsome familiarity upon the deep confines of the grove catching  
pamela in a leering embrace. 4.726707772215755

12572. there was a peculiar density about it a thick substance that  
could be sensed but never identified never actually perceived.  
10.869852396962234

12573. where before had she felt or dreamt or imagined such a scene?  
6.946964478735678

12574. she already knew this unwholesome chilling atmosphere that was  
somehow grotesquely alive. 9.118601195872367

12575. it enclosed her clammy hands and twined around her ankles.  
9.740106390825309

12576. it crept into the open neck of her blouse and slid down her  
body seeping into her flesh through all the quivering pores of her  
skin. 7.625115890758028

12577. it crawled across her breasts suffocating the life in her  
nipples. 9.093323993376403

12578. it circled her thighs exploring with its icy tentacles.  
12.356930286633146

12579. it entered her body with the ghastly intimacy of an incubus and  
its particles spreading creeping crawling joined themselves into  
steel bands that constricted her knees so tightly that they ached;  
stifled her lungs so that her breath came in harsh gasps; clutched her  
throat and sucked up the moisture in her mouth so that her tongue  
was dry and hard and stuck to the roof of her mouth and her teeth were  
clenched together in the rigid fixture of her jaws. 4.411613550138971

12580. she had to get away from here before this demoniac possession  
swallowed up the liquid of her eyes and sank into the fibers of her  
brain depriving her of reason and sight. 6.755733737717024

12581. but she did not know which way to go. 11.324119162033224

12582. the shadows of the trees engulfed her foreclosing every  
possible exit from the grove. 8.649006242526841

12583. she had been snared here by a vile sensuality that writhed around  
her throat in ever-tightening circles. 7.214144876120245

12584. she could not scream for even if a sound could take shape within  
her parched mouth who would hear who would listen? 7.912839110350198

12585. does the mountain listen? 17.348768528854634

12586. pamela groped blindly. 13.148092146312546

12587. she had to move in some direction- any direction that would take  
her away from this evil place. 6.72085158041825

12588. she thrust forward through the shadows and the trees that  
resisted her and tried to fling her back. 8.308546745949068

12589. her own body protested aching painfully where the blood in her  
veins had congealed where cold demon wisps still clung and caressed.  
5.456583468166927

12590. every movement she made seemed unnecessarily noisy.  
10.862955806594185

12591. twigs cracked loudly under her feet; bushes swished and scratched  
at her slacks; tree branches snapped as she pushed them ruthlessly  
away from her. 4.903693293796623

12592. miraculously she found exactly the right statement.  
9.060328853487057

12593. she began it deliberately so that none of her words would be lost  
on him. 6.838637835166906

12594. i want to tell you something thomas demontez lord.  
16.339971390176892

12595. i'm well aware that you've got a pedigree as long as my leg and  
that i don't amount to anything. 5.772711849498982

12596. but- but it don't matter a-tall lord supplied fondly.  
8.581436094141479

12597. to me you'll always be the girl o' my dreams an' the sweetest  
flower that grows. 6.6194456494230725

12598. beaming idiotically he pooched out his lips and attempted to  
kiss her. 7.615092762846159

12599. she yanked away from him furiously. 13.569464846992485

12600. you shut up! shu-tt up-pp! i've got something to say to you and  
by god you're going to listen. 9.4308832102143

12601. do you hear me? 18.895468921462953

12602. you're going to listen! lord nodded agreeably. 7.844415954402442

12603. he said he wanted very much to listen. 18.168535834383384

12604. he knew that anything a brainy little lady like her had to say  
would be plumb important as well as pleasin' to the ear and he didn't  
want to miss a word of it. 8.576781370730249

12605. so would she mind speaking a little louder? 8.318581492070866

12606. i think you stink tom lord! i think you're mean and hateful  
and stupid and- louder? 6.886249538313906

12607. said joyce. 17.401135049171184

12608. so i can hear you while i'm checkin' the car.  
11.785677815836154

12609. looks like we might be in for a speck of trouble.  
7.919314171953995

12610. he opened the door and got out. 13.671139498061125

12611. he waited at the car side for a moment looking down at her  
expectantly. 8.197648113411155

12612. well? 19.804021762487697

12613. wasn't you goin' to say somethin'? 6.654449620674362

12614. then helpfully as she merely stared at him in weary silence  
maybe you could write it down for me huh? 7.132676557160586

12615. print it in real big letters an' i can cipher it out later.  
5.825820622377272

12616. aah go on she said. 11.568363037656766

12617. just go the hell on. 11.04184642448208

12618. he grinned he nodded and walked around to the front of the car.  
12.959864699184015

12619. lips pursed mournfully he stared down at its crazily sagging  
left side. 6.002446559592496

12620. then he hunkered down on the heels of his handmade boots  
peered into the orderly chaos of axle shock absorber and spring.  
7.590710689129504

12621. he went prone on his stomach the better to pursue his  
examination. 8.695854432244808

12622. after a time he straightened again brushing the red permian  
dust from his hands slapping it from his six-dollar levis and his tailored  
twenty-five-dollar shirt. 7.727222365517492

12623. he wore no gun- a strange omission for a peace officer in  
this country. 7.583885718643907

12624. never he'd once told joyce had he encountered any man or  
situation that called for a gun. 7.826826025435942

12625. and he really feels that way she thought. 11.449466057508422

12626. that's really all he's got all he is. 5.028623875776174

12627. just a big pile of self-confidence in an almost teensy package.  
8.397515587641191

12628. if i could make myself feel the same way h she studied him  
hopefully yearningly; against the limitless background of sky and  
wasteland it was easy to confirm her analysis. 6.530245932827497

12629. here in the god-forsaken place the westerly end of nowhere tom  
lord looked almost insignificant almost contemptible. 8.45647437626577

12630. he was handsome with his coal-black hair and eyes his fine-  
chiseled features. 11.186713371780234

12631. but she'd known plenty of handsomer guys and conceding his good  
looks what was there left? 6.890168758778995

12632. he wasn't a big man; rather on the medium side.  
10.090191208524187

12633. neither was he very powerful of build. 7.622507342753323

12634. he could move very quickly she knew but he was more wiry than  
truly strong. 9.833131466668718

12635. and his relatively small hands and feet gave him an almost  
delicate appearance. 7.641549371017116

12636. just nothing she told herself. 14.00840206751307

12637. just so darned sure of himself that he puts the indian sign on  
everyone. 6.6191958684901975

12638. but by gosh i want him and i'm going to have him! he caught her eye  
came back around the car with the boot-wearer's teetering half-mincing  
walk. 8.243224909250143

12639. why did these yokels still wear boots anyway when most had  
scarcely sat a horse in years? 6.7303460180559105

12640. he slid in at her side tucked a cigar into his mouth and politely  
proffered one to her. 6.757567981697296

12641. oh cut it out tom! she snapped. 8.196452441250985

12642. can't you stop that stupid clowning for even a minute?  
8.696899461830299

12643. this ain't your brand maybe lord suggested. 7.14162538120728

12644. or maybe you just don't feel like a cigar? 9.846393082123427

12645. i feel like getting back to town that's what i feel like!  
now are you going to take me or am i supposed to walk? 6.355571740902188

12646. might get there faster walkin' lord drawled seein' as how i  
got a busted front spring. 7.555646014287481

12647. on the other hand howsomever maybe you wouldn't either.  
15.21397025278346

12648. i figger it's probl'y a sixty-five-mile walk and i c'n maybe get  
this spring patched up in a couple of hours. 9.125774742550359

12649. how-with what? 12.2924075255564322

12650. there's nothing out here but rattlesnakes. 5.798444109528978  
 12651. now ain't it the truth? 10.622662447258575  
 12652. lord laughed with secret amusement. 10.472119682746735  
 12653. not a danged thing but rattlesnakes so i reckon i'll get the  
 boss rattler to help me. 6.630932335438428  
 12654. tom! for god's sake! looky. 11.568363037656766  
 12655. he pointed cutting her off. 17.048342700487726  
 12656. see that wildcat? 15.594944937291627  
 12657. she saw it then the distant derrick of the wildcat- a test  
 well in unexplored country. 6.257697475937866  
 12658. and even with her limited knowledge of such things she knew that  
 the car could be repaired there; sufficiently at least to get them back  
 into town. 7.470712716675366  
 12659. a wildcatter had to be prepared for almost any emergency.  
 9.164530179916156  
 12660. he had to depend on himself since he was invariably miles and  
 hours away from others. 11.072524664532015  
 12661. well let's get going she said impatiently. 8.760798157016161  
 12662. i- she broke off frowning. 11.568363037656766  
 12663. what did you mean by that rattlesnake gag? 9.865657898260363  
 12664. getting the boss rattlesnake to help you? 10.113770245223273  
 12665. why i meant what i said lord declared. 7.14162538120728  
 12666. what else would i mean anyways? 14.705292966559352  
 12667. she looked at him lips compressed. 9.987973641461945  
 12668. then with a shrug of pretended indifference she took a compact  
 from her purse and went through the motions of fixing her make-up.  
 7.24409085326203  
 12669. in his mood it was the best way to handle him; that is to show no  
 curiosity whatsoever. 9.644754093518667  
 12670. otherwise she would be baited into a tantrum- teased and provoked  
 until she lost control of herself and thus lost still another  
 battle in the maddening struggle of tom lord vs joyce lakewood.  
 6.22707212933008  
 12671. the car lurched along at a snail's crawl the left-front mudguard  
 banging and scraping against the tire occasionally scraping against  
 the road itself. 5.653570330727172  
 12672. lord whistled tunelessly as he fought the steering wheel.  
 8.936518819505798  
 12673. he seemed very pleased with himself as though some intricate  
 scheme was working out exactly as he had planned. 7.554841062732162  
 12674. along with this self-satisfaction however joyce sensed a growing  
 tension. 12.670897604273614  
 12675. it poured out of him like an electric current a feeling that the  
 muscles and nerves of his fine-drawn body were coiling for action and that  
 that action would be all that he anticipated. 5.8388474235566274  
 12676. joyce had seen him like this once before- more than once  
 actually but on one particularly memorable occasion. 7.794217276071636  
 12677. that was the day that he had practically mopped up the main  
 street of big sands with aaron mcbride field boss for the highlands oil  
 + gas company. 6.420323994169083  
 12678. tom had been laying for aaron mcbride for a long time just  
 waiting to catch him out of line. 8.81559499240046  
 12679. mcbride gave him his opportunity when he showed up in town with  
 a pistol on his hip. 5.614905270311928  
 12680. he had a legitimate reason for wearing it. 15.783697866369657  
 12681. it was payday for highlands and he was packing a lot of money  
 back into the oil fields. 7.660682114954067  
 12682. moreover as long as the weapon was carried openly the sheriff's  
 office had made no previous issue of it. 8.897529244959287  
 12683. so what's this all about? 9.118533821976325

12684. he demanded when lord confronted him. 13.671139498061125  
12685. i'm not the only man in town with a gun or the only one without  
a permit. 5.554526260168297  
12686. it was the wrong thing to say. 24.817817777269493  
12687. by failing to do as he was told instantly- to take out a  
permit or return the gun to his car- he had played into lord's hands.  
5.102732262138841  
12688. the trouble was that he had virtually had to protest.  
11.070778695975731  
12689. the deputy had forced him to by his manner of accosting him.  
7.098087065137257  
12690. so how about it? 15.777064725032243  
12691. he said. 15.610129252044759  
12692. why single me out on this permit deal? 10.476177451418131  
12693. well i'll tell you about that lord told him. 7.025710106602091  
12694. we aim t' be see-lective y'know? 15.292242212242115  
12695. don't like to bother no one unless we have to which i figger we  
do in your case. 3.531277043214802  
12696. figger we got to be plumb careful with any of you highlands  
big shots. 8.067600489792797  
12697. he himself had heard that there was gangster money in the company  
but that had nothing to do with him. 10.486068827214773  
12698. he was an honest man doing a hard job and the implication that  
he was anything else was unbearable. 10.347934786823048  
12699. look lord he said hoarsely. 12.50213707625067  
12700. i know you've got a grudge against me and maybe i can't blame  
you. 10.513599649718829  
12701. you think that highlands swindled you and i helped 'em do it.  
8.635404455622542  
12702. but you're all wrong man! i'm no lawyer. 12.934994931595257  
12703. i just do what i'm told and- uh-huh. 11.43943066874867  
12704. an' that could mean trouble with a fella that's workin' for  
crooks. 7.615092762846159  
12705. so you get rid of that pistol right now mis-ter mcbride.  
9.96724273879935  
12706. you do that or take you out a permit right now.  
10.204085970961833  
12707. mcbride couldn't do either of course. 7.622507342753323  
12708. not immediately as the deputy demanded. 14.174471042466617  
12709. not without a face-saving respite of at least a few minutes.  
9.512614553525596  
12710. to do so would make his job well-nigh impossible.  
17.315351865041016  
12711. oil-field workers were a rough-tough lot. 8.254441635698543  
12712. how could he exert authority over them- make them toe the line  
as he had to- if he knuckled under to this small-town clown?  
8.236063964612867  
12713. i'll get around to it a little later he mumbled  
desperately. 4.489674125097363  
12714. just as soon as i go to the bank and- huh-uh.  
18.845036709006845  
12715. now mis-ter mcbride said lord and he laid a firmly restraining  
hand on the field boss's arm. 6.908404262125645  
12716. it was strictly the deputy's game but mcbride had gone too far to  
throw in. 10.904928767278548  
12717. now he could only play the last card in what was probably the  
world's coldest deck. 7.120582936368558  
12718. he flung off lord's hand and attempted to push past him  
inadvertently shoving him into a storefront. 8.26265427207832

12719. it was practically the last move that mcbride made of his own volition. 9.543590119202564  
12720. lord slugged him in the stomach so hard that the organ almost pressed against his spine. 8.305837855719702  
12721. then as he doubled gasping vomiting the breakfast he had so lately eaten lord straightened him with an uppercut. 6.080245523647305  
12722. a rabbit punch redoubled him. 13.150214475214955  
12723. and then there was a numbing blow to the heart and another gut-flattening blow to the stomach h but he couldn't keep up with them. 6.850978010909299  
12724. no more could he defend himself against them. 9.060328853487057  
12725. he seemed to be fighting not one man but a dozen. 13.852442767594633  
12726. and he could no longer think of face-saving of honor but only of escape. 11.413301875505688  
12727. why he's going to kill me he thought wildly. 8.257640091759392  
12728. i meant him no harm. 15.711603260075847  
12729. i've given willful hurt to no man. 4.7060581600896745  
12730. i was just doing my job just following orders and for that he's going to kill me. 8.88233119648731  
12731. beat me to death in front of a hundred people. 9.211811328634852  
12732. somehow more terrible than the certainty that he was about to die was the knowledge that lord would probably not suffer for it: the murder would go unpunished. 6.184916108314838  
12733. he mcbride would be cited as in the wrong and he lord would go scot-free an officer who had only done his duty though perhaps too energetically. 5.77232259685148  
12734. mcbride staggered into the street flopped sprawling in the stinging dust. 7.879513779734377  
12735. fear-maddened fleeing the lengthening shadow of death he scrambled to his feet again. 5.825820622377272  
12736. he couldn't see; he was long past the point of coherent thinking. 8.120732436992942  
12737. dimly he heard laughter hoots of derision but he could not read the racket properly. 5.542917982132687  
12738. he could not grasp that lord had withdrawn from the fight minutes ago and that his leaden arms were flailing at nothing but the air. 8.016918159303074  
12739. he hated them too much to understand- the people of this isolated law-unto-itself world that was lord's world. 7.95649079607987  
12740. this he was sure was the way they would act; laughing at a dying man laughing as a man was beaten to death. 11.555938920427923  
12741. and nothing would be done about it. 11.520289472815193  
12742. nothing unless h donna! donna his young wife the girl who was both daughter and wife to him. 7.275524183453504  
12743. donna was like he was. 8.254441635698543  
12744. she lived by the rules never compromising never blinded or diverted by circumstance. 9.717881041361755  
12745. and donna would- when he regained consciousness he was in lord's house in the office of doctor lord the deputy's deceased father. 6.28335140198212  
12746. the brannon outfit- known as the slash-b because of its brand-reached hondo creek before sundown. 9.187215445773132  
12747. the herd was watered and then thrown onto a broad grass flat which was to be the first night's bedground. 7.743402724301891  
12748. two of the new hands a mexican named jose amado and a kid known only as laredo were picked for the first trick of riding night herd. 8.79880263180799

12749. the rest of the crew offsaddled their mounts and turned them into the remuda. 11.496269582782043

12750. they got tin cups of coffee from the big pot on the coosie's fire rolled and lighted brown-paper cigarettes lounged about. 7.597894096289312

12751. there was some idle talk a listless discussion of this or that small happening during the day's drive. 7.935008882650276

12752. but they deliberately avoided the one subject that had them all curious: the failure of the boss's wife and son to join the outfit. 8.383202742307288

12753. it especially bothered the older hands. 14.93623902024112

12754. the cook mateo garcia had arrived there long before the herd. 9.590970489097785

12755. he'd started a fire and put coffee on and now was busy at the work board of his chuck wagon. 5.253148688854877

12756. he was readying a batch of sourdough biscuits for the dutch oven. 11.186713371780234

12757. supper would be ready within the hour. 7.622507342753323

12758. the maguire family was setting up a separate camp nearby. 10.577541549038303

12759. billie had unhitched the mules from both tom brannon's and his father's wagon. 5.881264192582968

12760. hank had gathered wood for a cookfire and his wife was busy at it now. 7.091561345451085

12761. conchita kept an eye on the twins and little elena trying to keep them from falling into the creek by which they persisted in playing. 5.789094374320955

12762. conchita nagged at the younger children attempting without success to keep her thoughts off tom brannon. 6.886249538313906

12763. tom brannon had caught up with the outfit shortly after the maguires joined it which had been at midday. 6.063638357639878

12764. he'd come alone without his wife and child. 10.399760741155912

12765. he'd been in an angry mood: conchita had thought his face almost ugly with the anger in him. 5.3193803264926816

12766. she wondered what had taken place in town between him and his wife. 7.820032411852366

12767. she wished that she could talk to her mother about it. 6.574031093057597

12768. not that her mother knew what had happened but they could speculate upon it. 10.81853401033002

12769. but her mother would rebuke her if she mentioned it and say that it was none of her concern. 9.002401220029725

12770. pat get out of that creek! you too sean! elena you'll get mud all over your dress! even as she called to the children conchita let her gaze seek tom brannon. 6.750340761989275

12771. tomas she called him- as the mexican hands did. 6.460370037324521

12772. he was in earnest conversation with her father and the old vaquero luis hernandez. 15.236420089567975

12773. whatever they are talking about? 10.398566928214342

12774. conchita wondered. 15.594944937291627

12775. it bothered her that she probably would never know. 6.764147616291221

12776. certainly she wouldn't dare ask her father afterward. 10.468926976493425

12777. he would tell her not to pry into grownups' affairs- as though she were a little kid like elena! at the moment the three men were not saying much of anything. 6.03973709767245

12778. they were sitting on their heels rider-fashion over by the still empty calf wagon. 10.525563593228838



12779. brannon was hunkered down with his broad back to the left rear wheel with the other two facing him. 5.662962320760848  
12780. he held a cigarette in his right hand. 12.411802052220429  
12781. it was burning away forgotten. 19.850098703869534  
12782. his face was clouded with unhappiness. 13.684659815100163  
12783. he'd told hank maguire and luis hernandez about his wife's refusal to come with him and about what he now intended to do.  
5.140384128378957  
12784. they were considering it gravely neither seeming to like what he planned. 10.25598444397335  
12785. finally hernandez said i could offer you advice tomas but you wouldn't heed it. 6.200559815300634  
12786. wait a little while. 11.568363037656766  
12787. let senora brannon live in her father's house for a time.  
8.980254005438322  
12788. give her time to miss you. 12.36888204855963  
12789. maybe she will then come to you. 8.392121578401147  
12790. after all you want the senora as much as you want the boy.  
12.155304659479476  
12791. you need her even more than you need him. 12.586845640305924  
12792. she won't change her mind brannon said. 11.583842136067785  
12793. john clayton will see to that. 9.659465402451126  
12794. but after a time away from you h. 17.083193885314646  
12795. a year luis? 20.465125282850924  
12796. five? 19.804021762487697  
12797. ten? 15.610129252044759  
12798. how long should i wait? 11.568363037656766  
12799. maybe in a year tomas h. 9.102905270528913  
12800. in a year she'll like living in clayton's house too much to come back to me brannon said flatly. 8.521077216251806  
12801. and the boy will be too much under his influence by then.  
8.591794959731292  
12802. i've got to take danny away from clayton before i lose him altogether. 5.467687105191947  
12803. hell in a year or five or ten the boy will have forgotten me- his own father! but to take him and leave his mother behind is not good. 4.89557611007094  
12804. in my place you'd follow such advice as you give me?  
7.879513779734377  
12805. hernandez looked suddenly uncertain. 10.363724110347151  
12806. that i can't answer for i can't imagine something like this happening to me. 9.230155681678822  
12807. maybe i should withdraw my advice- no? 9.102905270528913  
12808. brannon looked at hank maguire. 10.472119682746735  
12809. and you? 20.11369178488903  
12810. what would you do in my place? 13.044634782666947  
12811. hank shook his head. 10.363724110347151  
12812. like luis i can't see something like this happening to me.  
9.115841268383512  
12813. with maria and me there's never any problem. 9.453274480108805  
12814. where i go she goes- and the kids with us. 9.215089054017644  
12815. you're going to need your woman. 9.118533821976325  
12816. and the boy will need his mother. 14.77535634709673  
12817. if you take the one you'd better take both.  
12.564315270518218  
12818. i won't force beth to come against her will. 8.895618565148425  
12819. but i'm going to have my son. 11.276709257332119  
12820. they were silent for a little while each looking glum.  
11.555775202424963

12821. finally luis hernandez said what must be must be.  
7.66975707547012

12822. i am with you of course tomas. 14.894444268829886

12823. and hank maguire added so am i tom. 9.342113951872065

12824. all right brannon said rising. 15.807226770847752

12825. we'll ride out as soon as we've had chuck. 5.3605663684237435

12826. brannon timed it so that they rode in an hour after nightfall.  
10.325313308643159

12827. they had for cover both darkness and a summer storm.  
6.460370037324521

12828. during much of the fifteen-mile ride they had watched a lurid  
display of lightning in the sky to the east. 8.415385650455821

12829. later they'd heard the rumble of thunder and then just outside  
rockfork they ran into rain. 6.049573791844849

12830. those who had slickers donned them. 19.187620789379995

12831. the others put on old coats or ducking jackets whichever they  
carried behind their saddle cantles. 6.681001802490437

12832. there were seven of them enough for a show of strength- to run  
a bluff. 11.867426970564397

12833. it was to be nothing more than that. 18.516564242105492

12834. there was to be no gunplay. 34.604937542058515

12835. if the bluff failed and they ran into trouble brannon had told  
the others they would withdraw- and he would come after his son another  
time. 6.328852508894733

12836. he didn't want to put himself outside the law. 11.45143587764551

12837. with him were hank maguire luis hernandez and luis's son pedro.  
7.741781272611518

12838. the ramirez brothers were also along. 13.848082117783294

12839. the seventh man was red hogan a wiry little puncher with a wild  
streak and a liking for hell-raising. 5.780140237098333

12840. they were all good men. 16.961168054443622

12841. it was dark early because of the storm. 15.619305722096453

12842. also because of the storm the streets of rockfork were deserted.  
8.966209173803414

12843. lighted windows glowed jewel-bright through the downpour.  
7.622507342753323

12844. they reined in before the town marshal's office a box-sized  
building on main street. 8.619121390931282

12845. a lamp burned inside but brannon peering through the window saw  
that the office was empty. 6.672298986820896

12846. he'd hoped to catch jesse macklin there. 9.670406878971576

12847. probably just stepped out he said. 9.165925976869547

12848. red come along. 17.911547764126926

12849. the rest of you wait here. 17.09992591847822

12850. with red hogan he rode to the welcome cafe. 8.581436094141479

12851. hogan got down from the saddle and had a look inside.  
6.210871206873012

12852. not there he said getting back onto his horse.  
10.768722126466878

12853. maybe he's at the hotel. 10.053899942483259

12854. they rode to the rockfork house a little farther along the  
opposite side of the street. 10.434201270820923

12855. they reined in there brannon remaining in the saddle while hogan  
went to look for jesse macklin in the hotel dining room. 6.219400113295481

12856. he'd put on his old brown corduroy coat and it was already soaked.  
7.391013650626644

12857. but he felt no physical discomfort. 14.780741657599577

12858. he was only vaguely aware of the sluicing rain.  
13.82818170073849

12859. he hardly noticed the blue-green flashes of lightning and the hard claps of thunder. 6.955990454870539  
12860. hogan reappeared stopped on the hotel porch lifted a hand in signal. 8.218065180188063  
12861. brannon dismounted and climbed the steps. 8.254441635698543  
12862. he's finished eating hogan said. 5.364141686031366  
12863. sitting with a cup of coffee now. 9.355054121183528  
12864. it seemed long at least to tom brannon. 15.178389017665019  
12865. he and hogan waited by the door one to either side. 6.210871206873012  
12866. macklin was the third man to come out and he came unhurriedly. 8.233625084439891  
12867. he was puffing on a cigar and he was turning up his coat collar against the rain. 7.107453254361385  
12868. it was not until he moved across the porch that he became aware of them and then it was too late. 8.609536043413298  
12869. they closed in fast kept him from reaching inside his coat for his gun. 6.793852307633501  
12870. just come along brannon told him. 14.00840206751307  
12871. don't start anything you can't finish. 3.3326417997438393  
12872. we'll talk over at your office. 5.970410411927927  
12873. brannon i warn you! let's go marsh al brannon said and took him by the arm. 5.993989951428768  
12874. hogan gripped the lawman's other arm. 10.472119682746735  
12875. they escorted him down from the porch and through the rain to his office. 7.561096338404582  
12876. the other five slash-b men followed them inside crowding the small room. 10.097168138754116  
12877. his face was stiff with anger when they let go of his arms. 7.5011629474845165  
12878. he looked at each of them in turn brannon last of all. 11.606923048946156  
12879. i'll remember you he said. 4.98254549585643  
12880. every last one of you. 11.568363037656766  
12881. as for you brannon- put your gun on the desk marshal. 9.142364692868934  
12882. now hold on damn it; i won't- red hogan's patience ran out. 8.859365232996492  
12883. he lifted the skirt of macklin's coat took his gun from its holster tossed it onto the desk. 6.3332044950364645  
12884. too much fooling around he said. 16.777816095848074  
12885. don't press your luck badge-toter. 3.241817001227866  
12886. brannon said now the key to the lockup marshal. 14.094126883018646  
12887. what for? 20.454815948573874  
12888. can't you guess? 13.148092146312546  
12889. brannon said. 12.292407525564322  
12890. we're putting you where you won't come to harm. 6.600764451543303  
12891. get it out! damned if i will. 8.893662989748096  
12892. brannon you've assaulted a law officer and- they moved in on him crowded him from all sides. 6.886249538313906  
12893. no man laid a hand on him but the threat of violence was there. 7.21518003792628  
12894. his face took on a sudden pallor became beaded with sweat and he seemed to have trouble with his breathing. 8.047195734451709  
12895. he held out a moment longer then his nerve gave under the pressure. 7.233226891479716  
12896. he swore and said all right. 15.385132030882776  
12897. it's here in my pocket. 2.8478925195944758  
12898. get it out brannon ordered. 14.028150955784652

12899. then as macklin obeyed: now let's go out back.  
8.816686077540412

12900. resignedly macklin turned to the back door. 10.808564574657483

12901. they followed him into the rain and across to the squat stone building fifty feet to the rear. 5.835941997899846

12902. the door of the lockup was of oak planks and banded with strap iron. 9.018047010095179

12903. it was secured by an oversized padlock. 14.641503533571957

12904. macklin balked again not wanting to unlock and open the door.  
9.069429662497702

12905. they crowded him in that threatening way once more forced him to give in. 6.793852307633501

12906. once the door was open they crowded him inside the dark building.  
9.148455751515566

12907. he was uttering threats in a low but savage voice when they closed and padlocked the door. 7.3535919669018925

12908. they returned to the street mounted their horses rode through the rain to the big house on houston street. 8.9974918171127

12909. its windows glowed with lamplight. 10.502614833978878

12910. deputy marshal luke harper still stood guard on the veranda a forlorn scarecrowish figure in the murky dark. 6.643215071337043

12911. he came to the edge of the veranda peered down at them with his hand on his gun. 10.433731903740965

12912. don't try it brannon told him dismounting and starting up the steps with his men following. 4.310328813746147

12913. don't get yourself killed for something that doesn't concern you.  
3.4187369901495104

12914. he strode past the now frightened man entered the house.  
10.090191208524187

12915. miguel and arturo ramirez remained on the veranda to keep harper from interfering. 6.192504140493174

12916. the others followed brannon inside. 15.352495886553934

12917. they trailed him across the wide hallway to the parlor four roughly garbed and tough-looking men who probably had never before ventured into such a house. 5.440267211116651

12918. they brought to it all the odors that clung to men like themselves that of their own sweat of campfire smoke of horses and cattle. 7.71411494317894

12919. they tracked mud on the oaken floor on the carpet.  
8.175689281675892

12920. their presence fouled the elegance of that room.  
10.382234806645563

12921. and their arrival caught john clayton and charles ansley off guard. 7.980998954942467

12922. the author of the anonymous notes seemed to be all-knowing.  
15.958506328311124

12923. for men who had left cattle alone after getting their first notices had received no second. 5.542917982132687

12924. but the day of the deadline came and passed and the men who had scoffed at the warnings laughed with satisfaction. 10.383396182710234

12925. for with a single exception nothing had happened to them.  
6.460370037324521

12926. the exception was an iron mountain settler named william lewis.  
8.196044167676531

12927. after walking out to his corral that morning he'd been amazed to see the dust puff up in front of his feet. 5.79419502081807

12928. a split second later the distant crack of a rifle had sounded.  
8.729997945191078

12929. he'd mounted up immediately and raced with a revolver ready toward the spot from which he'd estimated the shot had come. 5.083242045036259

12930. but he had found all of the thickets and points of cover  
deserted. 16.263617458091403

12931. there had been no sign of a rifleman and no track or trace to  
show that anyone had been near. 8.297238956507558

12932. lewis was a man who had made a full-time job of cow stealing.  
10.004782421123739

12933. he hadn't even pretended to be farming his spread.  
9.026368296067464

12934. his land had never been plowed. 12.608615397551533

12935. he had done his rustling openly and boasted about it.  
10.05140996736625

12936. he had received both first and second anonymous notices and each  
time he had accused his neighbors of writing them. 8.493302803846575

12937. he had cursed at them and threatened them. 10.918931351420587

12938. he was a man those neighbors testified later who didn't have a  
friend in the world. 8.630644840811472

12939. william lewis made the rounds of all who lived near him again  
that august morning after a bullet landed at his feet and once more he  
accused and threatened everyone. 4.861393316494661

12940. i'll be ready next time! he raged. 9.670406878971576

12941. i'll be shootin' right back. 4.98254549585643

12942. he had his chance the very next morning for exactly the same  
thing happened again. 10.353369544772141

12943. this time lewis had his own rifle in his hands and he threw  
some answering fire back at the mysterious far-off shot then spent most  
of the day searching out the area. 6.711582133352823

12944. he found nothing but he still refused to give up and move out.  
11.606570718568712

12945. just let me meet up with that damned bushwhackin' coward face-to-  
face! he exploded. 6.002446559592496

12946. that's all i ask! he never got that chance. 5.028623875776174

12947. for the unseen ghostlike rifleman aimed a little higher the third  
time. 8.517214437888786

12948. 30-30 bullet smashed directly into the center of william  
lewis' chest. 10.160966385020767

12949. he slumped against a log fence rail then tried to lift himself.  
7.560809233574742

12950. two more shots followed in quick succession dropping him limp  
and huddled on the ground. 7.713412863882079

12951. an inquest was held and after a good deal of testimony about  
the anonymous notes the county coroner estimated that the shooting had  
been done from a distance of 300 yards. 6.380073495931705

12952. rumors of the offer tom horn had made at the stockgrowers'  
association meeting had leaked out by then and as a grand jury  
investigation of the murder got underway the prosecuting attorney  
a colonel bairst ordered that the tall stock detective be summoned  
for questioning. 6.057776250762027

12953. it took some time to locate horn. 13.369637315851138

12954. he was finally found in the bates hole region of natrona county  
two counties away. 10.107316701574787

12955. prosecutor bairst immediately assumed he was hiding out there after  
the shooting and began preparing an indictment. 5.326519577128725

12956. but that indictment was never made. 21.387997073060106

12957. for tom horn it turned out had a number of rancher and cowboy  
witnesses ready and willing to swear with straight faces that he had been  
in bates hole the day of the killing. 7.711543222558707

12958. the former scout's alibi couldn't be shaken. 12.8377852653068

12959. the authorities had to release him. 10.915477388587384

12960. he immediately rode on to cheyenne threw a ten-day drinking  
spree and dropped some very strong hints among friends.  
7.6557099336907095

12961. dead center at three hundred yards that coroner said! he'd grin.  
6.368285828365234

12962. three shots in that fella 'fore he hit the ground! you reckon  
there's two men in this state can shoot like that? 6.650356307813376

12963. publicly he denied everything. 9.118533821976325

12964. privately he created and magnified an image of himself as a  
hired assassin. 8.329831901051985

12965. for a blood-chilling ring of terror to the very sound of his name  
was the tool he needed for the job he'd promised to do. 6.149311593160117

12966. tom horn was soon back at work giving his secret employers their  
money's worth. 7.314792551946797

12967. a good many beef-hungry settlers were accepting the death of  
william lewis as proof that the warning notes were not idle threats.  
6.7529917761768266

12968. the company herds were being raided less often and cabins and  
soddies all over the range were standing deserted. 9.28726063444865

12969. but there were other homesteaders who passed the lewis murder off  
as a personal grudge killing the work of one of his neighbors.  
9.161313568795489

12970. the rustling problem was by no means solved.  
12.349272568734234

12971. even in the very area where the shooting had been done cattle were  
still disappearing. 6.361988801188719

12972. for less than a dozen miles from the unplowed land of the dead  
man lived another settler who had ignored the warnings that his  
existence might be foreclosed on- a blatant and defiant rustler  
named fred powell. 6.831272097419633

12973. fred was mighty crude about the way he took in cattle his own  
hired man andy ross mentioned later. 5.15576524365156

12974. everyone knew it but he sort of acted like he didn't care who  
knew it- even after them notes came even after he'd heard about lewis  
even after he'd been shot at a couple o' times hisself! on the morning of  
september 10 1895 powell and ross rose at dawn and began their day's  
work. 5.794407298988675

12975. haying time was close at hand and they needed some strong  
branches to repair a hay rack. 5.442489997127004

12976. harnessing a team to a buckboard they drove out to a willow-  
lined creek about a half-mile off then climbed down and began chopping.  
6.504428528168244

12977. andy ross had just started swinging an ax at his second willow when  
the distant blast of a rifle sounded. 5.15576524365156

12978. he looked around in surprise then noticed that fred powell was  
clutching his chest. 8.824820353737188

12979. the hired man ran over to help his boss. 8.559202092877442

12980. my god i'm shot! powell gasped. 11.992346169795113

12981. and he collapsed and died instantly. 12.811053267813671

12982. ross had no intention of searching for the assassin.  
9.288375818366491

12983. he heaved the dead man onto the buckboard yelled and lashed  
at the team and got out of there fast. 6.276119584179756

12984. but he brought back the sheriff and several deputies and to the  
lawmen the entire affair seemed a repetition of the lewis killing.  
9.768737505296855

12985. a detailed scouring of the entire area revealed nothing beyond a  
ledge of rocks that might have been the rifleman's hiding place.  
6.599382972382871

12986. there were no tracks of either hoofs or boots.  
8.949028830658037

12987. not even an empty cartridge case could be found.  
8.488232657465336

12988. once again tom horn was the first and most likely suspect and  
he was brought in for questioning immediately. 8.72406656318464

12989. once again he shook his head kept his face expressionless and  
his voice very calm and had a strongly supported alibi ready.  
6.230103800637303

12990. later riding in for some lusty enjoyment of the liquor and  
professional ladies of cheyenne he laid claim to the killing with the  
vague insinuations he made. 6.775892589674704

12991. exterminatin' cow thieves is just a business proposition with  
me he'd blandly announce. 6.126225880143168

12992. and i sort o' got a corner on the market. 12.33461022388823

12993. tom a friend asked him once how come you bushwhacked them  
rustlers? 6.112195546035221

12994. they wouldn't o' stood no chance with you in a plain straight-  
out shoot-down. 9.450293034129261

12995. he had lots of friends then as always. 10.918931351420587

12996. even as he became widely known as a professional killer nearly  
every cowboy and rancher in wyoming seemed proud to call him a friend.  
7.449458498266163

12997. no man's name broughtmore cheers when it was announced in a rodeo.  
9.037148540440032

12998. well he explained s'posin' you was a nester swingin' the long  
rope? 9.25185671432612

12999. which would you be most scairt of- a dry-gulchin' or a shoot-  
down? 6.107159981052837

13000. yeah i can see that the friend was forced to agree.  
11.212051246667523

13001. but h well it just don't seem sportin' somehow! sportin'! the  
tall sunburnt rustler-hunter stared in amazement. 6.670433134891451

13002. sportin'! he echoed again in soft wonder. 9.060328853487057

13003. i seen a lot o' things in my time. 6.764147616291221

13004. i found a trooper once the apache had spread-eagled on an ant  
hill and another time we ran across some teamsters they'd caught tied  
upside down on their own wagon wheels over little fires until their  
brains was exploded right out o' their skulls. 6.292464215253619

13005. i heard o' texas cattlemen wrappin' a cow thief up in green  
hides and lettin' the sun shrink 'em and squeeze him to death.  
5.754028250023391

13006. but there's one thing i never seen or heard of one thing i  
just don't think there is and that's a sportin' way o' killin' a  
man! after the first two murders the warning notes were rarely  
ignored. 7.133714053883401

13007. the lesson had been learned. 10.915477388587384

13008. when fred powell's brother-in-law charlie keane moved into the  
dead man's home the anonymous letter writer took no chances on charlie  
taking up where fred had left off and wasted no time on a first  
notice: if you don't leave this country within 3 days your life will  
be taken the same as powell's was. 5.510211089602737

13009. this was the message found tacked to the cabin door.  
10.25010000299054

13010. keane left within three days. 11.568363037656766

13011. all through albany and laramie counties other men were doing  
the same. 7.3084495341002365

13012. houses of settlers who'd treatedthe company herds as a natural  
resource free for the taking were sitting empty with weeds growing high  
in their yards. 6.371420456284029

13013. the small half-heartedly tended fields of men who'd spent more time rustling cattle than farming were lying fallow. 6.195453398411556

13014. no cow thief could count on a jury of his sympathetic peers to free him any longer. 7.571793478690667

13015. jury judge and executioner were riding the range in the form of a single unknown figure that could materialize anywhere at any time to dispense an ancient brand of justice the men of the new west had believed long outdated. 6.652297732757586

13016. for three straight years tom horn patrolled the southern wyoming pastures and how many men he killed after lewis and powell will never be known. 7.4772826017936955

13017. it is possible although highly doubtful that he killed none at all but merely let his reputation work for him by privately claiming every unsolved murder in the state. 7.052973009493851

13018. it is also possible but equally doubtful that he actually shot down the hundreds of men with which his legend credits him. 11.49858307116114

13019. for that legend was growing explosively rumor was insisting he received a price of \$600 a man. 7.330837936170385

13020. a monthly wage of about \$125 very good money in an era when top rumor had it he slipped two small rocks under each victim's head as a sort of trademark. 6.967149461585221

13021. one thing was certain- his method was effective so effective that after a time even the warning notices were often unnecessary. 6.737373972572852

13022. the mere fact that the tall figure with the rifle and field glasses had been seen riding that way was enough to frighten three rustling homesteaders out of the upper laramie country in a single week. 7.254679936126383

13023. my reputation's my stock in trade tom mentioned more than once. 7.291914732090412

13024. he evidently couldn't foresee that it might be his downfall in the end. 10.33992332664139

13025. he had made himself the personification of the devil to the homesteaders. 10.822712590975025

13026. but to the cattlemen who had been facing bankruptcy from rustling losses and to the cowboys who had been faced with lay-offs a few years earlier he was becoming a vastly different type of legendary figure. 8.998225627747821

13027. such ranchers as coble and clay and the bosler brothers carried him on their books as a cowhand even while he was receiving a much larger salary from parties unknown. 5.081273999431429

13028. he made their spreads his headquarters and he helped out in their roundups. 10.5956113857914

13029. in the cow camps tom horn was regarded as a hero as the same kind of champion he was when he entered and invariably won the local rodeos. 6.675350360850517

13030. the hands and their bosses saw him as a lone knight of the range waging a dedicated crusade against a lawless new society that was threatening a beloved way of life. 7.055040316164558

13031. the wailing guitar-strumming minstrels of the cattle kingdom made up songs about him. 6.817408452020724

13032. by 1898 rustling losses had been driven down to the lowest level ever seen in wyoming. 9.132183287343013

13033. when several minutes had passed and curt hadn't emerged from the livery stable brenner reentered the hotel and faced summers across the counter. 5.703434887995785

13034. i have a little job for you charlie. 16.783113355104557

13035. i'm sure you won't mind doing me a small favor. 6.7647977463963205



13036. brenner's voice was oily but summers wasn't fooled.  
9.060328853487057

13037. he moistened his lips uneasily. 14.0564280108931

13038. what is it you want me to do mr brenner? 13.668143370146634

13039. brenner shrugged carelessly. 10.363724110347151

13040. i just want you to take a message to diane molinari.  
13.170083722140127

13041. tell her to come here to the hotel. 8.062584570480723

13042. vastly relieved summers nodded and started toward the door.  
8.581436094141479

13043. one thing summers brenner said. 19.263603413563676

13044. you're not to mention my name. 9.068556179045293

13045. tell her curt adams wants to see her. 7.4073092375676035

13046. summers pulled up short and turned around. 9.060328853487057

13047. i don't know mr brenner he said haltingly beginning to get an  
inkling of brenner's plans. 4.231433195197468

13048. it doesn't seem quite right telling her a thing like that.  
8.97118381342937

13049. couldn't i just- his voice trailed off into silence.  
6.764147616291221

13050. brenner continued to smile but his eyes were cold.  
9.042399241199941

13051. he turned and looked around at the lobby as though seeing  
things he hadn't before noticed. 7.408229375658381

13052. you know summers he said thoughtfully. 17.055565169455456

13053. eagle's nest ought to have a fire company. 7.14162538120728

13054. if someone were to drop a match in here this place would go up  
like a haystack. 8.777403073322198

13055. he started toward the stairway then turned to add tell her to  
come to adams's room that adams is in trouble. 6.710256295831818

13056. yes sir. 21.84573224153262

13057. his face pale summers headed for the street. 9.705900421057073

13058. curt's visit to the livery stable had been merely a precaution in  
case anyone should be watching. 7.3016633092037235

13059. he paused only long enough to ascertain that jess's buckskin was  
still missing and that his own gray was all right then climbed  
through a back window and dropped to the ground outside.  
5.404277735189896

13060. the fact that jess's horse had not been returned to its stall  
could indicate that diane's information had been wrong but curt didn't  
interpret it this way. 6.940015446650669

13061. a man like jess would want to have a ready means of escape in case  
it was needed. 7.469883705415442

13062. probably his horse would be close to where he was hiding.  
10.378711218693189

13063. from the back of the barn it was a simple matter to reach  
black's house without using the street. 8.694118477870727

13064. curt approached the place cautiously and watched it several minutes  
from the protection of a grove of trees. 6.757567981697296

13065. there was a light in black's front room but drawn curtains  
prevented any view of the interior. 9.972150781566725

13066. curt circled the house and located a barn out back.  
8.781071411144602

13067. he could hear horses moving around inside and nothing else.  
9.713194882521604

13068. there was no lock on the door only an iron hook which he  
unfastened. 13.125676935851551

13069. he opened the door and went in pulling it shut behind him.  
7.560809233574742

13070. again he stood in the darkness listening but there was only the  
scrape of a shod hoof on a plank floor. 8.263985701809197  
13071. he moved ahead carefully his left hand in front of him and came to  
a wooden partition. 9.047809495604856  
13072. horse smell was very strong and he could hear the crunch of  
grain being ground between strong jaws. 6.7522316282194215  
13073. he found a match in his pocket and lit it. 8.431773034471274  
13074. there were two horses in the barn a sway-backed dun and jess  
crouch's buckskin. 12.167815094052868  
13075. curt snuffed out the match. 9.118533821976325  
13076. it was certain now that jess was in the house but also  
presumably was stacey black. 11.759364146575555  
13077. curt wanted to get jess alone without interference from anyone  
even as spineless a person as the store owner. 5.236383152695367  
13078. he studied the problem for a few seconds and thought of a means  
by which it might be solved. 9.796121875171602  
13079. reaching across the side of the stall he slapped the buckskin on  
the rump. 6.613992360534699  
13080. the startled animal let out a terrified squeal and thrashed  
around in the stall. 8.756844781870859  
13081. as curt had hoped the house door banged open. 8.485260296365073  
13082. he slapped the buckskin again and it kicked wildly its hoofs  
rattling the side of the stall. 8.906706013731672  
13083. curt moved over beside the door and waited. 6.764147616291221  
13084. presently he heard footsteps crossing the yard and jess's  
smothered curses. 7.879513779734377  
13085. the door swung open and jess said sourly what the hell's the  
matter with you? 6.666308640079173  
13086. the horse continued to snort. 16.606517696108213  
13087. curt doubted that any animal belonging to jess would find much  
reassurance in its owner's voice. 5.427950274147271  
13088. jess cursed again and entered the barn. 9.670406878971576  
13089. a match flared and he reached above his head to light a lantern  
which hung from a wire loop. 5.829670714266847  
13090. as he crossed to the side of the stall curt drew his gun and  
clicked back the hammer. 10.446925882968007  
13091. before you try anything he said. 8.254441635698543  
13092. remember what happened to gruller. 16.609086007622327  
13093. jess caught his breath in surprise. 7.622507342753323  
13094. he started to reach for his gun but apparently thought better of  
it. 9.730109959968066  
13095. that's the stuff curt said. 9.118533821976325  
13096. just hold it that way. 14.00840206751307  
13097. he reached out to pull the door shut and fasten it with a sliding  
bolt. 7.367789531495272  
13098. you and i have a little talking to do jess. 11.48832940527018  
13099. you won't be needing this. 13.44371259307425  
13100. he moved up and lifted jess's pistol out of its holster.  
10.702694237569535  
13101. damn you adams- jess was beginning to recover from his initial  
shock. 6.837523265813775  
13102. we ain't got nothing to talk about. 12.350455461918722  
13103. if i don't come back in the house breed's going to- your  
trigger-happy brother isn't in the house. 9.230904287574509  
13104. about now he's probably having supper. 13.006734615407726  
13105. that long ride the four of you took must've given him a good  
appetite. 6.829500528263492  
13106. now turn around so i can see your face. 10.516444053962664  
13107. there was raw fury in his eyes and the veins of his neck were  
swollen. 10.681727081353161

13108. you're about as dumb as they come adams. 7.871837341937753  
13109. i don't know what you're up to but when brenner- you can forget  
about brenner too curt said.4.343557290104509  
13110. it'sben arbuckle we're going to talk about.8.982753431407628  
13111. i don't know nothin' about him. 4.7491506386898426  
13112. no? 19.804021762487697  
13113. i suppose you don't know anything about a piece of two-by-four  
either; one with blood all over it arbuckle's blood.  
6.848386696148314  
13114. curt's fingers put a little more pressure on the trigger of his  
gun. 9.817773142175593  
13115. so help me crouch i'd like to kill you where you stand but  
before i do i'm going to hear you admit killing him.  
5.522749455638915  
13116. who told you to do it? 12.48930063456222  
13117. was it dutch brenner? 15.900962242516597  
13118. curt was holding jess's gun in his left hand.  
8.196044167676531  
13119. he drew back his arm to slash the gunbarrel across jess's face  
but didn't finish the motion.6.512874137333827  
13120. pistol-whipping an unarmed man might come easy to someone like  
jess but curt couldn't bring himself to do it. 6.54093796655646  
13121. apparently sensing this and realizing that it gave him an  
advantage jess became bold. 5.825820622377272  
13122. having all the guns makes you a big man don't it adams?  
8.268387317752088  
13123. if we was both armed you wouldn't talk so tough.9.898384195492838  
13124. no? 19.804021762487697  
13125. curt reached out and dropped jess's pistol back into the holster.  
6.210871206873012  
13126. he retreated a step and holstered his own. 11.45143587764551  
13127. all right crouch; we're on even terms. 8.961969194380144  
13128. now draw! sweat bubbled out on jess's swarthy face.  
10.368578803405029  
13129. the fingers of his right hand twisted into a claw but he didn't  
reach for the gun. 6.33404546569971  
13130. curt angry enough to be a little reckless raised his hands  
shoulder high. 9.06700702824822  
13131. does this make it any easier coward? 11.18160535091713  
13132. i ain't drawin' against you jess said thickly.  
8.581436094141479  
13133. i heard how you outdrew chico.8.254441635698543  
13134. you're the kind of bastard who sneaks up on a man from behind  
and hits him with a club. 7.619211041248485  
13135. i just wanted to hear you say so. 10.41765113989062  
13136. jess stared at him without answering and let his hands fall to his  
sides. 7.198778874655976  
13137. he had found curt's weakness or what to jess was a weakness and  
was smart enough to take advantage of it. 7.968128149557376  
13138. somewhere in the distance a woman screamed.  
12.780289393218238  
13139. curt was too involved in his own problems to pay much attention.  
6.479874907873591  
13140. he had to make jess talk and he had to do it before stacey  
black got curious and came to investigate. 10.742929755418942  
13141. oncemore he lifted jess's gun from its holster only this time he  
tossed it into the stall with the frightened buckskin.  
5.459483995398501  
13142. he dropped his own beside it. 16.47926404760007  
13143. we'll do it another way then he said harshly. 4.806945081755363

13144. jess's coarse features twisted in a surprised grin which was  
smashed out of shape by curt's fist. 6.757567981697296  
13145. with a roar of pain and fury jess made his attack.  
8.716730326908243  
13146. curt managed to duck beneath the man's flailing fist and drove  
home a solid left to jess's mid-section. 6.643215071337043  
13147. it was like hitting a sack of salt. 13.969165594653123  
13148. pain shout up curt's arm clear to the shoulder but jess seemed  
hardly aware that he had been hit. 6.9448318610179385  
13149. he slammed into the wall bounced back and caught curt with a  
roundhouse right which sent him spinning. 6.174920939052518  
13150. an inch lower and it would have knocked him out. 9.268641810464125  
13151. as it was his vision blurred and for a moment he was unable to  
move. 11.540201641218632  
13152. when his eyes began to focus he saw jess charging at him with a  
pitchfork. 9.246096819239693  
13153. curt twisted to one side and the tines of the fork bit into the  
floor. 5.542917982132687  
13154. jess wasted a few seconds trying to yank them loose.  
8.196044167676531  
13155. it gave curt time to stagger to his feet. 9.740106390825309  
13156. the tines broke off under jess's twisting and he swung the handle  
in an attempt to knock curt's brains out. 7.493262886746913  
13157. his aim was hurried; so the pitchfork whistled over curt's  
head. 6.856825123186673  
13158. by now curt was seeing clearly again. 9.670406878971576  
13159. he stepped inside jess's guard and landed two blows to the big  
man's belly putting everything he had behind them. 6.312228797442729  
13160. they made jess double over. 14.714773213271867  
13161. when his head came down curt grabbed him by the hair and  
catapulted him head first into the wall. 6.96502816887345  
13162. the building shook setting the lantern to swaying and the  
buckskin to pitching again. 8.346523409839932  
13163. even black's old crowbait began to snort and from the house black  
yelled jess! what's going on out there? 7.2632680052790795  
13164. jess didn't seem too sure himself. 9.670406878971576  
13165. he lurched drunkenly to his feet lowered his head and took one  
step away from the wall. 6.576782385019269  
13166. curt caught him flush on the nose with a blow which started at  
the floor. 7.221918936957267  
13167. blood gushed from his nose and he backed off as rapidly as he  
could stumbling over his own feet in his frantic haste to get away  
from curt's fists. 5.517345189490323  
13168. curt was in almost as bad shape but he wouldn't quit.  
7.615092762846159  
13169. he backed jess into a corner grabbed a handful of the man's  
shirtfront and drew back his right fist. 6.730350773677291  
13170. tell me about arbuckle! you killed him didn't you?  
8.873632373280508  
13171. it was brenner's idea jess mumbled dabbing at his nose.  
11.859831723497784  
13172. he found out about you and arbuckle talking.  
13.391524163126732  
13173. he wanted to show the town what happened to anyone who tried to  
start trouble. 10.624304148705253  
13174. you mean anyone who stood up for his rights curt said.  
10.781441329716351  
13175. he let go of the shirt and jess slumped to the floor.  
7.560809233574742

13176. turning his back curt crossed to the stall reached over to  
 untie the buckskin's halter rope and waved his hand in the animal's  
 face. 7.016254153014417  
 13177. the buckskin bolted out of the stall. 10.953259697021208  
 13178. curt moved in and picked up his gun. 9.060328853487057  
 13179. he shook loose straw out of the action and placed the gun in  
 his holster. 7.587625559514907  
 13180. leaving jess's where it lay he left the stall.  
 9.357511128774851  
 13181. we're going someplace. 6.609156072070076  
 13182. jess painfully got to his feet as someone rattled the door.  
 8.460824944593346  
 13183. who's in there? 10.363724110347151  
 13184. black called fearfully. 13.649270166306609  
 13185. curt opened the door grabbed black by the shoulder and pulled him  
 into the barn. 5.542917982132687  
 13186. you're staying right here for a while. 7.555383342456829  
 13187. this dirty coward just admitted killing arbuckle. 9.240573005317144  
 13188. i'm going to let him tell it to somebody else.  
 5.021813214007006  
 13189. he shoved black toward the stall and pointed his pistol at jess.  
 7.560809233574742  
 13190. you're coming along peacefully or i'll put a bullet in your  
 leg. 7.615092762846159  
 13191. jess stumbled through the door. 8.254441635698543  
 13192. curt followed reaching behind him to shut the door and hook  
 it. 7.615092762846159  
 13193. black would have little trouble getting out but it might delay  
 him a few minutes. 5.953078246761409  
 13194. where're you takin' me? 13.148092146312546  
 13195. jess asked worriedly. 10.363724110347151  
 13196. we're going to marshal woods's house. 7.3804064617970475  
 13197. maybe if the marshal hears this himself it'll make a  
 difference. 7.50941183093533  
 13198. somebody in this town must still have some backbone.  
 9.230894788356071  
 13199. over his shoulder he could see max's loose grin and the burnside's  
 glowering faces. 7.098992317334555  
 13200. soon as we send them on their way and make camp let's you and  
 me go for a walk down by the snake- all by ourselves. 6.552916378234501  
 13201. sally admonished her mother you've got all evening to visit  
 with dan. 6.202987727583376  
 13202. his wounds need dressing now. 11.568363037656766  
 13203. mrs jackson's words recalled dan to his lack of fitness for  
 courting. 7.033564643461397  
 13204. what a spectacle he was caked with dirt and sweat and blood  
 filthy as a pig and naked as an indian kissing the finest the sweetest  
 the bravest and absolutely the prettiest girl in this whole wonderful  
 world. 6.471553141410679  
 13205. he released her reluctantly for her enthusiastic reunion with  
 old hap. 7.953394054598466  
 13206. got a lot to tend to but i'll get back quick as i can he assured  
 her. 7.446935570790257  
 13207. dan could hear clayton burnside and eben jackson summing up their  
 final reckoning for rental on the oxen. 5.307297689670258  
 13208. jackson was doing most of the talking. 9.863004455864827  
 13209. so long as sally's pa was coming out best on the haggle dan didn't  
 feel the need of putting in his two-bits' worth. 6.724446692575535

13210. soon as the burnsid es moved on he'd lead rex down by the  
river; there he could shave and scrub himself up for the evening.  
7.645119526556633

13211. damnit he thought bitterly picking up his shirt and staring at the  
fresh bullet hole in the sleeve. 5.807779761974589

13212. if i hadn't got nate stopped when i did my duds'd all be shot  
plumb to hell! he stooped picked up his ruined hat and pursed his lips  
thoughtfully. 7.3450904547081555

13213. from the way the wound in his head was itching dan knew that it  
would heal. 7.366495677796234

13214. but his only hat was something else again.  
14.522886520417298

13215. the burnsid es now ready to roll were purposefully deaf to his  
cry. 7.098087065137257

13216. nate! he bellowed to the retreating back directly in front of him.  
7.615092762846159

13217. i ain't going to fight you no more. 9.169644675936961

13218. nate turned his head attempting to speak in a soothing voice.  
7.615092762846159

13219. i know you ain't! dan affirmed feeling ten feet tall.  
9.27451821343373

13220. he moved in close jerked the handsome broad-brimmed beaver hat  
from nate's head and clamped it on his own. 8.080705261612852

13221. here's a present for you he said shoving his bullet-riddled hat  
down over nate's purpling forehead. 4.651232142521892

13222. me and you's trading hats so's you'll have something permanent to  
remember me by! sally left her choring to stand beside dan.  
6.365727389270327

13223. slipping her hand in his they silently watched the burnsid es  
make the bend in the road and disappear from sight. 5.579511986533377

13224. much as they had to look forward to they didn't begrudge a moment  
of the time they spent seeing them go. 9.350495619808058

13225. at first matilda could not believe her own eyes.  
10.45669331840889

13226. she had spent too many hours looking ahead hoping and longing to  
catch even a glimpse of dan and finding nothing but emptiness.  
7.848201136937712

13227. and now she could see him looking uncommon handsome standing  
there beside sally jackson and her folks in front of their trail-worn  
wagon. 5.97202596005808

13228. seeing them waiting there at the foot of emigrant rock was so  
overwhelming that for a good minute after they rounded the bend and  
started down the grade leading toward them matilda could not speak at  
all. 5.974904992889133

13229. then with a glory that almost wiped out the deep downward sags  
in her careworn face matilda leaned over the wheel and shouted to hez  
who was stumbling along in the heat and the dust on the opposite side  
of the wagon pa! pa! i can see dan. 5.35379068632919

13230. and he's with the jacksons! what about burnsid es?  
11.852011282115413

13231. hez asked who still believed they'd have them to lick.  
6.460370037324521

13232. they ain't even in sight! she replied. 11.967541482367666

13233. by then hez could see for himself and so could the others.  
7.274102123453144

13234. soon they were all shouting greetings exchanging smiles and  
rejoicing to think that they were all back together again.  
8.280642643182565

13235. but even a reunion as joyous as this one did not make a break in  
the routines of the day. 7.741220860602585

13236. nor could they stop and find out about all that had happened until  
they made circle tended the cattle tethered the horses gathered  
fuel carried water and started their cooking fires. 6.574186305333164  
13237. then and only then with the jacksons and dan as their true  
guests of honor did the harrows take time to catch up on the news.  
5.823322159623792  
13238. no sooner did they hear of dan's injury than both gran and  
matilda went into immediate action. 7.662018386597633  
13239. the wound in his scalp was examined pronounced healing and well  
doctored with simples before they dished up the victuals.  
5.670580783382225  
13240. from then on in keeping with the traditions they had followed  
since childhood the whole group settled down to relish their food.  
7.387542433692344  
13241. even sally in spite of her gaiety and obvious welcome followed  
the old taboo of quitting the gab when wearing the nosebag.  
5.6598458209561295  
13242. after their supper the evening turned into a regular hoe-down.  
10.258702113353907  
13243. only they carefully substituted old country folk dances for the  
virginia reels and square dances that were so popular among more  
worldly trains in the great westward migration. 5.246599493723186  
13244. but with bill o'connor on the fiddle and gran harrow exuberantly  
shouting glory be and hallelujah above their united chant of the lilting  
old ballads they played their quaint folk games with all the fervor  
and abandon of a real celebration. 6.9105984941294984  
13245. golly rod exclaimed to harmony as he dutifully stood by her side  
among the ringed spectators don't that fiddle make you wish the bible  
didn't say us baptists can't dance? 4.656645272807095  
13246. nor methodists neither she replied. 10.472119682746735  
13247. not that it matters to me being this far along. 6.764147616291221  
13248. rod gave her a warm pat on the shoulder before he replied.  
8.082271351627554  
13249. come spring you'll bekicking up your heels and feeling coltish  
again too gal. 5.843289904990168  
13250. at these words of sympathy and understanding harmony said  
generously i don't mind setting here along with gran while you go out and  
join in the games. 6.8769939431867035  
13251. rod shifted his eager eyes from the milling group out in the  
circle long enough to reply i ain't much of a hand for dare-base and  
farmer-in-the-dell but i'd sure like to get in on the handhold and  
wrestles. 4.950754548062888  
13252. he looked down at his big hands and slowly flexed his long fingers.  
9.76585494295015  
13253. don't reckon there's nobody out there 'cept maybe dan who can  
outgrip me harmony. 3.4878160860915544  
13254. with rod on his way and matilda visiting with mrsjackson while  
they searched out familiar names on the face of the cliff harmony  
settled on the edge of the grub box to ease the pressure of her swollen  
body on her bone-weary legs and worried about all that might have  
happened to sally. 7.5043311814364495  
13255. and she was deeply thankful that she could see her now out there  
in the midst of a gay youthful circle skipping and singing farmer in  
the dell farmer in the dell heigh-ho the dairy-oh the farmer in the  
dell. 6.049982628084406  
13256. at the sight of sally's happy face and carefree expression  
harmony's dark brooding eyes quickly brightened with unshed tears.  
8.915689231319938  
13257. she was glad completely and unselfishly glad to see that things  
were working out the right way for both sally and dan. 7.14658225520874

13258. h and she really tried to go a step further and say she hoped they'd be just as right as they now were for her and for rod.  
7.521955577011828

13259. but she couldn't not yet. 15.145152070227198

13260. not with the memory of her folks and the lost conestoga still holding her close h. 8.337868972741022

13261. out in the center of the circle the farmer who was dan wasted no time when they came to the line the farmer choose his wife.  
9.247891253560509

13262. with a swift swoop of his big arms he grabbed sally out of the circle surrounding him and then kissed her soundly before setting her down so she could stand by his side while they jointly chose the rest of their outfit. 6.229588998868509

13263. soon the child the dog the cat h and even the cheese all joined them out there in the circle. 6.226969139690791

13264. by now harmony could see that most of the adults in the train were winded and resting or else siphoned off from the games by the challenging lure of the great cliff towering above them. 7.697119038163193

13265. no matter how many registry rocks they came to on this journey each one exerted its own appeal. 8.693155385738724

13266. even strange names seemed to make them feel closer to some kind of civilization when stumbled across out here in this wilderness.  
8.192249229872033

13267. already a few hardy folk from their own train were zealously chipping away at the register rocks leaving their own records along with those made by the earlier trains. 4.726707772215755

13268. soon she saw rod and hez moving over to join them.  
8.70482441652883

13269. no sooner were they through and the guards posted than the whole camp turned in for a night of sound sleep. 6.019818412716069

13270. for matilda it was the first she had known in many a night.  
8.95826603129812

13271. even the knowledge that she was losing another boy as a mother always does when a marriage is made did not prevent her from having the first carefree dreamless sleep that she had known since they dropped down the canyon and into bear valley way way back there when they were crossing those other mountains. 4.810741948958806

13272. next morning they moved on again. 11.770322469990232

13273. my souls' a-gracious! gran harrow exclaimed watching their rippling muscles as rod and dan swung her up into the load.  
5.449744428242049

13274. a body would swear i floated right up here on a cloud! rod and dan released their holds on the arms of her hickory rocker and exchanged embarrassed grins. 6.643707591850051

13275. shucks gran they said almost in unison. 7.14162538120728

13276. thatwasn't nothing at all! leaning forward in her chair gran nearsightedly scrutinized dan's face. 7.198778874655976

13277. how's sally like rubbin' agin that thar little ticklebrush ye're a-raising? 6.210871206873012

13278. quit ragging him gran rod protested. 9.670406878971576

13279. i ain't ragging him! gran peered again at the week-old blond mustache shadowing dan's upper lip. 5.542917982132687

13280. but honest-to-betsy i've seed more hair than that on a piece o' bacon. 10.222147158536275

13281. the two tall brothers waited silently while their mother handed gran her cold snack and water jug placed the chamber pot beside her feet and returned to her place at the front of the wagon with alice.  
5.909553395700729

13282. rheumatics worse pa? 15.594944937291627



13283. dan asked hez who had limped back from his team to hold the  
notched-stick chair braces in place while his boys swung up the tailgate  
and tied it tight at the ends. 4.928608045537711

13284. my right leg's stiff as a board this morning he replied. 0.0

13285. but the sun'll fry it out'n me onct we git to rolling.  
8.783764297920749

13286. the three men stepped out to the side to wait for captain clemens'  
signal. 9.92419478108032

13287. hez looked up at the high face of emigrant rock official signboard  
for the raft river turnoff and gloated seems funny that them  
burnsides never took time to leave their john-henry up thar.  
4.849344473694158

13288. wonder what made them hurry so rod drawled giving dan a sly wink.  
7.391013650626644

13289. dan grinned and changed the subject. 7.840903646372331

13290. from now on sally and me and her folks aim to give you our turn  
when it comes up and fall in behind you and rod's outfit.  
7.104615268962541

13291. ain't no sense you eating our dust rod protested.  
6.764147616291221

13292. sally and her ma want to trade off on account of harmony being  
so far along dan explained. 7.062327511712909

13293. jackson recruited his critters and him and me fixed up his wagon  
while we was waiting for you to catch up. 5.511087632670692

13294. he's got the tightest running gear in the train now.  
8.196044167676531

13295. besides 'tain't no more'n right for me to follow with my black  
oxen so's i can unhook and pull up fast if either of you get in a pinch.  
5.071531497428397

13296. captain clemens' signal shot sent the men hurrying to their  
waiting teams. 7.879513779734377

13297. reckon ye're right dan hez called back over his shoulder.  
6.460370037324521

13298. i'll shore be needing ye both on the pull out o' the canyon.  
5.563953778783792

13299. rod looked apprehensively ahead at the narrowing precipice-walled  
gorge. 6.764147616291221

13300. we'll double teams zigzagging up the mountain harmony he spoke  
reassuringly concerned by the pinched look around her mouth.  
5.514392650992082

13301. like enough we'll all be up on top by sundown. 7.558293547990685

13302. out of the corner of his eye he could see his father's wheels  
beginning to turn. 11.495535791324548

13303. before harmony had a chance to reply rod cracked his long  
whip over his thin oxen's backs h. 5.885168241210194

13304. while no larger than dutch springs this mining supply town had  
the appearance of being far busier and more prosperous.  
7.318635808869248

13305. men crowded the streets and freight rigs and teams were moving  
about. 6.792838430497672

13306. although they were forced to maintain a sharper watch this  
activity enabled them to ride in and rack their broncs without any  
particular attention being paid them. 7.245799236089959

13307. gyp'll be holdin' forth in some bar if he's here at all cobb  
declared glancing along the street as they stretched their legs.  
4.958070100322966

13308. there were no less than six or seven saloons in ganado not  
counting the lower class dives all vying for the trade of celebrating  
miners and teamsters. 9.0140833374213

13309. take one side of the street and i'll take the other he proposed.  
7.584793711293958

13310. if you spot carmer give a yell before you move in.  
9.722510781411229

13311. you do the same. 15.784668708114987

13312. it's all i ask stevens. 3.2927943356586518

13313. separating they took different sides of the main drag and  
systematically combed the bars. 7.137257314233357

13314. russ visited two places without result and his blood pressure  
was down to zero. 7.198778874655976

13315. suddenly it seemed to him insane that they might hope to locate  
gyp carmer so casually even were he to prove the thief. 6.092986498453369

13316. he tramped out of the miners rest with his hopes plummeting and  
headed doggedly for the palace saloon the last place of any  
consequence on this side of the street. 8.63371959832628

13317. the palace was an elaborate establishment built practically on  
stilts in front with long flights of wooden steps running up to the  
porch. 5.358302766261679

13318. behind its ornate facade the notorious dive clung like a bird's  
nest to the rocky ribs of the canyon side. 6.643215071337043

13319. russ ran up the steps quickly to the plank porch. 6.460370037324521

13320. the front windows of the place were long and narrow reaching  
nearly to the floor and affording an unusually good view of the  
interior. 8.43056754362071

13321. heading for the batwings cobb glanced perfunctorily through the  
nearest window and suddenly dodged aside. 5.542917982132687

13322. nerves tight as a bowstring he paused to gather his wits.  
8.192924849708817

13323. against all expectation carmer was inside clearly enjoying  
himself to the hilt and already so tipsy that it seemed unlikely he was  
bothering to note anything or anyone about him. 5.490644321171751

13324. fierce anger surged through russ. 10.472119682746735

13325. he fought down the impulse to rush in and collar the vicious  
puncher on the spot. 6.512874137333827

13326. reaching the porch rail beyond view of the bar windows he  
feverishly scanned the busy street below. 0.0

13327. stevens was nowhere in sight. 8.254441635698543

13328. muffling an exclamation russ sprang to the nearest steps and ran  
down. 7.615092762846159

13329. as luck had it he had not gone twenty feet in the street before  
pat appeared. 8.738252114208894

13330. what luck cobb? 20.3435750720723

13331. he said swiftly. 27.97057404811359

13332. he's there he got out tersely curbing his rising excitement.  
5.107476066452653

13333. hitching his cartridge belt around pat glanced upward briefly  
at the palace and started that way with cobb at his side.  
5.665613888863096

13334. climbing the steps steadily they reached the top and headed  
for the door. 8.369633190878782

13335. forced behind him momentarily russ followed at once and halted  
two steps inside. 6.56946329790875

13336. while five minutes ago the place had presented a scene of easy  
revelry with gyp carmer a prominent figure it was now as somnolent and  
dull as the day before payday. 6.478877036068455

13337. carmer himself was nowhere to be seen. 7.622507342753323

13338. a man knocked the roulette ball about idly in its track and  
another dozed at one of the card tables. 8.794583937902644

13339. two men murmured with their heads together at the end of the  
bar while the sleek-headed bartender absently polished a glass. 0.0

13340. looking the setup over        stevens started coolly for the rear of  
the place. 8.062385606650531  
13341. where yuh goin'?        17.71347994630969  
13342.     it was the barkeep.        39.834738767152594  
13343. halting pat turned to survey him deliberately.        7.622507342753323  
13344. he did not reply going on toward the back. 16.356872806910072  
13345. less assured than the tall wide-shouldered man in the lead cobb  
followed    alertly a hand on his gun butt.    5.994012390172114  
13346. the bartender measured this situation with heavy eyes and decided  
he wanted no part of it.    8.375413780721132  
13347. a hall opened in back of the bar running toward an ell.        0.0  
13348. small rooms probably for cards opened off on        either        side.  
9.361534019739876  
13349. all the doors were open at this hour except one and it was  
toward this that stevens made his way with russ close at his  
shoulder. 5.968458477582549  
13350. a single kick made it spring open        shuddering.  
10.915928998043894  
13351. pat saw gyp carmer staggering forward a half-filled bottle  
upraised    as if to strike. 5.825820622377272  
13352. russ sprang through to bat it nimbly aside. 8.581436094141479  
13353. with a bellow carmer lunged at him.    10.99370053964985  
13354. but he was more than half-drunk and his faculties were dulled.  
17.331618183096317  
13355. cobb unleashed a single powerful jab that sent gyp reeling wildly  
and crashing down with a whining groan. 5.377193086260091  
13356. he started to struggle up heaving desperately.    13.51564199143308  
13357. russ gave him a brutal        thrust that tumbled him over flat on  
his stomach.    5.937599263299073  
13358. kneeling cobb    planted a sturdy knee in the small of his back  
holding him pinned.    8.409145925107978  
13359. i've drawn his fangs he snapped. 4.7060581600896745  
13360. go through his pockets will you?    10.472119682746735  
13361. if we have to we'll take him apart    and see what he's made of!  
complying methodically pat pulled pocket after pocket inside out without  
finding a thing. 6.69257878962272  
13362. cobb watched this with hunted eyes his desperate hope waning by the  
moment.    7.391013650626644  
13363. stevens was grunting over the last empty pocket when russ abruptly  
rose and lunged toward carmer's hat which had tumbled half-a-dozen  
feet away when he first fell.    5.033100711537648  
13364. straightening up his eyes ablaze he held out the battered stetson.  
8.12713381548966  
13365. look at this!    inside the crown stuffed behind the stained  
sweatband could be seen thin crumpled wads of currency.  
6.256066682014651  
13366. carmer's ingenious    cache for his loot had been found.  
8.581436094141479  
13367. by golly stevens!    you were right russ exclaimed tearing the  
loose bills out of carmer's hat. 6.187757732873326  
13368. that is if we can be sure this is colcord's money-    pat grunted.  
12.260762564479416  
13369. where else would he get it?    9.490694971130479  
13370. count    what you've got there cobb. 10.472119682746735  
13371. russ ran through the bills and named an amount it was highly  
unlikely any    cowpuncher would come by honestly.    5.236383152695367  
13372. it's within a    hundred of what crip had he declared.  
3.923236818204181  
13373. we know penny spent some-    and carmer must have dropped a few  
dollars getting that load on.    7.590322808920819

13374. handing the money over russ wiped his hands on his pants-legs  
as if ridding himself of something unclean. 6.643215071337043  
13375. his glance at gyp carmer was disdainful. 8.755009490035256  
13376. shall we get out of here? 12.929874569942651  
13377. leaving the card room they moved back through the palace  
the way they had come. 5.976499918681157  
13378. glowering looks met them in the bar but there was no attempt to  
halt them. 10.108796579061487  
13379. pausing in the outside door to glance behind him pat looked his  
unspoken warning and stepped out. 5.326519577128725  
13380. he and cobb clattered down the high steps to the street.  
11.575118156690358  
13381. neither spoke till they reached their horses. 9.295954988307729  
13382. pat paused there looking across at the young fellow.  
8.196044167676531  
13383. it'll be a pleasure for you to return this money to colcord and  
tell him about it russ. 5.774424701438377  
13384. he started to return it. 17.073623377602907  
13385. to his faint surprise russ held up his hand. 6.764147616291221  
13386. not me he ruled decidedly. 14.174471042466617  
13387. it was you that tracked it down anyway stevens he pursued  
strictly. 10.161861790706435  
13388. whatever you say. 15.691887355838423  
13389. pat swung into the saddle yet still he delayed his brows  
puckered. 6.002446559592496  
13390. you owe it to penny to give her a chance to explain that she  
was defending you really he observed mildly. 8.542724086848624  
13391. old crip wasn't retorted cobb tartly. 8.660957748045897  
13392. he'll know when you tell him. 10.472119682746735  
13393. but i want this to sink in awhile. 11.548595190853225  
13394. then maybe next time he won't be so quick on the trigger.  
8.887534383548  
13395. pat had never pretended to give advice in such affairs.  
6.460370037324521  
13396. you're the doctor he returned with a smile. 7.555383342456829  
13397. but i still think penny's an awful nice girl russ- you don't  
have to tell me flashed cobb. 6.8595314974281525  
13398. giving the other a dark look he hauled his bronc around and  
trotted down off the street. 6.858079133914293  
13399. pat let him go following more leisurely. 7.987912096448633  
13400. at the first restaurant he sensibly pulled up to go in for his  
dinner and as a consequence did not see cobb strike the open range at  
the mouth of the canyon and head straight across the swells for antler.  
8.066401883886721  
13401. the truth was the puncher was both bewildered and dismayed by  
his own mixed luck. 8.080589940715665  
13402. penny's always glad to see me over there he mused bleakly.  
8.495747701004069  
13403. yet had he not visited the girl at saw buck he would never have  
been involved in this latest tangle. 7.285048215065631  
13404. over and above that however was his growing suspicion of chuck  
stober's part in recent events. 8.290344616382832  
13405. gyp carmer couldn't have known about colcord's money unless he  
was told- and who else would have told him? 5.236383152695367  
13406. he asked himself. 28.33806944970897  
13407. it's the second time war ax hands made a play for that money.  
2.9226689217784902  
13408. how much of an accident could that be? 15.353313727728768  
13409. nearing home he jerked to attention at the distant crack of a  
gun. 5.825820622377272

13410. in town no one paid much attention to an occasional shot; but  
on the range gunfire had a meaning. 10.406522765282297  
13411. hauling up russ listened carefully. 9.118533821976325  
13412. two minutes later it came again- a double explosion followed by  
a third sounding more distant. 8.1928517542221  
13413. as near as cobb could determine the shots came from the  
direction of the antler ranch house. 8.750616076247766  
13414. he tightened up in a twinkling. 16.336756715865913  
13415. so far as he knew only his father could be there.  
11.182216018538162  
13416. what did it mean? 18.039490430079823  
13417. clapping spurs to the bronc he set off at a sharp canter with  
growing alarm. 6.155077427685913  
13418. his first glimpse of the ranch house across the brushy swells  
told him nothing. 8.94921340855341  
13419. still a quarter-mile away the fresh clap of guns only served to  
increase his speed. 6.48022804370751  
13420. setting a course straight for the house he was covering ground  
fast when an angry bee buzzed past close to his face. 6.622743565597765  
13421. when it was followed by a second whining even closer cobb  
swerved sharply aside into a depression. 9.886869090588077  
13422. he knew now what he was up against. 15.499957972613625  
13423. whoever was out there hiding in the brushy cover was besieging  
the antler house and having spotted his approach was determined  
to drive him off before he could get into the fight.  
5.722775862532498  
13424. cursing himself for having ridden out the last few days without  
a rifle in his saddle boot russ drew his colt and examined it briefly.  
6.715362175508109  
13425. if he wondered whether the attackers would allow him to pull  
away unmolested he had his answer a moment later. 6.917946057457864  
13426. over this way! he ain't gone far! a harsh cry floated to him  
across the brush. 7.985774453166502  
13427. a carbine cracked more loudly and a slug clipped fragments from  
the brush off at one side. 5.901300571347011  
13428. the would-be assassin had his position figured pretty close.  
9.615649650156676  
13429. dismounting russ looked about hastily. 8.254441635698543  
13430. toward the west this depression led toward a draw.  
8.872067005404576  
13431. leading his pony he hurried that way not remounting till he  
was well below the level of the surrounding range. 6.747703015790408  
13432. swinging up then and bending forward over the horn he urged his  
mount down the meandering draw. 6.757567981697296  
13433. he had not covered a hundred yards before a gun crashed from  
somewhere behind. 8.417263418429698  
13434. he had been sighted and his attacker pumping shot after shot.  
10.090191208524187  
13435. a shot or two went wild before cobb felt something tug at his  
foot. 6.40132428842376  
13436. a slug had torn half of his stirrup-guard away.  
10.179668886367091  
13437. a second twitched his shirtsleeve and he felt a brief burn on  
his upper arm. 7.028314027430636  
13438. jumping jerusalem! let's get out of here! at the first shot russ  
had hurled his mount to the left toward the side of the winding draw.  
7.9704460914813975  
13439. the long minute before he reached effective cover seemed endless.  
9.251651769897041

13440. sweeping a look around he saw that he was safe for the moment.  
7.84311999053569

13441. he heard cries from behind him but he could make out no words.  
7.233226891479716

13442. he dashed madly for the next elbow turn in the draw and made it.  
9.763970123356119

13443. recklessly hurling the bronc sidewise into an intersecting draw  
he plunged forward with undiminished speed. 5.542917982132687

13444. gradually the wash climbed upward forcing him toward open range.  
8.196044167676531

13445. yet he must chance it. 13.368991509557514

13446. he clambered out of the dwindling wash the loose dirt flying  
behind him and flashed a look about. 8.694901941582073

13447. early in november the clouds lifted enough to carry out the  
assigned missions. 8.727226133731616

13448. and sweeney squadron put its first marks on the combat record.  
10.433925209344057

13449. every plane that could fly was sent into the air. 7.191528098751059

13450. cricket took eight ships and went south across the straits and  
along the north coast of mindanao to cagayan. 6.54093796655646

13451. anything the enemy flew or floated was his target.  
6.764147616291221

13452. fleischman with eight was to patrol the leyte gulf area with  
his main task to get any kamikaze before they got to the ships.  
6.221143152558621

13453. greg himself took two flights with todman leading the second to  
patrol and look for targets of opportunities around ormoc on the east  
coast of leyte. 5.69835021650121

13454. each plane carried two five-hundred pound bombs.  
11.470707663229751

13455. a weapons carrier took greg todman belton banjo ferguson and  
walters and the others the two miles from the bivouac area to the  
strip. 5.904533723970889

13456. it was a rough long ride through the mud and pot holes.  
14.466590328868872

13457. no one had much to say. 12.877086197266262

13458. the sky glowered down at them. 12.435529358277208

13459. there was a feeling that this mission would be canceled like all  
the others and that this muddy wet dark world of combat would go on  
forever. 7.113765238955437

13460. the truck dropped them off at the various revetments spread  
through the jungle. 8.649006242526841

13461. donovan snatched greg's chute from him with a belligerent motion  
and almost ran to the plane with it. 5.72567496288069

13462. his face was dark as the sky above it as he stood on the wing  
and waited for his pilot. 9.234233378981362

13463. greg climbed into the cockpit feeling as if he had never been  
in one before. 7.91495906830234

13464. but his hands and those of donovan moved automatically adjusting  
and arranging in the check-out procedure. 10.588633527238716

13465. i've got her as neat as i can donovan said as he dropped the straps  
of the seton harness over greg's shoulders. 5.559234826036489

13466. it's for carabao not airplanes. 3.6130210406737766

13467. don't you worry chief greg replied wondering if he himself  
believed it. 3.45771207061658

13468. see you donovan said as he jumped off the wing.  
9.98938587285404

13469. the expression was his trade-mark his open sesame to good luck  
and his prayer that pilot and plane would always return. 5.697787971430103

13470. at the prearranged time greg started the engine and taxied out.  
12.719616034165087

13471. from the time the chocks were pulled until the plane was out of sight he knew donovan would keep his back to the strip.  
6.4229442026456995

13472. he wondered where the superstition had originated that it was bad luck for a crew chief to watch his plane take off on a combat mission. 0.0

13473. yet long before the scheduled time for return donovan would be watching for every speck in the sky. 5.928469440575993

13474. greg rumbled down the rough metal taxi strip and one by one the seven members of his flight fell in behind him. 6.688738619334004

13475. the dark brown bombs hanging under each wing looked large and powerful. 7.098087065137257

13476. the pilots' heads looked ridiculously small.  
10.472119682746735

13477. the control tower gave him immediate take-off permission and the clean roar of the engine that took him off the rough strip spoke well of the skill of donovan. 6.059906226322791

13478. greg's mission was the last to leave and as he circled the ships off tacloban he saw the clouds were dropping down again.  
7.4232513389761605

13479. to the west the dark green hills of leyte were lost in the clouds about halfway up their slopes. 7.761859796507501

13480. underneath him the sea was a dark and muddied gray.  
8.141833774228488

13481. water splashed against his windshield as he led the flight in and out of showers. 6.284118870221087

13482. the metal strip they had taken off from was coal black against the green jungle around it. 7.663024046550707

13483. he possessed the fighter pilot's horror of bad weather and instrument flying and he wondered if the ceiling did drop whether he and the other flights would be able to find their way back in this unfamiliar territory. 5.229239784383155

13484. he shivered in the warm cockpit. 15.385132030882776

13485. the overcast was solid above him. 9.802060557618772

13486. as far as he could see there was no hole to climb through it.  
13.853895050755424

13487. they would have to go west through the narrow river valley that separated leyte from samar and hope that it didn't close in before they returned. 5.772081433367898

13488. greg pushed the radio button on his throttle. 9.060328853487057

13489. todman let's try to go under this stuff. 7.14162538120728

13490. stay in close and we'll go up the valley. 8.196044167676531

13491. roger sweeney todman called back and pulled his four in and slightly above greg. 5.674295354649883

13492. greg took the formation wide around three a-26 attack bombers that were headed north over the gulf. 6.964918561258953

13493. he dropped down to five hundred feet swinging a little north of the city of tacloban and punched into the opening that showed against the mountain. 5.501226153701229

13494. the valley was only a few hundred yards wide with just about room enough for a properly performed hundred-and-eighty-degree turn.  
9.997476287123401

13495. it was only a fifteen-minute flight but before it was through greg felt himself developing a case of claustrophobia. 9.055532570691994

13496. the ceiling stayed solid above them at about eight hundred feet and at times the sheer cliffs seemed about to close in.  
7.373514164345098

13497. if the other pilots were worried they did not show it.  
9.503041934363603

13498. when the sea was visible ahead of them the relief was as great as  
if the sun had come out. 9.129894012481689

13499. he spread the flight out and led them across a point of land and  
then down the coast. 7.001679406962039

13500. although they drew light ground fire they saw no signs of  
activity. 9.471119023684144

13501. once todman thought he had spotted a tank and went down to  
investigate while greg covered him. 6.46628584163565

13502. somebody beat us to it! todman said over the radio as he came  
back up in formation. 6.9055300153233325

13503. visibility continued to be limited and greg was never able to  
get above a thousand feet. 6.357791812986914

13504. his earphones were constantly full of the sounds of enemy contacts  
made by other flights. 8.536873447354653

13505. he thought once that he identified the somewhat hysterical voice  
of fleischman claiming a kill. 6.718491433348979

13506. but greg's area remained as placid as a florida dawn.  
11.077418040299065

13507. finally as time began to run out he headed into ormoc and glide-  
bombed a group of houses that intelligence had thought might contain  
japanese supplies. 5.731865951489221

13508. the low clouds made bombing difficult. 12.435529358277208

13509. there was not enough room to make the usual vertical bomb run.  
11.781159490633787

13510. one of greg's bombs hung up and he was miles from the target  
before he could get rid of it. 9.79548324829545

13511. only one of the flight scored a direct hit and the rest blew up  
jungle. 9.913674754864177

13512. with their load of bombs gone the planes moved swiftly and  
easily. 10.114544467135744

13513. greg went up tight against the ceiling and led them back to  
their pass to home. 5.866615902245837

13514. mercifully it was still open. 12.307418001460265

13515. like a man making a deep dive greg took full breath and plunged  
back into the valley. 6.130498149744266

13516. he was about to make a gas check on his flight when todman's  
voice broke in: sweeneys! three bogies. 10.754351267290007

13517. greg's eyes flicked up from his instrument panel.  
7.14162538120728

13518. he saw them specks against the gray but closing fast.  
10.68920301578696

13519. they were headed straight for each other on a collision course.  
8.86681792034207

13520. friend or enemy? 15.594944937291627

13521. the same old question. 15.623960480474757

13522. and only a few seconds to answer it. 14.108271081723629

13523. zeros! todman said excitedly and hopefully. 7.622507342753323

13524. and then he thought todman might be right. 14.425417225201892

13525. his mind flicked through the mental pictures he had from the  
hours of aircraft identification. 5.986320865341358

13526. he narrowed the shape down to two: either a zero or a u s  
navy type aircraft. 8.03471371830941

13527. if it were the enemy tactically his position was correct.  
13.49358469096989

13528. japanese aircraft were strong on maneuverability american on speed  
and firepower. 8.006748814719227

13529. his present maximum altitude up against the overcast gave him  
the opportunity to exploit his advantages. 7.5326321834121215



13530. but it also made him conspicuous to the enemy if it was the enemy and he hadn't been spotted already. 10.136182047176286  
13531. but the closing aircraft showed no sign of deviating from their original course. 8.324822006799968  
13532. in seconds greg made his decision. 10.472119682746735  
13533. he pushed the radio button. 12.127026643485452  
13534. sweeney blue hit the deck. 10.472119682746735  
13535. todman you take the one on the left. 7.14162538120728  
13536. belton the one on the right. 10.472119682746735  
13537. if h if they're japs. 13.591508785087713  
13538. greg had the stick forward and the throttle up before he heard the two rogers. 7.372299321263268  
13539. the planes light with most of the gas burned out responded beautifully. 8.200962349854278  
13540. greg's airspeed indicator was over 350 when he leveled off just above the trees. 7.198778874655976  
13541. the opposing aircraft continued to come on. 9.802060557618772  
13542. they appeared to be the enemy. 20.354214149294577  
13543. greg wished the air corps had continued to camouflage planes. 6.460370037324521  
13544. there was of course no way for the other planes to get by them. 13.497865217211324  
13545. but they could turn and escape to the east. 11.08703888480591  
13546. greg pushed the radio button again. 9.670406878971576  
13547. todman drop your second element back. 7.622507342753323  
13548. if any of us miss they can pick up the pieces. 14.898772682870684  
13549. now let's make sure they're japs. 9.565087858411951  
13550. even as he said it greg knew they had found the enemy. 10.77496298545525  
13551. the shapes were unmistakable and the rising suns were showing up slightly brighter pinpoints in the gray gloom. 5.326519577128725  
13552. greg slapped his hand across the switches that turned on the guns and gun camera and gun sight. 6.643215071337043  
13553. the circle with the dot in the center showed up yellow on the reflector glass in front of him. 8.310291036991702  
13554. arm your guns sweeneys. 11.94288351290035  
13555. they're japs came a high-pitched voice. 4.34364927851166  
13556. one pass only. 21.099229660929627  
13557. you'll bust your ass in this canyon. 3.9707751807522804  
13558. he moved the flights over against one wall. 11.964341073946793  
13559. it gave them all a chance to make a high-speed climbing turn attack and a break-away that would not take them into the overcast or force a tight-turn recovery. 6.430654525730001  
13560. if the turn was too tight a barrel roll would bring them out. 10.218168306520626  
13561. a hell of an altitude for a barrel roll but it could be done. 7.8282435128105305  
13562. greg slammed his throttle to the fire wall and rammed up the rpm and the engine responded as if it had been waiting. 8.167429421261573  
13563. the clearly identifiable enemy continued on as if no one else were around. 7.0206417700592505  
13564. they haven't seen us greg yelled to himself over the engine noise. 7.615092762846159  
13565. he hit the radio button. 13.241961750164016  
13566. let's take 'em home. 9.399195184809551  
13567. he hauled back on the stick and felt his cheeks sag. 7.953394054598466

13568. out of the corner of his eye he watched his wingman move out a bit and shoot up with him. 9.605135593634683  
13569. with the rapid rate of closure the approach from below the side and ahead there would be only a moment when damage could be done. 7.312477183573427  
13570. just like shooting at a duck while performing a half-gainer from a diving board. 8.3975409116217  
13571. his nose up. 12.631558650863068  
13572. it was going to be dangerous. 14.546874103765118  
13573. eight aircraft in this small box. 11.344057971754431  
13574. please dear god make my pilots good he prayed. 8.581436094141479  
13575. he took a lead on the enemy using a distance of five of the radii in his circular sight and then added another. 7.021774343900954  
13576. the enemy did not veer. 15.541283477894908  
13577. it did not seem possible that they hadn't been spotted. 11.774147319112792  
13578. now! greg's fingers closed on the stick trigger. 9.060328853487057  
13579. the plane rumbled and slowed. 15.006368630910437  
13580. six red lines etched their way into the gray and vanished. 10.474428524536204  
13581. as if drawn by a wire the enemy flew into them. 9.737977655988256  
13582. greg tightened his turn until the plane shuddered. 9.060328853487057  
13583. his burst held for a second on the engine section of the plane. 8.309871369174228  
13584. the jap's propeller flew off in pieces. 12.435529358277208  
13585. a large piece of engine cowling vanished. 9.808417290594114  
13586. it was all greg had time to see. 11.920966050249687  
13587. his maneuvering for the shot had placed him near the overcast almost inverted and heading up into the clouds. 5.490830404558971  
13588. his speed was dropping rapidly. 12.214555706636531  
13589. if he spun out now he would join his opponent on the ground. 8.665525835840842  
13590. wingman stay clear he prayed. 10.472119682746735  
13591. he pushed stick and rudder and entered the overcast on his back. 6.002446559592496  
13592. he fought the panic of vertigo. 15.385132030882776  
13593. he had no idea which was up and which was down. 10.956166640332203  
13594. he held the controls where they had been. 13.528650257941315  
13595. sweat popped out over him and he felt the slick between his palm and the stick grip. 5.326519577128725  
13596. his air speed dropped until he thought he would spin out. 8.494656881897287  
13597. over the rattling of fenders humming of tires and chattering of gears there was a charming melody of whispers and tiny giggles. 6.39380951819323  
13598. cool air moving slowly through the open or smashed-out side windows hinted of blooming roadside vegetation and occasionally a faint fragrance of perfume swirled from the back seat. 6.046219493410928  
13599. moriarty my driver suddenly exclaimed with something so definite so final in his tone i once more repeated the absurdity mustering all my latent powers of hypocrisy to sound convinced. 4.726707772215755  
13600. we were coming to an intersection turning right chuffing to a stop. 10.394674302063548  
13601. forced to realize that this was the end of a very short line i scanned a road marker and discovered what the end of a slightly longer line would be for the old mexican: moriarty new mexico. 6.419748593746067

13602. adios i said exhausting my spanish vocabulary on my host and  
exchanging one of a scarcely-tapped store of smiles with my host's  
daughters. 6.290129093830134

13603. i waved with discretion and moderation to the vague golden faces  
fading through rising dust and the distortions of the back window  
glass. 5.175885573103299

13604. then i saw the father's head slightly turn; gauche rainbow shapes  
replaced the poignant ovals of gold. 6.886249538313906

13605. white-shirted and conservatively-cravated drivers stared  
conspicuously toward the eastern horizon and past my supplicating and  
accusing gaze. 5.427950274147271

13606. suddenly a treble auto horn tootley-toot-tootled and thumbing  
hopefully i saw emergent in windshield flash: red lips streaming silk  
of blonde hair and- ah trembling confusion of hope apprehension  
despair- the leering face of old herry. 6.0689894043071515

13607. mor-ee-air-teeeee he shrieked his white teeth grossly  
counterpointing those of the glittering blonde. 6.002446559592496

13608. over the rapidly-diminishing outline of a jump seat piled high  
with luggage herry's black brushcut was just discernible near or enviably  
near that spot where- hidden- more delicately-textured most  
beautifully tinted hair must still be streaming back in cool oh cool  
wind sweetly perfumed with sagebrush and yucca flowers and engine  
fumes. 5.958192813285801

13609. i would have foregone my romantic chances rather than leave a  
friend sweltering and dusty and- well at least i wouldn't have shouted  
back a taunt. 7.43020106995404

13610. still nursing anger i listlessly thumbed a car that was slowly  
approaching its pre-war chrome nearly blinding me. 7.30773626570091

13611. just as i straightened up with my duffel bag i heard: sahjunt  
yoorick meet mrs major j a roebuck. 6.419956662484502

13612. the voice was that of johnson tail gunner off another crew.  
8.196044167676531

13613. squeezing a look between johnson's fat jowls and the car frame a  
handsome and still darkhaired lady inquired y'all drahve?  
5.338658481068594

13614. inodded. 19.804021762487697

13615. onleh one thiihng mrs roebuck continued. 7.622507342753323

13616. ahm goin nawth t'jawn mah husbun in sante fe an y'all maht  
prefuh the suhthuhn rewt. 6.886249538313906

13617. but corporal johnson has alreadeh said it didn't make no diffrunce  
t'hi-im. 7.793238909001978

13618. i said that it didn't make any difference to me either as far as i  
knew. 11.459209849013192

13619. how far i knew will shortly become apparent. 9.014756067409975

13620. let me pass over the trip to sante fe with something of the  
same speed which made mrs roebuck wonduh if the wahtahm speed limit is  
still in ee-faket. 8.222195793526675

13621. i let up on the accelerator only to gradually reach again the  
60 mph which would i hoped overhaul herry and the blonde and as there  
were cars whose drivers apparently had something more important to catch  
than had i mrs major roebuck settled down to practicing on corporal  
johnson the kittenish wiles she would need when making her duty call on  
colonel and mrs somebody in sante fe. 4.649444372121782

13622. when johnson ejaculated howsabout my buying us all a nice cold  
co-cola ma'am? 9.199012967671463

13623. mrs roebuck smilingly declined and began suddenly to go on  
about her son who was onleh a little younguh than you bawhs.  
6.088841318970467

13624. johnson never would have believed she had a son that age.  
8.330408334145353

13625. mrs roebuck thought johnson was a sweet bawh t'lah lahk thet but her herman was getting to be a man there was no getting around it.  
5.566376978538451

13626. just befoh he left foh his academeh we wuh hevin dack-rihs on the vuhranduh major roebuck an ah an huhmun says 'may ah hev one too'?  
6.697790291677587

13627. just as p'lite an- an cohnfidunt an ah says 'uh coahse you cain't' but he says 'whah nawt you ah hevin one'? 5.596079695220521

13628. an ah coudn ansuh him an so ah said 'aw right ah gay-ess an his fathuh didn uttuh one wohd an aftuh huhmun was gone the majuh laughed an tole me thet he an the bawh had been hevin an occasional drink t'gethuh f'ovuh a yeah onleh an occasional one but just the same it was behahn mah back an ah doan think thet's nahce at all d'you?  
5.382246229449221

13629. no i don't johnson said. 8.254441635698543

13630. i'm a good baptist and drinking h mrs roebuck very kindly let me drive through sante fe to a road which would she said lead us to taos and then raton and eventshahleh out of new mexico.  
4.8622598886816295

13631. how lightly her eventshah-leh passed into the crannies where i was storingdialect material for some vaguely dreamed opus and how the word would echo. 5.411534792860049

13632. hardly had mrs roebuck driven off when a rusty pick-up truck father or grandfather of senor moriarty's ford sedan came screeching to a dust-swirling stop and a brown face appeared its nose threatened by shards of what had once been the side window. 5.850340377509339

13633. the straight black hair flopped in a vigorous nod the slender nose plunged toward glass teeth and drew safely back. 5.670580783382225

13634. johnson unwired the right hand door whose window was like the left one merely loosely-taped fragments of glass and johnson wadded himself into a narrow seat made still more narrow by three cases of beer.  
5.888417324946763

13635. in back buddy the driver said to me. 7.14162538120728

13636. quickly but carefully lowering my duffel bag over the low side-rack i stepped on the running board; it flopped down sprang back up and gouged my shin. 6.447358989032307

13637. the truck was hurtling forward. 12.486750257698887

13638. i seized the rack and made a western-style flying-mount just in time one of my knees mercifully landing on my duffel bag- and merely wrecking my camera i was to discover later- my other knee landing on the slivery truck floor boards and- but this is no medical report.  
6.250991236240689

13639. i was again in motion and at a speed which belied the truck's similarity to senor x's ford turtle. 7.1724619547317054

13640. maybe i would beat old herry to siberia after all.  
8.944542120903378

13641. whatever satisfactionthat might offer. 10.644760651758617

13642. i drew back drawing back my foot for a kick. 8.196044167676531

13643. but it was only johnson reaching around the wire chicken fencing which half covered the truck cab's glassless rear window.  
8.721820142277132

13644. the way his red rubber lips were stretched across his pearly little teeth i though he was only having a little joke but no he wanted me to bend down from the roar of wind so he could roar something into my ear. 7.09455047283008

13645. wanna beer? 12.292407525564322

13646. hell yes i roared back between dusty lips. 8.581436094141479

13647. did i want a beer? 11.38188706046207

13648. did an anteater want ants? 12.753372627778857

13649. bueno amigo. 12.292407525564322

13650. gracias i hollered my first long swallow filling me with  
confidence and immediately doubling the size of my spanish vocabulary.  
7.535854441406693

13651. at once my ears were drowned by a flow of what i took to be  
spanish but- the driver's white teeth flashing at me the road wildly  
veering beyond his glistening hair beyond his gesticulating bottle-  
it could have been the purest oxford english i was half hearing;  
i wouldn't have known the difference. 4.937539494474681

13652. johnson was trying tograb the wheel though the swerve of the truck  
was throwing him away from it. 6.643215071337043

13653. white teeth suddenly vanishing the driver slammed the side of  
his bottle against johnson's ear. 6.267028259993275

13654. we were off the road gleaming barbed wire pulling taut.  
13.989876635574372

13655. i ducked just as the first strand broke somewhere down the  
line and came whipping over the sideboards. 7.743229088748747

13656. we were in a field in a tight screeching turn. 9.559786607121845

13657. prairie dogs were popping up and popping down. 7.14162538120728

13658. when i fell on my back i saw a vulture hovering.  
11.665761730874744

13659. just as i got to my knees there was again the sound of the  
fence stretching and i had time only to start taking my kneeling  
posture seriously. 5.72248295557298

13660. this time no wire came whipping into the truck.  
12.171601008695644

13661. we were back on the road. 14.947418178701996

13662. i regained my squatting positionbehind the truck cab's rear  
window. 10.227318669010717

13663. johnson's left hand was pressed against the side of his head red  
cheeks whitening beneath his fingers. 6.565717587272904

13664. tee-wah the driver cackled his black eyes glittering behind dull  
silver chicken fencing. 7.391013650626644

13665. that was tee-wah i was talking. 14.489280984403985

13666. you thought i was a mexican didn't you buddy?  
13.061016110258542

13667. i nodded. 12.292407525564322

13668. hell that's all right buddy the indian said. 9.060328853487057

13669. miraculously the bottle was still in my hand foam still  
geysering over my waterproof watch. 6.60054055782131

13670. no sooner had i started drinking than the driver started  
zigzagging the truck. 8.904244347554268

13671. i drank furiously. 22.589978126100267

13672. emptied the bottle. 13.148092146312546

13673. teeth again flashing back at me the driver released a deluge of  
spanish in which amigo appeared every so often like an island in the  
stormy waves of surrounding sound. 4.985901720220426

13674. i bobbed my head each time it appeared. 11.633205579815934

13675. suddenly the spanish became an english in which only one word  
emerged with clarity and precision son of a bitch sometimes hyphenated  
by vicious jabs of a beer bottle into johnson's quivering ribs.  
4.879191495777179

13676. a big car was approaching its chrome teeth grinning.  
11.805409464962437

13677. beyond it the gray road stretched a long long way.  
6.685106412743281

13678. the car was just about to us its driver's fat solemn face intent  
on the road ahead on business on a family in sante fe- on anything  
but an old pick-up truck in which two human beings desperately needed  
rescue. 6.839008775614739

13679. high so it would only bounce harmlessly but loudly off the car's steel roof. 8.41458069310289

13680. on unoccupied roadway the bottle shattered into a small amber flash. 11.293394391330427

13681. aye-yah-ah-ah! the indian was again raising his bottle but to my astonished relief- probably only a fraction of johnson's- the bottle this time went to the indian's lips. 4.913025681226917

13682. another car was coming a tiny dark shape on a far hill. 8.19431892800833

13683. i started looking on the splintery truck bed for a piece of board a dirt clod- anything i could throw and with better aim than i had thrown the beer bottle. 5.859456438357015

13684. in the ditch sand was white and soft-looking only an occasional pebble discernible faintly gleaming. 9.963405818544096

13685. but johnson couldn't quickly unwire the truck door and if i escaped he might suffer. 7.319117169144651

13686. the car was approaching fast. 16.50044323498891

13687. on the truck bed there was nothing smaller than a piece of rusty machinery; with more time i could have loosened a small burr or cotter pin- suddenly and not a second too soon i thought of the coins in my pocket. 5.896414780272337

13688. there was no time to pick out a penny; i got a coin between my thumb and forefinger leaned my elbows in a very natural and casual manner on top of the truck cab and flipped my little missile. 8.850736795605911

13689. there was a blur just under my focus of vision a crash; the car's far windshield panel turned into a silver web with a dark hole in the center. 7.03610521405441

13690. i heard the screech of brakes behind me an insane burst of laughter beneath me. 8.613473101510026

13691. looking back i saw a gray-haired man getting out of his halted car and trying to read our license number. 6.060256399627308

13692. johnson's fat hand another bottle were protruding from the truck cab and that self-proclaimed baptist teetotaler had a bottle at his own lips. 6.365727389270327

13693. two cars came over a crest their chrome and glass flashing. 6.706899174032806

13694. the indian's arm whipped sidewise- there was a flash of amber and froth the crash of the bottle shattering against the side of the first car. 7.287959225745178

13695. i saw johnson's bottle snatched from his hand saw it go in a swirl of foam just behind the second car. 6.349652470242145

13696. this time there was no sound of brakes but the shrieking of women. 11.181114312544745

13697. i looked back at pale ovals framed in the elongated oval of the car's rear window. 7.265368279457589

13698. drink you son of a bitch! i quickly turned around and began to drink. 8.927543654795038

13699. but the indian was jabbing another bottle toward johnson. 10.886882630824374

13700. i guided her to the divan turned off the tv faced her. 10.48304906924822

13701. she sat quietly staring at me from the wide eyes. 7.533469760296565

13702. and what eyes they were. 21.79500841751721

13703. big and dark a melting golden brown. 7.14162538120728

13704. eyes like hot honey eyes that sizzled. 9.670406878971576

13705. plus flawless skin smooth brow and cheeks lips that looked as if you could get a shock from them. 5.339677735093881

13706. it was a disturbingly familiar face too but i couldn't remember where we had met. 12.00405110959422

13707. i said do we know each other miss? 9.169644675936961  
13708. no i remembered reading about you in the papers and that you  
lived here and when it happened all i could think of was- this time she  
stopped the rush of words herself. 6.7803887687907105  
13709. shall i go on? 9.526326063943847  
13710. she smiled. 15.594944937291627  
13711. it was her first smile. 19.850098703869534  
13712. but one word at a time ok? 19.913958279400354  
13713. shewas still hugging the stained coat around her so i said  
relax let me take your things. 5.427950274147271  
13714. would you like a drink or coffee? 18.23801518472665  
13715. no thanks. 12.292407525564322  
13716. she stood up pulled the coat from her shoulders and started to  
slide it off then let out a high-pitched scream and i let out a low-  
pitched wobbling sound like a muffler blowing out. 6.354161124886297  
13717. she was wearing nothing beneath the coat. 7.738906147426005  
13718. she jerked the coat back on and squeezed it around her again but  
not soon enough. 7.938920619783123  
13719. there had been a good second or two during which my muffler  
had been blowing out and now i was certain i'd seen her somewhere  
before. 6.519228320525749  
13720. oh do forgive me. 13.980946987867025  
13721. i'm sorry! i forgive- that's what started all the trouble  
in the first place. 3.9129367137318405  
13722. oh dear i'm all unstrung. 12.392495127773664  
13723. you and me both dear. 15.784668708114987  
13724. haven't we h haven't i seen you h. 8.581436094141479  
13725. i mean surely we've- you may have seen me on tv she said.  
9.154036761753622  
13726. i've done several filmed commercials for- then it hit me.  
5.655827641105407  
13727. and you recognized me? 10.363724110347151  
13728. yes indeed. 21.84573224153262  
13729. in fact i was watching you on that little seventeen-inch  
screen when you rang my bell. 7.551904831394007  
13730. man you rang- it was in color too miss and h miss?  
10.716079473605097  
13731. what's your name anyway? 10.363724110347151  
13732. ah you were splendid. 11.568363037656766  
13733. i sat by her on the divan. 10.981588546931944  
13734. in a waterfall h and all that. 15.37633746891233  
13735. that's the last one we did. 8.254441635698543  
13736. that was a fun one. 22.124746249033073  
13737. it was fun for me all right. 16.035008331442473  
13738. i don't mean to pry but do they hide the swimsuit with the  
bubbles? 5.716349130142658  
13739. i mean: is advertising honest? 14.392431089066493  
13740. it depends on who does it. 17.27402323907656  
13741. i never wear anything at all. 14.038815781487214  
13742. it wouldn't- wouldn't seem fair somehow. 16.49084636425047  
13743. i couldn't agree with you more. 10.981588546931944  
13744. i really do have something important to tell you mr scott.  
12.243247440528103  
13745. murder? 15.610129252044759  
13746. oh yeah i said. 13.980946987867025  
13747. tell me about the murder. 8.63130203283259  
13748. zing was the creation of two men louis thor and bill blake  
partners in zing! inc. 7.9482363028274765  
13749. they'd peddled the soap virtually alone and without much  
success until about a year ago when- with the addition of sx-21 to

their secret formula and the inauguration of a high-powered advertising campaign- sales had soared practically into orbit. 5.414143481502669  
13750. their product had been endorsed by good housekeeping the ama and the veterinary journal among other repositories of higher wisdom and before much longer if you didn't have a cake of their soap in the john even your best friends would think you didn't bathe. 5.651497548272583

13751. my lovely caller- joyce holland was her name- had previously done three filmed commercials for zing and this evening the fourth a super production had been filmed at the home of louis thor. 5.14556003046911  
13752. the water in thor's big swimming pool had been covered with a blanket of thick foamy soapsuds- fashioned of course from zing- joyce had dived from the board into the pool then swirled and cavorted in her luxurious bath while cameras rolled. 6.332144824801509

13753. the finished- and drastically cut- product would begin with a hazy longshot of joyce entering the suds then bursting above the pool's surface clad in layers of lavender lather and i had a hunch this item was going to sell tons and tons of soap; even to clean men and boys. 4.854878191004766

13754. joyce went on when we'd finished lou- mr thor- asked me to stay a little longer. 6.886249538313906

13755. he wanted a few stills for magazine ads he said. 10.045661864242307

13756. everybody left and i stayed in the pool then lou came back alone and leaped into the pool too. 7.641381537326485

13757. and he didn't have any clothes on. 8.077190605697862

13758. he didn't! yes he didn't. 15.385132030882776

13759. did leap into the pool and didn't have anything on. 7.404782773794389

13760. anyway it was evident what he had in mind. 10.260705938499873

13761. you got away didn't you? 13.44371259307425

13762. yes. 19.804021762487697

13763. he caught up with me once and grabbed me but i was all covered with zing- it's very slippery you know. 5.971365382847026

13764. i wouldn't have the stuff in the house. 11.633205579815934

13765. but i'm pleased to hear- so i just scooted out of his clutches. 8.10748938320502

13766. i swam like mad got out of the pool grabbed my robe and ran to the car. 9.724262073741098

13767. the keys were still in it and i was miles away before i remembered that my clothes and purse and everything were still in the little cabana where i'd changed. 5.325170481977567

13768. she'd driven around for a while joyce said then thinking louis thor would have calmed down by that time she'd gone back to his home on bryn mawr drive parked in front and walked toward the pool. 5.940255209625414

13769. while several yards from it still concealed by the shrubbery she'd seen two men on her left at the pool's edge. 5.7949352188056515

13770. she went on: a man was holding onto lou holding him up. 9.624716282324696

13771. maybe lou was only unconscious but right then i thought he must be dead. 6.621721047404789

13772. the man shoved him into the water then ran past the cabana. 11.69759223638121

13773. there's a walk there that goes out to quebec drive. 3.707015557625905

13774. i was so scared h well i just ran to my car and came here. 9.182661750888853

13775. you know who the other man was? 12.580412011022721



13776. no i never did see his face. 12.819249588425034  
13777. i didn't get a good look at him at all his back was to me and i  
was so scared h it was just somebody in a man's suit. 5.397636474549057  
13778. but i'm sure the other one was lou. 11.89315510008271  
13779. what joyce wanted me to do was go to thor's house and do  
whatever detectives do and get her clothes- and handbag containing her  
identification. 5.845600895435814  
13780. she realized i'd have to notify the police but fervently hoped  
i could avoid mentioning her name. 7.735353964671092  
13781. her impact in the zing commercials had led to her being  
considered for an excellent part in an upcoming tv series underwater  
western eye a documentary-type show to be sponsored by oatnut grits.  
5.005694622213313  
13782. but if joyce got involved in murder or salacious scandal the  
role would probably go to the sponsor's wife mrs oatnut grits.  
8.35828069198485  
13783. or at least not to joyce. 12.320931447709786  
13784. and i so want the part she said. 13.362094569937229  
13785. the commercials have just been for money there hasn't been any  
real incentive for me to do them but in underwater western eye i'd  
have a chance to act. 5.242625557400603  
13786. i could show what i can do. 14.837566747431469  
13787. as far as i was concerned she had already and had dandily shown  
what she could do. 9.995195665888438  
13788. but i promised joyce i would mention her name if at all only as a  
last resort. 10.717312064629864  
13789. seeming much relieved she smiled one of those worth-waiting-for  
smiles and i smiled all the way into the bedroom. 6.230495312194571  
13790. there i got my colt special and shoulder harness slipped my  
coat on and went back into the front room. 9.64558295594004  
13791. joyce squirmed a little on the divan. 9.372655463421253  
13792. i'm starting to itch she said. 5.1153798896086915  
13793. itch? 15.610129252044759  
13794. yes i'm still all covered with that soap.  
11.774124892626075  
13795. i was loaded with suds when i ran away and i haven't had a  
chance to wash it off. 6.6105172514603066  
13796. you might as well wait here while i'm gone so you can use my  
shower if you'd like. 10.331341096987442  
13797. i showed her the shower and tub and she said smiling if you  
really don't mind i think i'll get clean in the shower then soak for a  
few minutes in your tub. 5.801416469151765  
13798. doesn't it you? 13.148092146312546  
13799. only when i do it. 9.118533821976325  
13800. one of my virtues or vices is a sort of three-dimensional  
imagination complete with sound effects and glorious living color.  
9.977324460892477  
13801. soak h as long as you want joyce. 9.890068620298873  
13802. it'll probably be at least an hour or two before i can check  
back with you. 8.083541986280155  
13803. so you'll have everything all to yourself doggone h i looked at  
my watch. 6.232777304942418  
13804. time to go i supposed. 15.77150607446382  
13805. you'd better hurry. 8.50172930762657  
13806. oh you can count on that. 14.224044229481462  
13807. warmly. 15.610129252044759  
13808. i'll be soaking for h at least half an hour. 5.778634477885085  
13809. that was all she said. 16.90216703088527  
13810. but suddenly those hot-honey eyes seemed to have everything but  
swarms of bees in them. 10.147152192279691

13811. however when there's a job to be done i'm a monstrosity of grim determination i like to think. 7.576449280422178  
13812. i spun about and clattered through the front room to the door. 11.055482970001897  
13813. as i went out i could hear water pouring in the shower. 9.134564553812666  
13814. she wouldn't be taking a cold shower. 12.671390746668923  
13815. bryn mawr drive is only two or three miles from the spartan and it took me less than five minutes to get there. 6.934185892003663  
13816. but the scene was not the quiet calm scene i'd expected. 13.500474913863766  
13817. four cars were parked at the curb and two of them were police radio cars. 6.455954026125326  
13818. lights blazed in the big house and surrounding grounds. 9.319463867624348  
13819. i followed a shrubby-lined gravel path alongside the house to the pool. 7.938415010526363  
13820. two uniformed officers a couple of plain-clothesmen i knew and two other men stood on a gray cement area next to the pool on my left. 7.190851859254803  
13821. at the pool's far end was the little cabana joyce had mentioned and on the water's surface floated scattered lavender patches of limp-looking lather. 6.751570994737055  
13822. a few yards beyond the group of men a man's nude body lay face down on a patch of thick green dichondra. 9.258961565310356  
13823. lieutenant rawlins one of the plain-clothesmen spotted me and said hi shell and walked toward me. 6.209756704519463  
13824. how'd you hear about this one? 10.472119682746735  
13825. i grinned but ignored the question. 10.981588546931944  
13826. he didn't push it; rawlins worked out of central homicide and we'd been friends for years. 8.52351370118872  
13827. a call to the police had been placed from here a couple of minutes after nine pm and the first police car had arrived two or three minutes after that- 10 minutes ago now. 5.657749756076065  
13828. present at the scene- in addition to the dead man who was indeed louis thor- had been thor's partner bill blake and antony rose an advertising agency executive who handled the zing account. 7.07611301669543  
13829. neither of them i understood had been present at the filming session earlier. 7.048110171423141  
13830. what were they doing here? 14.705292966559352  
13831. i asked rawlins. 10.363724110347151  
13832. they were supposed to meet thor at nine pm for a conference concerning the ad campaign for their soap a new angle based on this sx-21 stuff. 7.242286335891138  
13833. yeah i've heard more about sx-21 than space exploration lately. 6.460370037324521  
13834. what is the gunk? 28.806663980962636  
13835. how would i know? 12.560755744970368  
13836. it's a secret. 2.0733821419749328  
13837. that was the new advertising angle- something about a lloyd's of london policy to insure the secrecy of the secret ingredient. 7.534831749610795  
13838. actually only two men know what the formula is blake and- he stopped and looked at thor's body. 0.0  
13839. i said ok so now only blake knows. 9.95288923829895  
13840. how's it strike you foul or fair? 9.060328853487057  
13841. can't say yet. 10.363724110347151  
13842. deputy coroner says it looks like he sucked in a big pile of those thick suds and strangled on 'em. 6.708763462606182

13843. the pm might show he drowned instead but that's what the once-over-lightly gives us. 6.751501880992878

13844. accident murder suicide- take your pick. 9.670406878971576

13845. anything else? 12.292407525564322

13846. according to rose he arrived here a couple minutes before nine and spotted thor in the water got a hooked pole from the pool-equipment locker and startedhauling him out. 6.88915680099805

13847. too many people think that the primary purpose of a higher education is to help you make a living; this is not so for education offers all kinds of dividends including how to pull the wool over a husband's eyes while you are having an affair with his wife. 6.1879031999100045

13848. if it were not for an old professor who made me read the classics i would have been stymied on what to do and now i understand why they are classics; those who wrote them knew people and what made people tick. 7.203148967635346

13849. i worked for my unclewho ran one of those antiquesshops in new orleans' vieux carre the old french quarter. 6.537665820494522

13850. the arrangement i had with him was to work four hours a day. 9.9070532306351

13851. the rest of the time i devoted to painting or to those other activities a young and healthy man just out of college finds interesting. 5.680289064962329

13852. i had a one-room studio which overlooked an ancient courtyard filled withflowers and plants blooming everlastingly in the southern sun. 7.766408194887925

13853. i had come to new orleans two years earlier after graduating college partly because i loved the city and partly because there was quite a noted art colony there. 5.789169178680539

13854. when my uncle offered me a part-time job which would take care of my normal expenses and give me time to paint i accepted. 7.769106061036509

13855. the arrangement turned out to be excellent. 14.17482649690671

13856. i loved the city and i particularly loved the gaiety and spirit of mardi gras. 8.613473101510026

13857. i had seen two of them and we would soon be in another city-wide joyous celebration with romance in the air; and when you took a walk you never knew what adventure or pair of sparkling eyes were waiting around the next corner. 5.777766476217049

13858. the very faces of the people bore this expectation of fun and pleasure. 11.702103876020626

13859. it was as if they could hardly wait to get into their costumes cover their faces with masks and go adventuring. 8.471024942082256

13860. my uncle and i were not too close socially because of the difference in our ages. 7.852296292047304

13861. sometimes i wondered vaguely what he did about women for my aunt by blood had died some years ago but neither of us said anything. 6.001277060741321

13862. one monday morning i saw him approach the store with a woman and introduce me to her as my new aunt. 8.759393648650104

13863. they were married over the week-end though he was easily sixty and she could not have been even thirty. 6.058143405225215

13864. she looked more like twenty-five or six. 11.583842136067785

13865. it was really a may and december combination. 13.062289472438172

13866. my new aunt was perhaps three or four years older than i and it had been a long time since i had seen as gorgeous a woman who oozed sex. 7.942300342554079

13867. there was something about the contour of her face her smile that was like new orleans sunshine the way she held her head the way she

walked- there was scarcely anything she did which did not fascinate me. 5.430171969684121

13868. her legs were the full sexy kind full bodied like a rare wine and just as tantalizing to the appetite; the calf was magnificent the ankle perfect. 6.35831630554089

13869. you must forgive me if i seem to dwell too much on her physical aspects but i am an artist accustomed to studying the physical body. 7.214983628332955

13870. the true artist is like one of those scientists who from a single bone can reconstruct an animal's entire body. 8.393654918883493

13871. the artist looks at an ankle a calf a bosom and in his mind's eye the clothes drop away and he sees her as she really is. 5.954464292117986

13872. and that is the way i first saw her when my uncle brought her into his antique store. 12.528514064275933

13873. that she impressed me instantly was obvious; i was aware that when our eyes met we both quickly averted them. 6.064827762236738

13874. i thought i saw a faint surge of color rise to her neck and quickly suffuse her cheeks. 8.787921353669596

13875. true she was my aunt married to an uncle related to me only by marriage but why she had married a man twice her age and more perhaps i did not know or much care. 4.586903320700317

13876. she was standing with her back to the glass door. 11.748835214675307

13877. her form was silhouetted and with the strong light i could see the outlines of her body a body that an artist or anyone else would have admired. 5.533139776674146

13878. as it is in so many affairs of the heart a man and a woman meet and something clicks. 15.97799927331495

13879. something clicked in this instance but i treated her circumspectly and i felt that she knew it for we both kept our distance. 5.379846115286013

13880. when she appeared at the store to help out for a few hours even my looking at her was surreptitious lest my uncle notice it. 9.61723699992136

13881. and then i became aware that she too glanced at me surreptitiously. 8.583103773873264

13882. i felt that her eyes were undressing me as if she were a painter and i a nude model. 8.515598107275313

13883. i dismissed these feelings as wishful thinking but i could not get it out of my head that we had a strong physical attraction for one another and we both feared to dwell on it because of our relationship. 5.6248328337307445

13884. when our eyes met the air was filled with an unuttered message of me too. 9.230637446612144

13885. you have probably experienced this. 20.973604522745962

13886. it is nothing you can put your fingers on but the air suddenly fills with a high charge of electricity. 11.871439735817162

13887. why she married him i do not know. 8.56980322529376

13888. i myself was fond of him but what a young woman half his age saw in him was a mystery to me. 7.520788769518607

13889. he already had that slow pace that comes over the elderly while she herself had all the signs of one who appreciates the joys of living. 5.643519459602098

13890. perhaps with my uncle she found a measure of economic security that she needed; or maybe she liked men old enough to be her father; some women with father fixations do. 7.237505723759769

13891. for several weeks we eyed one another almost like sparring partners and then one day uncle was slightly indisposed and stayed home; his bride opened the store. 5.643507055907795

13892. i was waiting in front of it when she showed up and told me of my uncle's indisposition. 9.932864953432079  
13893. even as she was telling me about it i became aware of a give-away flush that suffused her neck and moved upwards to her cheeks and subconsciously i realized that when she entered the store she did not switch on the lights. 5.355150291347882  
13894. the cavernous depth cluttered with antiques echoed to her hard heels as she walked directly to the office in the rear and took the seat at his desk. 6.956770037933358  
13895. she placed her palms fingers outspread on the desk in an odd gesture as if to say now what next? 6.2239942778710535  
13896. i was aware of a humid look in her eyes that told me the time was opportune. 7.047384533528901  
13897. there was little likelihood of any customers walking in at that hour. 11.122798164010788  
13898. i was standing beside her watching the outspread palms and wondering about the old horsehair sofa against the wall on which he sometimes napped. 7.677255501664245  
13899. i bent and kissed the still pinkneck and suddenly she jumped up and her two arms encircled me in a bear-like crush. 5.737723150024694  
13900. her mouth which had been so much in my thoughts was warm and moist and tender. 9.119527030884969  
13901. i heard her murmur we'd better lock the door. 9.444967469039936  
13902. it did not take me long to slip the bolt securely and return to the rear and its couch. 11.816750887236568  
13903. when we opened the door again for business and switched on the lights she said: he will not always be indisposed. 6.745559880085014  
13904. i was thinking about that. 22.914651541700916  
13905. how will we work it out? 9.848508342076084  
13906. i don't know she said. 13.56922352282361  
13907. you figure it out. 15.784668708114987  
13908. i've noticed the way you've been looking at me ever since we met. 8.294759413379953  
13909. i guess we both felt it. 10.981588546931944  
13910. i guess so she said. 18.25917094604721  
13911. but now what? 22.38458084266495  
13912. even as i said it i realized that an education can be invaluable. 8.85440117684749  
13913. i know what we can do i said. 11.89674929739515  
13914. tell him i made a pass at you. 8.873632373280508  
13915. she raised a protesting hand with a startled air. 6.764147616291221  
13916. what are you trying to do? 14.705292966559352  
13917. get thrown out? 12.918306430440287  
13918. if i even hint at it do you think it will matter that you are his nephew- and not even a blood nephew? 8.826680784762209  
13919. i don't want to be thrown out and i don't think i will. 6.521855570810012  
13920. i think i have a way so we can carry on without his suspecting us. 16.969296708904302  
13921. by telling him you are making passes at me? 7.523759031676731  
13922. she said incredulously. 13.148092146312546  
13923. when i was in college i grinned i remember a poem i had to read in my lit class. 8.014804361903854  
13924. i don't even remember who wrote it but it was one of those 15th or 16th century poets. 12.69900678250633  
13925. in those days poems often told a story in verse and those boys had some corks to tell; and now i think we can use the knowledge they passed on to us. 7.044192835864756  
13926. tomorrow mardi gras opens officially. 10.472119682746735

13927. a lot of people will roam the streets in costumes and masks and having a ball. 7.918646130639459  
13928. there will be romance and flirtation. 29.538239385823953  
13929. if you tell him i made a pass at you he might think you misunderstood something i said or did so instead of just telling him i made a pass say i tried to date you and that you agreed so you could prove to him what a louse i really am. 5.105883935571165  
13930. we made a rendezvous tomorrow evening at nine on some street near lake ponchartrain. 8.796572548607026  
13931. and to prove what you tell him about me you suggest that he keep the date instead. 7.02292204478826  
13932. you are both the same size. 17.799652589239614  
13933. he could use your clothes for a costume and a heavy veil for a mask. 7.532033043620742  
13934. when i show up he will know you are a good wife to have told him about it. 9.785315799335066  
13935. don't worry about me. 8.97651057505685  
13936. it will turn out all right. 21.560095113659646  
13937. i don't understand she insisted. 6.084341628539399  
13938. are you trying to cut your throat? 16.372549214728426  
13939. no i chuckled i'm just beginning to collect dividends on my investment in education. 5.995898935233661  
13940. as we expected on the following day my uncle was completely recovered and opened the store as usual at 10 in the morning. 8.408322816569253  
13941. i felt that he looked at me coldly and appraisingly and seemed to be uncertain what his attitude towards me should be but he did not say one word which might indicate that he had been told of advances to his wife. 6.028904568711531  
13942. i quit work at my usual hour as if this day was no different from other days. 8.446345981748577  
13943. i heard subsequently that my uncle and aunt had dinner in a nearby restaurant in the french quarter after which he went home to get into his costumeto keep the date. 5.75693058438817  
13944. shortly before nine i drove my jalopy to the street facing the lake and parked the car in shadows far enough away from the rendezvous corner but near enough to keep the corner in clear view. 6.633014778469783  
13945. a few minutes later i saw my uncle's car drive up and a woman's figure emerge and walk to the corner. 7.241860355015119  
13946. i must say the figure was well made up. 13.844658007210091  
13947. if it were not that i knew who it was i could have mistaken it for my aunt so well did her clothes fit him. 6.787987122416531  
13948. in one hand he gripped firmly a parasol though there had been no indication of rain. 10.596765915327987  
13949. i suspected why he brought it along. 9.95288923829895  
13950. in the half darkness i approached cautiously making sure he did not see me. 12.53648711313128  
13951. he was looking out on the dark waters of the lake when i came upon him and without wasting words i smacked him hard across the face. 6.63237659139716  
13952. you cheap bitch! i exclaimed. 20.025453829488345  
13953. you cheap no good two-timing bitch! you get a good loyal husband- smack!- and you fall for a pass by his own nephew! you should- smack!- be ashamed of yourself. 5.341346727547167  
13954. he had better write a postcard to walter. 14.604182388729264  
13955. he opened the myth book again and there were the names of four munich bars and meredith wilder's address. 6.730350773677291  
13956. the bars were marked as walter had marked them in a small black book kept in a nearly secret drawer. 8.286369987102445

13957. the code which had probably something to do with sex or some other interest nicolas was determined to find out and put to use.  
6.112511376416085

13958. a card to walter would get him an introduction to this meredith and that might be good for something. 7.721252831576493

13959. nicolas called on his muse a line came back: squaresville man and all the palazzos are crummy palasts. 5.8530748053844555

13960. thatought to draw a laugh nicolas reasoned as he stored the line away on the wax tape that was his mind. 6.620719246690807

13961. and indeed his postcard did draw from walter a letter recommending his friend the poet nicolas manas to his friend meredith wilder.  
5.674986732408373

13962. five days later on receiving it meredith sat drumming his dactyls on his writing table. 7.967137862312493

13963. his hand was large and square and heavily tanned. 7.18676379039501

13964. the voice crying in him was the voice of guilt.  
12.214832694694532

13965. his four weeks in italy had turned into nearer three months.  
6.856825123186673

13966. he had returned to the pension a week ago.  
14.969447737063966

13967. now he was just in the late poems of holderlin and therefore had most of the nineteenth century before him- plus next semester's class preparation. 8.804311525618557

13968. he was determined to spend an industrious summer.  
15.307648396335768

13969. well maybe manas wouldn't call. 10.59633742259972

13970. meredith's fingers slowed and stopped over a line before him: sie la^cheln die schwarzen hexen. 7.412171373124522

13971. the menace of manas gradually faded as meredith asked himself should he translate it 'how the dark fates laughed'? 5.902564164932943

13972. or more rhythmically 'the swarthy witches are laughing'?  
10.700038467957514

13973. and he missed the point that the swarthy witches might be laughing at him for hoping to escape nicolas manas. 6.877499200528492

13974. but nicolas too was being interrupted that morning.  
9.060328853487057

13975. not by the 11:00 sun which had spread a warmth around his spot of grass in the english gardens and sent him off to sleep; but by a blond girl in a sweater and skirt who stood a few yards off and tenderly regarded him. 5.19149010943987

13976. should she wake him? 15.455292294365764

13977. she didn't have the heart. 7.074315004291785

13978. her heart her maternal feeling in fact her h her being was too busy expressing itself as quietly thrilled by this sight of her nicolas curled asleep under a blanket in a park like a scene from poussin.  
5.891316808475071

13979. she was just not able to break the spell. 9.824933488533212

13980. known that the blanket belonged to a young ballet dancer nicolas had found his first night in one of walter's marked bars?  
7.811405086334562

13981. nicolas: look nicolas doesn't go to bed with boys- no sex see?  
6.312214519594106

13982. so if all these beers was to get me in bed man you just spent a lot of money. 6.9570556834897666

13983. ballet dancer: protests tears and take what you want nicolas i am a dancer you are a poet it is all beautiful. 6.263810713359908

13984. to this meek conjugation nicolas had replied ok i can use this blanket. 9.65751827383385

13985. and when you get off this job tonight well you can gimme something to eat. 7.436077916051048

13986. and as a matter of fact nicolas had slept in the park only part of one night when he discovered that munich's early mornings even in summer are laden with dew. 9.63262887012617

13987. he had always known how to find a bed and on his own terms. 9.787855119666025

13988. he used the blanket for late morning naps when hosts of the night had gone off to jobs and proved reluctant to leave him in their small rooms with their few her nicolas lay curled in the sun like a fawn black hair falling over his eyes. 6.277012334751412

13989. she was telling herself that this might just be her reward at the end of a long meaningful search for truth. 6.7613538395688435

13990. this was surely a reunion in art it was all that poetry promised. 10.172121948152373

13991. that long night with nicolas and marijuana in venice had opened her eyes. 7.09355477563453

13992. his advice his voice saying his poems the fact that he had not so much as touched her- on the contrary he had put his head back and she had stroked his hair- this was all new. 8.662235051911875

13993. her eyes had opened she had caught a glimpse of a new faith. 6.382269394684917

13994. the next day he was gone. 21.94050315086618

13995. mary jane might not be the most intelligent woman but she was one of the most determined. 9.195683454801314

13996. even so it took her several days to force walter to tell her nicolas's whereabouts. 10.151122225224427

13997. packing a small suitcase informing her husband whom she found in harry's bar that she was taking a train to germany to get away for a while patting his arm refusing a drink getting on the train- all this had only taken her two hours. 4.930649596261287

13998. she had arrived this morning and come straight to the english gardens. 10.477060902062103

13999. dear girl walter had finally said he writes me that he is sleeping in the english gardens. 5.382107390363457

14000. how like him! mary jane had smilingly said. 11.436703851707046

14001. his address walter added is that great foundling home the american express. 6.583156031491742

14002. and i will greatly appreciate it if you will not tell your husband h. 12.87638842591007

14003. for the last half hour mary jane had criss-crossed half the length of the gardens and at last come upon her knight. 7.641108283492373

14004. his presence there asleep in the grass confirmed all that mary jane believed it was in his power to teach her: freedom from the tedium of needs such as hotels the meaning of nature how to live simply with the angels. 6.592275995691751

14005. she set down her suitcase. 12.783489925651207

14006. should she wake him? 15.455292294365764

14007. no. 15.610129252044759

14008. smiling she sat down on the suitcase and waited and watched. 7.879513779734377

14009. the sun grew hotter as it approached the midday. 9.389872917460421

14010. nicolas was dreaming he had his head pressed against the dashboard of a speeding car. 7.5237959691111325

14011. in his dream he cried slow down for chrissake! he half woke and rolled over with his face in the cooler grass. 5.584374158454297

14012. he blew his nose expertly between his fingers. 11.45143587764551

14013. he half sat up and scratched at the hair on his forehead and then more vigorously between his legs. 6.034462242787552



14014. mary jane got up quietly and walked away. 9.37376021208253  
14015. twenty minutes later she was at the desk of the gra^fin's pension  
her tears dried signing a hotel form and asking for a bath.  
6.8605717552519545  
14016. mary jane belonged to a world acquainted with small attractive  
hotels and pensions in all the major and minor cities.  
7.640116704687601  
14017. she had retreated to this world.12.135548376058335  
14018. the gra^fin who was charmed by her told her your sister who was  
here two years ago has quite dark hair.8.116733510668347  
14019. nevertheless there is no bath. 13.027505737121041  
14020. but a young american has a bath next to his room and i shall ask  
him if you might use it this once. 8.972710568928255  
14021. and then we shall see h. 15.514976132816052  
14022. meredith was irritated when the gra^fin knocked at his door  
and told him she is a great beauty! shall we allow her not to have a  
bath? 7.91749369136559  
14023. actually she is a sad beauty i believe. 10.30246579515978  
14024. you shall see her at dinner. 15.000064054538505  
14025. rather erotically he listened to the bath water running; when  
it stopped he began busily typing sitting up in a virtuous way.  
6.277361323215509  
14026. before dinner he shaved for the second time that day.  
9.898027540698465  
14027. a thing he did not like doing generally. 9.301018358651694  
14028. singing into the mirror and his interested eyes he was pleased to  
note when he stripped for his own bath that he still had the best part  
of his italian sun tan. 6.281582644532504  
14029. he flexed his muscles for several minutes got into the tub and  
then grew self-conscious of splashing as he washed. 5.909009505545415  
14030. in the small gallery used as the guests' dining room meredith  
sat down at his place and as always began teasing the young  
waitress. 8.531906788375032  
14031. he was asking had it been she who left the love note in his  
sheets when he saw the gra^fin followedby a stately blond girl  
approaching his table. 6.432078694055102  
14032. it would be literary license calculated to glamorize life to say  
that he oh dropped his napkin so startled was he by mary jane's  
beauty. 10.502622063366099  
14033. yet he did drop his badinage with the ordinary country girl as  
much in deference to the gra^fin as acknowledgement that here indeed  
was something special. 5.757073359219529  
14034. mary jane had made very little effort. 9.976645561536609  
14035. above a dark green skirt she wore a pale green cashmere sweater  
with as he soon perceived nobrassiere beneath. 5.785887753336146  
14036. her white blond hair was clean and brushed long straight down  
to her shoulders. 7.844158938913281  
14037. perhaps her eyes were larger and more of a summer blue for all  
they had seen and wept that day. 6.045510598159413  
14038. she had touched her face truly a noble and pure face only with a  
lip salve which made her lips glisten but no redder than usual.  
7.201896671214908  
14039. the result was grace and modesty. 19.383268034242665  
14040. as she was rather tired this evening her simple thank you for the  
use of your bath- when she sat down opposite him- spoken in a low voice  
came across with coolnesses of intelligence and control.  
7.889882426619853  
14041. meredith began falling in love. 8.254441635698543

14042. soup: only        this morning; veal cutlets: oh i couldn't possibly  
eat all        this!; wine: then you were typing poems this afternoon?  
6.54093796655646

14043. ;     fruit compote: if you think i would understand it; a smile.  
7.176974652833388

14044. like h as if it were built of books.    13.33776198089483

14045. having opened the windows onto the terrace lit the fire  
translated the motto meredith grinned and took down        a little triplet  
of books bound together in old calfskin.        4.925287201966392

14046. opening these    he brought out a schnapps bottle and small gold  
thimble-sized glasses hidden inside it.        7.032105024464237

14047. i think the maids tipple in the afternoon.    13.753973431443153

14048. those sweet girls?    18.350640967888317

14049.    oh h you're joking.    11.02020549987394

14050. it tastes a little like poppyseed.        18.949080935241245

14051. what's its name?        7.4788191822552905

14052.    steinha^ger h she whispered steinha^ger to herself several times  
memorizing it.    8.196044167676531

14053. would you first read the poem aloud to me and then let me    read  
it to myself?        7.201621085577004

14054.    meredith's voice was always deep with rough        bass notes in it;  
in reading on platforms even in the large auditorium        of the ymha  
poetry center nights his voice        was intimate thoughtful and a trifle  
shy.    6.324025506973512

14055. his new poem a love poem    told of a young husband leading his  
wife upstairs to the bedroom when the lights in the house have failed.  
6.126337135057605

14056. the husband points the steps        out with his flashlight: its  
white stare filling her pale eyes to the blind brim with appetite  
bleaching her hands that grazed my        thighs and sent us from the table  
in surprise to let the dishes soak        all night    but he read on.  
6.257566535480124

14057. in the bedroom before the husband and wife find their way to the  
bed the lights go        on: in dull domestic radiance i watch her staring  
face still blind start wincing in obedience to dirty waters counters pots  
and pans waiting below stairs in her mind.    5.690924286841162

14058. mary jane took the    page from him and began reading it moving her  
lips with the words.    7.454291685747965

14059. oh it's that myth about orpheus and h what is her name?  
6.404562209326707

14060.    i can never pronounce it.    10.472119682746735

14061. the third time rather urgently.    9.292919473889432

14062. but with her hand poem again.    18.634219542096755

14063. she raised        her face and nodded it's sweet and very sad.  
7.533469760296565

14064. they discussed the way people never tell each other the things on  
their minds.        8.619121390931282

14065. they finished the small bottle of steinha^ger.        7.622507342753323

14066. she confessed she        was unhappy he asked was it her husband?  
9.557448030765887

14067. she began to explain there        was this poet in italy h he  
interrupted please don't        judge all poets.    6.097240078151911

14068. at her door two or three    hours later mary jane whispered  
everyone is asleep.        8.966909555978138

14069. kissing        her he whispered several times eurydice.  
7.622507342753323

14070. the third time rather urgently.    18.836986452152924

14071. but with her hand softly on his cheek for a last moment        she  
closed the door and he went back down the hall and into his    bed excited

expectant and finally faintly grinning with the feel of her hand against his mouth. 5.28976005683278

14072. they were west of the sabine but only god knew where. 11.832902629140206

14073. for three days their stolid oxen had plodded up a blazing valley as flat and featureless as a dead sea. 7.154916709066426

14074. molten glare singed their eyelids an angry crimson; suffocating air sapped their strength and strained their nerves to snapping; dust choked their throats and laylike acid in their lungs. 5.950565555073685

14075. and the valley stretched endlessly out ahead scorched and baked and writhing in its heat until it vanished into the throbbing wall of fiery orange brown haze. 5.639624653248618

14076. ben prime extended his high-stepped stride until he could lay his goad across the noses of the oxen. 6.757567981697296

14077. hoa-whup! he commanded from his raw throat and felt the pain of movement in his cracked black burned lips. 5.491101831995351

14078. he removed his hat to let the trapped sweat cut rivulets through the dust film upon his gaunt face. 8.282101326459884

14079. the dust-thick saliva came from his mouth like balled cotton. 7.839212140222358

14080. he moved back to the wheel and stood there blowing grasping the top of a spoke to still the trembling of his played-out limbs. 9.3084952053475

14081. the burning air dried his sweat-soaked clothes in salt-edged patches. 7.839212140222358

14082. he cleared his throat and wet his lips. 12.411802052220429

14083. as cheerfully as possible he said well i guess we could all do with a little drink. 7.0627623956486625

14084. he unlashed the dipper and drew water from a barrel. 10.697093789223626

14085. they could no longer afford the luxury of the canvas sweat bag that cooled it by evaporation. 8.399930257927952

14086. the water was warm and stale and had a brackish taste. 10.049726853747186

14087. thank the lord they still had water! he cleansed his mouth with a small quantity. 7.058972978303228

14088. he took a long but carefully controlled draught. 13.767384096064125

14089. he replenished the dipper and handed it to his young wife riding the hurricane deck. 7.371407619110799

14090. she took it grudgingly her dark eyes baleful as they met his. 9.527242402020631

14091. she drank and pushed back her gingham bonnet to wet a kerchief and wipe her face. 6.257697475937866

14092. she set the dipper on the edge of the deck leaving it for him to stretch after it while she looked on scornfully. 9.401986637133355

14093. what happens when there's no more water? 9.428205570307522

14094. she asked smolderingly. 29.24879875779148

14095. she was like charcoal he thought- dark opaque explosive. 9.118080733871818

14096. her thick hair was the color and texture of charcoal. 9.230715364760899

14097. her temper sparked like charcoal when it first lights up. 7.227998241277275

14098. and all the time she had the heat of hatred in her like charcoal that is burning on its under side but not visibly. 8.57951855139858

14099. a ripple ran through the muscles of his jaws but he kept control upon his voice. 6.333521830024722

14100. there must be some water under there. 17.252764190159947

14101. he tilted his homely face toward the dry bed of the river.  
7.560809233574742

14102. we can get it if we dig he said patiently. 12.460130694947848

14103. and add fever to our troubles? 10.242612813271945

14104. she scoffed. 24.46901042456472

14105. or do you want to see if i can stand fever too? 8.545277548980064

14106. we can boil it he said. 15.292242212242115

14107. we're lost and burning up already she bit out tensely.  
5.070587155952417

14108. the tires are rattling on the wheels now.  
11.387658710676023

14109. they'll roll off in another day. 5.405433653262936

14110. there was no valley like this on your map. 18.60836034361733

14111. you don't even know where we're headed. 6.336973191735458

14112. hettie he said as gently as he could we're still headed west.  
8.082848192681366

14113. somewhere we'll hit a trail. 11.252233773442486

14114. maybe in time to make a cross and dig our graves.  
12.597458745199878

14115. in a way he couldn't blame her. 17.988994686954427

14116. he had picked out this pathless trail instead of the common one in  
a moment of romantic fancy to give them privacy on their honeymoon.  
8.50437179343183

14117. it had been a mistake but anything would have been a mistake as  
it turned out. 9.785168431552664

14118. it wasn't the roughness and crudity and discomfort of the trip  
that had frightened her. 9.459368085401477

14119. she had hated the whole idea before they started.  
9.965850596706412

14120. actually she had hated him before she ever saw him.  
9.383657739390097

14121. it had been five days too late before he learned that she'd gone  
through the wedding ceremony in a semitrance of laudanum administered  
by her mother. 6.57363520288466

14122. the bitterness of their wedding night still ripped within him  
like an open wound. 8.346523409839932

14123. she had jumped away from his shy touch like a cat confronted by a  
sidewinder. 7.176940008513697

14124. he had left her inviolate thinking familiarity would gentle her  
in time. 7.72979893245427

14125. but each mile westward she had hated him the deeper.  
8.428791459982234

14126. he stared at the dipper turning it over and over in his wide  
calloused hands. 9.755324442779786

14127. i suppose he muttered i can sell the outfit for enough to send you  
home to your folks once we find a settlement. 6.131300679949594

14128. don't try to be noble! her laugh was hard. 4.095467031600027

14129. they wouldn't have sold me in the first place if there'd been  
food enough to go around. 7.425671661355184

14130. hettie they didn't sell you he said miserably.  
9.060328853487057

14131. they knew i was a good sharecrop farmer back in carolina but  
out west was a chance to build a real farm of our own. 7.357944562647807

14132. they thought it would be a chance for you to make a life out where  
nobody will be thought any better than the next except for just  
what's inside of them. 9.354234333633165

14133. without money or property what would you have had at baton  
rouge? 6.487501039459089

14134. i might have starved but at least i wouldn't be fried to a  
crisp and soaked with dirt! he darkened under his heavy burn.  
7.422450547630394

14135. his blue eyes sought the shimmering sea of haze ahead.  
7.18676379039501

14136. to his puzzlement there suddenly was no haze.  
13.488429416017397

14137. the valley lay clear and open to the eye right up to the sharp-  
limbed line of gaunt scoured hills that formed the horizon twenty  
miles ahead. 6.367168058002272

14138. then he noticed the clouds racing upon them- heavy ominous  
leaden clouds that formed even as they sliced over the crests of the  
surrounding hills. 7.200742658340198

14139. he had never seen clouds like them before but he had the  
primitive feel of danger that gripped a man before a hurricane in  
carolina. 7.147588705105513

14140. he hollered hoarsely hang on! and goaded the oxen as he yelled.  
9.592132658614503

14141. he wanted to turn them putting the wagon against the storm.  
11.613195736337605

14142. too late he realized that in turning he had wheeled them onto a  
patch of sandy ground instead of atop a grade or ridge. 7.159733441637952

14143. he swung up over the wheel. 10.776005861178222

14144. you had better get inside he warned her. 13.503944917508555

14145. but she sat on in stubborn silence. 11.734329704926932

14146. the clouds bulged downward and burst suddenly into a great black  
funnel. 9.005093323721033

14147. frozen they stared at it whirling down the valley gouging and  
spitting out boulders and chunks of earth like a starving hound dog  
cracking marrowbones. 4.853876284793092

14148. the six-ton conestoga began to whip and shake.  
11.387658710676023

14149. it was filled with dust and wind and sound and violence.  
13.455901699069877

14150. the heavens opened pelting them with hail the size of walnuts.  
12.13921281735145

14151. and then came the water- not rain but solid sheets that sluiced  
down like water slopping from a bucket. 6.538805172169722

14152. walls of water rushed down the slopes and filled the hollows  
like the crests of flash floods. 6.886249538313906

14153. through the splash of the rising waters they could hear the  
roar of the river as it raged through its canyon gnashing big chunks  
out of the banks. 6.923441822319746

14154. the jetting frothing surface of the river reached the level of  
the runoff. 11.166531352574001

14155. the dangerous current upon the prairie ceased but the water stood  
and kept on rising. 6.374057384651866

14156. they cringed under sodden covers listening to the waves slop  
against the bottom. 8.949441394945763

14157. the cloudburst cut off abruptly. 10.915477388587384

14158. they were engulfed by the weird silence broken only by the low  
angry murmur of the river. 9.697317352715666

14159. then the darkness thinned and there was light again and then  
bright sunlight. 8.942908300635478

14160. beaten with fear and sound and wet and chill they crawled to the  
hurricane deck and looked out haggardly at a world of water that  
reached clear to the surrounding hills. 6.39637505592769

14161. the water level was higher than their hubs. 9.733451291571583

14162. only the heavy bones of the oxen kept them anchored.  
10.662680805176791

14163. there was no real sign of the river now just a roiling oily ribbon  
of liquid movement through muddy waters that reached everywhere.  
8.331779640695295

14164. clumps of brush rode down the ribbon. 9.060328853487057

14165. now and then the glistening side of a half-swamped object  
showed as it swept past. 7.62923376882146

14166. the girl crawled out into the renewing warmth of the sunshine  
hugging her shoulders and still trembling. 8.396158890934128

14167. her face was pale but set and her dark eyes smoldered with  
blame for ben. 6.011107199869389

14168. out of compulsion to say something cheery ben prime blurted  
well we were lucky to be on soft ground when the first floodheads  
hit. 8.24634362700392

14169. at least the wheels dug in. 18.28714596439191

14170. the soaking will put life back in the wagon too.  
11.014922667787763

14171. his wife didn't give a sign she'd heard. 7.591810951946381

14172. she was watching a tree ride wildly down that roiling current.  
10.850667502179856

14173. somebody was riding the tree. 9.625903376260457

14174. it raced closer and they could see a woman with white hair sitting  
astride an upright branch. 10.241172080199354

14175. she did not call out. 12.273782314519758

14176. but as the tree passed she lifted an arm in gesture of better  
luck and farewell. 8.462543828796642

14177. they watched the tree until it twisted sharply on a bend.  
7.361387642831033

14178. it speared up into the air then sinking back the up-jutting  
branch turned slowly. 11.557530636230211

14179. the pale blob of the woman disappeared. 10.18169945788728

14180. there's the one who's lucky! the girl murmured harshly.  
8.581436094141479

14181. ben's eyes strained with the bitter hurt his homely face  
slashed with gray and crimson. 5.674295354649883

14182. then he took off his wet boots and dropped down into the water  
to talk with the beasts needing their comfort more than they needed his.  
7.8006144285167345

14183. it was nearly sundown and he went to the back of the wagon half-  
swimming his way for he was not a tall man. 9.746593201055227

14184. he let down the tailgate and was knocked over by the sluice of  
water. 9.310968165605255

14185. he sputtered back to his feet and scrambled madly to pull his bags  
of seed grain forward. 7.463738624816407

14186. they were already swollen to bursting. 15.114646011925606

14187. of all their worldly belongings next to the oxen and his gun  
the seed grain had been the most treasured. 6.826324619602437

14188. it was spoiled now for seed and it would sour and mold in three  
days if they failed to find a place and fuel to dry it.  
9.452146487398206

14189. the oxen might as well enjoy it. 8.976097203071156

14190. he examined the water marks on the iron tires when the  
animals were finished. 8.824820353737188

14191. the waters lay muddy but placid without a ripple of movement  
against the wheels; there was not a match-width of damp mark to show  
they were receding. 5.364324501728104

14192. he doubted if a man could wade as far as the desolate dry hills  
that rimmed the valley. 10.910277501292645

14193. a terrible numbing sense of futility swept over him.  
8.023923068000494

14194. he gripped the wheel hard to fight the despondency of defeat.  
11.41751650402562

14195. then he noticed that the dry wood of the wheels had swollen.  
8.498879576433923

14196. the spokes were tight again the iron tires gripped onto the wheels  
as if of one piece. 7.663024046550707

14197. he swung toward the front to give the news to hettie then stopped  
barred from her by the vehemence of her blame and hate.  
5.8202655376519825

14198. a tight wagon meant so much. 13.150214475214955

14199. he got a small fire started and put on bacon and coffee.  
9.39392204388399

14200. he poured the water off the sourdough and off the flour  
salvaging the chunky watery messes for biscuits of a sort.  
7.632256702457449

14201. their jams and jellies had not suffered. 7.622507342753323

14202. he found a jar of preserved tomatoes and one of eggs that they  
had meant to save. 9.343584694836002

14203. now he broke them open hoping a good meal might lessen this  
depression crushing hettie. 7.381880541043617

14204. his long nose wiggled at the smells of frizzling bacon and heating  
java but the fire was low and he wanted to waste no time.  
7.259414770019016

14205. he furled the slashed sides of the canvas tarpaulins leaving the  
ribs and wagon open. 6.984473060183216

14206. he looked thoughtfully at his wife's trunk holding her meager  
treasures. 10.090191208524187

14207. he said hesitantly hettie i don't figure your things got wet  
too much. 8.994991984681759

14208. if you want to get them aired h she said without turning her  
head after that rain beating in atop the dust there isn't a thing that  
won't be streaked. 7.201555911575075

14209. he drew a long breath and opened the trunk and hung out her  
clothes and spoilables upon the wagon ribs. 5.909009505545415

14210. sulphur oil and copra make the kind of tinder any firebug dreams  
of. 8.317849161376156

14211. i suppose a lascar sailor had sneaked a cigarette in the hold  
and touched off the blaze. 7.153983313781811

14212. now roaring up in great oily clouds of smoke and flames the  
fierce heat quickly drove us to the stern where we huddled like  
suffocating sheep not knowing what to do h. 7.560841011802532

14213. the lifeboats were stuck fast. 10.915477388587384

14214. i heard a cry from a stoker as a pillar of flame leaped from a  
hatch and tongued the man's bare back. 7.522145522111613

14215. he sprinted to the rail and leaped overboard into the shark-  
infested waters. 7.775583501842191

14216. one especially bad detonation shook lifeboat no 3 which  
trembled violently in the davits. 9.282849063553165

14217. brassnose yelled: come on sommers max h step on it we got a  
chance now. 5.674295354649883

14218. heave on those ropes; the boat's come unstuck. 8.581436094141479

14219. we pulled and swore and yanked and wept scraping our hands until  
they bled profusely. 6.6981788258569415

14220. the bonaventure was quivering and lurching like an old spavined  
mare. 9.430036403335416

14221. her stern was down and a sharp list helped us to cut loose the  
lifeboat which dropped heavily into the water. 5.332282571578817

14222. brassnose max and i leaped into the sea and swam to the boat.  
7.391013650626644

14223. let's get away fast said brassnose shaking water from his mop of bleached hair. 5.146046505428776  
14224. that tub is going to explode all at once. 12.934039843488424  
14225. then the bonaventure seemed to disintegrate with a roar of live steam geysers of sparks and flames and a dense cloud of black-and-orange smoke. 5.738441069735935  
14226. dimly we heard the voices of men in mortal agony but we couldn't go back into that inferno. 7.339590367127657  
14227. already our leaky lifeboat was filled with five inches of water. 7.902746023578669  
14228. sommers you bale while we row brassnose commanded. 9.060328853487057  
14229. as best as i could determine we were some 700 miles west of new guinea in the bismark archipelago. 6.549163141039472  
14230. three days previously we had steamed past barren rennell island in the distance. 8.58921141390246  
14231. now we peered anxiously for any speck of land in the pacific for this interminable bailing would have to stop soon. 7.418522707971578  
14232. there were gigantic blisters and rope burns on our hands; our muscles were hot wires of pain. 9.886551982809529  
14233. the big man with the whitened hair murmured something: his words sounded as if they were in the manu tongue which i recognized having studied the dialect in my anthropology 6 class at the university of chicago. 6.602407885286595  
14234. he then said something which struck a chord in my memory. 11.391436565245405  
14235. god help us if we're near the island of eromonga. 7.619396145973677  
14236. we'd be in real trouble then. 7.954778816520607  
14237. i'd rather keep bailing- or sink. 5.384636745418132  
14238. i was puzzled by the remark then i recalled the voice of mild professor howard griggs three years ago in a university lecture on primitive societies. 8.758551005410588  
14239. he had been speaking of this archipelago: even when the islands were under german mandate before world war 1 europeans gave eromonga a wide berth. 7.552412834744429  
14240. the place is inhabited by several hundred warlike women who are anachronisms of the twentieth century- stone age amazons who live in an all-female matriarchal society which is self-sufficient. 7.942508260145998  
14241. i remembered too the jesting voice of a classmate bobby pauson: but how do they reproduce dr griggs? 6.230740482791928  
14242. i'm sure that males have something to do with that process! there had been classroom guffaws which quickly subsided as professor griggs said dryly: i see your point pauson. 5.385733871897865  
14243. of course males play a role there but believe me when i say you wouldn't enjoy yourself one bit on eromonga. 6.835771776832589  
14244. indeed you wouldn't live long for the females either drive the men they've seized from neighboring islands back to their boats after exploiting them for amatory purposes or they destroy them by revolting but ingenious methods. 6.002765404429641  
14245. in fact one important aspect of their very religion is the annihilation of men. 8.207400058614645  
14246. i think i know what you mean brassnose i said. 8.86738543608648  
14247. i know something about eromonga. 18.393652376116847  
14248. let's hope we come to a safer place. 8.608875829665614  
14249. three hours later while we were bailing desperately a dot of land came into view. 6.201237449035561



14250. foster lukuklu frayne made a sign over his heart with his two linked thumbs: i recognized it as an ancient manu gesture intended to propitiate the devil. 6.046219493410928

14251. a half-hour passed; we had drifted closer. 7.622507342753323

14252. in a voice so frightened as to seem not his own the big bo'sun's mate quavered: tchalo! it is eromonga- look hard you can see with your naked eye the wooden scaffolding on the cliff. 7.2823273848983705

14253. i squinted at the looming shoreline. 12.384361145835424

14254. there was a wooden tower or derrick there something like a ski jump; it was perhaps 80 feet high and had been artfully constructed of logs. 9.084560030287264

14255. a fine example of engineering in a primitive society. 8.023923068000494

14256. what is the scaffolding for brassnose? 20.064188224348324

14257. he made a sound of despair deep in his throat. 6.522694886689917

14258. it was embarrassing to see strapping blonde brassnose comport himself like a child who talks about bogeymen. 9.119726373603218

14259. aaa-ee! it is their tutul the 'jumping platform' of death. 6.460370037324521

14260. it is the last of the three tests of manhood which the women impose to discover if a male is worthy of survival there. 10.000223381730885

14261. often i heard my uncles and cousins speak of it when i was a small boy growing up in rabaul. 6.69556302158483

14262. they had never seen a tutul but they had heard about it from their fathers. 10.485976319234352

14263. our lifeboat was filling rapidly and despite what i had heard of the inhabitants of eromonga i was glad to see a long and graceful outrigger manned by three bronzed girls glide out of a lagoon into the open sea and toward our craft. 5.05873924492434

14264. i expected brassnose-as a man with a strain of melanesian in his blood- to speak to them. 9.994030170667553

14265. but he had turned a sickly green and appeared tongue-tied or panicked. 10.51934454174966

14266. so i mustered my few words of the manu dialect and said we greet you in peace. 9.106611412615775

14267. my friends and i come from a ship which was destroyed by fire. 6.591695846496977

14268. we are thirsty and hungry; our sore and burned hands and arms need attention. 9.796060505498925

14269. the girl in the prow of the outrigger turned a smile like a beacon on me. 5.427950274147271

14270. i noted that her full breasts were bare and that she wore a garland of red pandanus fruit in her blue-black hair. 8.33386119992804

14271. she said my name is songau and these girls are ponkob and piwen. 7.905131466207428

14272. you are welcome to eromonga. 24.8016390362868

14273. my people await you on the shore. 7.979268300280018

14274. you shall have food water and rest. 15.000064054538505

14275. thirty minutes later the outrigger grated on sand and other girls waiting on shore rushed forward to pull it up on the beach and make it fast with vine ropes to a large boulder. 5.958272222839456

14276. i saw a dozen or so other outriggers moored there. 11.998711924395053

14277. all my rosy visions of rest and even pleasure on this island vanished at the sight. 6.328889063546105

14278. there was a mound of bleached human bones and skulls at the base of the big wooden derrick. 13.381811013043777

14279. some had been there for years; others still had whitened shreds of decayed flesh sticking to them. 6.257321839180515

14280. there was one object which sickened yet fascinated me. 17.845115652066244

14281. this was also a corpse- a male judging from the coral arm bands the tribal scars still discernible on the maggoty face the painted bone of the warrior caste which still pierced the septum of the rotting nose. 4.490550208757949

14282. the body may have been two or three weeks' dead. 13.952553632584415

14283. i looked with revulsion at the legs. 10.981588546931944

14284. many small bones protruded crazily from the shreds of flesh. 9.810183381807354

14285. the man must have leaped to his death from the topmost rung of the tultul. 7.544436744082754

14286. as if divining my thoughts the girl songau smiled warmly and said in the casual tone an american woman might use in describing her rose garden: this is our tultul a jumping platform maku. 6.967639549562533

14287. later you shall know it better. 8.254441635698543

14288. is it not well-made? 31.93144804375565

14289. our old one blew down in a storm at the time of the pokeneu festival fifteen moons ago. 8.626842879291733

14290. it took thirty of our women almost six moons to build this one which is higher and stronger than the old one. 8.288605800987535

14291. we are very proud of it. 14.770904988036797

14292. you have every right to be i replied gravely in the manu dialect but my attention was fixed on brassnose the biggest and strongest of us. 8.026215261487973

14293. he looked as if he was going to keel over. 18.278692413222853

14294. i felt a queasiness in my own stomach but it wouldn't do to show these girls that we were afraid. 6.712960091072817

14295. i clapped the big man with the bleached hair on his shoulder and said heartily hoping it would make an impression on the women: this one is the maku frayne. 5.606590210459183

14296. he speaks your language too for he is the grandson of a chieftain on tau i who made much magic and was strong and cunning. 7.728070142423507

14297. the maku frayne has inherited this strength from his grandfather. 7.43304005989246

14298. this was the worst thing i could have said. 14.644855046938748

14299. brassnose turned a stricken face toward me and said brokenly sommers you meddler yank you're a fool! they despise males who brag of their strength; they destroy such men with their damned tests. 4.595688357851942

14300. you've ruined me blast you! at first i thought he was out of his head talking wildly like this. 8.036634418028957

14301. but a glance at songau and the other women confirmed what brassnose had blurted out. 7.571120215147129

14302. the women's faces had hardened after my statement. 9.060328853487057

14303. at a nod from songau four lithe and muscular girls darted to frayne's side and seized him by the arms. 6.749665528123199

14304. the man was an ox and he put up a creditable struggle; but four eromonga women are more than a match for the strongest male that ever lived. 8.035993325699133

14305. besides terror had sapped some of frayne's vitality and will. 7.191898224116614

14306. my last impression as they led him off to a stockade was of his pale face in the manu tongue eromonga means manhood- a quality which

the women derisively toasted in weekly feasts at which great quantities of a brew like kava were imbibed. 5.908804940970449

14307. in the hut to which i was assigned- max had his own quarters- my food was brought to me by a wrinkled crone with bare drooping breasts who seemed to enjoy conversing with me in rudimentary phrases. 5.472356956394343

14308. her name was l'turu and she told me many things. 8.745349295385674

14309. for an anthropologist loquacious old l'turu was a mine of information. 6.210871206873012

14310. though i had a great dread of the island and felt i would never leave it alive i eagerly wrote down everything she told me about its women. 7.242514368110943

14311. from l'turu i heard that until about 1850 the people of this island- which was about the size of guam or smaller- had been of both sexes and that the normal family life of melanesian tribes was observed here with minor variations. 5.65119743189306

14312. but in the middle of the last century an island woman named karipo seized a spear in the heat of an inter-tribal battle and rallied the women after their men had fled. 10.847783280636335

14313. miraculously karipo and her women had succeeded in driving a hundred invaders from the isle of pamasu back to their war canoes after considerable loss of life on both sides. 5.099268430970915

14314. karipo was something of a politician as well as a militarist. 10.691322327860746

14315. she quickly exploited the exalted position she now occupied by harassing the disorganized males and even putting many of them to death. 6.784343870885159

14316. within a decade or less few men were left and a feminist society had sprung up. 8.718137106508035

14317. karipo was great goddess told our mothers that men were not necessary except to father children the crone told me. 5.15576524365156

14318. all men went away from here. 12.414000739217707

14319. those who stayed had to pass tests. 10.800215858022893

14320. she cackled with mirth showing the stumps of betel-stained teeth. 10.090117903264954

14321. karipo's women then named this place 'eromonga'- manhood- for just the strongest men could stay here. 5.542917982132687

14322. the old woman arose stiffly and led me to a clearing where a small hut stood. 8.558239973125177

14323. in the shade of a palm tree in front of the squalid dwelling i saw four figures in a semi-circle on the ground. 6.305505056831967

14324. i guess he spent the morning getting himself all organized then headed for home. 8.923469128060672

14325. maybe to beat up on his squaw. 8.392121578401147

14326. benson looked up and saw ramey's long head tilt forward to rub his chin on the stiff edge of the overall bib. 6.960961743939457

14327. ramey reached out with the tire iron and dislodged a chunk of mud that was caked on the spare tire rack. 5.0176589645046334

14328. i'd like to know just which it is that those guys don't understand the liquor or automobiles. 7.882449848301349

14329. somehow the thought of a simple man bewildered by things no one had ever really helped him understand moved the driver. 6.265198626892353

14330. for a moment his hatred toward drunken or careless drivers softened. 13.814973261141416

14331. maybe the indian wasn't too much at fault ramey thought. 7.405448611723711

14332. maybe he was only doing the best he knew how like any of us. 10.097909176048137

14333. anyway he doesn't deserve to lie there in the sun and be  
stared at. 7.720383262934474

14334. ever see yourself spread out on the pavement benny?  
11.908099658038516

14335. he said to his partner. 8.254441635698543

14336. you mean dream? 24.616003681853215

14337. not exactly. 12.292407525564322

14338. benson grinned and flipped a rock with his thumb like a  
marble. 7.615092762846159

14339. nope just you all the time- sometimes i think it's the only  
way i'll ever get a decent partner. 6.051837838257081

14340. ramey smiled but he thought to himself i always see me too.  
7.615092762846159

14341. whenever he saw someone lying in the dirt ramey wondered what  
the person had been thinking and he would try out thoughts in his own  
mind. 5.183722086645692

14342. then he would realize they were really things that only he  
himself could think. 9.229246084724402

14343. with this realization sometimes he saw himself as he looked down.  
8.655964310385567

14344. you seen him yet? 20.025453829488345

14345. benson said referring to the indian. 7.622507342753323

14346. he wasn't in the car ramey said. 13.671139498061125

14347. you didn't go clear around benson said. 11.823504411807077

14348. if you want to see something he's back on the other side by the  
trunk of the car. 13.659590822744175

14349. too long a waiting line ramey answered pretending to joke.  
8.556786814027822

14350. a few minutes later the insurance man a road checker drove up  
in the gray coupe with license plates on it from a far-away state.  
9.008524249317492

14351. it was a trick they used to try and conceal their identity when  
they followed trucks to check their speed. 8.347512756127648

14352. sometimes they just parked at the side of the road and used radar  
on the trucks as they passed. 11.04553619652152

14353. all the drivers knew about the plates and they also knew about the  
big floppy straw hat with shredded edges the kind natives in travel  
ads wear when they are out joyfully chopping cane. 5.488588032932596

14354. horsely an agent on the east end wore the hat trying to look  
like a tourist. 7.817780933850147

14355. it had always seemed strange to ramey that to disguise himself  
as a tourist an ex-truck driver like horsely would merely pick something  
outlandish and put it on his head. 6.318413943622678

14356. the insurance man informed them that he had talked to crumley  
who was allright and that he would watch the men's personal effects until  
they towed the rig back to town. 7.855320008317608

14357. he chatted with ramey and benson for a minute or so in the  
meager shade of the trailer. 7.07855947270958

14358. every so often the diminishing sound of a car came under the  
trailer as it slowed down for the wreck then speeded up again as it  
got clear. 6.779972761280906

14359. when they were ready to leave benson and ramey walked back around  
the rear of the trailer. 6.526302640247175

14360. there's a body you won't mind looking at benson said and they  
stopped. 4.705349682081825

14361. she had driven up with her husband in a convertible with  
eastern license plates although the two drivers knew nothing at the  
moment about that. 6.5591772342842205

14362. she wore shorts and a loose terry-cloth shirt.  
15.017256448999191

14363. slender and tanned her dark brown hair was drawn straight back simply. 6.002446559592496  
14364. what outfit does she drive for? 13.126227377958582  
14365. benson said. 12.292407525564322  
14366. seeing her caused a lurch in ramey a recognition.8.3386589614121  
14367. she might have been someone he had once loved. 8.896420218978632  
14368. he had never seen her before but now he thought of the manner in which he and benson went in and out of the cities at each end of their run. 13.322174237404848  
14369. the truck routes the industrial areas with walls grimed with diesel smoke passed briefly through his mind- back alleys were their access to a city and they could never stay. 5.320665836557362  
14370. how would you ever see her again? 11.436703851707046  
14371. the feeling subsided it was only a small yearning. 10.3670005637198  
14372. what's she doing in this bunch? 7.696030501807653  
14373. benson said and ramey wondered how close their thoughts might have been. 6.002446559592496  
14374. the girl looked around at the countryside. 13.722420979343108  
14375. her glance swung past the trailer where the two drivers were standing. 6.6158785931347355  
14376. it made only a tiny bump over the two men like a tire over a piece of gravel then moved on. 9.752993970019805  
14377. she began to watch a blonde-haired man also in shorts standing right at the rear of the wrecked car in the one spot that most of the crowd had detoured slightly. 6.404717792677268  
14378. what had caught his attention was obscured by the car itself so that neither the girl nor the truck drivers could see but benson knew what it was. 6.639530558332868  
14379. the girl took a couple of steps toward the man in shorts when benson in that barefoot courtliness ramey could never decide was real said you don't want to go around there ma'am. 5.117016339236602  
14380. the girl stopped but did not turn her head or acknowledge that someone had spoken to her. 8.224299710418066  
14381. the man stood near the bent levi-clad body of the indian who lay face down almost under the car. 7.443421218832237  
14382. the two drivers moved closer. 16.15139276424356  
14383. what does he want a spoon? 16.63115694863498  
14384. benson said to ramey. 11.568363037656766  
14385. one tiny detail in a happening can clog the memory and stick like meat in a crooked tooth while the rest of the occurrence will go hazy and uncertain. 5.518638500826992  
14386. with ramey it was a dusty work shoe that was half-off the indian's foot that he would always remember. 7.694325626363309  
14387. the laces were broken at the bottom of the eyelets but there was still a bow knot at the top. 8.612933911532794  
14388. the slightest twitch would have parted the shoe entirely from the foot yet the toes were still inside. 7.663024046550707  
14389. the two men in overalls stood just behind the blonde-headed man. 8.80703018325433  
14390. he wore tennis shorts and a white sweater with a red v at the neck the sleeves pushed above the elbows. 8.593152378739592  
14391. he turned and looked at them with clear blue eyes immaculate eyes. 8.33521559366383  
14392. he was very tanned- big hands might have torn him from a coca-cola poster. 10.473068827911414  
14393. he's dead isn't he? 10.363724110347151  
14394. the man said. 29.050065562200892  
14395. he turned and bent over the body of the indian. 10.19218448547381

14396. there was nothing in particular on the man's face.  
19.087668903820976

14397. it was simply a matter of curiosity a natural right to examine.  
11.712901388855265

14398. what's this? 10.658282670269122

14399. the man said backing up a step still looking down.  
9.900138948499714

14400. his words were mostly to himself. 11.107172507795411

14401. there was a gentle concern in benson's voice.  
16.087164523244187

14402. ramey looked down and saw the white sneaker at the bottom of the man's tanned leg cautiously nudge a bit of folded blood-flecked substance lying by itself on the pavement. 8.018348078589597

14403. but what is it? 21.829909576381876

14404. the man said with a tone of impatience. 15.0049315879907

14405. but what is it? 21.829909576381876

14406. the man had spoken only once. 19.40042907621881

14407. ramey heard the words again inside weakened the way moving water sounds through a grove of trees until he was not sure whether it was sound or light-headedness pressing in his ears. 4.884247545634503

14408. the sneaker reached out once more to tap against the mass and ramey's vision darkened except for an unreasonable clarity of the man's leg. 7.036904278699971

14409. ramey saw sunlight touch the curly blonde hairs on the brown skin. 6.002446559592496

14410. he stared at the shining shining circles of hairs and heard the voice of his partner through trees don't do that fella.  
7.224429306063447

14411. the man seemed to sink a little as ramey brought the tire iron down on his shoulder and it seemed that the blonde head was turning as he hit the man again with his fist. 5.484130496195946

14412. ramey swung and caught the man just to the left of his mouth.  
8.722155617533776

14413. it was a straight solid once-in-a-lifetime shot; he laid all four knuckles in between the man's cheekbone and his chin.  
7.9856397667013885

14414. ramey's fist and the air expelled from the man's collapsing cheek made a hollow pop in the air like cupped hands clapping together.  
7.076583579949375

14415. the man took two short steps backward then sat down heavily on the pavement. 7.864590117251196

14416. ramey heard a cry from the girl and felt a slight pain somewhere in his hand. 6.886249538313906

14417. as he watched the man sit suddenly a detached part of his mind observed how very difficult it was really to knock a man off his feet. 6.0471368100683005

14418. he hadn't done it this time and he would never again hit anyone so hard. 10.26553299192532

14419. with a thoughtful look the man sat on the pavement legs straight out in front of him. 6.752806235637263

14420. his arms hung like empty shirt sleeves and his mouth was slightly open. 8.059409733643921

14421. after what seemed several seconds the open mouth grew dark inside then blood began to ooze from it. 6.017016620271997

14422. the man brought one hand up slowly and the fingers fumbled across his face until he touched his mouth. 8.6524634224972

14423. he moaned and pulled the hand away. 9.783357976961607

14424. even yet there was no realization in his eyes.  
10.918598433440833

14425. ramey could hear the crowd coming up rapidly behind him and the questioning voices coming over his shoulder had no identity or importance to him. 5.204869115757404

14426. he did not look around. 25.79198636437355

14427. he's hurt! a woman's voice said and then he heard a sort of wail from the man's wife. 4.495487867147494

14428. the man on the ground began to move; one of his hands flattened out on the pavement and supported him. 10.480157050005326

14429. blood dripped down the front of his sweater soaking into a dark streak of dirt that ran diagonally across the white wool on his shoulder as though the bright v woven into the neckline had melted running a darker color. 4.846636707361931

14430. the girl kneeled by her husband with one arm at his back. 9.111920854589842

14431. can you hear can you talk to me? 9.665774586184202

14432. she begged. 24.46901042456472

14433. an incoherent puzzled sound came from the red mouth. 9.60473226070196

14434. the girl looked around quickly at several of the people. 11.72976309525147

14435. none of the crowd had stepped forward to help. 11.982888423448527

14436. then she saw ramey and her face was misshapen with bewilderment. 9.852425697342511

14437. why did you do it- why did you hit him? 8.675342235361066

14438. she said her voice rising. 16.217963900265392

14439. a shine in her eyes suddenly became tears and she turned back to her husband again. 6.046198409504693

14440. behind ramey feet scraped beneath sharp questioning whispers. 9.060328853487057

14441. no one seemed to know for sure what had happened nor was there any purpose or responsibility in the muttering feet and urgent voices behind the driver beyond finding out. 5.792565171936956

14442. ramey looked around and caught sight of his partner near the front end of the wrecked truck talking to the patrolman. 7.293003941017387

14443. benson moved his arms gesturing with an unfamiliar vigor and talking rapidly. 6.002446559592496

14444. ramey caught a glimpse of the insurance man. 10.040701579037144

14445. some of the ruddiness was gone from his face and he stared at ramey. 6.575849564990497

14446. it's all over now the driver thought as he saw the patrolman turn and walk rapidly down along the trailer toward them. 6.841586933117374

14447. ramey watched him coming with a vision as clean as the glare on the metal sides of the trailer. 5.683862278661536

14448. he saw the dark sweat spots flip in and out of sight under the patrolman's swinging arms and in the leather holster that swaggered and rolled at the side of his stocky body the sun left a smoky shine on the narrow strip of blue metal that ran between the horned handles of his pistol. 0.0

14449. all right step back! the patrolman said to no one in particular as he pushed between the fat man in the baseball cap and a young boy in levis. 6.073918125755855

14450. he walked straight up to the man sitting on the ground and bent over to look at him. 12.327741674524873

14451. you all right? 19.40307901854524

14452. mough- it's my mough the man said trying to talk without moving his lips. 7.198778874655976

14453. his brown face looked gray from dirt streaks where his hand had come off the dusty pavement and rubbed across it. 5.398794248435963

14454. then he calmly and carefully slugged the remaining five shots into the venomous head- caught in the wicker back of the chair the eyes dead on him as the life finally went out of the brute.  
7.8220697285300185

14455. the body continued to lash but now keith used the legs of the chair to fork the loathsome bloody mass out of the bungalow.  
6.630839010843071

14456. he slammed the door and listened as his servants ran up alarmed at the sound of the shots. 8.95598149192629

14457. he heard their chattering and then the sounds of hacking as they dismembered the snake right on the porch with wood axes. 7.437803032165524

14458. it was only then that he turned to look at penny.  
21.52399993554889

14459. she was sitting on the edge of the bed again back in the same position where the snake had found her. 8.214373219292316

14460. the fear had not entirely gone from her face but there were some other emotions now crowding into her eyes and the lines of her mouth. 7.974410341588859

14461. but her hands were calm now. 12.726227658933269

14462. she's got guts thought keith. 7.796297918591952

14463. she's got more guts than any other woman in the world.  
5.276400593923195

14464. keith said penny keith you were wonderful. 9.060328853487057

14465. i don't suppose a wife should be grateful to her husband for saving her life but i am. 5.553125311222

14466. he smiled at her sincerity. 21.207006403000655

14467. and for the hundredth time that week he was startled at her beauty. 9.142356591530243

14468. seven years they'd been married. 13.544196933749038

14469. he knew her mind pretty well by now its quick perceptions and sympathies its painful insistence on truth and directness its capacity for love almost too deep for a man to reciprocate even in part.  
6.13612019295596

14470. but her beauty always surprised him anew. 16.145317277169504

14471. i realize that this is hardly the time to say it penny said keith. 9.175072870500442

14472. but knowing you i know that you're glad to be alive and grateful- and sorry because i killed the snake even though i had to.  
7.119178297382892

14473. isn't that so? 5.466376808403582

14474. penny lowered her eyes. 13.148092146312546

14475. yes she said almost in a whisper as if admitting to a crime.  
6.610748631250655

14476. the snake was beautiful wasn't it? 13.848082117783294

14477. asked keith his voice getting harsher in spite of himself as he struggled to control his growing anger. 6.317271579176422

14478. it was a king cobra the largest you ever saw and it deserved to live out its life in the jungle didn't it? 9.244302527801475

14479. didn't it? 12.292407525564322

14480. penny did not answer. 13.148092146312546

14481. now she just sat there looking at him without an expression except concern for him. 6.2879820389029115

14482. we're all god's creatures aren't we? 7.3804064617970475

14483. keith was snarling now. 9.118533821976325

14484. all of us- every goddam roach and worm and killer in that jungle. 10.717657477741565

14485. you love this village and these stinking brown people because they're god's creatures too. 7.665003147107107

14486. and you love ahmiri that black bastard of a servant even a little more because he's a beautiful man. 8.664869755279504



14487. and he loves you because you're a beautiful woman.  
10.426028268248071

14488. we're all god's creatures aren't we penny? 7.058068392390303

14489. all of us that is except me. 14.615459633812165

14490. you hate me you hate my guts because i like to hunt.  
11.74762347648697

14491. you actually hate me- and we both know it- because i killed  
that filthy snake. 7.073823370696189

14492. h well why don't you say something? 12.839946158968015

14493. penny would not rise to his mood. 7.14162538120728

14494. there isn't anything left to say is there keith?  
12.793802081235478

14495. she softly let herself into the bed and took her regular side  
away from the door where she slept better because keith was between  
her and the invader. 4.855572261109377

14496. he knew she was not sulking not even angry at him.  
13.669327716041765

14497. just as he knew that she had stopped loving him.  
12.303876378486995

14498. the brahmaputra has its headwaters in the tableland of the world  
the towering white headwalls of the himalayas that are unknown to man  
as any other space on the planet. 7.985971070036899

14499. for a brief period each year the rays of the sun are warm  
enough to melt some of the snows piled a mile deep at the base of the  
headwalls and then the pinnacles glisten in the daytime at high noon  
and billions of gallons of water begin their slow seepage under the  
glaciers and across the rockstrewn hanging valleys on their long  
meandering journey to the sea- running east past the sky-carving  
massifs of gurla mandhata and kemchenjunga then turning south and curling  
down through the jungles of assam past the khasi hills and into bengal  
past sirinjani and madaripur until the hard water of the melting snows  
mingles with the soft drainage of fields and at length fans out to  
meld with the teeming salt depths of the bay of bengal.  
4.5260378129053835

14500. keith sterling had looked down on the brahmaputramore times than  
he could remember during the war days when he flew over the hump of the  
world thinking it high adventure in those times before man was guiding  
himself through outer space. 6.9201762169355145

14501. but keith looked down more than up. 12.522280549824776

14502. he thought of the jungles below him and of the wild strange  
untracked beauty there and he promised himself that someday he would  
return on foot perhaps to hunt in this last corner of the world where man  
is sometimes himself the hunted and animals the lords. 6.593641122314151

14503. at first it had been just a romantic dream of his the same as the  
idea of finishing oxford after the war. 7.289488855961657

14504. but after the war was a luxury of a phrase he did not permit  
himself. 10.10655610959952

14505. wing commanders in the raf do not imply survival in the future  
either in their orders or in their attitudes to their men or to  
themselves. 5.127047344343866

14506. and keith's record of kills made him a man to listen to- a man  
paradoxically who might even survive. 8.467531012847303

14507. he became a fighter pilot after the stint over the hump in the  
big crates. 7.698031307125171

14508. the raf was britain's weapon of attrition and flying a fighter  
plane was the way her sons could serve her best at this point in the  
war. 8.112461597640973

14509. he knew how to shoot down nazis. 10.776005861178222

14510. and he knew that the men talked about him behind his back saying  
that he was one up on everybody else- including the pilot of the plane

with the swastika on it- because he was chemically incapable of fear.  
8.209283960969968

14511. that was true but only half the truth. 10.315313391184581

14512. the other half he didn't like to recognize even to himself.  
11.757907923309139

14513. not defending england or being an ace or fighting for humanity.  
7.545193944393053

14514. and he would have enjoyed it just as much if he had been a  
nazi. 14.978109534205874

14515. nowadays we talk as though the blitz were just a short skirmish.  
6.063398628075623

14516. the nazis bombed britain so the raf retaliated and shot them all  
down. 8.649006242526841

14517. it was a war of nerves of stamina of dogged endurance in which  
the stupid insistence of the british on their right to their own country  
became ultimately an unsurmountable obstacle to the nazis who were  
better organized and technically superior. 5.3931104354385155

14518. it took a long time before the british tipped the balance.  
17.44642972928925

14519. keith learned too much about air combat and air killing to be  
risked. 6.171535667146162

14520. they grounded him and put him in the command offices.  
11.967541482367666

14521. that was where he met penny. 12.647977126226007

14522. he was aware of her as a frightfully good-looking american was  
a second lieutenant assigned to do the paper work in the command  
offices but that was all. 7.84592359593414

14523. penny knew him better on her part. 7.14162538120728

14524. he had a war reputation but this was the kind of man women like  
even without medals. 12.477662440032754

14525. they don't go for bull-like muscle as a rule.  
5.3090465830112485

14526. he had strength in his six-foot frame but it was like the tensile  
steel in a rapier. 10.416387373714832

14527. he was on the thin side with big hands and the kind of wrists that  
give away the power in forearm and bicep. 8.158257085838253

14528. his hair was black already greying at the temples in the classic  
beauty-idiom the only one permitted to a man. 6.966023347421749

14529. the pretty little twittering wacs said he had the look of  
eagles- and penny hating the cliché had to admit that in this case it  
applied. 6.093007126642246

14530. penny and keith had no romance. 10.472119682746735

14531. but they met in one searing moment that gave them to one  
another instantly. 8.90568767080641

14532. the command offices were in the border country up north where the  
radar systems centralized their intelligence reports and the  
fighters were dispatched to harry the enemy. 7.496811183961292

14533. the nazis knew this of course and while their chief quarry was  
the industrial centers they let a few drop every time they went over  
hoping for a lucky hit. 5.082040154899867

14534. this time they had been lucky. 12.257203192463184

14535. the command post was underground and well camouflaged.  
10.190933876022052

14536. but there hadn't been enough time to build it for keeps.  
14.476850121589298

14537. there was a measure of protection in its concrete walls and  
ceiling but the engineers who hastily installed it were well aware  
that concrete is not much better than prayer if as efficacious when a  
direct hit comes along. 6.520942577898514

14538. this one was actually more of a near miss. 15.721847479315333

14539. the bomb plunged into the ground near the post but not precisely into the command room itself. 6.3023106167478975  
14540. there was a shattering cracking sound as the concrete started to buckle the air filled with dust and flying debris and everyone in the room- men and women hit the floor and used the desks as turtlebacks as ordered. 7.640907069713991  
14541. that is everyone but keith and penny. 10.445007602079077  
14542. they stood there just the two of them in the rocking shattering blast. 10.252517073994134  
14543. keith was on his feet because he didn't care at all about life any more: penny on her feet proudly because she cared too much. 5.2308841128809735  
14544. the bomb was a solitary one. 14.571826934029374  
14545. the blast damaged but did not destroy the room. 8.380282401201281  
14546. keith's eyes met penny's as they stood there in this strange marriage of destruction. 7.198778874655976  
14547. and as the others began to crawl out from beneath the desks and tend to those wounded and mark the several killed he climbed across the debris to penny and took her hand in his. 6.166683140436403  
14548. the chaplain married them on the next day. 13.741647621726068  
14549. after the war penny had wanted keith at least to visit her home with her. 8.980821844501543  
14550. she came from ohio from what she called a small farm of two hundred acres as indeed it was to farmer-type farmers. 7.367446187496744  
14551. but to keith's london-bred mind such acreage sounded rather invincible. 10.245818995913254  
14552. it wasn't that however which decided them not to go to america. 15.044482527920024  
14553. keith told penny about his dream to return to india and burma. 7.171634360000144  
14554. he stressed the wild beauty of the mountains and the jungles. 11.443598571584346  
14555. he didn't tell her the truth he now freely admitted to himself. 5.3099934912047395  
14556. that was his true love not penny. 16.04604357945442  
14557. the terrible power of a gun the thing that blasted the soul out of a living body man or beast was one he never wanted to lose. 5.850140650460991  
14558. and in the hunting land this hunger was considered to be a noble thing. 11.58498098678022  
14559. when they got to shillong in assam he was happy. 10.07323882946346  
14560. this is a paradise for hunters. 23.09974087017306  
14561. this was the land of the sladang the great water buffalo with horns forty inches across the spread. 7.932064572431268  
14562. the sambur buck the jungle stag that is even more noble than the scottish elk. 8.432100551633715  
14563. he even hunted elephant although the asian elephant is not quite as ferocious as his african cousin. 6.979609923919594  
14564. but there are big rogues in both countries. 20.551409567393584  
14565. these were the ones keith sought out- the loners the ones who killed for the joy of it like himself. 5.826509540264318  
14566. he and penny would go out on tame elephants raised from babyhood in the keddah. 9.484063867867984  
14567. and while he was ever alert for game and most particularly a tiger penny marvelled at the eden they were traversing. 7.304906375504845  
14568. they came upon cheetal deer at woodland pools. 12.993060342901307

14569. peacocks strutted across their path preening. 7.622507342753323  
14570. there were fantastic flowers without perfume and gaudy birds  
without song. 13.569916570911658  
14571. mouse deer played around the feet of the elephants or fled  
when the mighty legs thrashed too close. 5.852830941119954  
14572. wild boar watched their progress with little pig eyes and  
grunted derision when they didn't consider such game worthy of a shot  
from the . 6.157942065974489  
14573. now the next morning they were anchored at the elbow and the boat  
was riding directly over the underwater ledge where the green water  
turned to deepest blue and the cliff dropped straight down 600  
fathoms with the weighted line beside it; and robinson roy who had  
gone down this line ten minutes before to set a new depth record for the  
free dive was already back on the surface. 4.580724262688454  
14574. he and his safety manherr schaffner swam up to the boarding ladder  
together. 12.126584538941803  
14575. the german courteously indicated that robinson should mount  
first. 8.341215694113531  
14576. robinson clambered heavily into the boat sat down and stripped  
off his triple-tank assembly. 7.391013650626644  
14577. he took his mask from his forehead and threw it unexpectedly  
across the deck. 7.535105389246928  
14578. temper temper mrs forsythe said laughing uneasily.  
9.670406878971576  
14579. a phony blonde hanging onto a bygone youth and beauty but  
irreparably stringy in the neck she was already working on her second  
gin and tonic though it was not yet ten am i loused it rob said with a  
savage note in his voice. 4.568236200897365  
14580. all i have to do to set the record is to go on down.  
13.57853215182451  
14581. so instead i come up. 10.876002516440062  
14582. was it my equipment? 20.172991344965638  
14583. the german asked. 10.363724110347151  
14584. was it something went bad with the breathing?  
12.432512407677752  
14585. the equipment was fine rob stated standing up.  
7.14162538120728  
14586. he was a huge young man of twenty-four clothed in muscle immensely  
strong with a habitual gentleness and diffidence of manner that  
was submerged under his present agitation. 7.8202783587564015  
14587. he stared stonily at the floor. 12.127026643485452  
14588. i was down to 275. 19.226205200417645  
14589. i've been that far half a dozen times. 4.7419635893846355  
14590. i don't get it why this time i should pull such a stupid trick.  
5.874776959314952  
14591. well i get it artie said still on the ladder. 7.292593437035646  
14592. you are a big muscle-bound ape and you got this idea about setting  
a record. 7.198778874655976  
14593. and you also got this little spark in your bird-brain that tells  
you to turn around before you drown yourself. 7.065284708076743  
14594. no it wasn't that rob said. 12.141194610871517  
14595. a note of awe came into his voice. 9.943370618057871  
14596. when i came up damnit i thought i was going down.  
13.113064913489458  
14597. i came up maybe fifty feet before i knew what was happening.  
8.30399650492711  
14598. pressure-happy artie said and climbed in. 9.670406878971576  
14599. i was expecting it sure. 15.154676752241375

14600. but when it happens to you like that i tell you and you're a  
hundred feet from where you thought you were- well it makes you  
think. 7.544243443318636

14601. you don't head back down again. 6.683302774692972

14602. not right away. 19.404323534771276

14603. he had his voice under control again: no one became aware that  
he was terrified by what had just happened to him. 6.800656767649487

14604. waddell the newspaperman was a fellow in his middle forties with  
a graying crewcut heavy-framed glasses and a large jaw padded with  
fat. 6.473927533549529

14605. now he was going to show how much he knew. 7.693017338695487

14606. our boy didn't chicken out no sir. 10.877902715767725

14607. he ran into the rapture of the depths. 11.370356956118368

14608. it makes the diver feel drunk. 10.472119682746735

14609. well that's the only way to be mrs forsythe said and gave her  
brassy laugh. 5.922719278911886

14610. maybe not if you're 200 feet under water artie said.  
8.944542120903378

14611. it's nothing to fool with. 2.8478925195944758

14612. personally i don't blame him for giving up the dive much as i  
regret losing the story. 7.934341762731925

14613. nobody's giving anything up robinson said. 8.254441635698543

14614. he stood there towering over them all: gentle mighty  
determined the moving force in the group; and yet like a child among  
adults. 7.881078843313877

14615. you think i got you and artie and herr schaffner all the way  
out here just for the boat ride? 7.608043591989675

14616. i'm going down again. 13.148092146312546

14617. that's my boy! mr forsythe exclaimed. 4.047684077162469

14618. rob's not going to give up as easy as all that. 10.53980896827979

14619. he was a florid puffy man in his early sixties very natty in his  
yachting cap striped jacket and white flannels. 7.433003863098238

14620. he went to key west every fall and winter and was the only man in  
town who did not know that his title of commodore was never used without  
irony. 9.616164857930002

14621. old commodore forsythe who had once lost a fifty-dollar bet on  
whether he could get both motors started and turn on the running  
lights without accidentally turning on something else first.  
4.97783426800559

14622. now it did not occur to him even to wonder whether it was wise for  
robinson to dive again: rob was his boy the kid he had rescued from  
the streets the object of his pride. 6.882622193620542

14623. why he went on when rob asked me if he could make his dive on this  
trip i didn't think twice about it. 6.313210710322724

14624. i've helped him along ever since he was a youngster hanging around  
his brother's tackle shop. 6.162626383295585

14625. hell i gave him the first decent job he ever had six seven- how  
many years ago was it rob? 6.7214852174760775

14626. seven years ago commodore rob said impassively.  
9.060328853487057

14627. he was thinking big deal: skipper on his drunken fishing  
parties for seven years and no better off than when i started.  
5.913920743006078

14628. excuse me he said abruptly. 11.568363037656766

14629. he went down the steps to the galley and sleeping quarters; went  
into the forward stateroom and locked the door behind him.  
6.483494550502991

14630. when you gotta go you gotta go mrs forsythe said.  
12.237791293612464

14631. waddell muttered something about taking a look around and  
climbed up to the flying bridge. 6.1739664784934485

14632. he was disturbed by what had happened on the dive and by what he  
remembered of a conversation he had had the night before with the german  
who had come out of the head while he was fixing himself a drink in the  
galley. 7.665046722654869

14633. hi there schaffner he had said. 8.254441635698543

14634. can i make you one? 13.608656069977235

14635. no thank you very much schaffner had answered in his  
accented english. 6.985638126001336

14636. i do not drink so much thank you. 17.690443914586996

14637. waddell had looked the man over trying to size him up.  
6.210871206873012

14638. he was in his early forties rather short and very compactly  
built and with a manner that was reserved and stiff despite his  
efforts to adapt himself to american ways. 9.624259216936323

14639. his open face seemed to promise a sort of innocence until one  
looked into his eyes which had no warmth in them but only alert  
intelligence. 5.133937288016895

14640. waddell had heard that he had been a commando in rommel's afrika  
corps and he said to himself: i'd hate to run into him in the  
desert on a dark night. 8.609942882962333

14641. aloud he had said making conversation: rob tells me he's  
using your atlantis equipment on the dive. 5.708822330446606

14642. yes herr schaffner had said. 13.110616200649021

14643. he's one hell of a decent boy. 4.121739274801433

14644. i agree yes. 22.150701097072105

14645. and if the dive goes ok he has the exclusive import rights to  
your line for this country is that right? 7.709966105136711

14646. well no herr schaffner said. 11.568363037656766

14647. waddell turned to face him. 8.254441635698543

14648. but that's what he told me. 14.306364280244424

14649. why that's his main reason for making the dive.  
8.257640091759392

14650. shaffner looked at him altogether without guile and shrugged his  
shoulders making a little spreading gesture with his two hands.  
6.54093796655646

14651. what do you mean? 25.38840841655893

14652. waddell asked frowning. 13.148092146312546

14653. please let me explain the german said earnestly his face still  
devoid of deceit. 5.674295354649883

14654. i have in europe a gross business of seven million dollars the  
year. 9.57226864005856

14655. now i wish to enter the american market where the competition is  
very strong. 6.539090704817243

14656. i must have a powerful representative here a firm with a national  
distribution and ten twenty thousand dollars to advertise my  
products. 8.499643267681131

14657. with all respect to a fine young man mr roy is not able to  
provide these necessities. 7.397162344681626

14658. waddell was not an eminently moral person but he did not like  
what he had just heard. 9.579293332660491

14659. did you tell him all this? 10.052594241045202

14660. he asked. 27.770505909397876

14661. perhaps not in so many words the german said. 8.338909651164993

14662. but surely you have misunderstood mr roy. 14.306364280244424

14663. never never did i offer him the exclusive rights. 7.046254127084839

14664. we spoke of the need for advertising and i agreed that the deep  
dive would be most useful for publicity. 8.697380507043706

14665. he was most eager to make the dive; of course i was willing.  
9.377897187588353

14666. but there was no definite agreement about business arrangements.  
25.088352382443635

14667. there was the end of his front-page feature story with byline.  
9.187464534920993

14668. he started out the door. 17.83289566254582

14669. one moment! herr schaffner said. 11.924666973654702

14670. you intend to speak with mr roy? 9.670406878971576

14671. what else? 20.454815948573874

14672. waddell asked. 15.594944937291627

14673. if you will pardon i think it would be better if not.  
17.67053923077732

14674. mr roy is determined to make this dive. 10.884681815646449

14675. whatever you tell him he will dive. 7.622507342753323

14676. i know this from my talks with him. 13.70004351956284

14677. well let's let him make up his own mind ok? 7.614463360917956

14678. waddell said. 19.804021762487697

14679. on the basis of the facts. 24.751056326288587

14680. you will make him unhappy and anxious the german said.  
13.746329651109932

14681. at 200 300 400 feet under the water when he must be paying very  
much attention he will be thinking about what you are telling him.  
6.020185213560514

14682. it is not good mr waddell: you will do him great harm.  
17.188788245118385

14683. there was no doubt that herr schaffner meant every word of what  
he said. 11.737120661447523

14684. waddell came back from the door and sat on a bunk.  
8.347022164056582

14685. i am an honest man the german said with fervor. 9.838420406259342

14686. i will give mr roy his due for this dive. 12.43554952822441

14687. i will make him distributor for all of florida- a big market.  
9.307300280990045

14688. all tourists come to florida. 13.821446840433715

14689. this will help him to get out of his little tackle shop.  
8.295068998925062

14690. yes! but there is no use causing him to worry at this time.  
11.215546935495649

14691. the german's words worked on the newspaperman like a reprieve from  
an odious duty. 6.578982329721101

14692. he took a big swig of his drink. 15.173937016716751

14693. it would be a colossal shame to throw away a story like this.  
12.716391548177393

14694. i think maybe you're right schaffner he said.  
15.106277200444472

14695. he has the distributorship for florida you say? 7.240698345721332

14696. yes the german said. 13.148092146312546

14697. at least for south florida. 15.924425970785958

14698. by god waddell said we don't want to upset the boy at this time  
of all times. 6.810878916848748

14699. he sloshed his drink around and drained it in a few large gulps.  
9.000509662736393

14700. the story was shaping up nicely in his mind: the young pioneer  
as of old altruistically braving the unknown; the rewards prompt and  
juicy in modern big-business america. 7.226089139442577

14701. join me in another? 11.166302256783883

14702. he had asked. 29.87980074028303

14703. thank you the german had said courteously. 7.622507342753323

14704. i do not drink so much. 23.038768309834722

14705. now in that same cabin robinson fell to his knees beside a  
bunk. 7.649862945147202

14706. fear and relief mingled in his churning emotions. 8.581436094141479

14707. he pressed his palms together and addressed himself to the  
patron saint of divers in a hurried and anxious whisper. 6.905141531060655

14708. blessed saint nicholas i thank thee for getting me out of that  
mess and sending me up instead of down when i was bewildered.  
7.20822527435932

14709. and when i make the dive again- he paused; crossed himself; said  
a hail mary slowly and with understanding. 7.0302380919337

14710. folding between his hands the cross that hung from his neck he  
took his appeal direct to headquarters. 6.643215071337043

14711. holy mary mother of god star of the sea stay thou with me on this  
next dive. 7.623262324958248

14712. make it come off all right. 12.092157794942215

14713. let me set the record this time and let me get back ok so the  
german will give me the exclusive. 6.022569553528683

14714. and make my life different and better from this time on.  
9.945938596899774

14715. he crossed himself again and rose. 10.776005861178222

14716. he felt a good deal less shaky. 22.862657477453176

14717. as he reached for the door there was a knock on it and when he  
opened he found artie who came in and sat down on a bunk.  
6.713866748107916

14718. artie had picked up a snorkle and was twirling it on his  
forefinger. 8.099197770098522

14719. he waited awhile before he said roy you know your decompression  
table don't you? 7.233226891479716

14720. you know i know it robinson answered warily.  
15.960326094975835

14721. you came straight up from 275 without a stop artie said.  
9.790327128699545

14722. well i was a little bit confused. 17.65433497587547

14723. anyway i wasn't down long enough to matter. 8.100835098732363

14724. you don't see me stretched out on the deck do you?  
7.044533946885767

14725. you know what they say about two deep dives in one day artie  
went on still twirling the snorkle and studying it intently.  
7.511988137908959

14726. i don't think you should go down again. 6.068013769591787

14727. early that day matsuo saw a marine. 10.02183161453762

14728. the enemy came looming around a bend in the trail and matsuo  
took a hasty shot then fled without knowing the result ran until breath  
was a pain in his chest and his legs were rubbery. 6.36523067683576

14729. as his feet slowed he felt ashamed of the panic and resolved to  
make a stand. 7.116336380637427

14730. he crossed the next meadow and climbed a tree where the jungle  
trail resumed. 8.824820353737188

14731. in the leafiest part of the tree straddling a broad horizontal  
limb he could see over the meadow. 7.659637834852797

14732. for a while he was content to let events develop in their good  
time. 8.381918875480356

14733. he had no doubt the marine was the lead scout of a column and  
while his shot had probably bred indecision they would soon come  
hunting. 6.5930686329713515

14734. his superiors had emphasized that marines tortured others for  
the sheer pleasure. 8.351818438430747

14735. yesterday; today; tomorrow: no surrender. 9.118533821976325

14736. his remembering the self-dictate brought no peace- only a  
faint chill of doubt. 8.059409733643921



14737. he murmured to himself with firmness: no surrender.  
9.783357976961607

14738. it was best to die fighting the marines. 16.571667076119464

14739. his superiors had also preached this saying it was the way for eternal honor. 9.142444155252047

14740. what if the marines never came? 17.674983567973815

14741. his comrades were all dead. 9.627882438407596

14742. then it would be a choice between starvation and suicide.  
15.071932802380125

14743. whichever the way he would rot in this vast choking green his wife never to receive an urn of his ashes. 5.213665170393269

14744. he sighed and leaned for a moment against the trunk.  
10.697093789223626

14745. his fingers touched the bone handle of a knife. 7.591810951946381

14746. the knife an ammunition pouch and a half-filled bottle of purified water hung on his belt. 7.860799503526907

14747. besides the belt he wore a loin cloth. 10.176709428457508

14748. as he looked up from picking at a leg ulcer he saw a marine in the jungle across the clearing. 8.203157582006407

14749. the marine came to the edge of the green jungle mist and stayed as though debating whether to brave the sunlight. 7.529595419093242

14750. his fatigues made a streak of almost phosphorescent green in the mist. 8.351818438430747

14751. come out come out in the meadow matsuo said under his breath.  
6.205448813376699

14752. the man leaned against a tree and wiped a sleeve across his face. 8.649006242526841

14753. a signal? 17.297538600737344

14754. matsuo lifted his rifle easing the sling under his left upper arm for steadiness. 7.54861828735141

14755. fresh on his mind were events of the past day when his whole regiment was destroyed in the hills. 6.237337540865239

14756. they had fought from caves and the marines resorted to burning them out. 10.196558294107424

14757. even now like a ringing in his ears he heard the woooooosh of flame-throwers squirting great orange billows. 6.422047750316987

14758. a wave of flame rippling through their cave had reached nagamo his friend and with a shriek the man bolted through the entrance then slowed to the jerky walk of a puppet his uniform blazing.  
7.108702411594143

14759. the marines let him advance. 10.915477388587384

14760. when he sank on his knees they had allowed him to char without administering the stroke of mercy. 9.664907116422295

14761. matsuo had faked death and was pitched on a stack of corpses both the burned and the unburned the latter decomposing rapidly under the tropical sun. 4.808070905031883

14762. the callous marines had laughed at each other's retching while stacking bodies. 9.005093323721033

14763. matsuo repeatedly choked down his own nausea. 7.622507342753323

14764. at nightfall he had been able to sneak down a hillside and into the jungle reeking of death. 9.810617994009197

14765. apprehensively he peered to the left to the right into the leafy vine-crisscrossed maze. 7.663118498450285

14766. he decided that the marines must be deploying around the meadow with the one left to distract him. 8.965436278742322

14767. cautious feet stepping on leafmold; faint creaking of belts and slings; whispers: he heard none of these. 5.427950274147271

14768. only the hum of insects and the distant fluttering call of a bird. 10.206074043888313

14769. because he couldn't hear them he was more convinced they were there. 8.84470119906869

14770. a spectacle occurred across the meadow: the lone marine took a seat on the ground; leaning sidewise on a tree trunk he embraced it. 6.731381435890986

14771. while his comrades cocked the trap that one behaved as if it was some dull maneuver. 7.838217773822263

14772. taking aim at the man's face matsuo squeezed the trigger up to the point of discharge and then he changed his mind. 9.18493422427484

14773. he wanted the arrogant marine to know fear and so he aimed above the head. 8.257226076323082

14774. the shot reverberated in diminishing whiplashes of sound. 10.582206877639416

14775. like a mischievous boy expecting punishment matsuo awaited reaction from the jungle. 7.23987864060251

14776. how stupid to give his position away. 13.273259084777049

14777. the jungle did not retort. 10.915477388587384

14778. the sitter remained seated hugging the tree. 12.435529358277208

14779. before long the atmosphere reverted to its old normalcy and insects hummed and birds occasionally called. 6.175939875969864

14780. matsuo puzzled and grew anxious over the complete passiveness concluding that he was the butt of a devilish joke. 6.643215071337043

14781. five or so minutes later the marine abruptly pulled up and stepped into sunlight immediately throwing his hands over his eyes. 5.604946515308204

14782. he went into a whirling dance a sort of blind chasing of the tail. 10.564100179890085

14783. it ended when he tumbled; but jumping right up he staggered in no particular direction. 7.456160179316808

14784. he wore no head cover of any kind and more odd had no visible weapon. 9.248393728318959

14785. with a sudden decisiveness he lurched in matsuo's direction crossing the meadow in a zigzagging gallop. 7.214864623179583

14786. when he got closer to the tree matsuo noted the wild look on his face. 11.030415882910285

14787. the pockets of his jacket bulged. 10.313452422915107

14788. the bobbing head was a poor target so matsuo shot him in the upper trunk. 8.598486660646406

14789. the marine spun clapping a hand high on his chest and dived forward. 6.817408452020724

14790. in the hush that followed the echoes matsuo was tense. 13.277848599464294

14791. they could come on him now without difficulty. 10.179783001517748

14792. gradually he reached a conclusion. 13.99193018399183

14793. the marine was alone for they were impatient people and by now would have vied to knock him from the tree. 5.670580783382225

14794. down the tree he scrambled and knelt at the edge of foliage. 8.701456009586398

14795. the marine was sprawled some thirty yards away one arm extended. 7.098087065137257

14796. matsuo jumped when the hidden arm flopped out. 8.581436094141479

14797. reflex? 15.610129252044759

14798. rifle leveled on the man he made a rush. 9.568768683299782

14799. heat in the sunlight pressed in like an invisible crowd. 6.617605731239441

14800. he squatted by the head gently placing the rifle on the ground. 10.090191208524187

14801. with a snakestrike motion he grasped the hair and twisting  
pulled the marine over on his back. 6.752806235637263

14802. the bullet had penetrated in the area of the right collarbone;  
around the hole blood glistened in a little patch. 11.41101615416153

14803. maintaining his clutch on the hair matsuo watched the closed eyes  
while rummaging in the jacket pockets. 5.427950274147271

14804. in one: a package of cigarettes and a tinplated lighter both  
sticky from the man's bleeding. 8.437918402470649

14805. in the other: a wristwatch with broken crystal wrapped in a dirty  
handkerchief. 8.621739346247098

14806. one by one he tossed the objects aside. 9.060328853487057

14807. he didn't smoke and could not light fires with a flintless  
lighter; he had no use any longer for exact time even had the watch been  
running. 4.834059266667615

14808. then there was no saying how many times the marine had blown  
his nose on the handkerchief. 11.295506928239226

14809. too bad the marine had no water. 9.955014462933434

14810. from its holder he took his own canteen. 11.232115946504761

14811. the cap was stuck and made a thin rusty squeaking as he applied  
pressure. 7.2314973530710995

14812. the marine's eyes opened squeezed shut then opened squinted in  
the glare. 9.005093323721033

14813. matsuo put the bottle to his own lips. 7.14162538120728

14814. the marine reached up a hand. 12.435529358277208

14815. none for you. 12.292407525564322

14816. the marine blinked soon dropping his hand. 11.387658710676023

14817. not only had he no canteen but he lacked even the belt to hang  
one on. 6.264871910774326

14818. you came well equipped to die. 10.472119682746735

14819. some odor made him lean over the man. 8.592800318346152

14820. he sniffed and recognized it. 15.385132030882776

14821. so that had been his difficulty. 14.394114268346533

14822. drunk on sake he must have wandered off from his bivouac.  
7.879513779734377

14823. the marine tried to roll on his right side and moaned.  
7.098087065137257

14824. when he rolled on the left side propping on his left elbow matsuo  
seized his hair and pulled him back over. 9.970632412664523

14825. awkwardly with one hand matsuo got the cap back on the water  
bottle. 6.629184547861966

14826. the smell of sake had freshened yesterday's events in his  
thoughts. 10.237882743022842

14827. in the caves with other supplies they had kept cases of sake.  
9.118329211569634

14828. the marine shut his eyes. 13.848082117783294

14829. are you a thrower of flame marine? 13.023329841216476

14830. matsuo took the small knife from its scabbard and laid it on  
the ground out of the marine's reach and away from their shadows.  
8.090775490358395

14831. he waited in his squat gripping the hair. 9.026368296067464

14832. every so often he turned the knife. 10.528741124775902

14833. its blade was dazzling in the intense sunlight. 7.432382072063545

14834. the sun was noon high and matsuo perspired until his body was  
dripping. 9.727112601519966

14835. wet also were the marine's fatigues and the face had an oily  
film. 5.825820622377272

14836. the man had thrown the left hand over his eyes.  
12.931410350697455

14837. now and again he murmured something that ended in a giggle.  
7.304235152733095

14838. he must have saturated himself in the drink for the bullet not to shock him out of his drunken haze. 9.255226308524593  
14839. at last he reached for the knife. 13.68784602134808  
14840. even the bone handle scorched and he retrieved the marine's handkerchief to wrap it. 9.485543797979556  
14841. first he barely touched the blade on the hand which shaded the eyes. 6.743234823714182  
14842. the marine yelled and flung the hand away.  
11.387658710676023  
14843. with a firm grip on the man's hair matsuo applied the blade flat on a cheek. 6.967866464620478  
14844. a shrill yelp kicked legs and groping hands that circled matsuo's wrist. 8.729997945191078  
14845. matsuo wrenched free and burned the hands into retreat; burned the other cheek; burned each hand when they came groping again.  
5.083242045036259  
14846. the marine commenced to weep and it blighted the sense of enjoyment. 9.005093323721033  
14847. a small measure of payment marine. 11.850881485859341  
14848. he dropped the knife in its scabbard hung the rifle behind a shoulder. 9.355330106379824  
14849. the marine hands on cheeks rolled by his unwounded side onto his stomach. 6.817408452020724  
14850. matsuo walked toward his tree once glancing back.  
9.060328853487057  
14851. he would soon die. 18.566342490256332  
14852. as matsuo climbed by using the vines and kicking his feet against the trunk a mood of gloom immersed him like a jungle shadow.  
7.907660488079421  
14853. what now? 20.454815948573874  
14854. in the jungle birds were mute while insects preserved only the monotony of living. 11.579515991789682  
14855. it was the marine: head lifted he strained and called.  
12.589369744984248  
14856. then he astonished matsuo by pushing and dragging himself until he sat. 8.887534383548  
14857. he cupped his mouth and yelled. 8.254441635698543  
14858. matsuo hustled the rifle off his shoulder. 9.060328853487057  
14859. once and for all he'd finish this marine who would not die.  
10.05671475102934  
14860. it sounded as if the man were calling him: hey japanese h hey there japanese. 10.460580290970686  
14861. the man tilted back his head and went through the pantomime of drinking from a container. 7.614481754119883  
14862. he performed the act twice more and the begging in his tone grew more distinct. 7.032105024464237  
14863. the marine nodded vigorously. 14.843753820270253  
14864. matsuo laughed slung the rifle. 10.472119682746735  
14865. the marine was a winehead. 12.486750257698887  
14866. his superiors had said that all marines were depraved.  
9.117594365094579  
14867. the marine slumped forward into a bow like a priest before an idol. 6.817408452020724  
14868. remembering his own thirst matsuo took out his water bottle.  
8.04011880641638  
14869. one swallow was all he would have; he was very thirsty but he must observe water discipline. 6.478243228342696  
14870. his years of campaigning had taught him the value of water discipline. 8.351818438430747

14871. he began to uncap the bottle      the rusty cap squealing on its  
threads.      9.577286834087094  
14872. popping upright the marine waved both hands and shouted.  
8.581436094141479  
14873. of course it was water he really craved; down in the broil of the  
sun he was becoming dried out.      8.199228077127175  
14874. the marine shouted for it until it seemed that his voice had to  
crack.      7.198778874655976  
14875. he had no water for an enemy.      13.630485904552046  
14876. and when this was      gone he hadn't even a little bitter tablet to  
purify other water      if he were to discover some stagnant jungle pool.  
8.50597064390485  
14877. he capped the      bottle and replaced it.      10.776005861178222  
14878. after all he had less reason to desire it      than the marine.  
10.6349839564744  
14879. before much longer the marine quieted down. 8.925661427981641  
14880. the upper part of his packet had stained dark.  
11.442408026034707  
14881. there is nothing for you matsuo said. 20.382054071433625  
14882. your superiors will certainly beat you for your desertion besides  
the dishonor of it.      7.688767207573999  
14883. from the convulsive quivers of      the man's shoulders it was plain  
he had resumed the weeping. 6.890163238277723  
14884. he reminded      matsuo of a similar thing he had witnessed in  
china.      9.592132658614503  
14885. in china it was a baby sitting on a railroad platform smudged  
blood-specked      with the village burning about him and shells exploding.  
6.16896772393698  
14886. chairs scraped back and customers hastily vacated their tables  
as the tall young buffalo hunter pushed open the swing doors and  
walked towards the bar.      6.157942065974489  
14887. only blue throat and his gang stayed where they were.  
7.796565768573885  
14888. blue throat was slumped with his back against the bar elbows  
supporting his massive frame.      7.569955194572432  
14889. he leered at the stranger as the distance between them closed.  
7.953394054598466  
14890. since when did they allow beardless      kids into the saloon bars of  
this town boys? 8.021446736096705  
14891. he asked.      21.889553134177078  
14892. seems      to me i don't remember altering any law about that.  
7.879513779734377  
14893. he straightened up alert now as the buffalo hunter came closer.  
7.560809233574742  
14894. stay right here where you are kid he called. 8.581436094141479  
14895. i don't aim      to have minors breathing down my neck when i'm a-  
drinking: the stranger ignored him.      4.577750341683835  
14896. he didn't stop till he was within three      feet of blue throat  
and by that time the gang leader's right      hand was on the butt of his  
revolver.      6.2827207156421  
14897. i'm billy tilghman      said the stranger and i've come for pat  
conyers' body.      3.9129367137318405  
14898. and what makes you think you're going to get it pretty boy?  
13.58049589604503  
14899. because i'm asking.      17.686823855040707  
14900. most of the time i get      what i ask for.      19.612829158150433  
14901. blue throat winked at his six cronies.      8.057006762835188  
14902. the kid has no manners boys.      13.247513868353657  
14903. shall we teach him some?      8.581771986667057

14904. hisgun was half drawn when he asked the question but the weapon never left its holster. 7.558827313059943  
14905. tilghman's clenched fist swept over in a terrificright cross and clipped the big gunfighter on the side of his chin. 6.359182024021638  
14906. his head snapped round and he reeled back crashing into the table where his buddies were sprawling. 6.886249538313906  
14907. tilghman leapt on to him draggedhim upright and hit him again this time sending him careening againstthe bar. 5.725678552867678  
14908. a bullet gouged into the bar top an inch from tilghman's stomach as blue throat's henchmen started shooting. 7.324251899623047  
14909. tilghman flung himself aside dropped on one knee and pulled his own gun. 5.825820622377272  
14910. the colt roared twice and two men dropped writhing. 10.189497018560665  
14911. a third shot doused the light. 12.090487443242834  
14912. somewhere at the far end of the room a voice yelled you all right billy? 12.586177337090724  
14913. yes george but i ain't got poor old pat's body yet. 7.176091908258277  
14914. and i aim to have it.16.45213367170813  
14915. he fired again and somewhere in the gloom a man screamed. 9.29010416405802  
14916. another took off his gun belt and flung his weapons to the floor. 7.91683904020529  
14917. and me said another blue throat henchman. 10.242612813271945  
14918. tilghman and his partner george rust herded the men into a corner. 8.020585206635284  
14919. and now said tilghmanwith deadly calm i'll repeat what i said. 8.184836512003358  
14920. i've come for pat conyers' body. 6.1280579316837445  
14921. in two minutes the body of tilghman's former comrade who had been killed by blue throat in a gambling brawl the previous night was carried into the town's funeral parlor to be prepared for decent burial. 6.266442249889693  
14922. blue throat nursing an aching jaw and a collosal dose of wounded pride rode out of town with thesurvivors of the fight. 0.0  
14923. that critter will be back tomorrow predicted george rust and he'll bring fifty of his kind back with him. 6.083863602767401  
14924. blue throat won't stand for this. 11.042288164230637  
14925. he'll shoot up the town. 5.5447349469503715  
14926. the reverend james doran had scarcely completed pat conyers' last rites on boot hill in the township of petrie when shots were heard in the distance. 6.673055462121845  
14927. amen said the reverend doran grabbing his rifle propped up against a tombstone and now my brethren it would seem that our presence is required elsewhere. 5.537149596889579  
14928. billy tilghman and his comrades rode off to the battle. 8.96744955125262  
14929. blue throat who had ruled the town with his six-shooter for the last six months certainly had no intention of relinquishing his profitable dictatorship. 5.663661911119409  
14930. it was essential that he should restore his formidable reputation as a rip-roaring ruthless gun-slinger and this was the time-honored wild west method of doing it. 10.187839802752045  
14931. he rode in at the head of sixty trigger-happy andliquor-crazed desperadoes and took over a livery barn at the entrance to main street. 7.029075686511913  
14932. the entire length of the street could be raked with rifle fire from this barn. 10.386149832200534

14933. any posse riding down the street to demand blue throat's  
surrender would be wiped out with one deadly burst of fire.  
5.605246340079154

14934. the law-abiding citizens of petrie had gathered inside kaster's  
store halfway down the street. 8.795489207719381

14935. several were firing into the barn when billy tilghman arrived.  
7.369806103838146

14936. he sized up the situation and shook his head. 11.45143587764551

14937. if blue throat has his way he'll keep us all cooped up in here for  
days he said. 6.361504338808083

14938. there's only one thing to move him fast and we have it right  
here in this very store. 6.470319531562674

14939. he called the store owner and together they went into the  
stockroom. 9.363645342566025

14940. billy returned with six sticks of dynamite. 9.257579916818113

14941. i'm gonna drop these into blue throat's lap he announced andi'd  
like every gun to be firing into that barn while i get near enough to  
toss 'em through the window. 4.625142923266387

14942. he slipped outside hugging the walls of buildings and dodging  
into doorways. 10.17321954538198

14943. blue throat's men spotted him and a hail of bullets splintered  
the store fronts and board walk as he passed. 5.476227300068587

14944. fifty yards away from the barn he dodged inside a barber's shop  
and came out at the back. 8.548951184896485

14945. here he couldn't be seen by blue throat and his gang.  
7.83084991148359

14946. all he had to do was light the fuses of the dynamite sticks  
run to within ten yards of an open window in the barn and hurl the  
sticks through. 7.3803001492617115

14947. billy tilghman did just that. 9.118533821976325

14948. within seconds the big barn was blasted into smoking splinters  
with every outlaw either dead or injured inside. 7.487245974942759

14949. it was the abrupt end of blue throat's dictatorship in petrie.  
11.607080677954103

14950. though only slightly injured himself the big hoodlum never  
returned to those parts. 7.615092762846159

14951. to tilghman the incident was just one of a long list of hair-  
raising smash-'em-down adventures on the side of the law which started  
in 1872 when he was only eighteen years old and did not end till  
fifty years later when he was shot dead after warning a drunk to be  
quiet. 6.575609048338041

14952. of all the rip-roaring two-fisted tough boys of the old west  
uncle billy tilghman stands out head and shoulders. 9.739876756748536

14953. he was the lawman who survived more gunfights than any other  
famous gun-slinging character in the book. 8.222778856087528

14954. he saw the most action beat up more badmen with his bare fists  
broke up the most gangs and sent more murderers to the gallows than any  
other us marshal who lived before or after him. 7.315744687435005

14955. for fifty years his guns and ham-like fists shot holes through  
and battered the daylights out of the enemies of law and order in the  
frontier towns of the west. 6.04989846034221

14956. the deeds of countless western bandits and outlaws have been  
glorified almost to the point of hero-worship but because billy tilghman  
remained strictly on the side of the law throughout his action-packed  
career his achievements and the appalling risks he took while taming  
the west have remained almost unsung. 8.227527729299513

14957. citizens took the view that a lawman was expected to risk his  
life on the odd occasion anyway but this fighting fury of a man risked  
it regularly over a period of half a century. 6.328568125354909

14958. he came within an ace of being riddled with bullets during his long fight with the doolin gang which terrorized oklahoma in the 1890's. 7.620871024249789

14959. led by bill doolin these mobsters specialized in train robberies but as a sideline they looted stores and robbed banks making liberal use of their guns. 5.12030472536185

14960. bill doolin's ambition it appeared was to carve out his name with bullets alongside those of jesse james and billy the kid and bill tilghman had sworn he would stop him. 6.128333467439386

14961. tilghman knew that some ranchers were hand-in-glove with the doolin gang. 6.210871206873012

14962. they bought rustled cattle from the outlaw kept him supplied with guns and ammunition harbored his men in their houses. 7.517449521566685

14963. billy decided to set an example by arresting one of the ranchers named ed dunn who lived at rock fort. 6.03972165712838

14964. on a bitterly cold day in january 1895 accompanied only by neal brown as his deputy tilghman left the township of guthrie and headed for rock fort and dunn's ranch. 7.050482271040697

14965. it was snowing hard when they got there and they saw no horses outside. 9.029371249431378

14966. the only evidence of occupation came from the chimney which was belching out thick smoke. 9.272601147037847

14967. the two lawmen halted their wagon about twenty yards from the door. 7.7845503316947395

14968. wait here neal said tilghman. 11.568363037656766

14969. if i don't come out within half an hour ride back to town and bring out a posse. 7.145171492989194

14970. leaving his rifle in the wagon tilghman walked up to the door and hammered on it. 8.665208769702062

14971. there was no reply so he shoved it open with his foot and stepped inside. 9.29050855026414

14972. directly opposite the door was a roaring log fire a welcome sight on that bitterly cold day. 7.782071459972845

14973. seated near it with his back to the door was the rancher ed dunn. 6.360513988104634

14974. the rancher grunted an acknowledgement but didn't move. 11.154959614415695

14975. tilghman closed the door behind him and walked towards the fire. 6.210871206873012

14976. suddenly he saw something which made his big heart give a sickening lurch and caused the hairs to bristle on the back of his neck. 7.625227735444233

14977. along each side of the room were six tiered bunks each one screened off with a curtain. 6.4253231526000425

14978. and projecting wickedly through these curtains were the gleaming muzzles of six rifles all trained on billy tilghman. 7.646799373994232

14979. the fighting marshal had walked right into a trap and at any moment six slugs might slam into his hide. 6.110212192912578

14980. thinking fast tilghman never hesitated for one instant. 9.060328853487057

14981. he walked right up to the fire as though blissfully unaware of the guns covering him. 7.499740511925058

14982. the men behind them were bill doolin and five of his gang- every man a killer. 9.108937667396317

14983. cold day said tilghman placing his hands behind him and casually presenting his backside to the fire. 5.427950274147271

14984. just dropped in to ask where jed hawkins lives. 10.673957607741787



14985. can't seem to locate landmarks in this snow. 6.723353094824249  
14986. he wouldn't look tilghman in the face. 13.671139498061125  
14987. follow the river for five miles he said hoarsely. 7.714558013121567  
14988. jed's homestead is on the south bank. 13.071563599020674  
14989. resisting the overwhelming temptation to flng himself out of that  
bristling death-trap tilghman deliberately engaged the nervous rancher  
in trivial conversation for a good ten minutes.  
5.2405042068428145  
14990. all that time rifle barrels were pointing unwaveringly at his  
head and body. 9.663987507092408  
14991. one false move on his part and he would be a dead man.  
7.955324069993227  
14992. well he announced guess i'll be going now ed and thanks for  
the warmup. 8.216429064128185  
14993. he strolled back to the door whistling softly hands still  
clasped behind him. 7.233226891479716  
14994. he left the house and almost certain death without even  
increasing his pace and wondered by what remarkable stroke of  
providence he had been allowed to come out alive. 6.558724199639135  
14995. but he knew well enough that those guns would still be trained  
on his back as he walked towards the wagon. 7.744482213806159  
14996. if he showed signs of collecting his rifle and going back with his  
deputy to the ranch he would be shot down instantly.  
8.80851681446919  
14997. leisurely he climbed on to the wagon next to neal brown.  
7.134394864871173  
14998. don't say or do anything he said softly. 4.270701532995561  
14999. just get out of here without it looking as though we're in a  
hurry. 7.692534990684838  
15000. that place is crawling with bill doolin and his gang.  
10.44343699232173  
15001. even as he spoke those words billy tilghman's life hung on a  
thread. 6.979306954805334  
15002. back in the house a hoodlum named red buck sore because billy  
had been allowed to leave unscathed jumped from a bunk and swore he  
was going after him to kill him right then. 8.084614369160196  
15003. you'll stay right here commanded bill doolin covering red with  
his rifle. 3.9028842679252227  
15004. billy tilghman is too good a manto shoot in the back.  
7.736320221757741  
15005. but the fighting marshal's fifty-year run of immunity from  
violent death came to a full and final stop one night in a street at  
cromwell oklahoma where he had been sent to clean up the gambling and  
vice rackets. 5.514861498803838  
15006. wiley lynn a self-styled prohibition officer had hit town the  
previous day and had been drinking ever since. 6.871061340911338  
15007. that night he reeled out of ma murphy's dance hall and proceeded  
to disturb the peace by shooting off his revolver. 5.829399153946358  
15008. for several months now jack carter a big overgrown boy of fifteen  
with a fuzzy pimpled face and greenish catlike eyes with a lot  
of red in them had been haunted by a dream a vision of a woman.  
6.314851529099284  
15009. this woman had no distinct shape or size and no particular face but  
she radiated warmth a sweet warmth; she would talk to him in a soothing  
voice about things his mother would have said were not nice and put  
her hands on him and kiss him passionately. 4.949100537229873  
15010. when she would do these things he would turn blind for an  
instant and become sick at his stomach. 8.653419423517734  
15011. then he would run to the toilet behind the house. 8.976521242088117

15012. sometimes he did this three or four times a day for this woman  
was almost always with him. 9.247662768970907

15013. he would feel ashamed each time and wonder whether his mother  
and father knew- thinking they might see it in his eyes or smell  
it on him. 6.373150289107815

15014. but they never said anything so he figured it was all right.  
11.386566651625744

15015. and so when miss langford came to teach at the one-room  
chestnut school where jack was a pupil in the eighth grade the  
woman of jack's mind assumed the teacher's face and figure.  
5.438528183665922

15016. he could not keep his eyes off her when at school; when he went  
home at night he took her with him in his mind and she did the things  
the anonymous woman used to do and he did the thing afterwards each  
time as he used to do. 6.591712068659504

15017. when he awoke in the mornings she was in his mind and he could  
hardly wait to get to school to be near her in the flesh.  
7.768261153313286

15018. miss langford was an attractive girl. 12.406760308875619

15019. tall blonde blue-eyes fair buxom without being heavy she cut a  
fine figure of budding womanhood as she swished among the pupils in  
her fresh starched summer dress. 4.726707772215755

15020. something was beginning to stir and come alive in her too she  
was twenty now; but if it had been it had been smothered until : you  
could tell it by the way she watched the older bigger boys like jack.  
8.541900446953399

15021. she would look at jack with that hidden something in her eyes  
and jack would see the woman and become breathless and a little sick.  
5.752400670651995

15022. school began in august the hottest part of the year and for the  
first few days miss langford was very lenient with the children letting  
them play a lot and the new ones sort of get acquainted with one  
another. 8.451739055524992

15023. the first two or three days they went home early. 12.43291648505809

15024. all that is except jack. 19.822677471564386

15025. he hung around the schoolhouse watching through a window from  
outside while miss langford straightened desks and put the room in  
order. 5.796303623730875

15026. once she kneeled down to pick up some books where they'd dropped  
on the floor and jack looked up her dress- at the bare expanse of  
incredibly white leg. 7.64488662186851

15027. he thought for a moment his heart had stopped beating.  
8.431773034471274

15028. about that time miss langford straightened up and looked out the  
window directly at him he thought although probably she didn't even see  
him. 7.541119333195127

15029. he jumped back ducked and ran crouching down the hill away from  
the school. 8.18390742933666

15030. he didn't look back and he ran until he was out of sight of the  
schoolhouse and out of breath; then he slowed to a walk. 0.0

15031. the vision became even stronger now. 12.155081426749899

15032. i'll get her yet he muttered to himself. 5.994717221457542

15033. i've got to get her. 5.379633490098874

15034. that night he dreamed a dream violent with passion in which he and  
the woman now the teacher did everything except engage in the act  
and when he awoke the next morning his heart was afire.  
7.241091345847519

15035. he ate little that morning and his mother became concerned  
inasmuch as he usually ate heartily. 6.718491433348979

15036. what's the matter honey? 8.695597929211152

15037. she said with the solicitude of a middle-aged woman for her only child. 7.905131466207428  
15038. aren't you hungry? 15.594944937291627  
15039. no i'm not hungry he said pushing back the bacon and eggs. 7.662022395705422  
15040. outside it was already hot at 7:30 am and it was getting hot in the kitchen. 7.997763580351284  
15041. he felt a little sick at his stomach. 13.040630959432214  
15042. are you sick? 28.260706101627743  
15043. no he said. 15.481894110527692  
15044. i guess it's this hot weather. 13.93195501835056  
15045. don't you play hard today then. 3.3326417997438393  
15046. and if you get sick ask the teacher to let you come home early. 11.811005462688012  
15047. daddy left the car for me and i'm going to town this afternoon. 6.143033877028681  
15048. o k i won't play hard he promised. 14.844619737110612  
15049. just then charles lever yelled hey jack from the quarry road which ran behind the carter house and jack grabbed the lunch from the table and darted out the kitchen door yelling good-bye mom over his shoulder. 5.011549063282701  
15050. whaddya say boy? 15.594944937291627  
15051. charles said grinning showing his huge yellow teeth. 7.907709358913829  
15052. charles also fifteen was tall and skinny scraggly with straight black hair like an indian's and sharp brown eyes. 6.88282689621633  
15053. he considered himself handsome and seemed to think all the girls were after him. 6.955990454870539  
15054. you know what i done last night? 19.830260702660954  
15055. charles said as they picked their way over the rocky road which led up the hill away from the dixie highway through a corn field and a patch of woods to the school. 5.223224198812374  
15056. jack knew of course that the tale to be unfolded would involve a girl and probably be dirty because girls were charles' only apparent interest. 7.158180121519901  
15057. but jack always derived vicarious sensual thrills from charles' revelations so he usually invited them as he did now. 6.478669021782826  
15058. what? 19.804021762487697  
15059. i got margaret rider in one of them old box cars down there by the quarry. 6.5779768796623195  
15060. a nude imaginary picture of miss langford flashed across jack's mind. 9.12172255696927  
15061. hell you say? 10.363724110347151  
15062. he said lapsing into the profanity he often used when away from his parents and especially when he was with charles. 8.956442715376758  
15063. how'd you do it? 9.118533821976325  
15064. hell i jist got on top of- no i mean how'd you get her to do it? 6.886249538313906  
15065. hell i jist ask her. 8.254441635698543  
15066. jist like that? 15.594944937291627  
15067. hell yes. 12.292407525564322  
15068. she's been hangin' around me a lot here lately and i figgered i might as well's try it. 5.526271227185282  
15069. besides i heard her old uncle that stays there has been doin' it. 6.547671080113237  
15070. it's all over branchville. 3.1476988058506823  
15071. if you'd get out of your back yard once in a while you might even get her your ownself. 7.36288778974062

15072. i might try it one of these days jack said wonderingly thinking of miss langford. 9.362729980047444

15073. when they reached the school a gang of boys and girls were already there playing crack the whip in front of the schoolhouse. 6.439393716517986

15074. miss langford in a fresh white dress and low-heeled white sandals without socks was out there with them trying to get them inside. 7.251401031437689

15075. time for books she yelled jingling a little five-and-dime store bell in her right hand. 5.674295354649883

15076. oh come on miss langford play with us just once one of the little girls begged smiling wistfully. 8.843443540578656

15077. no not now said the teacher. 9.570057002710861

15078. come inside now. 14.11939494765156

15079. the children grudgingly stopped playing then and straggled into the schoolhouse. 7.43304005989246

15080. jack watched miss langford all morning. 9.840259200908385

15081. he could think of nothing else save his mental image of her nude figure and what charles had said that morning about margaret rider. 6.273313491403522

15082. occasionally he would look across the aisle at margaret fourteen and demure in a fresh green organdy dress sitting in the sixth-grade row and he could hardly believe she would do what charles had said she did. 5.877619549502566

15083. at noontime remembering what the teacher had said about maybe playing with the kids jack stayed close to the schoolhouse while all the other big boys except charles went off out the road to play ball. 5.880013685705087

15084. why ain't you playin' ball? 15.604009980076775

15085. he asked charles suspiciously as they sat in the well-house shade watching the girls congregate in front of the schoolhouse. 7.512811727235525

15086. miss langford come out and play with us like you promised several of the little girls called. 9.068333863445131

15087. i'd druther stay here and watch the girls charles grinned. 5.131232046003695

15088. maybe some of 'em will fall down and we'll see up their dress. 8.258104263628434

15089. maybe jack said idly watching for miss langford. 7.14162538120728

15090. presently she came out of the schoolhouse. 16.184694872818184

15091. when she appeared two or three of the little girls jumped up and down yelling goody goody. 7.781972615348898

15092. let's play with 'em jack said rising from where he sat on the ground and dusting off his overall pants. 7.167815421236536

15093. ok charles rose also and the two of them moved over to join the girls. 7.539446827326729

15094. they played crack the whip a few minutes without mishap. 11.638832432999648

15095. then when miss langford was on the end of the line of girls jack in the middle of the line gave an extra hard pull and the young teacher sprawled backwards sitting down hard her dress flying over her head. 7.985163753263297

15096. while she was struggling to get her skirt down and get on her feet again jack ran over offered her his hand and said gosh i'm sorry miss langford. 6.575890744956258

15097. i didn't mean to pull so hard. 6.958609338716115

15098. that's all right she said tossing her head back to get the hair out of her eyes. 4.903700437570849

15099. with one hand she held her skirt down while she took jack's  
 extended hand with the other. 6.786977190402116  
 15100. when her hand touched his fire went through jack and he felt  
 weak but he managed somehow to get her on her feet. 7.454575054175027  
 15101. he thought she gave him that look with the hidden something  
 in it as he let her hand go. 6.174920939052518  
 15102. thank you she said dusting herself off. 17.222252730531803  
 15103. will you play with us again miss langford? 8.601123064503946  
 15104. one of the little girls said. 33.17394344668567  
 15105. maybe some other day. 11.383550228188565  
 15106. oh shucks the girl said. 12.392495127773664  
 15107. i don't believe i'll play any more neither. 4.98029565410453  
 15108. me neither others said and soon the game broke up the children  
 going off in pairs in larger groups and alone. 6.975893708710233  
 15109. jack walked off alone out the road in the searing midday sun past  
 robert allen's three-room tarpapered house toward the field where the  
 other boys were playing ball thinking of what he would do in order  
 to make miss langford have him stay in after school- because this was the  
 day he had decided when he thought he saw the look in her eyes.  
 4.748397333568927  
 15110. when he came back to the schoolhouse his mind was made up.  
 15.909501803956017  
 15111. he simply would not work his arithmetic problems when the teacher  
 held his class. 7.5469986271841245  
 15112. that should do it he thought because miss langford had said she  
 was going to be strict about school work. 9.854224198467959  
 15113. he had considered throwing erasers or flipping paperwads at  
 someone or pulling the hair of the girl sitting in front of him but he  
 couldn't take a chance on either of these possibilities: the  
 teacher probably would make him stand face-to-wall in a corner instead  
 of stay in after school. 5.8216996220604  
 15114. the only drawback now to the plan he'd decided on was that  
 someone else might fail to do his work too and the teacher would have  
 that person stay late along with jack. 6.892999744092849  
 15115. but i've got to take a chance on it he told himself desperately.  
 6.798643165664191  
 15116. to his surprise his plan worked perfectly. 12.260910477542323  
 15117. all right if you can't do your arithmetic during school hours  
 you can do it after school it out miss langford said firmly not smiling.  
 6.113244169169874  
 15118. you will stay here thirty minutes after the others go home this  
 afternoon and work your problems. 9.573081630252256  
 15119. and so when the others stampeded out that afternoon jack  
 remained docilely in his seat near a window looking out in what he  
 hoped was a pitiable manner while the other kids laughed and yelled in  
 at him and made faces as they dispersed going home. 5.082239187769384  
 15120. his heart was pounding like a mighty dynamo and he was trying to  
 think his mind seeming to scream at him like a hurt or frightened child  
 how will i do it? 6.072831377733698  
 15121. on the fringe of the amused throng of white onlookers stood a  
 young woman of remarkable beauty and poise. 5.15576524365156  
 15122. she munched little ginger cakes called mulatto's belly and kept  
 her green somewhat hypnotic eyes fixed on a light-colored male who was  
 prancing wildly with a 5-foot king snake wrapped around his bronze  
 neck. 6.404739022628905  
 15123. the youth with the snake had a natural pride and joy of life  
 which appealed to the woman. 7.305739819040598  
 15124. lithe and muscular he had well-molded features and his light color  
 told of the european ancestors who had been intimate with the slave women  
 of his family. 6.836376672070171

15125. the haughty white girl turned to a distinguished hawk-faced man standing at her side and murmured: lookat your watch col garvier.  
5.571976520698639

15126. it is almost time for and calinda to begin.  
20.064985204721587

15127. col henri garvier was one of new orleans' most important and enlightened slave owners. 7.271890803907004

15128. he chuckled and gave the signal for the dance to start.  
10.798608636258047

15129. the slaves ran gaily to the center of congo square and gathered around a sweaty youth they called johnny no-name. 6.250604533565303

15130. johnny vigorously pounded two bleached steer bones against the gourd which served as his drum. 7.410366695525521

15131. he showed his gleaming tusks of teeth and bellowed incoherently his brass earrings jangling discordantly as he shook and trembled in ecstasy. 6.039305955272235

15132. the drummer flogged the gourd with frantic intensity as the dancers began the calinda a sensual gyration which had long been a favorite of voodoo practitioners and their disciples in the louisiana slave compounds. 6.092727771140672

15133. the dance was of haitian origin.8.254441635698543

15134. the white girl with the penetrating green eyes sipped the lemonade handed to her by a handsome man of about 30 who had coppery skin and beetling eyebrows. 7.003958136281758

15135. he was possessive in his manner and though a slave obviously was educated after a fashion and imitated the manners of his owners.  
6.244951219500418

15136. he proudly wore the blue livery of her house for the girl was madame delphine lalaurie wife of the prominent surgeon dr louis lalaurie who bore one of the south's oldest and most cherished names.  
6.577766720148524

15137. delphine was a pace-setter in high society. 7.622507342753323

15138. she was a top horsewoman and one of the city's most gracious hostesses. 10.853354302114617

15139. although new orleans was not to learn of it for a spell she also was a sadist a nymphomaniac and unobtrusively mad- the perpetrator of some of the worst crimes against humanity ever committed on american soil. 6.6169240860803535

15140. madame lalaurie gestured with her riding crop toward the 20-year-old youth who was stomping and writhing with the king snake still draped over his bare shoulders. 6.720596405949159

15141. the slender handsome fellow was called dandy brandon by the other slaves. 7.098087065137257

15142. he was gifted with animal magnetism and a potent allure for women of any race. 9.688906735989212

15143. but dandy had had little experience with girls on his master's plantation in bayou st john.6.670433134891451

15144. shy actually he avoided feminine overtures and seemed truly ignorant of the girls' desires when they sought to make liaisons with him in the open fields in carriages and in boathouses.  
6.083302797349597

15145. this young slave was therefore quite unprepared when delphine lalaurie signaled that she wanted him to draw near. 6.137472201451243

15146. the woman eyed the youth with the avidity a coin collector might display toward a rare doubloon which is not yet in his collection.6.852952259467768

15147. what is your name boy? 15.963047626140778

15148. come a bit closer. 13.148092146312546

15149. i won't bite you know. 9.291145906367928

15150. he gaped at madame lalaurie and sniffed the paris perfume which emanated from her. 8.824820353737188

15151. my name is dandy brandon missy. 10.43564356904987

15152. i belong to master alexander prier. 15.711603260075847

15153. she said with intense feeling: come near let me feel your arms. 8.312221158602966

15154. you look quite strong and healthy to me dandy. 12.37182052821836

15155. mrs lalaurie impatiently propelled the slave toward her waiting carriage. 7.236036544386507

15156. lifting her skirts she climbed in never relinquishing her grip on his arm. 7.391013650626644

15157. the woman seemed utterly unafraid of the snake which coiled on the floor in a torpor. 7.36782837600986

15158. once inside the luxuriously-upholstered landau she drew the curtains and proceeded to give the startled youth the kind of physical examination usually reserved for army inductees. 7.900341865622517

15159. satisfied at last and after a few amorous gambits on her part which convinced delphine that dandy was capable of learning new arts she opened the window and called to her liveried driver. 4.595688357851942

15160. this was the big man with the proprietary air and the beetling shaggy eyebrows. 12.146873365425813

15161. aristide! i want you to find monsieur prier at once and give him this money for the boy's purchase. 5.863835160866735

15162. there's \$600 in gold in this chamois sack. 5.603364996017602

15163. if the old fool argues about the price tell him i shall order my husband not to treat him as a patient any longer. 6.209097011519293

15164. prier has gout and depends on louis' pills and bleedings. 8.196044167676531

15165. besides he owns 300 slaves. 10.227172228118718

15166. one less shouldn't matter to him. 10.472119682746735

15167. aristide devol the sardonic manservant who had been brought in chains years before from his native sierra leone smiled thinly and touched his well-brushed beaver hat. 5.298041156867853

15168. his bold eyes raked the woman and a perceptive spectator might sense that there was more to their relationship than that of slave to owner. 8.011963758097826

15169. another youth madame? 12.126610009385061

15170. the coachman said softly. 15.841500723885778

15171. this one is a tender chicken oui? 10.203105184398687

15172. such delicate beautysuch fine flesh. 13.462398235847678

15173. it will rip and shred easily for madame. 13.19424916211483

15174. be quiet devol! you are forgetting your place. 12.051520930542804

15175. the tall coachman walked off briskly in search of alexander prier. 7.067437401480571

15176. delphine lalaurie took the reins in her gloved hands and drove dandy brandon- cowering in the back seat of the carriage- to her mansion at 677 perdido street. 7.037754833650717

15177. dr louis lalaurie stood on the veranda at the head of the driveway and watched his carriage as it approached the pillared mansion. 6.858278451047273

15178. dandy curiosity overcoming his apprehensions peered out at the doctor from the window of the vehicle. 7.687455796095871

15179. he saw a pint-sized man with a graying spade beard and an unusually large head. 6.256539229583498

15180. dr lalaurie wore a maroon smoking jacket and his myopic eyes were blurry and glistened behind thick octagonal lenses. 7.080704255950575

15181. he was about 50 years old. 12.127026643485452

15182. another young man my dear? 11.833068316496098

15183. really you are most indiscreet to drive him here yourself he  
said frowning with displeasure. 5.674295354649883

15184. delphine presented her cheek for a kiss and the physician  
pecked it like a timid rooster. 6.886249538313906

15185. dandy is to be our house guest louis. 7.14162538120728

15186. i want the room in the attic prepared for him he is a most unusual  
lad quite precocious in many ways. 9.052839371640973

15187. he deserves a better life than just rotting away on the prier  
plantation. 5.825820622377272

15188. his room will be ready shortly. 11.107172507795411

15189. the physician led the horses to the stable after a cursory  
glance at the cringing slave. 6.196120048044738

15190. had dandy been older or wiser instinct might have warned him  
that he would be well advised to flee from the lalauries' tender care  
if he valued his life. 7.679529188885832

15191. but he liked the smell of delphine's perfume.  
13.039175579197503

15192. besides her endearments and caresses in the carriage had been new  
and stirring experiences to the simple youth. 7.245550930354858

15193. also he was weary of plantation drudgery and monotony.  
7.1609225413820665

15194. so dandy brandon trustingly entered the house with delphine  
lalaurie and trudged up the rear steps to the attic room which was  
to be his new home. 6.904657390751475

15195. airless and dingy though it was the attic represented luxury to a  
slave who had led a wretched life with six brothers and sisters and  
assorted relatives in a shanty at bayou st john. 4.934586778206286

15196. he bounced exuberantly on the sagging bed and was even more  
delighted when madame lalaurie- after closing the door- showed the slave  
that the bed was designed for something other than slumber.  
6.7913688424134175

15197. it was just as well that the ignorant dandy enjoyed himself to the  
hilt that first evening for the room was to become his prison cell.  
6.499798237051677

15198. when he finally left the sinister mansion on perdido street he was  
carried out in a coroner's basket. 9.286188248670014

15199. just six weeks after dandy brandon's arrival at the mansion the  
little surgeon and his svelte young wife gave their annual open house  
and ball to which only new orleans' oldest and wealthiest families  
were invited. 4.849103268888988

15200. a stringed orchestra played softly behind the potted palms and  
delphine circulated graciously among her guests chatting airily of the  
forthcoming races the latest fashions from paris and louisiana  
politics. 6.514253597117472

15201. suddenly there was a commotion upstairs a despairing boyish  
shriek and the strains of the waltz faltered and died as the musicians  
and guests gaped at an apparition descending the marble staircase.  
5.380423015927094

15202. it was dandy brandon clad only in a bloody loincloth emaciated  
and quaking as if the devil were breathing hard on him. 9.603765766861356

15203. the lad's once superb body was a mass of scars and welts.  
6.002446559592496

15204. his pinched face showed the ravages of malnutrition.  
10.276228481933904

15205. feebly he pointed an accusing finger at madame lalaurie and  
shouted: evil woman! you did this h you like to hurt h to beat people h  
i want h to go home. 4.930970328037867

15206. these were the last words he ever uttered. 11.25654705337184



15207. convulsively he spat up some blood and collapsed into the arms of senator gaston berche crimsoning the frilly shirt and waistcoat the politician wore. 4.958070100322966

15208. dr louis lalaurie examined the inert form of the slave on the parquet dance floor and pronounced him dead. 7.080704255950575

15209. the ball broke up in confusion. 10.915477388587384

15210. guests stared with horror at madame lalaurie and made speedy departures. 9.141255484523787

15211. delphine stood like stone her eyes alive with hate as she looked down at the sheeted corpse. 6.385559017313622

15212. but at the coroner's inquest delphine told a forthright story. 11.077418040299065

15213. i saw the boy dandy at the congo square festivities and felt sorry for him. 5.674295354649883

15214. it was our hope to educate him and to give him his freedom when the right time came for he was a bright and friendly youth who seemed worthy of our interest. 9.043405388737602

15215. after i paid monsieur prieur fordandy i brought him home but he was ill at ease and ran away the same night. 6.250901109818043

15216. how he returned in such a ghastly condition or why i cannot say. 10.190837273811967

15217. dr lalaurie and i didn't even know he was in the house until the night of our ball when he came down the stairs. 6.494771896509721

15218. she daubed at her swimming eyes with a lacy handkerchief and said with obvious emotion: that poor boy! he must have fallen in with evil companions for he was a simple youth and quite trusting and inexperienced. 6.9383374042820005

15219. ruffians must have robbed and beaten him before bringing him back to our house to die. 5.702403933400962

15220. such a pitiful end! though the slave's dying words about the woman troubled the coroner's panel dandy's accusation was adjudged an aberration by the jury and disregarded. 7.009102645711785

15221. the lalauries were at the top rung of the social ladder and even a jury didn't feel privileged to doubt the veracity of so illustrious a lady. 6.379406920481646

15222. moreover runaway slaves frequently got into serious trouble in new orleans' dives. 8.958820932031152

15223. so the verdict was death at the hands of a person or persons unknown and the elite of the city accepting delphine's testimony welcomed her and the doctor back into the fold. 6.434895136297564

15224. once again life went its serene way- soirees fox hunts balls and dinners. 9.68385099384614

15225. the excitement over brandon's bizarre death abated and madame lalaurie's stock soared when she resumed her self-imposed chores of visiting the poor and bringing cakes and comfort to destitute patients in the county hospital. 5.213184650104667

15226. then on july 2 there occurred another incident which set tongues to wagging at a furious clip. 6.886249538313906

15227. mrs victor dominique socially prominent and a neighbor of the lalauries chanced to glance out of her parlor window at dusk one evening and beheld an amazing sight. 4.964751790606637

15228. the manservant devol and his mistress delphine lalaurie were pursuing a young girl- an octoroon of cameo-like beauty- across the front lawn of the lalaurie mansion. 6.157942065974489

15229. the girl was not more than 16. 11.058703384484538

15230. she was nude to the waist and her tumbled abundance of black hair did not conceal the knife slashes on her back. 6.406051459100846

15231. the bleeding girl wastiring fast; the coachman and delphine were gaining on her as she raced down perdido street. 5.993450458891224

15232. the fugitive cried out in an oddly sibilant voice: help me  
somebody! they have pulled out all my teeth and now she will carve  
out my tongue with her hacksaw! bastards he would say all i did was put  
a beat to that vivaldi stuff and the first chair clobbered me! since then  
and since the pure grain had gotten him divorced from every decent- and  
even indecent- group from greenwich village to the embarcadero  
he had become a sucker-rolling freight-jumper. 5.527476869293807  
15233. there ain't nothin' faster or lonelier or more direct than a  
cannonball freight when you wanna go someplace feathertop would say.  
6.707677868713437  
15234. the accommodations may not be the poshest but man! there ain't  
nobody askin' for your ticket stub neither. 8.24745396509008  
15235. he had been conning the freights for a long long time now.  
12.735613226322648  
15236. ever since the hooch and the trouble with the quartet and  
midge and the child. 9.087608396798782  
15237. it had been a very long time that had no form and no end.  
11.255193688391527  
15238. he was- as he told himself in the vernacular of a trade no longer  
his own- riding the dark train out. 8.636477419660896  
15239. out and out and never to return again. 10.960289587497991  
15240. till one day the last freight had been jumped the last pint had  
been killed the last beat had been rapped. 6.833205048662855  
15241. that was the day it ended. 17.90220511512627  
15242. the freight car was cold early in the morning.  
11.960018879653097  
15243. he was pressed far back into the corner of the car on his hay  
sacks the rattling and tinning of the wheels on the rails almost covering  
the sound of his ocarina. 6.969661158392085  
15244. he held his elbows away from his body and the little sweet potato  
trilled neatly and sweetly as he tickled its tune-belly.  
7.4490345241416716  
15245. the train slowed at a road crossing and the big door slid  
open; at first gratingly caught by grains of corn- then with a clash into  
its slot. 5.1400253740636375  
15246. the boy lifted the girl by the waist and set her on the lip of  
the floor. 9.212236460535312  
15247. she pulled her legs up under her to rise her full peasant skirt  
drawing up her thighs and feathertop's music pffft-ed away.  
5.615769584361092  
15248. now that is a very nice a very nice he murmured to himself back  
in his corner. 9.874872220378494  
15249. a little thing but the right twist for the action that counted.  
6.803118015135792  
15250. hot that was the word hot! hair like a morning-frightened  
sparrow's wings with the sun shining down over them. 7.096559300248802  
15251. a poet yet! his thoughts for the swanlike neck the full high  
breasts the slim waist and the long legs were less than poetic however.  
5.23666488506328  
15252. zingggg-o! then the boy straight-armed himself up twisting at  
the last moment so he landed sitting. 7.032105024464237  
15253. he was less to see but feathertop took him in too just to keep  
the records straight. 7.749694603130245  
15254. curly hair high cheekbones wide gnomelike mouth a pair of  
drummer's blocky hands and a body that said well maybe i can wrestle you  
for ten minutes- but then i'm finished. 6.251265365724708  
15255. we made it cappy the chick said. 10.717432709549398  
15256. yeah seems so don't it the boy laughed hugging her close.  
7.879513779734377

15257. ah-ah! feathertop interrupted standing up brushing the pig  
offal from his dirty pants. 5.825820622377272

15258. we run a respectable house here. 14.195342816968028

15259. they whirled and saw him standing there dim in the slatted  
light from the boarded freight wall. 6.376876511860498

15260. he was big and filthy and his toes stuck out of the flapping tops  
of his shoes. 9.016975878454005

15261. he held the black plastic kazoo lightly. 9.783357976961607

15262. come sit said feathertop motioning them toward him.  
9.480724918833243

15263. that crap is softer over here. 10.445007602079077

15264. the girl smiled and started forward. 13.848082117783294

15265. the boy yanked her back hard tugging her off her feet and gathered  
her into the crook of his arm. 5.876737685208168

15266. now stay with me kitty he snapped irritably.  
11.137103222084646

15267. i vowed to take care of you- and that's what i'm gonna do.  
7.778213687239533

15268. we don't know this guy. 8.849086346254767

15269. oooo square bit feathertop screwed his face up. 6.764147616291221

15270. thisguy was strictly from outsville. 10.472119682746735

15271. but nowhere! what is with this vow jazz? 10.19575443707157

15272. feathertop inquired lounging against the freight's vibrating  
wall. 9.060328853487057

15273. we- we eloped cappy said. 9.118533821976325

15274. his head came up and he said it defiantly. 14.496279608868273

15275. feathertop made an elaborate motion with his hand.  
6.764147616291221

15276. these two were going to be easy pickins. 15.960502982237067

15277. they couldn't have much dough but then none of the freight-bums  
feathertop rolled had much. 7.380959442811416

15278. and besides the chick had a little something the others didn't  
have. 9.841189775529406

15279. that was gonna be fun collecting! but not just yet.  
9.537380337100918

15280. he liked to savor his meat before he tasted it.  
13.541536369646535

15281. come sit he repeated motioning to the piled hay bags over the pig  
leavings. 5.843289904990168

15282. i'm just a poor ex-jazz man name of- uh- boyd smith.  
4.999788870166861

15283. he grinned at them wolfishly. 12.127026643485452

15284. that ain't your name mister the boy accused.  
11.157555697850237

15285. and you know- you're right! feathertop aimed a finger at him.  
6.460370037324521

15286. oh come on cappy the girl chided. 10.398550832016166

15287. she started to move toward the hay bags dragging the reluctant  
cappy behind her. 7.00173310305524

15288. feathertop watched the smooth scissoring of her slim trim legs  
as she walked to the bags and tucked them beneath her smoothing the  
skirt out in a wide circle. 6.493959464418854

15289. he cleared his throat; it had been a long hot while since he'd  
seen anything as nice as this within grabbin' distance.  
6.483297526472178

15290. he had it all doped of course. 15.276262627898989

15291. slug the kid grab his dough- at least enough to get to  
philadelphia- and then have a rockin' ball with the doll.  
5.641027435357644

15292. hmm- diddle! where'd you come from mr- uh- mr smith?  
8.196044167676531

15293. kitty inquired politely. 10.363724110347151

15294. out.19.804021762487697

15295. i been riding train for a ways now. 9.95288923829895

15296. they lapsed into silence and the freight wallowed up a hill  
scooted down the other side shaking and clanking to itself.  
8.305762197928454

15297. after a while kitty murmured something to cappy and he held her  
close answering we'll just have to wait till we pull into philly  
honey. 6.41714271848313

15298. what's the matter she wanna go the bathroom? 7.655154610114022

15299. ernie found it immensely funny.8.254441635698543

15300. the boy scowled at him and the girl looked shocked.  
12.247078713141354

15301. no! certainly not i mean no that isn't what i said! she snapped  
at him. 5.542917982132687

15302. i only said i was hungry. 13.93195501835056

15303. we haven't had anything to eat all day. 9.735002738047672

15304. joviality suffused feathertop ernie cargill's voice as he  
reached behind him pulling out a battered carpet bag with leather  
handles. 6.54093796655646

15305. whyn't ya say so fellow travelers! why we got dinner right here.  
6.002446559592496

15306. c'mon buddy help me set up the kitchen and we'll have food in a  
minute or two. 7.062020727473021

15307. cappy looked wary but he moved off the floorboards and followed  
the dirty ex-musician to the center of the refuse-littered boxcar.  
5.5933345528998295

15308. ernie crouched and opened the carpet bag.9.670406878971576

15309. he took out a small packet filled with bits of charcoal a deep  
pot of thin metal some sheets of newspaper a book of matches and a  
wrinkled and many-times folded piece of tin foil with holes in it.  
5.126543219685414

15310. he put the charcoal in the pot lit the paper with the matches and  
carefully stretched the tin foil across the top of the pot.  
9.403690298192588

15311. a charcoal pit man he said indicating the slightly-smoking  
makeshift brazier. 7.563545188002981

15312. fan it he told cappy handing him a sheet of newspaper.  
8.415898018816554

15313. yeah but what're we gonna eat? 7.622507342753323

15314. charcoal? 19.804021762487697

15315. fella ernie wagged a dirty finger at the younger man you  
try my ever-lovin' patience.5.542917982132687

15316. he reached once more into the carpet bag and brought up a  
package of wieners. 8.52351370118872

15317. not the greatest but they stick to your belly insides.  
8.940878361709158

15318. he ripped down the cellophane carefully and laid three dogs on the  
tin foil. 8.824820353737188

15319. almost immediately they began to sizzle. 10.155668799903394

15320. he looked up and grinned. 15.385132030882776

15321. a kroger's self-serve he explained. 11.781091587713144

15322. when they had licked the last of the wieners' taste from their  
fingers they settled back and cappy offered ernie a cigarette.  
8.784928994875889

15323. nice kid ernie thought too bad. 9.34245704977057

15324. how come you're riding the rods kids like you? 9.981564148579817

15325. ernie asked. 12.292407525564322

15326. cappy looked down at his wide hands and did not reply.  
8.460427663730693

15327. but surprisingly kitty's face came up and she said my father.  
8.215641403132352

15328. he didn't want us to get married. 8.371891266111776

15329. why didn't he want you to get hitched? 10.618673354017204

15330. this time even she did not answer. 9.803934985385947

15331. she looked down at her hands too. 9.995947520348533

15332. after a few seconds she said dad didn't like cappy.  
12.325120038710505

15333. cappy's head came around sharply. 8.254441635698543

15334. your fault hell! it was all my fault. 10.970609199129902

15335. if i'd been careful it never woulda- he stopped abruptly.  
8.847147922174463

15336. what's the matter? 15.594944937291627

15337. the girl still did not raise her eyes but she added simply  
i'm pregnant. 6.578982329721101

15338. oh he was stupid her old man! you never heard nothin' like it:  
kitty's gonna go have an abortion and kitty's gonna go away to a  
convent and kitty's this and kitty's that h like he was nuts or  
somethin' y'know? 6.001522390580316

15339. ernie nodded. 12.292407525564322

15340. this was a slightly different matter. 19.046401905705412

15341. he remembered midge and the child. 12.127026643485452

15342. but that had been a time before all this a time he didn't think  
about. 11.870409943990316

15343. a time before the white lightning and the bumming had turned him  
inside out. 6.40132428842376

15344. but these kids weren't like him. 16.743863813164296

15345. oh crap! he thought pull out of it old son. 9.834505603095515

15346. these are just another couple of characters to roll.  
11.376224952521977

15347. what they got you get. 14.637919672247627

15348. now forget all this other. 15.364229980974233

15349. wanna drink? 12.292407525564322

15350. ernie offered taking the pint of sweet lucy from his jacket  
pocket. 7.615092762846159

15351. the answer came from the open door of the boxcar.  
11.558487453019104

15352. from the man who had leaped in from the high bank outside as the  
train had slowed on the grade. 9.652838240700783

15353. ernie stared at the man. 8.254441635698543

15354. real big with shoulders out to here and hair all over him like  
a grizzly. 7.032105024464237

15355. you gonna give me a drink fella? 11.823504411807077

15356. the big man asked again taking a step into the boxcar.  
10.121051097733616

15357. this character could break him in half. 10.120218108434937

15358. sure he said and lifted the pint to his own lips. 9.374962061086082

15359. he guzzled down three-quarters of the strong home-blend and  
proffered the remainder. 7.560809233574742

15360. the man stalked toward them his big boots heavy on the wooden  
flooring. 10.455105502951271

15361. he took the bottle with undue belligerence and making sucking  
noises with his thick lips drained it completely. 6.860139917326353

15362. he threw his head back closed his eyes and belched ferociously.  
10.792077073429509

15363. he belched again and opening his eyes threw the bottle out the  
open door. 6.955990454870539

15364. well now he said and reached into his pocket. 11.29585645610775

15365. i didn't know i was gonna have company in this car.  
5.8892535864671345

15366. we're going to philadelphia kitty said pulling her skirt down  
around her legs all the more. 5.8055360621897165

15367. no i don't think so said the big man and it was the final  
clinch for ernie. 7.557159997504777

15368. he had suspected this guy was trouble and now he was sure of it.  
7.744304979455233

15369. maybe you and me will girlie but these two ain't goin' nowhere.  
7.341749202290255

15370. he advanced on them and abruptly there was a shocked electricity  
in the car. 9.73453812619693

15371. ernie was screaming inside himself: no damn you you ain't  
gonna take my meal ticket away from me! the newcomer stalked toward them  
and kitty shied back her hand to her mouth. 4.625142923266387

15372. her scream split up the silence of the car accompanied by the  
rattling of the freight and then cappy came off the floor his legs  
driving him hard. 7.179932855170498

15373. the kid hit the bigger man with an audible thwump! and carried  
him backward in a footballer's tackle. 6.288556869610567

15374. they went down in a heap and for a long minute there was nothing to  
see but flailing arms and legs. 8.612089542705037

15375. the kid showed for an instant and his arm was cocked back.  
7.938185127948141

15376. the fist went down into the pile of flesh and ernie heard the  
bigger man's deeper voice go aaawww! then they were tumbling again and  
the big man reached into the same pocket he had gone for earlier and came  
up with a vicious switchblade. 6.372396627172946

15377. he held the knife aloft an instant- an instant enough to press  
the stud. 6.955990454870539

15378. the blade came out with a snick! he fisted the knife overhand and  
drew back to plunge it into the kid's throat. 7.997216589624083

15379. kitty screamed insanely and her face was white. 6.764147616291221

15380. she grabbed at feathertop's sleeve and shrieked help him! help  
him! do something! they neither liked nor disliked the old man.  
7.39595678659273

15381. to them he could have been the broken bell in the church tower  
which rang before and after mass and at noon and at six each evening-  
its tone repetitive monotonous never breaking the boredom of the  
streets. 5.34037632626635

15382. the old man was unimportant. 16.775915993935868

15383. yet if he were not there they would have missed him as they  
would have missed the sounds of bees buzzing against the screen door  
in early june; or the smell of thick tomato paste- the ripe smell that  
was both sweet and sour- rising up from aluminum trays wrapped in fly-  
dotted cheesecloth. 5.197020362716015

15384. or the surging whirling sounds of bats at night when their  
black bodies dived into the blackness above and below the amber street  
lights. 7.42240672613908

15385. or the bay of female dogs in heat. 9.962920974967497

15386. they never called him by name although he had one.  
10.372209341984666

15387. filippo rossi that's what he was called in the old country; but  
here he was just signore or the old man. 6.061318658395518

15388. but this was not unusual because youth in these quarters was  
always pushed at a distance from its elders. 8.785448670329446

15389. it went to church on sunday and one saturday a month went to  
confession. 7.7671880347284485

15390. but youth asked nothing of its parents- not a touch of the hand or  
a kiss given in passing. 8.602348042572801

15391. the only thing unusual about the old man had long since  
 happened. 9.124782246678729  
 15392. but the past was dead here as the present was dead.  
 11.143652720863852  
 15393. once the old man had had a wife. 11.1970385609203  
 15394. and once she too ignored him. 15.049283460600176  
 15395. with a tiny fur-piece wrapped around her shoulders she wiggled her  
 satin-covered buttocks down the street before him and didn't stop.  
 6.6077447227765385  
 15396. in one hand she clutched a hundred dollar bill and in the other a  
 straw suitcase. 11.702679617295658  
 15397. the way she strutted down the street the old man would have been  
 blind not to have noticed both. 6.911510886400083  
 15398. without looking at him without looking at anything except  
 drexel street directly in front of her she climbed up into one of  
 those orange streetcars rode away in it and never came back.  
 7.5007474407743935  
 15399. but she shouldn't have come herein the first place the women had  
 said. 9.338574244658842  
 15400. she thought she was bigger than we are because she came from  
 torino. 9.236065548037757  
 15401. eh torino! she gave herself fancy airs! just because she had a  
 part on the stage in the old country she thought she could carry her  
 head higher than ours. 5.898116075118373  
 15402. they had slapped their thighs. 22.01765758212555  
 15403. it's not for making pretty speeches about dante those actresses  
 get paid so good. 3.071724701317238  
 15404. henh! calloused fingers caressed only by the smoothness of  
 polished rosaries had swayed excitedly beneath puckered chins where tiny  
 black hairs sprouted never to be tweezed away. 6.524552326675513  
 15405. mauve-colored mouths that had never known anything sweeter than  
 the taste of new wine and the passion of man's tongue had not smiled  
 but had condemned again and again. 4.825818463470176  
 15406. puttana! but if the old man even thought about his wife now  
 nobody cared a fig. 7.032105024464237  
 15407. it was enough for people to know that at one time he had looked  
 down the street at the fleshy suppleness of a woman he had consumed-  
 watching her become thinner and thinner in the distance as thin as  
 the seams on her stockings and still thinner. 5.669674680146378  
 15408. his voice had not commanded her to stop. 9.060328853487057  
 15409. it had not questioned why. 25.200267491386647  
 15410. the women said they had seen him wave an exhausted farewell; but  
 he might have been shooing away the fleas that hopped from his yellow  
 dog onto him. 6.248375062276051  
 15411. and his eyes- those miniature sundials of variegated yellow-  
 had not altered their expression or direction. 6.531657437679598  
 15412. the old man's very soul could have left him and flown down that  
 street but he wouldn't have had anyone know it. 7.861734853708281  
 15413. perhaps he had known then where that hundred dollar bill had come  
 from and where it was taking his wife. 7.034751619892249  
 15414. but when he called for his withered wrinkled sister rose to care  
 for him and the children had he guessed that all he would remember of his  
 woman was the memory of her climbing into that streetcar?  
 8.150792801340772  
 15415. there seemed to be a contemptuous purpose in the way he sat  
 there with his eyes glued to drexel street and his back in opposition  
 to the church behind him. 10.43214077104861  
 15416. for all he saw or cared to see this could have been a town in  
 italy not the outskirts of philadelphia. 8.56780653591443

15417. it could have been bari or chieti for the way it smelled.  
12.931610758806517

15418. what did it matter to him that the park at the foot of ash road  
stretched beneath elevated trains that roared from the stucco station  
into the city's center at half-hour intervals? 6.8396998166226455

15419. or that the tiny creek spun its silent course toward the  
schuykill? 6.210871206873012

15420. this place was hatred to him just as hatred was his only  
companion in his aloneness. 6.886249538313906

15421. to him they were one and the same. 10.90875137997135

15422. sameness for the old man was framed in by a wall of ginkgo trees  
which divided these quarters from the city. 6.701103422023002

15423. sameness lined the streets with two-story houses the color of  
ash. 7.180986566339993

15424. it slashed the sloping manure-scented lawns with concrete steps  
which climbed upward to white wooden porches. 9.119726373603218

15425. it swayed with the wicker swings and screeched with the rusted  
hinges of screen doors. 7.456160179316808

15426. even the stable-garage which housed nothing now but the scent of  
rot had a lawn before it. 8.543253900949068

15427. and the coffee shop on drexel street where the men spent their  
evenings and sundays playing cards had a rose hedge beneath its window.  
5.916605638200641

15428. the hedge reeked of coffee dregs thrown against it.  
10.582206877639416

15429. only one house on the street had no lawn before it.  
8.504321322767934

15430. it squatted low and square upon the sidewalk with a heavy iron  
grating supporting a glass facade. 8.824488116887618

15431. above it from a second-story showroom wooden angels surveyed the  
neighborhood. 7.213738653230417

15432. did the old man remember them there? 10.645658068567197

15433. yet everywhere else sameness was stucco and wood in square  
blocks- like fortresses perched against the slant of the hill rising  
with the hill to the top where the church was and beyond that to the  
cemetery. 5.138466329122399

15434. only paved alleyways tunneled through the walls of those  
fortresses into the mysterious core of intimacy behind the houses where  
backyards owned no fences where one man's property blended with the next  
to form courtyards in which no one knew privacy. 6.120167909675211

15435. love and hatred and fear were one here shaded only by fig trees  
and grape vines. 5.551925244582443

15436. and the forked tongue of gossip licked its sinister way from  
back porch to back porch. 8.286483984364033

15437. the old man silently fed upon these streets. 9.542945442222504

15438. they kept him alive waiting. 11.568363037656766

15439. waiting for what and for whom only he could tell and would not.  
6.369482936051812

15440. it was as though he had made a pact with the devil himself but  
it was not yet time to pay the price. 13.780953780840136

15441. he was holding out for something. 15.66991192537313

15442. he was determined to hold out. 17.218119440805356

15443. the old man's son threw himself down belly first upon a concrete  
step taking in the coolness of it and dreaming of the day he would be  
rich. 6.775895824308829

15444. at fifteen he didn't care that he had no mother that he couldn't  
remember her face or her touch; neither did he care that aunt rose  
provided for him. 7.534709229949473

15445. he was named pompeii as a tribute to his heritage and he  
couldn't have cared less about that either. 7.12602644688808



15446. to him life was a restless boredom that began with the rising  
sun and ended only with sleep. 8.492006313869402  
15447. when he would be a man he would be a rich man.  
16.102449493734653  
15448. he would not be like the rich americans who lived in white-  
columned houses on the other side of the park. 15.672836759537294  
15449. he would not ride theeight-thirty local to the city each morning.  
12.226423653899834  
15450. he would not carry a brief case. 21.028519561200955  
15451. nor would he work at all. 9.225965683634323  
15452. he would square his shoulders and carry a cane before each  
step. 11.126773520398459  
15453. he would sit inside the coffee shop and pound a gloved fist upon  
the table and a girl would hear him and come running bowing with her  
running calling out in her bowing at your service. 5.893647793461192  
15454. he would order her to bring coffee and would take from his vest  
pocket a thin black pipe which he would stuff- he would not remove his  
gloves- and light and smoke. 6.8921799235904855  
15455. he could do that when he would be a man. 13.983800822184625  
15456. hey laura! he called to his sister on the porch above the  
steps. 7.391013650626644  
15457. she was only ten months older than he. 10.731278724007474  
15458. laura what would you say if i smoked a pipe? 7.879513779734377  
15459. laura did not answer him. 9.118533821976325  
15460. she leaned unconcerned against the broken porch fence brushing  
and drying her wet gilded hair in the sun. 7.555676063005962  
15461. one lithe leg straddled the railing and swung loosely before the  
creaking torn pales. 7.165084184249607  
15462. her tanned foot whose arch swept high and white pointed  
artfully toward tapering toes- toes like fingers whose tips glowed  
white. 6.871444601812444  
15463. all the while she sat there her sinewy arms swirled before her  
chest. 7.838589637235464  
15464. her face showed no sign of having heard pompeii. 9.169907062155023  
15465. it was a face that had lost its childlike softness and was  
beginning to fold within its fragile features a harshness that belied  
the lyric lines of its contours. 4.992567046757238  
15466. the eyes blue and always somewhat downcast possessed a sullen  
quality. 10.179938564603429  
15467. even though the boy could not see them he knew they were clouded  
by distance. 8.84004772361222  
15468. he was never sure they fully took him in.  
15.247082972976871  
15469. pompeii called again laura! but the only answer that reached him  
was the screeching of the porch rail from her leg moving against it.  
5.253489966882827  
15470. she's in a mood he thought there's not a month she doesn't get  
herself in a mood. 5.988301681208439  
15471. well what did that matter when the sun was shining and there were  
dreams to dream about? 6.269573517613578  
15472. and as for his pipe if he wanted to smoke one nobody would stop  
him. 10.728041958152955  
15473. suddenly he was interrupted in his daydreaming by a warm  
wetness lapping against his chin and his eyes opened wide and long at  
the sight of a goat's claret tongue feasting against the salt taste  
of him. 4.877035459880043  
15474. above the tongue an aged yellow eye sallow and time-cast  
encrusted within a sphere of marbleized pink skin stared unfalteringly at  
him. 6.946552140752865  
15475. christ sake goat git! but the goat would not. 7.023258681873877

15476. you're boiling milk ain't you? 9.011594807050702  
15477. soothing it with his hand knowing the whiskered jowls and the  
swollen smoothness of teats that wrinkled expectantly to his touch.  
5.3197614127173525  
15478. his head undulated gradually covering space to come straining  
beneath the taut belly within the warmth of those teats.  
7.09619181072902  
15479. with his mouth opened wide he squirted the warm white milk  
against the roof of his mouth and his tongue savored the light  
earthy taste of it. 5.394454072241314  
15480. the boy's fingers and mouth operated with the skilled unity of a  
bagpipe player pressing and pulling delighting in what he did.  
7.068970569960655  
15481. above him slid the evasive shadow of a storm cloud.  
7.590421290199592  
15482. its form was a heavy figure in a fluttering soutane.  
9.090697400031273  
15483. but the boy could see only the goat's belly. 9.374544754266388  
15484. the old man near the corner let the shadow pass over him sensing  
something portentous in it. 8.558239973125177  
15485. he knew it was there knew also what it was about but he wouldn't  
raise a finger except to smooth his yellow dog's back.  
7.536942942251085  
15486. there would be time enough perhaps the old man reassured  
himself to pay the devil his due. 9.339118417061636  
15487. time enough to give up his soul. 13.613444056214224  
15488. in the meantime six sandals stained an ocher the same color as  
pompeii's shaved hair edged up close to him. 9.134431189244589  
15489. the clapping they made on the concrete interrupted him in the  
ecstatic pleasure he knew so that he quickly released his hold on the  
goat and pretended to be examining its haunches for ticks.  
5.943784273861791  
15490. he knew at a glance that the biggest sandals belonged to niobe  
the neatest ones to concetta and the laced ones to romeo concetta's  
idiot brother. 7.640029465141078  
15491. pompeii expected romeo's small body to sink closer and closer to  
the ground. 7.199328088863325  
15492. he expected concetta's thin hand to reach down to grasp the  
boy and her shrill impetuous voice to sound against the rotundity of his  
disfigured flesh that was never sure of hearing anything.  
6.6395522357977095  
15493. people came in and out all evening to see the baby and hold it.  
9.576639905592378  
15494. the room filled with smoke and maggie's head throbbed with  
excitement and fatigue but stuart had such a happy earnest look of proud  
possession on his face that maggie couldn't bear to do anything to  
quench it. 6.718403895670843  
15495. little anne rapidly outdistanced her mother in recovery.  
7.5959474176628765  
15496. in two months she became a fat highly social baby with a fuzz  
of flaxen hair all over her head. 7.627671452943762  
15497. she stopped flying into rages and started digesting her food;  
she developed a peaches and cream complexion and a sunny disposition and  
she asked for nothing more of life than that she be kept dry and  
comfortable and fed huge amounts of food at stated intervals and be  
carried to where she could watch activity going on around her.  
4.444658329666444  
15498. she was so heavy that maggie's arms shook from lifting her and  
taking care of her. 9.221216110182969

15499. maggie couldn't seem to get her strength back or catch up with herself with all she had to do: there was the big basket of clothes to be coaxed through the rickety old washer and lugged out and lugged back; there was the daily round of household chores in which maggie insisted on participating. 4.495196716208382

15500. worry had a great deal to do with it; stuart had been laid off at the produce company and had to go back to sitting in his father's office taking what salary his father could hand out to him. 7.7087274665229915

15501. mr clifton would have preferred death and bankruptcy to having his son stay with his wife's people without contributing to his and his family's upkeep and besides that there were the things that had to be bought for the baby milk and orange juice and vitamins and soap just plain soap. 5.167450678575642

15502. maggie and stuart pored over figures every night trying to find how they could squeeze out a few pennies more. 7.271224592364519

15503. in desperation maggie consulted eugenia one afternoon: do you think you could find me something i could do here at home to make some money so i could still watch the baby and do the rest of the things? 6.2085188608883675

15504. it seems to me you have enough to do as it is eugenia said. 11.442952128326786

15505. she had been watching maggie go from the washing machine to the baby to the stove and back again. 5.593722792787349

15506. i have plenty of odd moments when i could be doing something maggie said. 11.036377174247496

15507. it would make me feel a lot better but the woman's exchange isn't taking baked goods any more and i can't leave the baby with grandma because she isn't strong enough and the baby's too young to be put in a nursery. 6.047805560224772

15508. i should think so eugenia said. 18.979082613988822

15509. for one thing you can stop keeping that child in starched dresses and changed from the skin out nineteen times a day. 6.452912629329701

15510. she's so beautiful and i do like to keep her looking nice. 6.1697941426634

15511. she picked up the baby and nuzzled her fat warm little neck. 7.187557404882245

15512. she'll be just as beautiful in something that doesn't have to be ironed eugenia said. 8.058234557986617

15513. evadna mae evans said she didn't put a thing on her child but a flannel wrapper until it was nine months old. 5.393085136057858

15514. evadna mae evans got all her baby clothes from best's liliputian bazaar in new york and i'm sick and tired of hearing about evadna mae evans. 7.0131976762567785

15515. well now maggie you don't have to snap at me eugenia said. 7.164012087738624

15516. i'm just thinking of a way for you to be sensible. 5.308909254180805

15517. i do seem to snap at everybody these days but i would like to think of a way to make a little extra money. 10.534561312873164

15518. let's make a list of your assets. 8.190298960396978

15519. maggie started laughing and she laughed so hard she couldn't stop and she kept on laughing while she lugged the clothes out to the yard to hang them up while the sun was still shining. 4.950568402933095

15520. when she came back eugenia was sitting at the kitchen table with a pencil and envelope jotting down words and figures. 8.179291906149384

15521. i have here that you could run a nursery of your own for working mothers eugenia said. 8.356970876603308

15522. we could put up cribs on the second floor sleeping porch and turn the front bedroom into a playroom where it's nice and sunny but of course it would entail quite a bit of running up and down stairs and chris said you were to be careful about that. 7.026201841011943

15523. what else? 20.454815948573874

15524. you might set up a dress shop in the living room. 15.2935656841733

15525. every woman in the block has tried that. 7.452451036283637

15526. what about a tea room then? 13.126227377958582

15527. you could set up tables in the front room and serve salads and your baked beans and brown bread and grandma could dress like a gypsy and tell fortunes. 5.54442202442552

15528. and grandma isn't strong enough to take on something like that and to tell you the truth neither am i. 9.073242362632866

15529. she said well those are the really interesting things but if you don't like any of those i can turn over some of my extra typing jobs to you if you think you can type well enough. 4.980050452116372

15530. oh i'm sure i could do that maggie said. 11.656546293871285

15531. but it really wouldn't be fair taking your jobs away from you. 6.824505404037339

15532. don't worry i can get plenty more eugenia said wondering where in the world she could. 5.555691619951919

15533. maggie was looking much happier already clearing a space on the table and chattering about how she could put up a typewriter right there and be brushing up on her typing so eugenia wouldn't be ashamed of it. 4.998336185344618

15534. and then whenever i have a minute i can be working at it and keep an eye on the baby and the stove at the same time. 8.789922781860477

15535. and i can go back to my contests and be thinking while i'm doing the washing. 7.600681703210085

15536. what are you going to do with your feet so you don't waste anything? 10.758814973429546

15537. maggie laughed. 15.610129252044759

15538. she said oh eugenia i wish h what? 12.891277496569838

15539. i wish i had three wishes maggie said. 6.764147616291221

15540. all of them for you. 13.55611807036522

15541. it grew bitterly cold toward the end of november contributing to the miseries of countless numbers of people. 8.736777155764715

15542. the temperature dropped to twenty below at night and stood at zero during the days. 8.743398333851205

15543. the cold settled like a tangible pall over the mile high city locking it in an icy grip that harshened its outlines and altered its physical appearance; it had a look of grim stark realism resembling other cities whose habitual climate was cold instead of the sprawling bumptious open-handed greedy western city basking in eternal sunshine at the foot of mountains stored with endless riches and resources. 4.495480624684859

15544. the jobless huddled in the streets outside of employment offices outside newspaper buildings in parks in relief lines outside government agencies. 8.00317610848465

15545. there weren't facilities to take care of them; there never had been a need felt for such facilities. 7.437702630866911

15546. that kind of poverty was regarded as the exclusive property of the east which created depressions with their stock markets and their congested populations and their greedy centralization of industries protected by discriminatory freight rates. 6.286558561528069

15547. the east was popularly supposed to have got the country into war and into depression dragging the west along; and now the east was

creating government agencies for which the west doubtless would have to pay. 5.92410288192423

15548. the government offices were being opened but they weren't being opened fast enough and meanwhile the cold penetrated everything. 8.296253428209805

15549. shivering people talked and argued; all this government spending would have to be paid for somehow but on the other hand desperate circumstances called for desperate remedies and something had to be done. 7.021453948308087

15550. something had to be done; it was the theme song of millions of american people their personal problems no less urgent than those of the government. 9.526180786068714

15551. something had to be done. 9.118533821976325

15552. the abernathys said it to each other a dozen times a day. 10.918302091707263

15553. something had to be done about the furnace the fuel bills the washing machine the doctor and dentist bills about making money stretch for food for the mortgage for taxes for shoes for half soles for overshoes for clothes for the new leaks in the roof for gas and light bills; about keeping warm about keeping well about meeting the minor emergencies that came up once twice fifty times a day. 5.10604159510992

15554. just dropping the baby's bottle and breaking it became a catastrophe and stuart wore out his shoes so fast that he was termed a major disaster. 7.3590573327102184

15555. the abernathy furnace consumed fuel like a giant ravenous maw that had to be appeased by hurling tons of coal into its evil red depths and no matter how much coal they put in the house remained cold. 6.321838060964414

15556. cold came in the innumerable cracks that seemed to have sprung up under doors around loosened window frames from the sleeping porches the attic from the widened cracks between shingles on the roof. 6.726158168431265

15557. presently they had to give up running the furnace at full capacity and depend on the old coal range in the kitchen which had never been removed when the new gas range was installed and the fireplaces and an electric heater in grandma's room. 5.581872482453997

15558. it was so cold and so wretched that a sort of desperate gaiety infected all of them like people stormbound or shipwrecked or caught in some other freak of circumstance so that time stood still and minor anxieties fell away and the only important thing was to cling together and survive. 7.320235383712549

15559. the pipes burst and they all laughed and stood in ice water to their ankles while they swabbed the bathrooms. 5.8853245991998815

15560. they lived mainly in the kitchen; they moved maggie's bed and the baby's basket there and the rest of them undressed by the stove and ran groaning and shivering to the upperpolar regions and plunged into icy beds. 6.430465068775621

15561. grandma said it was just like the early mining camp days and it was the way people ought to live only she was getting too old to take the pleasure from it that she used to. 6.290666739933361

15562. you said a mouthful eugenia said grimly. 13.503944917508555

15563. eugenia hated being cold worse than anything and she was beginning to find the joys of poverty wearing thin. 6.053151048943948

15564. she said to maggie that it was one thing to meet an emergency and another to wallow in it and it was beginning to look at if this one was going to last forever. 8.176486304488268

15565. plenty of people are poor all their lives. 7.314227633940756

15566. plenty of people haven't our brains and talent. 9.060328853487057

15567. i know you when you start talking about brains and talent maggie said. 8.274249056299203

15568. you're working up to something and if you don't watch out you'll ruin your whole life one of these days just to prove that the abernathy family is superior to everything even a depression.

5.578759053494224

15569. the only thing that worries me is how i'm going to prove it eugenia said. 5.937465667031861

15570. they begged grandma to let them put a bed in the kitchen for her but grandma said she was getting too old to sleep in strange beds and be seen with her teeth out and that she hoped to die in privacy like a christian and if the lord willed it to be of pneumonia than it would have to be that way. 7.37400327128832

15571. she didn't want to be the only one with a stove in her room especially as her life span was nearly run out anyway and she insisted that hope have the heater. 5.101877205742908

15572. hope wouldn't hear of it and she took the heater back to grandma's room and grandma took it back to hope's room and the two of them dragged it back and forth until grandma tipped it over and almost set her bedspread on fire. 6.841344915124057

15573. she said that proved she wasn't to be trusted with a fire in her room and she could be burned to a crisp without anybody knowing it. 6.009688513625728

15574. eugenia suspected her of deliberately overturning the heater because she was getting tired of dragging it back and forth and still wanted her own way but hope said if grandma wouldn't have the heater nobody would have it so grandma had to give in. 5.6679102173306

15575. thrifty of her to use it up. 9.501816810960271

15576. unusual in a case like this but- you can joke! didn't you read it? 7.646569250809713

15577. she's married that tenant! i read it yes. 7.14162538120728

15578. this ought to simplify toley's life. 14.348401121477856

15579. laban had more to say. 8.254441635698543

15580. toley had gone to live in california. 14.390963444086943

15581. he'd mentioned it himself at church and everybody seemed to have the idea that toley had left because jenny had jilted him for roy robards. 6.2808616059855495

15582. it was plain as the nose on your face that they're laughing about it mamma. 10.904928767278548

15583. zion stayed to get my pin but it'll be a cold day in june when i go back. 5.236383152695367

15584. we will both go back laban! kizzie turned to go inside.

10.884879163358585

15585. let me stay and take the pictures you wanted mamma.

9.610246324588674

15586. the sun's right- pictures? 18.83174821599479

15587. she swung around. 15.247579096077972

15588. what pictures? 19.804021762487697

15589. in brace's room! you told me to bring my camera.

8.694445957554716

15590. i'm not going back- indeed you are! why should i want pictures of an empty room now? 4.69843893841529

15591. toley had no idea of marrying that sneaky little jenny! this- trip of his had nothing to do with her consorting with tenants and i am going to see that everybody at mt pleasant understands that simple fact. 5.097902332895639

15592. wait for me laban i'll be dressed in half a second! frank followed her into the bedroom hooked her dress up the back.

6.221143152558621

15593. hurry frank! they're not going to laugh at the fairbrothers and labans very long! toley's going is my fault. 5.926041316002191  
15594. you know it and i'll tell everybody exactly how it happened. 12.294329065738522  
15595. she was so beautiful so valiant so pitiable. 10.731278724007474  
15596. make your confession to god kizzie dear not to the congregation. 10.617736352682517  
15597. i'll decide that wheni get there. 4.8393280814891115  
15598. i was so cruel to toley so unfair. 13.53487361518177  
15599. but i'll be fair now! he is coming back isn't he frank? 7.793238909001978  
15600. yes oh yes. 13.148092146312546  
15601. what else was there to say? 10.34648963827048  
15602. returning to the log-house he found some favorite lines from jonathan swift on his lips: under the window in stormy weather i marry this man and woman together. 6.91316600044924  
15603. let none but him who rules the thunder put this man and woman asunder. 7.070851708123198  
15604. absolution for his lie? 11.568363037656766  
15605. he questioned god's taking time to telegraph the message but he felt better about kizzie and he took the sealed envelope from its pigeonhole wondering why he had preserved it. 5.037911153425335  
15606. if he died before shedid she would never be unable to resist opening it. 10.008371193129557  
15607. in any case he would be thrusting a burden on his remaining sons making them parties to a deception peculiarly his own. 6.93736699822844  
15608. it was simply his necessity to confess which had made him write and keep this thing. 10.434987960680747  
15609. you've told god frank he said. 8.254441635698543  
15610. why lacerate the- congregation? 15.604009980076775  
15611. reaching for an old clay pot relic of pioneer days he tore the envelope in pieces dropping them into it touching the little pyre to flame watching it curl the red sealing wax melting and bubbling in the feathery ash. 4.50981904668096  
15612. surely now his beloved son could rest in peace. 8.3386589614121  
15613. 'and let me go for the night gathers me and in the night shall no man gather fruit'. 5.889229885406488  
15614. a beautiful and haunting line a subtle genius swinburne difficult not to envy a gifted man and perhaps he did h. 7.049965577405743  
15615. but there were great satisfactions even for a small man. 13.207962979229602  
15616. beyond his window were the greening trees new spring eternal hope eternal life. 8.026533005276175  
15617. there lay grand fair's quinzaine his own young parents' graves but new life and promise for his sons grandsons. 6.8984630165675  
15618. he poured his thimble of wine for the toast he'd made so often. 9.176540466704445  
15619. but this last time he drank not to brace but to toley! mr robarads- jenny was the only person she knew of in the mt pleasant neighborhood who called him that- was kind but too easygoing. 5.408133901994707  
15620. it didn't bother him for everybody from the blacksmith to the preacher to say howdy miss jenny adding a careless roy but it did her. 6.960537678671962  
15621. he could put a stop to it she told him again and again. 8.003780484907342

15622. simply call mr whipsnade oscar and dr dunne pgand c'un major frank. 7.615092762846159  
 15623. mr robards laughed said he'd feel a damn fool plain-out couldn't do that even to please her. 5.879193567624874  
 15624. and if i ever hear you say 'mistlaban' again i'll scream. 12.086932825755216  
 15625. and don't tell me you didn't at church sunday. 8.652477872231358  
 15626. i heard you! he really hadn't meant to he assured her but it was plain to her that the importance of these small things was lost on mr robards. 7.578077078063468  
 15627. how strange it was that he could give her this handsome house and carte blanche as to its beautiful furnishings and fail her in-spiritual ways. 5.268792315437199  
 15628. another weakness- far more irritating than his manner of speaking which he made only token effort to change- was his devotion to that old horse of toley's. 6.321481229627115  
 15629. but mr robards' now oh my yes indeed yes! he called her the mare much as mrswhipsnade spoke of the queen god bless her. 6.398729199499508  
 15630. h he with fifteen or twenty horses or mares or geldings or what-nots out there in the barn was reverent only of the mare the racin' mare the revolting gunny. 6.968927568840587  
 15631. for the first few months of their marriage she had tried to be nice about gunny going out with him to watch this pearl without price stamp imperiously around in her stall. 6.698860701671717  
 15632. and what had happened? 21.79500841751721  
 15633. gunny invariably tried to bite her. 7.622507342753323  
 15634. nerves mr robards said just a nip anyway. 9.060328853487057  
 15635. stand back miss jen she's oneasy of your scarf. 6.963789813011961  
 15636. never quit that you sor'l devil! never concern for his wife's nerves or the danger that the curled lip and big teeth might mark their own dear baby due in january. 6.119783323904664  
 15637. she musn't annoy gunny whose foal was due then too! listening for hours to his laments that the war and mist fair's poverty afterwards had robbed the mare of many a racing triumph and to his predictions of greatness for the procession of foals to come jenny could look forward to years of conflict with an animal who disliked her intensely and showed it. 4.878367040876121  
 15638. gunny symbolized so much that was unpleasant- toley the indifference with which the fairbrothers and indeed the whole neighborhood now treated herand which she would die rather than acknowledge to her husband his lack of understanding and sympathy in her present condition her disgusting swollen stomach. 5.518383679066012  
 15639. human birth was no novelty to mr robards. 6.942239804543554  
 15640. tillie was a fine midwife and could get here quick he suggested. 7.391013650626644  
 15641. jenny's aversion to having dr dunne a former admirer seemed silly to him but he would humor her get anybody she wanted the best never being too good for her. 4.808576448439271  
 15642. the chances were against his being here to humor her when her time came she was sure. 8.083288008395126  
 15643. he would be in the barn or riding for the veterinarian! night after night he stayed with gunny in the dead of winter rubbing her with quarts of expensive liniment fussing over her bran mash as the cook did over charlotte russe tracking manure on the pretty new carpet when he did come to the house. 5.223694110566044  
 15644. yet when the dear baby came he had tillie over here in a jiffy and was as attentive and sweet and worried and happy when it was all over as any husband could have been. 6.397599092381136



15645. jenny wished now that she had had dr dunne feeling that somehow he wouldn't have allowed the dear baby to turn into triplets.  
5.77300031951152

15646. there was something not nice about triplets though their father seemed pleased showing no disappointment that they hadn't been the son he wanted saying you don't see triplets trippin' down the pike ever' day miss jen hon. 7.256523385000329

15647. rhyme 'em up cute- arcilla flotilla h edmonia for her mother she said firmly jennifer for herself and- kezziah for miss kizzie he suggested. 5.078552481116961

15648. she was mighty good to you past times an' this'll fetch her.  
7.6924205076212635

15649. now she must be thinking of a boy-name something special.  
6.89152215456979

15650. just wait till she saw the mare's foal. 11.495411112805801

15651. handsomest colt in all kentucky. 8.254441635698543

15652. strong too up on his legs when he was an hour old.  
9.653499265318345

15653. what about royal robards? 13.359616238729945

15654. why don't you name him jesus christ! she burst into tears.  
7.879513779734377

15655. he'd had no idea how unhappy his sweet peach had been.  
6.210871206873012

15656. of course she wasn't herself right now but as her strength came back her spirits didn't seem to rise with it. 8.304789519877946

15657. he had a good idea why not. 17.353531954689558

15658. those elegant at home cards she sent out now she could wear her pretty clothes again and had the house all trimmed up hadn't brought many callers in two whole months. 6.707707965368423

15659. doc dunne and miss sis had come. 7.14162538120728

15660. so had miss shawnee rakestraw full of criticisms about the changes here giving thanks that her dear old father had gone to his heavenly rest last year saying how much she enjoyed her boarding house in town in inclement weather was looking forward to quinzaine spa this summer. 5.639226945096729

15661. miss kizzie had been right snippy ever since they were married though you'd have thought a namesake would have brought her round.  
5.431879171226599

15662. oh she'd come to see them once left silver teething rings for all of the trips. 10.966284788691604

15663. but when miss jen went over right away to return the call miss kiz couldn't have been very cordial for she'd come back before she hardly had time to get there. 5.898583607792321

15664. more and more these days she'd been driving that pretty little mare that looked like her over to tillie's and nick's- his own old square frame box on posts chickens and cats and pups under the house everybody friendly inside making a to-do over the babies dressed like dollies. 6.0013714484459095

15665. though he was glad she got on well with his young folks she ought to be welcome at the finest house in the land too. 6.696436383152329

15666. it made him pretty hot under the collar after the idea miss sis had given him to be told by miss kiz that her holy spa was all reserved for this summer and next if you please and that much as she regretted it they would be unable to entertain mrs robards and the children. 6.768449959517164

15667. she hoped they were well. 11.145752833777212

15668. he didn't tell miss jen but she must have got word from the cook or nurse who of course knew those quinzaine nigs and she really took a fit. 5.80028435735037

15669. if he ever did such a thing again she'd die of shame.  
9.167733270352041

15670. have a party an' leave 'em out hon he suggested.  
11.476046029559635

15671. a swell party send an invite to ever'body but them- those folks  
you met at the galt house the ones i've got to know in this new jockey  
club affair the whole dang neighborhood. 5.07812826545083

15672. we'll have oystchers-couple bar'l oystchers'll fetch in a crowd  
any time. 5.521386603555391

15673. i'll see word gets round. 5.167542196274223

15674. don't you dare! miss jen was funny that way funny that  
she didn't seem to take to his ideas and perk up.  
3.8905888889019447

15675. he was downright worried about her but there was one more thing  
he could try h. 9.20250917108241

15676. zion was surprised when roy's buggy stopped beside her on the  
pike one early summer day as she was walking home from the country school  
where she was teaching now that eph showers had had a call to preach in  
some mountain town. 6.11002210101133

15677. roy smiled- he did have a nice smile- took off his hat most  
politely told her to hop in and he'd give her a lift to quinzaine.  
5.033664462445768

15678. her hesitation was only momentary and she hoped he didn't notice  
it as she settled herself asked quickly how miss jenny and the babies  
were getting on. 6.42623539572226

15679. see for yourself miss zion. 10.985385741679188

15680. it won't take a minute. 12.419975400263999

15681. he swung in through his own wide gateway. 9.026368296067464

15682. them's the purtiest babes you ever did see but miss jen gets  
mighty lonesome. 7.198778874655976

15683. she'll relish the sight of a friendly face. 6.220255690688065

15684. miss kiz won't care your comin' will she? 10.408343380870077

15685. why of course not zion said uncomfortably. 9.684323749366209

15686. he must have forgiven me henrietta murmured to the room.  
11.327606069831942

15687. the absolution of doaty's last will and testament was proof enough  
of that; doaty would never have left her house to a godless woman.  
5.869500549532433

15688. she found herself wishing an old wish that she had told doaty  
she was running away that she had left something more behind her  
than the loving sorry note and her best garnet pin.  
7.231913172635931

15689. perhaps doaty had guessed already and kept her counsel.  
8.338909651164993

15690. henrietta thought it's extraordinary how much she always knew  
about both of us. 7.391013650626644

15691. there had been more to know about hetty inevitably and most of  
it unfavorable. 10.041412780497474

15692. adelia was the good one or if not always good less frequently  
tempted. 7.922748732483108

15693. their childhood would have been quite circumspect without  
hetty's flair for drama especially through the long summers.  
6.04974776899928

15694. in winter in the city there had been the maneret school which  
taught excellently with a kind of austere passion for knowledge;  
there had been lessons in french from a small polish nobleman with a  
really profound distaste for his pupils; there had been the dancing  
class- miss craddock thin and tireless with her supervising wand and  
her everlasting one-two-three one-two-three. 6.785702337920414

15695. there had been supperparties and teas fetes and little balls mama small and pretty and gay and papa enormously jocular enormously possessive the sun around which the blackwell planets revolved. 6.175052815726565

15696. mama had died before the corruption of the family circle the interruption of charles. 8.114483899514362

15697. it was safe to assume that papa sighing heavily had said many times to his remaining daughter thank god your poor mother was spared this and indeed it might be true that it had been easier for henrietta to leave with her hand in charles' hand just because her poor mother was gone already and would never know. 5.459005583534792

15698. mama was vulnerable; one had always felt the need to make a safe world around her. 8.610411877378892

15699. but i would have gone anyway thought henrietta. 16.5120083827024

15700. she had always been able to ignore the moral question because there had been no choice. 10.691691086238723

15701. only at this moment- perhaps because it was before dawn and she was lying in doaty's bed- she found herself examining how others might regard her. 6.415941800512939

15702. perhaps they would argue that morality consisted just of that ability to see a choice. 9.06612560490012

15703. she turned on her side finding the idea oppressive. 9.004732673333839

15704. if adelia had felt about someone as henrietta felt about charles would she have run away with him? 8.070616734413823

15705. impossible to imagine adelia feeling so about anyone. 6.764147616291221

15706. no temptation no virtue? 15.374207938596363

15707. a curious thought to end a curious night. 9.905166252818818

15708. the birds were really awake now in a colloquy of music and light was beginning to creep across the room touching sill and door table and chair and all of doaty's flowers in their artificial blossom and leaf. 6.942199493654511

15709. before anything else she would go to doaty's grave with flowers from doaty's forgotten garden. 6.555038966708796

15710. everything must wait upon this mission this sentimental duty of a pilgrim whose nature avoided graveyards. 7.5506487602418755

15711. she closed her eyes remembering the small french cemetery enclosed by stone walls. 6.897938509958291

15712. it had always seemed to rain there and even the grass was gray. 11.54552803647484

15713. after the sad impatient moment waiting for comfort which could not come she slipped out of bed and went to the open window. 6.44556132424009

15714. the garden below was lacy with dew and enchanting in its small wildness. 9.069913781252382

15715. leaning out she could see a tangle of rosebush and honeysuckle one not quite come to bloom one just beyond it. 5.3667205324572995

15716. on a thrusting spray thick with thorns and dewdrops and swelling pink buds like a summer valentine a bird balanced and sang nondescriptly brown and alive with its own music a little engine of song. 6.887094715964391

15717. it was so pretty and artless that she felt like a child again and would have enjoyed running out barefoot to play on the wet grass with all the growing things but doaty never permitted bare feet and she was decidedly not a child but une femmed'un certain age. 5.4274952220539285

15718. feeling suddenly neat and subdued she dressed quite soberly and went downstairs. 7.615092762846159

15719. rosa unbelievably wasnot yet up and about reassurance that rosa was human. 5.825820622377272

15720. feeling protective toward this sleeping being henrietta found a yesterday bun and milk in a white jug a breakfast which was somewhat the equivalent of going barefoot. 6.09983039226678

15721. outside the garden the tame wilderness yielded a patchwork bouquet of daisies sweet william scented stock and lady's bedstraw which she tied with long grasses and took back to show rosa who was now stirring about the kitchen and haranguing folly. 4.589841520634019

15722. the poodle came gleefully to henrietta and begged for the flowers supplicating the air with prayerful forepaws. 7.663024046550707

15723. henrietta held her bouquet out of reach and said it was for doaty. 7.005717467391782

15724. rummaging in the dew said rosa coldly. 9.670406878971576

15725. go change your shoes before you turn around. 8.311057673570838

15726. she sounded so exactly like doaty that henrietta obeyed her under the clear impression that she could either comply or stay home. 7.3646547782482985

15727. folly danced eager for whatever lay beyond the door. 6.460370037324521

15728. to a blackwell there was only one church. 11.693355023152229

15729. the cemetery slumbered just behind it and the way lay through the village and close to the sea. 7.152792821361911

15730. for the first time in thirty years henrietta walked down the narrow street with its shuttered shops just stirring and its inhabitants eying her with the frankest curiosity. 9.586870493761777

15731. she smiled and bowed recalling the princess-in-a-carriage feeling she had enjoyed when she was a child. 7.501524371045103

15732. now some of the acknowledgments were cautious but all were interested. 10.308561420278885

15733. an old man sitting against the wall of a cottage and waiting for the sun to find him gave her a more than reflective lookas she passed the sap still plainly rising in his branches. 5.309040932049918

15734. on an impulse she turned back and said good morning. 10.855305855731306

15735. he cupped his ear and shook his head at her repetition announcing in a nettled way that he had heard her the first time. 5.908948559750761

15736. he then offered his own estimateof the weather which was unenthusiastic. 10.741930453852211

15737. summer's been slow tocome he said. 7.622507342753323

15738. it's my dryin' out time. 3.6130210406737766

15739. he scowled at her flowers. 14.0564280108931

15740. i'm taking them to the cemetery said henrietta out of a vague feeling of hospitality. 5.199174835539203

15741. they'll be takin' me next he said pleasantly but not so soon's theyplan. 4.984250438954237

15742. see half of 'em in their graves before i choose my own coffin. 8.374780838429205

15743. it's dryin' myself out that does it. 2.9899422249309215

15744. he regarded her with rising hope. 15.385132030882776

15745. you'd like to hear how i go about it. 5.806909895252465

15746. it'snice of you henrietta said doubtfully. 9.670406878971576

15747. he straightened himself soldierly against the wall and pulled his sprawled feet together so they stood side by side in their old boots. 6.834759811295672

15748. his stick ceased to be a thing to rest his chin on and became a pointer for emphasizing the finer aspects of his text. 7.3984306975920475

15749. every month f'r three days he said happily i take no water  
 into my system no water whatsoever. 5.326519577128725  
 15750. henrietta murmured that she could quite see how it would and he  
 nodded approval of her womanly good sense. 7.305055099656447  
 15751. rests the tissues he said and pacifies the system.  
 6.764147616291221  
 15752. my dad did it and he lived to a great age. 9.743563436225397  
 15753. he looked up at her sharply. 10.776005861178222  
 15754. don't remember do you? 4.112779170864945  
 15755. she did suddenly through the link of memory with his father  
 old titus who must have been in his nineties when henrietta ran  
 away. 5.795216625306937  
 15756. next to the blackwells titus had owned the island most and she  
 and adelia had often stood in front of him silenced by his terrible  
 years- a scanty man with a thin beard and very deep-set blue eyes  
 like a mariner more aged than possible. 7.515624776767945  
 15757. he had never spoken once to the awed sisters but his son had been  
 friendly a big fellow of fifty or more a fishing-boat captain and  
 powerful like the sea. 5.8462805032029665  
 15758. it must be that son who sat before her now shriveled to half  
 his size and half his senses. 10.034743309731502  
 15759. she said gently of course i remember you. 12.534239389264426  
 15760. not so well's i remember you he said. 12.991041486721704  
 15761. y're the young blackwell woman. 9.118533821976325  
 15762. ran away on a black night with a lawful wedded man.  
 7.879513779734377  
 15763. i know all about you. 15.401759347390252  
 15764. you do seem to said henrietta impressed. 15.000064054538505  
 15765. can't blame a man for leavin' his wife he said quite  
 cheerfully. 6.002446559592496  
 15766. left mine many a time only she never knew it. 8.449466873348017  
 15767. man in a boat there's a lot of places he can put in at and a lot  
 of reasons he can be away for a bit. 6.40110924832612  
 15768. any harm in that? 13.437452972638015  
 15769. probably said henrietta dryly. 9.118533821976325  
 15770. he gave a short hard laugh and looked at her knowingly.  
 10.090191208524187  
 15771. you'd be the one to say he observed and she found herself  
 liking his approval none too well but she could not defend herself and  
 say that her actions were different since all actions had their own  
 laws. 4.532130734940112  
 15772. only this old man's connivance was even less to her taste than  
 selma cotter's open censure. 8.054746365893974  
 15773. well she had not come back to great island to be understood  
 praised or condemned. 6.2801857841972035  
 15774. she had come to make her peace with the past and of that past  
 this ancient of the earth was only a kind of shadow.  
 10.011156646714106  
 15775. she started to move away just as a woman came out of the cottage a  
 big-boned drab-haired figure with a clean apron tied over her limp  
 print dress. 5.430059192135477  
 15776. she smiled vaguely at henrietta and spoke to the old man.  
 10.556560702553202  
 15777. you've not had your breakfast yet gran'dad. 4.970478748803196  
 15778. y'r dam' porridge is no breakfast he said. 8.581436094141479  
 15779. milk and sops! he beat the air with his stick and it fell from  
 his claws and clattered on the stones. 5.620633094809038  
 15780. he's owly today his grand-daughter said wearily and bent to pick  
 it up. 5.032898478712399

15781. he's got this idea about drying out h it ain't an idea! if it  
ain't an idea she said how comes it you can drink beer but not water?  
4.726707772215755

15782. he looked piously to heaven and said beer don't affect the  
tissues none and the ingenious hypocrisy of this defense pleased  
henrietta so that she forgave him his stint of malevolence.  
6.653673092420428

15783. come on do. 12.292407525564322

15784. the children are eating and miss blackwell's on her way  
somewheres. 11.129238092996406

15785. who ain't? 18.82749629128261

15786. not me. 15.594944937291627

15787. i've got a day's work to do. 4.532364246555126

15788. you'll be visiting miss doaty ma'am? 5.110501839626448

15789. henrietta nodded. 12.292407525564322

15790. how much they knew about her! the woman answered the nod with  
her own. 9.904893893206141

15791. god rest her soul she was a sweet one. 9.29419098307867

15792. come on now. 14.11939494765156

15793. she put a strong hand under the old man's arm and lifted him up  
patiently with the gentle cruelty and necessary tyranny that the young  
show toward the very old. 5.14737491867238

15794. he mumbled at her but let himself be led off inside the house  
shuffling mightily to make it clear how weak and aged he was and how he  
was buffeted about by those who still had their wicked strength.  
7.486996552755463

15795. there was a gabble of voices from indoors young hungry sounds  
like cats after fish and a burst of swearing from the old man.  
7.314501387803211

15796. henrietta looked down at her bouquet still lively with its  
color and scent and set her feet on their journey's way again leaving  
the village street and crossing the first field folly dancing ahead  
of her. 5.887931873159028

15797. at the edge of the field the wild rolling land took over dotted  
with fat round bushes like sheep. 7.91678928788301

15798. they were covered with tiny white blossoms their scant roots  
clawing at the stony ground and wild birds darted in and about and  
through them so they were nearly alive with the rustle and cry.  
6.830766481529004

15799. the air was full of sounds too but placid ones a terrestrial  
humming as much out of the earth as out of the blue sky.  
8.53599794386547

15800. she felt mindless walking and almost easy until the church  
spire told her she was near the cemetery and she caught herself wondering  
what she would say to doaty. 6.7548882021488295

15801. both church and graveyard were smaller than she remembered them  
but the headstones had grown so thick in thirty years that to find one  
named dorothy treading seemed suddenly impossible. 5.218121678816623

15802. she sat down on the nearest fallen with age and gray with sea-  
damp her fingers tracing the indecipherable carved letters padded with  
green moss. 6.902655043690541

15803. the day's sun was gathering its strength in gold and she wished  
she had brought her parasol if only to shade doaty's flowers.  
6.077157104427059

15804. a small rock-carved angel watched her from a nearby tomb the  
only angel in the cemetery. 7.88014969880378

15805. she remembered suddenly a night of savage moonlight and scudding  
clouds when she and adelia having dared each other had stolen out of  
their great safe house and come here hand in hand hoping and fearing  
ghosts. 4.978406912966332

15806. the momoyama family had come from miyagi prefecture in the northeast of the main japanese island of honshu where there are still traces of the mysterious ainu strain. 7.729409380958816

15807. the ainus were a primitive people already living on the island before the principal ancestors of the japanese came from southern asia. 5.90330348631672

15808. apparently they were of caucasian blood. 13.533764698558754

15809. they had white skins and blue eyes; all their men were bearded and many of their women were beautiful. 7.943081737129854

15810. a pitiful few of them are left now to subsist mainly on the tourist trade and to sing their ancient tribal chants which have the same haunting sadness as the laments of the american indians. 6.830648799095212

15811. most of them have been assimilated but sometimes a man in miyagi or akita prefectures is much more hairy than the average japanese and occasionally a girl will be strikingly lovely her coloring warmed and improved by a little of the tawny honey-in-the-sun tint of the invaders from the south. 5.791186563505854

15812. tommy momoyama was one of these fortunate occasions. 15.029229310097719

15813. she was taller than most japanese girls and had the exquisitely willowy form of the japanese girl who is lucky enough to be tall. 6.4604493830152645

15814. her nose was higher of bridge her complexion so pale as to be quite susceptible to sunburn and the fish and vegetable diet of her forebears had given her teeth that were white and regular and strong. 6.430533000013153

15815. her mouth soft and full was something for any man to dream about. 6.382269394684917

15816. she had black eyes long and intriguingly tilted and the way she walked was melody. 9.72305902954811

15817. she had been in japan just one week. 9.130734915764195

15818. it was an alien land and she hated it intensely; she was already considering putting in rebellious requests for duty at san diego bremerton the great lakes pensacola- any place the navy had a hospital- with a threat to resign her commission if the request were not granted. 6.7726986920563315

15819. anywhere would be better than the land of her ancestors. 6.945398279765239

15820. there was nothing wrong with her job. 28.458611130963924

15821. tommy had been assigned to the psychopathic ward. 6.764147616291221

15822. there were no depressingly serious cases: the ward doctor sometimes teamed up with the chaplain to serve as a marriage counselor- sometimes the navy sent people back to the states to preserve a marriage- but mental health as a rule was very high. 8.320403704837508

15823. at present the doctor's main concern was in seeing to it that japanese salvage firms were not permitted to operate on the hulks of warships sunk too close inshore because the work involved setting off nerve-shattering blasts at all hours. 5.304976573626288

15824. tommy was interested in psychiatry because there was much an understanding nurse could do to help the patients. 7.368193112759449

15825. but she suffered in her off-duty hours. 15.145152070227198

15826. such as now when she sat at a table in the coffee shop at the officers' club having coffee and a hamburger to sustain her until dinnertime. 6.384377363341759

15827. she had changed into a cocktail dress and the whole evening should have been before her but already she was beginning to get a tight feeling at the back of her neck. 6.399294661886543

15828. this was one of the navy's crossroads- you find them all around the world. 14.22699534026061

15829. ships from the west coast rotated on six-month tours of duty with the seventh fleet and yokosuka was the seventh fleet's principal port for maintenance upkeep and shore liberty. 4.726707772215755

15830. sooner or later all the gray navy ships came in here; if tommy sat long enough she would be sure to see all the young officers she had met in san diego and long beach. 6.2633412556462735

15831. and she wanted desperately to see someone she had known back there. 8.231448570688828

15832. she felt rather than saw the approach of the good-looking young man. 10.998084909713464

15833. he came through from the fleet bar which was stagwith the ice cubes tinkling in a glass he carried. 6.145988127799061

15834. when he saw tommy sitting alone the tinkling sound stopped. 14.010139104510168

15835. he was perhaps a trifle tipsy having been long at sea where drinking is not permitted and consequently out of practice; he wore a brown tweed sports jacket obviously tailored in hong kong and he was of an age that marked him asa lieutenant. 5.858576456411803

15836. probably off one of the carriers- an aviator. 12.22743205244182

15837. there was a fifty-fifty chance perhaps that he would be unmarried and an even more slender chance that his approach would be different. 6.3846635821707585

15838. japan did something to a man- and it wasn't just japan either because the same thing applied anywhere overseas. 6.643215071337043

15839. it was as if foreign duty implied and excused license; it intimated that the folks at home would never know about it and therefore why not? 6.698250562303125

15840. then the young man in the brown sports jacket spoke and it was no different. 10.730496427106432

15841. harro girl-san! he said turning on what was meant to be charm. 6.355566126734525

15842. you catchee boy-furiendo? 24.616003681853215

15843. maybe you likee date with me? 11.035848993798473

15844. i beg your pardon! tommy said out of her cold rage. 7.879513779734377

15845. i don't believe i know you and i can't understand your quaint brand of english- it was meant to be english wasn't it? 4.785738768063801

15846. the nice-looking young officer fell back on his heels open-mouthed and blushing. 9.41193055654976

15847. at least he had the decency to blush she thought. 11.205230233571179

15848. oh- i'm sorry! you see i thought- i mean i really had no idea- oh yes- you had ideas! tommy interrupted furiously. 6.365727389270327

15849. all wrong ones! then she jerked her thumb toward the door in a very american gesture and dropped into navy slang. 6.061948138598955

15850. take off fly-boy! uh- sorry! he muttered and took off obviously feeling like a fool. 8.409241098231298

15851. the trouble was that there was no lasting satisfaction in this for tommy. 9.92274729638731

15852. she felt like a fool too. 12.671390746668923

15853. it hadn't been this way in college or in nurses' training; it wasn't this way in the hospital at san diego. 7.262370556055022

15854. everybody had accepted her for what she was- a very charming girl. 9.135642586896282

15855. nobody had addressed her in broken english at anyof those places nobody had suggested that she wasn't american. 5.6013619292891415



15856. there are spanish girls who look like tommy momoyama brunettes with a moorish hint of the orient in their faces; there are beauties from the balkan states who are similarly endowed and- back in the blessed united states- they were regarded simply as pretty women.  
6.90520284976561

15857. now having been sent halfway around the world on a job she had not asked for tommy was being humiliated at every turn.  
6.168936002855832

15858. four little japanese waitresses were murdering the english language at the counter- yuki kobayashi happened to be one of them.  
8.177551099604287

15859. everybody but tommy seemed to think it was charming when they called bifutek-san! for a steak sandwich or kohi futotsu! for one cup of coffee.  
5.493240172889332

15860. two other japanese girls were sitting at the tables both quite pretty and well groomed.  
8.859019478325889

15861. one was with a whitehaired and doting lieutenant commander; the other was with her american husband and their exceptionally appealing children.  
5.083242045036259

15862. seeing these did nothing for tommy's mood.  
9.246940238563527

15863. she told herself rebelliously and with pride i am an american! and so she was and would remain.  
6.343404332241981

15864. but she was learning that so long as she was in this country and wore civilian dress in the club there would always be transient young men who would approach her with broken english.  
8.645151097851084

15865. there had been occasions when some of the more experienced had even addressed her in what might have been perfectly good japanese.  
9.80362349344151

15866. tommy wouldn't know; after coming to america her parents had spoken only english.  
7.391013650626644

15867. one thing was becoming increasingly sure.  
13.86589361258331

15868. she had been sent to the wrong place for duty.  
16.632966839099623

15869. there was more to service in the navy nurse corps than the hours in the ward.  
9.0631147286475

15870. one had to have friends and a congenial life in after-duty hours h.  
9.09009021154316

15871. now there was raucous male singing from the fleet bar.  
7.985597543376973

15872. it was terribly off key and poorly done and tommy could never admit to herself that male companionship was a very natural and important thing but all at once she felt lonesome and put-upon.  
7.405793528207137

15873. she finished her hamburger and drank her coffee and paid her check; she got out of the coffee shop before the incident could be repeated.  
5.818155896055428

15874. eating while angry had given her a slight indigestion.  
8.581436094141479

15875. back in her living quarters at the hospital she took bicarbonate of soda and sulked.  
6.636794034768505

15876. then after a while she went to her mirror.  
10.813121632821906

15877. she certainly looked japanese and perhaps she could not really blame the young men.  
7.008507738042025

15878. and still they did not have to be so crude in their approach h.  
13.075630510259407

15879. there was a letter to write to her mother and she tried to make its tone cheerful.  
10.622025161006475

15880. she promised that she would soon take a few day's leave and visit the uncle she had never seen on the island of oyajima- which was not very far from yokusuka.  
7.529594850528758

15881. and tomorrow she would take time to shop for the kimono her mother wanted to present to the young wife of a faculty member as a hostess gown. 6.8038316638634555

15882. tommy of course had never heard of a kotowaza or japanese proverb which says tanin yori miuchi and is literally translated as relatives are better than strangers. 6.510961375784369

15883. actually this is only another way of saying that blood is thicker than water. 6.729643282152829

15884. doc doolittle's scheduled appearance at captain's mast was a very unusual thing because the discipline dispensed there is ordinarily for the young and immature and a chief is naturally expected to stay off the report. 5.873190580420362

15885. but the beer hall riot in subic had been unusual too and walt perry was convinced that doc had started it through some expert tactics in rabble rousing. 5.717878709008596

15886. just why anybody should wish to start a riot the executive officer didn't know. 8.890964308847137

15887. in his opinion doc had not grown up. 11.575746058401313

15888. the lieutenant was not entirely wrong in the belief. 10.35355298675256

15889. there had never been a good reason for doc doolittle to grow up. 6.11899076307319

15890. he had come into the navy too young with the image of the fun-loving gunsappleby before him. 10.377433810376445

15891. the war found him much too early and its perils- and especially its awful boredom- were best forgotten in horseplay and elaborate practical jokes and even now doc had never found any stabilizing sobering influence. 5.168621342964303

15892. he remained young at heart with an overdeveloped sense of humor. 10.508315604512694

15893. he wisecracked about the captain's indoctrination of new men took great delight in slaughtering cockroaches with ethyl chloride and gave no thought for tomorrow. 5.602141262886529

15894. he was doing thirty years and the navy would take care of him. 13.345395884151657

15895. the job security enjoyed by doc doolittle and nearly all members of the armed forces is a wonderful thing. 8.294743648082896

15896. actually all a man in uniform has to do is to get by. 10.863276070298907

15897. he may not rise to the heights but he can get by and eventually be retired. 7.944838366322429

15898. doc had been under restriction to the ship since the bustard left subic. 8.161681441555755

15899. this deprived him of liberty in hong kong but he told boats mccaafferty that hong kong was a book he had read before and the navy would always bring him there again some day. 5.084134761784884

15900. at yokosuka he was restricted to the confines of the base because walt perry being thoughtful knew that doc might have to draw some medical supplies from the hospital or the supply base. 6.951738840703637

15901. this gave doc the whole range of the naval establishment and suited him quite well. 8.41326280401605

15902. there were two things he wanted to do: inspect one of the many caves that had been dug into the hills on the naval base and visit an old shipmate. 9.200072043288522

15903. a telephone line had been hooked up to connect the ship with the base exchange. 6.211372457527363

15904. after supper doc called whitey gresham who was now a lieutenant and had a family. 8.269770199313292

15905. well doc you old sonofabitch! whitey exclaimed with true affection. 7.679813597575823

15906. come over and have a drink. 12.009831831331551  
15907. we live down by the base commissary. 13.058717977943918  
15908. i'll be there but i'll walk doc said. 5.994717221457542  
15909. i've got to run an errand on the way. 4.5256324080886206  
15910. see you in about an hour. 12.507185654137091  
15911. he threw a smart salute at the gangway went up the dock and turned  
down the wide street in front of the petty officers' club.  
5.7194515244795605  
15912. how he wondered does one enjoy one's spare time? 9.981564148579817  
15913. he considered some interesting excursion but he was on the road  
every day from dawn to dusk. 10.967830180715552  
15914. then there was exercise boating and hiking which was not only  
good for you but also made you more virile: the thought of strenuous  
activity left him exhausted. 8.038741941496259  
15915. perhaps golf with a fashionable companion- but he'd lost his  
clubs hadn't played in years. 6.670255303873661  
15916. there was swimming over at the riverside hotel but his skin was  
so white he looked like the bottom of a frog.  
10.648352261644632  
15917. perhaps a packing trip into the sierras let his beard grow-  
but that was too stark. 7.055556848958326  
15918. i could he thought take a long walk- but where?  
11.664911033320324  
15919. the telephone rang. 18.69259083039617  
15920. you missed it buzz's voice said you should have gone over to the  
pagan room with us. 9.273802439647252  
15921. strippers but scrumptious and toodle williams and her all-  
lesbian band. 6.460370037324521  
15922. i went over to the willows and dropped two notes.  
12.601286690977014  
15923. tough buzz said listen we're having a stag dinner over at the  
pagan room on friday. 5.716688447118552  
15924. imagine a stag dinner with toodle williams. 9.670406878971576  
15925. owen wanted to be pleasant because buzz worked the territory next  
to his but he hadn't come to reno for stag dinners.  
5.374204152059324  
15926. thanks owen said but friday is a long way off and anything can  
happen. 9.123777562124285  
15927. buzz was a tireless instigator who never let his victims rest.  
6.210871206873012  
15928. when owen was finally rid of him there was a timid rap at the  
door. 9.371414928673117  
15929. yes? 15.610129252044759  
15930. i'm mrs gertrude parker a soft voice explained and i'd like  
to talk to you for a few minutes please. 8.679790462525656  
15931. ahah he thought a lush divorcee at last. 7.14162538120728  
15932. probably saw me in the lobby. 11.628487797146096  
15933. he was disappointed to find a nervous scrawny woman with a big  
hat standing at the door. 6.389141752389197  
15934. she frowned at his green pajamas with the yellow moons.  
9.906434141394781  
15935. how do you do? 17.058897260570216  
15936. she said semi-professionally. 26.414276061460168  
15937. our church is sponsoring a group of very courageous women up in  
alaska. 6.573180959419074  
15938. we call them lay-sisters and they go among the eskimos making  
friends and bringing the light. 8.238985976552454  
15939. they're up there in that freezing climate and all of us have to  
try and help them. 4.394510251306357  
15940. oh? 19.804021762487697

15941. you see she said looking past him into the room where the highball glasses sparkled dully in the bright light you and i can't understand the many hardships they have to undergo.  
5.1179481506618405

15942. why is that? 21.525366789347345

15943. she apparently wasn't satisfied with his reaction.  
9.987973641461945

15944. smug owen thought smug and sappy. 9.670406878971576

15945. there was a slight nervous twitch in the region of her left eye.  
12.427847110063073

15946. it gave her a lewd winking effect. 18.031434947663

15947. have you ever tried to reason with an eskimo?  
11.312750966039447

15948. she asked winking wildly. 11.568363037656766

15949. they are a very difficult group of people. 11.952114519686964

15950. i don't know much about them owen admitted but i suppose they have their own religion and they probably resent outsiders coming in and telling them what to do and what not to do. 5.562008416313772

15951. she smiled in a sickly-tolerant fashion. 9.987973641461945

15952. you know that's very interesting. 20.025453829488345

15953. people don't know how much they give away about themselves by remarks like that. 6.73794973382098

15954. the more canvassing i do the more i note how far most people are from their personal god. 8.336858684965762

15955. forebearing owen kept his peace. 8.254441635698543

15956. what would happen next? 19.98229444449758

15957. that she was out for a touch was certain but when did she get to the pitch? 5.566806497763548

15958. several people passed in the hall and stared as he slowly retreated trying to close the door a little and she slowly leaned toward him and raised her voice. 6.7819939382968855

15959. how did you get by the desk? 10.592111193431219

15960. he asked curiously. 13.148092146312546

15961. i'm sure the hotel doesn't know you're wandering around the corridors knocking on strangers' doors and talking down eskimos.  
3.8666326542850724

15962. oh i just come once a week. 10.398550832016166

15963. every day i visit a different hotel. 7.937963995876646

15964. i feel it's my duty. 18.14271946320536

15965. i do this work all on my own because i understand the difficulties and i want to help these lay-sisters. 7.448943343816053

15966. do you know these women go all through alaska and they don't have the proper facilities? 6.794550777559964

15967. they travel in pairs as much as a hundred-and-fifty miles a day. 9.474041137097496

15968. do you have any idea how far i travel every day?  
8.685200836214921

15969. i have the whole pacific northwest. 19.796534093458984

15970. owen was aware he was getting overexcited but he couldn't help himself. 7.92643863302705

15971. mrs gertrude parker drew back. 9.723374094021814

15972. that's hardly a christian approach she remonstrated.  
5.057456522133471

15973. you're in the secular world. 9.118533821976325

15974. i didn't say it was christian. 9.398156584756887

15975. i don't think you'll find many active christian salesmen.  
4.733174593885167

15976. not that religion isn't big business; those bibles and prayer books make a lot of money for publishing houses but they don't get top personnel. 8.60172568666572

15977. our key salesmen are in appliances and cosmetics.  
7.4609952380312565

15978. god i take it plays no part in this she said waspishly.  
10.35569607594973

15979. god doesn't have any appliance or cosmetics he said heatedly  
before he caught himself. 6.437439750364002

15980. it sounded silly; why go on? 16.49084636425047

15981. more people were passing; he had to find some way to close  
this impossible conversation. 6.305189858899902

15982. and whiskey she said smiling and blinking at the highball glasses.  
9.73086604464448

15983. don't forget whiskey; it's such a big seller.  
3.1547441118478337

15984. you know he said getting a grip on himself i think you're going  
to have to excuse me. 11.089208013672843

15985. i can imagine she said. 16.265699422050396

15986. probably down at the bar. 11.568363037656766

15987. but what do you want to do about the lay-sisters? 18.8550949936891

15988. they must be freezing up there now. 9.060328853487057

15989. can't you help them? 9.118533821976325

15990. leave a card or something. 10.472119682746735

15991. i have no card she said bitterly. 8.309587635189425

15992. you haven't been listening to what i've been telling you.  
11.48832940527018

15993. i only hope my talking to you has helped you a little anyway  
because you need spiritual bucking-up. 6.422715021685593

15994. she looked crestfallen as if he had somehow disappointed the whole  
human race. 11.870732582270533

15995. she stood indecisively for a moment then walked down the hall;  
he heard her knocking on another door. 6.8025228002366545

15996. it took him about fifteen minutes to calm himself; then he  
realized he was hungry. 10.315842221009856

15997. he showered shaved dressed and went down to the dining room for  
breakfast. 11.603209886925374

15998. on the way he stopped at the desk to receive his mail.  
14.315829117055964

15999. there was a check from his company and the usual enthusiastic  
bulletins on new lines they always issued. 6.383583212744386

16000. his lawyer had sent him a statement on his overdue alimony and  
there was a letter from the collector of internal revenue asking him to  
stop in his office and explain last year's exemptions.  
8.225236904384568

16001. he ate breakfast in a sullen mood but afterwards when he walked  
out onto virginia street he felt braced. 6.034462242787552

16002. he looked off to the crest of the sierras still white-topped; the  
glisten of the truckee river made a wide spangle. 7.763709117059294

16003. he felt suddenly elated adventurous. 16.792167399765805

16004. with any luck at all he could easily find a flowerpot.  
9.353719599580794

16005. although it was only three o'clock he stopped in at the golden  
calf. 9.405942280467238

16006. the tables were all spinning the dice rattling the bar crowded.  
9.652754872136947

16007. just to test himself he played roulette for quarters on his old  
combination five and seventeen and within an hour he had won  
surprisingly twenty dollars. 5.669781138034007

16008. the way was opening up; when the management brought around  
champagne the breakfast settled its whirling around in his stomach.  
8.354956021322465

16009. the golden calf was dimly lit with shaded neon.  
8.341215694113531

16010. there were more women than men in the place but he couldn't find  
a flowerpot. 13.298217676188932

16011. they all had the hard look of gamblers who had stopped  
dreaming who automatically turned the cards hardly caring what showed up.  
5.901367588821705

16012. the mural around the wall depicted early settlers in covered wagons  
who appeared much more animated than the gamblers. 7.333060553020843

16013. the women had a bright shining expectancy as they leaned out from  
the wall and gazed splendidly into the distance while the men were  
stern but hopeful. 5.694065682367101

16014. all of course except the donner party who were bent on starving  
to death. 10.453913760301141

16015. i wonder if they did eat each other at the end owen mused.  
13.10522769428326

16016. he sat down next to a heavily-upholstered blonde but she was  
cleaned out in twenty minutes. 8.407523987820325

16017. she sighed a dirty word and left. 7.622507342753323

16018. owen was surprised to see mrs gertrude parker playing the  
one-arm bandits that were cunningly arranged by the entrance.  
6.643215071337043

16019. she sat down and played two slots at once looking grim as if  
bested by mechanical devices and owen felt sorry for the lay-sisters  
depending on her support. 5.172318560596036

16020. a dried-up cowboy sat down next to him in the blonde's place.  
11.80967412168574

16021. he was a little more authentic than usual because he smelled  
slightly of the stables. 10.061622312770144

16022. what you need is a steady martingale the cowboy announced after  
watching owen play. 8.946197657137652

16023. you can't build on your hit-and-miss five-seventeen.  
6.485240293948885

16024. what are you playing? 27.170418025661107

16025. owen asked. 12.292407525564322

16026. i'm just logging the cowboy explained. 10.472119682746735

16027. i keep all these plays in this little black book and i watch  
over a twelve-hour period to find out what numbers are repeating.  
5.643008810714759

16028. but roulette's not my game. 16.181449055670814

16029. i'm always trying to find a breaking table in blackjack.  
7.740380523951136

16030. incidentally i'm pretty famous in these parts: i'm called the  
wrangler. 8.380540047857194

16031. don't you have to spend any time on your ranch?  
4.28927880519753

16032. well of course i do. 17.78420981258574

16033. i'm with the bar-h pushing a horse called sparky.  
4.0028807404405535

16034. he's my own horse and what i collect from him i use on blackjack.  
5.014063307014853

16035. this sparky can rack and single-foot and he's the fastest thing  
in washoe county. 6.70376850576318

16036. i figure if i can get any kind of publicity campaign going  
i'll land him on tv- you know one of those favorite horses for some  
western hero. 7.605495650846075

16037. i once trained a horse for hoot gibson but nothing like sparky.  
7.6623752613818805

16038. he's a pinto and he photographs wonderfully. 5.180848938002438

16039. five came up while owen was listening to the wrangler and he neglected to play a loss of ten dollars. 5.710215321207888  
16040. this proved conclusively that the wrangler was a jinx so he walked on down to hurrays an even more glorified gambling den than the golden calf. 7.218234956809942  
16041. when he looked in the back mrs gertrude parker was marking keno cards. 8.56294043647447  
16042. his adventurous spirit had waned; he studied the pistol exhibition that hurrays featured as an added attraction. 7.681460231045325  
16043. he ogled a long redhead with green eyes but she was a shill with her money in front of her. 7.209524612603879  
16044. he had no great prejudice against shills; it just seemed such a dry run. 10.584718158349082  
16045. there was no cash around; everyone was flipping silver dollars. 12.87996220540548  
16046. the management discreetly withdrew the green stuff into the office and gave the customers chips or checks or premium points. 6.54093796655646  
16047. he read a special announcement whereby hurrays would feature a special floorshow at three am starring adele brenner and fourteen glamorous schoolgirls. 5.909009505545415  
16048. he wondered if he might bag a tourist but they looked frightened of him. 8.824820353737188  
16049. he passed two brides both wearing orchids and they made him feel a little sad. 6.718491433348979  
16050. owen found buzz watching chuck-a-luck. 11.568363037656766  
16051. buzz had on a hawaiian shirt and was carrying some sun-tan oil and dark glasses. 5.542917982132687  
16052. he was shorter and fatter than owen who felt good standing next to him. 10.107316701574787  
16053. we're all going over to lake tahoe and try our luck at cal-neva buzz explained still instigating. 4.598937419623819  
16054. we ran into a guy at the pagan room who guarantees we can beat the wheel. 9.118770590855933  
16055. he started out as a stickman then became a pit boss until the club found him crossroading. 6.612575729858568  
16056. he was knocking down checks at faro. 17.218119440805356  
16057. i'm allergic to tahoe owen explained. 4.0320972279153615  
16058. well okay buzz said. 18.126823107132473  
16059. we'll see you around later. 4.830320705807231  
16060. owen went over to the crap table and the dice were hot but he couldn't pyramid with any consecutive success. 6.54093796655646  
16061. how's your luck honey? 9.118533821976325  
16062. a short platinum blonde in a bursting sun-suit addressed him. 8.196044167676531  
16063. she looked well-fed and prosperous but he didn't get the impression he was being propositioned the way he'd been hoping. 5.829716951732311  
16064. i haven't had any luck since i was a baby. 13.186025328507746  
16065. stake me she said and let me at those dice. 6.460370037324521  
16066. i'll make them dance the tango. 6.139485272299999  
16067. we'll get it in a hurry and get it out. 7.409108477346306  
16068. let's have a drink and discuss a merger. 7.79036137790862  
16069. if you go broke she said smiling up at him i'll leave you. 9.544673152130013  
16070. sounds like real love owen said. 10.821404680402274  
16071. it sort of brings a lump to my throat. 9.740106390825309  
16072. my name's gisele the blonde said after she ordered a scotch. 8.5969447579045

16073. my mother wanted to call me sylphide but it sounded too affected.  
6.849756847411504

16074. is there any word you would like to offer in your own defense?  
12.682020689210686

16075. spencer shook his head. 9.118533821976325

16076. alexander said answer me properly spencer. 9.880450305558641

16077. spencer was quiet for a moment longer then he said there is nothing i want to say captain. 6.509921326966923

16078. naval procedure he thought had its moments of grim humor.  
8.392032887190927

16079. philip spencer had cold-bloodedly planned the murder of his captain yet it seemed in order to chide him for a lapse of proper address. 5.673310619297785

16080. during the morning hours it became clear that the arrest of spencer was having no sobering effect upon the men of the somers.  
11.001699833989331

16081. those named in the greek paper were manufacturing reasons to steal aft under pretence of some call of duty so as to be near spencer watching an opportunity to communicate with him. 5.769484271584444

16082. hostile glances were flashed at both alexander and gansevoort.  
8.581436094141479

16083. the two met in the captain's cabin. 12.456360443626929

16084. what is the next step captain? 21.61264495657293

16085. more arrests i fear. 9.118533821976325

16086. in your opinion who is this e andrews on the 'certain' list?  
10.29102930228358

16087. cromwell of course. 10.363724110347151

16088. he is the oldest and most experienced of the lot.  
16.790591681806706

16089. he saw the dangers not the glories of being identified as a mutineer. 8.750133457414403

16090. somehow he talked spencer into letting him use another name.  
8.802222896711074

16091. there was a tap at the door and oliver entered with the word that heiser wished to see the captain. 7.721332141691359

16092. heiser breathless and wild-eyed brought the chilling news that the handspikes heavers and holystones had been mysteriously removed from their customary places. 6.708501221690429

16093. and also sir two articles which were considered souvenirs now must be regarded in another light entirely. 6.174474194488761

16094. an african knife and battle-ax are at this moment being sharpened by mckinley and green. 8.071298982496305

16095. mckinley was overheard to say that he would like to get the knife into spencer's possession and that- where did you gather all this information heiser? 5.940254971693728

16096. who reported to you the disappearance of handspikes and heavers and who- he was interrupted by a crash from the deck and sprang toward the ladder with gansevoort and heiser behind him. 6.340692788420991

16097. a glance revealed that the main topgallant mast had been carried away. 6.881248562988826

16098. the aimless milling about of what had been a well-trained well-organized crew struck alexander with horror. 9.696025291664574

16099. he bellowed orders and watched the alert response of some of his men and watched too the way a dozen or more turned their heads questioningly toward the shackled figure as though for further instruction. 5.307351523960715

16100. adrien deslonde hastened to alexander's side.  
10.472119682746735

16101. small violently jerked the weather-royal brace with full intention to carry away the mast. 6.0337199299702675



16102. i saw him myself and it was done after consultation with cromwell. 13.151757506541987

16103. and it was clear that adrien was not mistaken for both small and cromwell took no step toward aiding in the sending up of the new topgallant mast till philip spencer had given the signal to obey. 5.711868436746043

16104. then with disappointment evident upon their faces they moved to the work. 10.015371846802845

16105. alexander guessed that they had planned confusion and turmoil thinking it the ideal climate in which to begin battle and bloodshed. 6.884305219303425

16106. their strategy was sound enough and he reasoned had been defeated only by philip spencer's unwillingness to sanction an idea he had not originated. 6.7307444137307515

16107. when the mast was raised alexander gave the order for small and cromwell to be placed under arrest and now three figures in irons sprawled upon the open deck and terror stalked the somers. 5.513580587153346

16108. spencer's potential followers were openly sullen and morose missing muster without excuse expressing in ominous tones their displeasure at the prisoners being kept in irons communicating with the three by glance and signal. 5.830388127029086

16109. one of the missing handspikes came out of its hiding place after midshipman tillotson had been insolently disobeyed by seaman wilson. 9.077918260472366

16110. tillotson had reported the man to gansevoort and an hour later with back turned had been attacked by wilson brandishing the weapon. 6.619226042532854

16111. wilson shackled and snarling was thrown with the other prisoners and was soon joined by green mckee and mckinley. 5.15576524365156

16112. not a man on the brig loyal or villainous could be unaffected by the sight of seven men involved in the crime of mutiny. 8.29807668759856

16113. in the tiny cabin alexander met with gansevoort heiser and wales to speak and to listen. 6.869006664561913

16114. three days had passed since spencer's arrest and each day had brought new dangers new fears. 7.409784756424648

16115. gansevoort said it requires an omniscient eye to select those if any on whom we can now rely. 5.326519577128725

16116. to have the greek paper is not the great help that at first flush it seemed. 10.947280409894654

16117. from actions aboard it is easy to guess that spencer's boast of twenty staunch followers was a modest estimate. 7.480892903909651

16118. well heiser ventured why don't we hold an investigation with questioning and- that would be worse than useless alexander broke in. 7.692169362796583

16119. there is not space to hold or force to guard any increased number of prisoners. 10.768486411043197

16120. besides suppose we hold a court of inquiry then what? 9.124108240509631

16121. then we have informed a large number of our crew that when they reach the united states they will be punished but that in the meanwhile they may run loose and are expected to perform their jobs in good order. 5.933976738932503

16122. mr heiser does this sound like a truly workable plan to you? 8.75775410472422

16123. do you not think these men might choose the black flag here and now? 7.9950544362427705

16124. wales said of course they would. 11.568363037656766

16125. they are about to do so at any moment as it is.  
13.557139676197243

16126. all that is needed is for one man to feel self-confident enough to  
take the lead. 9.316521284051241

16127. as soon as that one man is appointed by himself or the others or  
by a signal from spencer we are going to be rushed. 7.514388962691809

16128. we are going to be rushed and murdered. 10.881601532442618

16129. that is extravagant language mr wales. 15.596825044459875

16130. we are not going to be rushed and murdered alexander said.  
21.87464405261163

16131. we are going to bring the somers into new york harbor safe and  
sound. 9.922768750647368

16132. of course i agree with the captain gansevoort said  
thoughtfully but the conspiracy is ferocious and desperate.  
10.678637679099863

16133. the instinct of discipline has been lost. 8.976097203071156

16134. anything is possible when anarchy has the upper hand.  
8.196044167676531

16135. he paused then added everything on a ship is a weapon.  
7.953394054598466

16136. implements of wood and iron are available for close and hasty  
combat no matter where a man stands. 6.757567981697296

16137. and we are positive of so few and suspicious of so many.  
7.395600886732694

16138. we ourselves must stand sentinel. 16.08227483512138

16139. under arms day and night watch and watch about. 8.346384221294395

16140. those of us present the perry brothers deslonde and the other  
midshipmen now have the responsibility of the somers.  
10.506140045503416

16141. a great deal of labor we have as well for we are too uncertain  
of where trust may be placed. 7.82753896637211

16142. and when he was alone again in the cabin alexander lowered his  
head into his arms and wept for he knew full well what must be done  
what in the end would be done. 8.200503306327501

16143. with all his heart he had loved the navy and now he must act in  
accordance with the navy's implacable laws. 7.749017875623414

16144. and when he did when he gave to his ship that protection necessary  
to preserve her honor he knew he would lose forever the navy to  
which he had dedicated his soul. 8.045272115116706

16145. where had he failed? 11.992927780254675

16146. how had he failed? 13.148092146312546

16147. he who had tried so hard who had yearned so passionately to be  
a great officer. 7.440868350706642

16148. it came to him as he wept there aboard the somers that it was as  
foolish to strive for greatness as to seek to storm the gates of  
heaven. 7.84482703407234

16149. it was given or it was not given. 15.773022186284088

16150. one did one's best and if fortune smiled there was a reward.  
8.510712871262166

16151. one did one's best and if fortune frowned an eighteen-year-old  
boy with murder in his heart sailed aboard one's ship. 5.993063898680357

16152. and alexander sobbed like a girl for the dreams he had had and he  
felt no shame. 7.833338170698159

16153. god knew his tears were his to shed if he so desired for it had  
not been with an egotist's rage for fame that he had held precious his  
naval career. 5.952272437249133

16154. another field had given him fame enough to satisfy any egotist.  
8.19431892800833

16155. it was for love that he had served the navy. 8.239776694938588

16156. to have someday that love returned was what he had lived for.  
11.24865548690165

16157. now the hope was gone. 13.126995623141552

16158. yes he would bring the somers safely into new york harbor but  
at a price. 7.868276295812619

16159. dear god at what a price. 7.782435221260237

16160. and after a while he dried his tears and walked the deck as a  
captain should with assurance and dignity. 8.293971518800271

16161. stern-faced he inspected the prisoners satisfying himself that  
they were clean well fed and comfortable within reason. 5.326519577128725

16162. the prisoners averted their eyes but not before he had glimpsed  
hatred and anger. 9.055676704058166

16163. only cromwell the giant boatswain was mild-mannered and  
respectful. 7.796565768573885

16164. he said captain may i speak please? 17.04255706974967

16165. captain i am innocent of any plot against you or the ship.  
6.002446559592496

16166. are you cromwell? 18.007491315085424

16167. yes sir. 17.219467236792656

16168. before god i swear i am innocent. 12.358689619728056

16169. i know nothing of any plot if there is such a thing.  
10.487121406856064

16170. you are the only man aboard who can be in doubt.  
12.955366788350002

16171. i cannot speak for others sir but i am innocent. 9.866426817028776

16172. he leaned closer to alexander squinting up at him from the deck.  
10.828783456755367

16173. surely captain you did not find my name on any suspicious paper  
or anything. 5.74964531324679

16174. no cromwell i did not find your name. 12.024054770489268

16175. you were careful about that. 15.784668708114987

16176. now spencer seeming with effort to shake himself from lethargy  
spoke. 9.266626149434723

16177. he said cromwell is telling you the truth.  
13.433459215241902

16178. alexander shifted his gaze to spencer. 9.880450305558641

16179. the calmness and detachment of his tone suggested unawareness  
of how implicit was his own guilt in the words he had used to  
defend cromwell. 6.088429261520914

16180. alexander knew spencer too well to think him nai^ve or thick-  
skulled. 8.001384252874109

16181. and in a sudden wave of painful clarity alexander recognized a  
kinship with spencer. 8.905984773826017

16182. here was another human who understood the stupidity of quarreling  
with the inevitable. 10.934940070885343

16183. there was good fortune and there was bad and philip spencer in  
handcuffs and ankle irons knew it to be a truth. 8.506507165152941

16184. he expected nothing for himself but that which naturally  
follows those marked for misfortune. 9.335583858039387

16185. the red-haired captain towering above the prisoner as a symbol of  
decency and authority was shocked to find himself looking with sympathy  
upon philip spencer. 6.145312606246718

16186. this tragic lad had forged his own shackles.  
10.867675364171879

16187. but he could not have done so could not have found the way had  
fortune favored him. 8.398800696097702

16188. and because fortune had favored neither the prisoner nor the red-  
haired captain they would be each other's undoing. 8.333857443819698

16189. spencer if there is guilt if you do not deny your own how is it  
possible for cromwell to be innocent? 5.52461462673258

16190. he was your constant companion. 19.87986593677342  
16191. the hazel eyes met alexander's. 10.915477388587384  
16192. i tell you he is innocent. 14.503132517204426  
16193. and do you think there is a reason why i should accept your word?  
8.351847965062083  
16194. yes. 19.804021762487697  
16195. i have nothing to gain by defending cromwell.  
12.447724118384695  
16196. nothing to lose either spencer. 12.339849216329831  
16197. that's true spencer agreed and withdrew himself from the  
conversation. 6.460370037324521  
16198. his eyes went back to contemplation of the sea.  
10.445085257007582  
16199. i am innocent captain cromwell said again. 8.309587635189425  
16200. before god captain i am innocent. 13.7530392924994  
16201. and though it was logical that a man who could plot mass murder  
would not hesitate to speak an untruth still it was difficult to  
understand why spencer spoke only for cromwell. 5.705602362868318  
16202. the boatswain was as guilty as any. 11.387658710676023  
16203. no action of his could be interpreted in his favor and four  
midshipmen prior to their knowing the significance of the greek paper  
had seen it in cromwell's hands while spencer whispered explanations.  
5.349365758343681  
16204. i thought midshipman rogers had told alexander that spencer was  
teaching him geometry. 10.3211144282129  
16205. it was fantastic to turn from the seven men in shackles to  
the wardroom where a class of apprentices awaited him. 6.97275256037792  
16206. this was a training ship and the training would continue but there  
was an element of frightful absurdity here which alexander  
recognized. 7.221347625129147  
16207. some of these apprentices were in physical strength already men and  
doubtless a percentage of them were spencer's followers.  
5.944006866220232  
16208. rachel steered me along toward a school for young boys beginning  
to study the torah. 7.032105024464237  
16209. bits of trash lay in the roadway. 7.829578875320732  
16210. the air smelled warmish and foul. 16.94381787073161  
16211. a young man appeared out of a side alley and walked toward us  
with quick strides. 8.027237872659333  
16212. he wore a long double-breasted coat of a heavy material dark  
trousers and black boots with buckles. 8.987054866156832  
16213. his black hat with its wide brim high crown and fur trim rode  
high. 5.986320865341358  
16214. with his head erect he approached not glancing at us and passed  
by with his clear eyes raised and fixed straight ahead.  
7.425727860858874  
16215. he had a pinkish-white complexion a small straight nose a  
short black beard and tightly curled paot. 7.975950725851296  
16216. i was suddenly conscious of my bare arms. 13.53487361518177  
16217. the girls in the market place wore long-sleeved dresses and  
covered their legs with cloth stockings. 6.4692013143014755  
16218. i turned and watched him stride down the center of the road.  
10.666942129071304  
16219. his hands were swinging at his sides and he passed through the  
dingy market place with his back straight and pivoting on his heel he  
entered an old stone building. 4.938136177850053  
16220. rachel had seen me watching the young man. 9.060328853487057  
16221. when your mother was here he must have been a young boy.  
9.377836845689659  
16222. like the ones you will see now. 12.833273346968479

16223. i swallowed hard and looked down at my feet plodding along beside  
rachel. 8.072525893110939

16224. she led me into a twisting side alley. 10.749202706058774

16225. the dirty discolored buildings looked boarded up and their few  
windows stood high above our heads. 6.374057384651866

16226. rachel said that schools and synagogues occupied most of the  
buildings. 7.879513779734377

16227. we entered one where the front door stood ajar and climbed a  
flight of steep steps to the main floor. 5.8950234212887205

16228. an old man with a white beard and dressed in a long shabby coat  
baggy trousers and a black skullcap greeted us. 7.943630902859154

16229. he nodded clasping and unclasping his hands over his paunch and  
flicked glances at me. 6.718491433348979

16230. i thought he would ask us to leave because rachel and i were bare-  
armed but he looked down into his beard and preceded us down the  
corridor. 8.321958005169543

16231. his toes pointed out toward the walls. 8.100034263261762

16232. he stopped in front of a door placed a finger on his lips and  
still peering down into his beard pushed open the door to a classroom.  
9.708536034140854

16233. he left us. 21.889553134177078

16234. little boys crowded together on long wooden benches and in  
the center of the room sat the teacher. 10.408843607623785

16235. his black beard dripped down over the front of his coat.  
8.120679696213472

16236. one white hand poised a stick above his desk. 11.30782011568669

16237. he turned his surly half-closed eyes toward us stared for a  
second then shouted in yiddish one two three! rapping the stick against  
the desk. 5.825115699728593

16238. the little boys shrilled out a yiddish translation or  
interpretation of the five books of moses which they had previously  
chanted in hebrew. 8.274865032182026

16239. they chanted a fixed tune in time to the report of the stick.  
8.623328031800257

16240. each boy opened his small mouth wide and rocked back and forth  
on the bench in the way his grandfather and great-grandfather had  
studied and prayed in the ghettos of europe. 7.49098353977564

16241. they had large bright eyes the small upturned noses of all  
babies everywhere and hair cropped short except for the long ringlets  
of paot framing their little white faces. 6.174953366354887

16242. they bent over yellowed prayerbooks and looked up only to watch  
the teacher. 10.49261494877158

16243. since they did not glance curiously at us once i guessed that  
there was a penalty for distraction. 7.335895909855692

16244. the guttural language from the ghetto stopped.  
11.387658710676023

16245. the teacher plunged the children into a new portion this time in  
hebrew rapping the stick incessantly. 6.26128198238476

16246. one boy who rocked back and forth over his worn book had bright  
red hair and freckles. 8.252736515403623

16247. his tightly curled paot hung down to his narrow shoulders.  
7.18676379039501

16248. in the center of his brilliant curls sat a small black skullcap.  
11.568103455632714

16249. his head barely rose above the table. 8.755009490035256

16250. i stared at him for a long time. 14.078909837116544

16251. he did not return my interest. 20.330024155874902

16252. my eyes traveled over the bare walls and up to the one  
partially open window high above the little figures and back to the boys.  
6.442564647997967

16253. some of them ignored the texts and had apparently memorized the words long ago. 9.572166443885843  
 16254. they singsonged the portion at the teacher who accompanied them in an off-key baritone and spurred them on with the stick. 7.231737476099396  
 16255. the tapping defined the rhythm and kept the boys awake. 8.410827486322589  
 16256. i could not keep my eyes away from the boy with the red hair. 10.403408460010127  
 16257. his body pitched back and forth on the bench. 8.222033112066317  
 16258. his front teeth were missing. 12.214555706636531  
 16259. i shuddered and backed out of the room. 8.71470926500631  
 16260. rachel followed looked at me and clucked with her tongue. 8.196044167676531  
 16261. we walked down the cool hall silently. 12.24641875226162  
 16262. from behind us came the rapping of the stick and the high-pitched voices of the boys who would grow to devote their lives to rigid study and prayer. 6.707812590523808  
 16263. i said how long do they keep that up? 8.555241096529764  
 16264. all day she said. 11.568363037656766  
 16265. except for shabbat when they are praying all day. 12.654155661336048  
 16266. i rubbed my hands together. 15.711603260075847  
 16267. they had turned numb and prickly in the classroom. 10.388333405965094  
 16268. the old man in the baggy clothes waited at the foot of the steps. 13.102497140223713  
 16269. he glanced down into his beard and muttered something in yiddish. 7.953394054598466  
 16270. rachel said he asks for money. 9.670406878971576  
 16271. i reached into the pocket of my skirt fingered ten pruta and dropped the coin. 6.789400154986115  
 16272. then i picked it up again and handed it to the old man. 13.314349989229221  
 16273. i didn't look at him. 8.798779312104406  
 16274. does this bother you? 21.428618075818264  
 16275. i said. 15.610129252044759  
 16276. most of our sabras think it's horrible. 20.384487306008143  
 16277. when we were fighting a few of our orthodox people were lying down in the roads so we could not pass. 8.509470265114581  
 16278. they said that we must not fight but wait for the messiah. 9.33913350279515  
 16279. you had to have convictions to lie down in the road in all those clothes and appear as though you might wish to turn yourself out of your own home. 5.676598160931665  
 16280. you had to be stupid or crazy or immortal. 14.547825184934224  
 16281. i was american. 22.589978126100267  
 16282. you had to know also that you were going to fail. 13.759234804827997  
 16283. all of it might have been heroic but they had done it in the wrong place. 9.156388397584864  
 16284. rachel faced me. 13.148092146312546  
 16285. her bright eyes were twinkling. 9.707775903539014  
 16286. she said sometimes i think they are keeping religion for us while we play around. 9.490302606544288  
 16287. your mother hated this way of life. 8.667521764169805  
 16288. she wished to change much for the children here. 10.425849346550901  
 16289. i said quietly respectfully what did she do here? 9.169644675936961

16290. in this section? 31.63770645184257  
 16291. rachel clicked her tongue behind her teeth.  
 7.622507342753323  
 16292. but when she saw the children you have just visited she wanted to  
 take them away and put them out in the country in the kibbutzim.  
 9.928165435492799  
 16293. she was a strange woman your mother. 13.064989863869101  
 16294. when she loved it was with a passion that drove her along and  
 carried along with her those things she loved. 8.054001493679612  
 16295. nothing was too impossible for her to do when she wanted.  
 7.173315565076554  
 16296. she stayed here to work for aliah. 13.668721625254815  
 16297. for many immigrants for many children the first thing they knew  
 of israel and freedom was your mother. 7.851725258908296  
 16298. sometimes it was dangerous for her. 15.620062873538785  
 16299. but she loved danger. 18.049251343074936  
 16300. she took it with her wherever she went; she chose it.  
 10.532088926070996  
 16301. and i think she sought out danger as much as she sought out  
 helping other people. 9.547672475382113  
 16302. she was most strange woman. 17.22621989152487  
 16303. ready to follow her impulse. 9.118533821976325  
 16304. it was an impulse when she was here in me'a she'arim- i was with  
 her- that led her to stay in israel. 11.05461830055603  
 16305. your mother wanted to bring children to israel so that they could  
 leave their ghettos. 7.247711392583968  
 16306. here they did not need to be in ghettos. 22.6624072238526  
 16307. if she could not take the children out of this section at least  
 she could take other children out of their countries and put them on  
 the farms. 7.106399563847288  
 16308. she set out to make sure that no jewish child anywhere in the  
 world had to live in a place such as this. 9.17746235794102  
 16309. i said quietly gaining nerve ready to ask any question at all  
 no matter how intimate ready to be rebuffed then why did she leave  
 israel? 5.908794646906176  
 16310. i'd like to know that very much. 6.583647739421961  
 16311. rachel clasped her hands together and slowed her pace.  
 6.764147616291221  
 16312. the soles of her sandals reported sharply on the cobblestones.  
 9.430036403335416  
 16313. she pursed her lips then clamped them together so tightly that  
 i thought she was angry with me. 6.0970697385474  
 16314. but she sighed and her face relaxed. 14.886931241401385  
 16315. trouble came into her life. 9.629045873528531  
 16316. she had good friends here people who liked her.  
 12.643324018154573  
 16317. but she had to go out and hurt herself. 16.58703363218215  
 16318. there was a man here in town. 30.535477582046838  
 16319. he helped her meet people so she could go out and do the work  
 she wanted. 7.005837398766889  
 16320. there was a refugee who was able to come here because of her.  
 12.218030654432322  
 16321. he came with his son. 15.738793212334095  
 16322. at first i thought they were relatives of your mother but it was  
 not so. 11.379371100645578  
 16323. this refugee was a middle-aged man a big handsome man with a  
 strut to his walk as i have never before seen. 6.534226343417566  
 16324. he had the black numerals on his arm so he had been branded in  
 a concentration camp. 11.075446599338019  
 16325. yet he walked like a young man. 9.433017005438765

16326. often he was terribly despondent and talked to no one.  
9.081415956492219

16327. then he would walk off for a few days alone in the direction of  
europe. 8.743221707384611

16328. all his family was dead except for his son. 10.404965085493798

16329. your mother would always retrieve him when he wandered off and she  
would send him home to his son. 5.864613642981335

16330. he loved the son and was always glad to be sent back to him.  
9.833125419174603

16331. then his son did something- rachel threw up her hands- i don't  
know what but something to an official here- it was during the mandate-  
and the son was imprisoned. 5.072220472864069

16332. a few hours after the son was arrested your mother was informed.  
7.615092762846159

16333. she ran from a little group of us. 7.14162538120728

16334. we were sitting together talking. 17.58979361053657

16335. she went to the father and found he had hanged himself.  
6.452430126248838

16336. it was silent in the stone alley. 18.575160393141385

16337. then she continued with energy i myself did not see her until a  
week after she had run off to find the father. 6.9917927838300775

16338. no one saw her except the man reuveni. 12.309971892301654

16339. i know him. 23.109657718690208

16340. rachel gave me a direct bright-eyed look. 11.290352634939016

16341. she said reuveni wanted your mother to give up her deep  
interest in this refugee. 8.250968430575996

16342. he said she would only hurt herself. 17.04255706974967

16343. he complained to me once that i must talk to her.  
7.953394054598466

16344. when i did she shrugged her shoulders and said that reuveni  
wanted her to marry him. 10.397571846551415

16345. i asked her if she would and she said she would not.  
8.540961853642917

16346. he had known when he first helped her to meet the right people  
and work with them that she did not intend to marry him. 9.019199881652007

16347. anyway i did not see her until two weeks after the refugee  
hanged himself. 6.543402135208707

16348. she came to me one day. 14.108912181436505

16349. she was pale and skinny; she was terribly alone. 6.850114810505649

16350. and she said that after this man had been dead for a week she  
had gone to reuveni and accepted his proposal. 9.11678666440246

16351. he shouted at her and told her he loved her and couldn't  
understand why she had upset herself. 6.174920939052518

16352. but now he was happy she would let him straighten out her life  
and take care of her. 9.799882239068868

16353. he would never let her harm herself again. 9.783357976961607

16354. for one whole week he never let her stay alone.  
13.040828169792588

16355. she let him lead her around. 9.987973641461945

16356. he took her to a doctor for she was run down nervous did not  
care where she was. 9.729686079637455

16357. reuveni took her with him wherever he went. 7.14162538120728

16358. he did not let her talk to people; he did not let her choose  
her own food. 11.30471158343011

16359. she was limp and beaten from her loss; she did not care.  
8.573199718930582

16360. and i'll take you with me. 12.994442504837197

16361. the two of them against the world. 13.92641097956076

16362. that had been how she imagined it. 13.72289676915941



16363. for when he began to talk and dream all at the same time making  
his plans as he went she had begun dreaming too. 7.545204212470379  
16364. but now the dream was over. 19.61922653038531  
16365. the big waking up had happened. 10.82217441035271  
16366. what did i imagine? 18.039490430079823  
16367. she thought. 19.287214484918096  
16368. did i see him about to swing low in a chariot? 8.94379534209861  
16369. or maybe poling up the south fork of the forked deer river  
braving the wastes dumped in it? 5.713104115160779  
16370. maybe i saw him on a barge with a gang of ethiopians poling  
it. 7.911486024277803  
16371. and i'll take you with me. 10.242612813271945  
16372. he had taken her all right. 18.562694343417395  
16373. wednesday nights after youth fellowship. 8.254441635698543  
16374. out of the church and into his big car it tooling over the road  
with him driving and the headlights sweeping the pike ahead and after  
he hit college his expansiveness the quaint little pine board tourist  
courts cabins really with a cute naked light bulb in the ceiling like  
the one on the corner where you used to play when you were a kid where  
you watched the bats swooping in after the bugs watching a room complete  
with moths ping-pong the light and the few casual cockroaches cruising  
the walls an insect highway patrol with feelers waving.  
5.986819219601821  
16375. and the bed that sagged in a certain place where all the weight  
had been put too many times before and the walls fine and thin for  
overhearing talk in the next room when gratt went out for ice the sound  
coming through the walls like something on the other side of the curtain  
so you knew they heard you when they were quiet and while you lay  
wondering what they had heard you listened. 5.036690761957868  
16376. and gratt shafer would be in memphis today for the wedding  
rehearsal and then tomorrow he would marry just like everybody knew he  
would just like everybody knew all along. 6.957619476292922  
16377. likemattie and the mayor up there gripping the microphone and  
toonker burkette back in his office yanking out teeth like they all knew  
he would. 5.205703059560665  
16378. just like the balloon would go up and you could sit all day and  
wish it would spring a leak or blow to hell up and burn and nothing  
like that would happen. 6.4197393212633305  
16379. or you could hope the parachute wouldn't open just so you could  
say you saw it not open not because you meant any harm to starkey poe  
in his suit of red underwear but mainly because you were tired of  
being an old maid- a thing which cannot admit when it thinks it might be  
pregnant but must stand the dizzy feeling all alone and go on like  
everything is all right instead of being able to say to somebody in a  
normal voice: i think i'm pregnant. 4.4959324438933965  
16380. or you could wish your daddy would really do it- kill gratt shafer  
like he said when you all the time all along could feel the nerve  
draining out of him like air out of a punctured tire when you are on a  
muddy road alone and it is raining and at night. 6.805681548435265  
16381. so you sit in the car and listen to the air run out and listen to  
the rain and see the mud in front of the headlights waiting for you  
for your new spectator pumps waiting for you to squat by yourself  
out there in your tight skirt crying and afraid and trying to get that  
damned son-of-a-bitch tire off because that is being an old maid too  
if you happen to drive a car it is changing the tire yourself in  
the night and in the mud and the rain hating to get out in it but  
afraid to stay and afraid to try to walk out for help.  
5.323116527677601  
16382. and every sound that might be the rain also might be the man who  
thinks after he has raped you he has to beat your brains out with a

tire tool so you won't tell a combination like ham and eggs rape her and  
kill her and that is being an old maid too. 6.834002110140192  
16383. it is not having his baby nestled warm and fat against your  
breast and it is not having somebody that really gives a damn whether  
some tramp cracks your skull. 7.6786570435999  
16384. and most of all it is not having the only man you could love  
whether he drives a bread truck or delivers the mail or checks the  
berry crates down at the sheds or owns seventeen oil wells and six  
diamond mines for if you are anybody what he is or does makes no  
difference if he is the one. 7.358076495076158  
16385. he can even be a mild-voiced little-town guy with big-town ideas  
and level gray eyes and a heart even houdini couldn't figure out how it  
is unlocked. 6.543223262990149  
16386. and he can be on the way to memphis your gratt shafer can and  
you discover you can stay alive and hate him and love him and want him  
even if it means you want him- really want him- dead. 8.585687760335208  
16387. because if you can't then nobody else can either nobody else can  
have him. 5.131654817312208  
16388. for you don't share him not even with god. 10.38479854363946  
16389. if it is love you don't. 21.087185825768106  
16390. and i'll take you with me. 12.994442504837197  
16391. even if that's all the promise he ever gave or ever will give  
the giving of it once was enough and you believed it then and you  
will always believe it even when it is finally the only thing in the  
world you have left to believe and the whole world is telling you that  
one was a lie. 5.452973421581288  
16392. even when he is on the way to memphis you will still have the  
promise resting inside you like a gift and it is he inside of you.  
12.339693754207959  
16393. and in a way the promise works out true for whether he wants you  
or not you go with him in your heart. 7.825659334565296  
16394. you feel him every mile further away. 15.000064054538505  
16395. you feel where he is and what he sees and at night you feel when  
he is asleep or with the other woman the one that never could love him  
the way you do the one who got him because she didn't particularly give  
a damn whether she got him or didn't. 7.031458883102943  
16396. and you know you will always wonder all of your life whether it  
was because you wanted him so bad that you didn't get him and you can  
feel nearly sorry enough to cry when you think of that other guy the  
chump who begged you to marry him the one with the plastered hair and the  
car he couldn't afford and the too-shiny shoes. 6.461182077397016  
16397. you think: did he feel that way about me? 9.751843329843403  
16398. it comes to you that probably he did feel that way to let you  
use him like you did when you couldn't have gratt shafer; that he  
must have since he was there like the radio for you to turn on or snap  
off when you got tired of him that other guy. 7.115538720699701  
16399. it dawns on you that instead of a lump to fill the seat across  
the bridge table from you he was a man and that because gratt shafer was  
making you miserable you were passing it down to him to gratt  
shafer's substitute that other guy. 6.488535792913287  
16400. and you wonder if that is why the little man lost his job and  
his car and stayed drunk about a year before he straightened out and  
moved to st louis where he got to be a big unhappy success.  
8.450964373916698  
16401. you wonder if he looks at his wife now and thinks of you.  
8.860781783058862  
16402. you wonder about the christmas card with no name on it and it  
comes to you that maybe it would have been better to have made  
somebody else happy if you couldn't be happy yourself to give somebody  
else the one they wanted- to give them you. 7.193316157399775

16403. damn the world she thought. 9.118533821976325  
16404. she looked out at the corn field the great green deep acres of it  
rolled out like the sea in the field beyond the whitewashed fence  
bordering the grounds. 7.545456880125809  
16405. the mayor envisioned factories there. 13.708848755179268  
16406. homes and factories and schools and a big wide federal highway  
instead of peaceful corn to rest your eyes on while you tried to rest  
your heart while you tried not to look at the balloon and the bandstand  
and the uniforms and the flash of the instruments. 6.052400396476883  
16407. the bands were impatient but they were the only ones.  
10.386928911886695  
16408. the others the ones in the stands were spellbound for hearing  
the mayor was for them like listening to a symphony was for  
sophisticated folks in new york city. 8.028226920917442  
16409. it was like being in the concert hall in the afternoon and  
hearing the piano virtuoso rehearsing. 8.543649186286444  
16410. he was good and they knew that what he was doing for them he would  
do all over the united states some day. 12.040833545832136  
16411. so they stayed quiet and hung not on what he said but on how he  
said it not listening exactly but rather feeling. 7.257461681701615  
16412. if a man was good if he was going to be governor you felt it  
and you wanted him to go on forever. 10.63351642693027  
16413. you were sorry when he finished talking because while he was up  
there you were someone else and the world was something else too.  
6.981034556003128  
16414. it was a place full of courage and hope and you were part of it.  
7.410366695525521  
16415. you laughed and then your chest swelled and you felt you could cry  
for a little bit and then a feeling hit you like a chill in your  
stomach and the goose bumps rippled along your arm. 4.586962801681476  
16416. he hit the theme about dying to defend your country and you  
were ready to do it right then without a second thought. 0.0  
16417. while he talked you wouldn't trade being a west tennessee farmer  
for being anything else in the whole damned world no matter if it hadn't  
in six weeks rained enough to wet a rat's ass. 5.625573869945709  
16418. she glanced at the man nodding beside her a man with weather  
cracks furrowed into his lean cheeks with powdery pale eyes reflecting  
all the droughts he had seen reflecting the sky and the drought  
which must follow now in august- yes with eyes predicting the  
drought and here it was only june only festival time again and  
thoughts of gratt shafer would not leave her. 5.877408747556626  
16419. i should have stayed at the store she thought.  
11.864200230381513  
16420. back at the factory-to-you with the other old maids back there  
she was the youngest clerk and she was thirty-four which made her young  
enough to resent the usual ideal working conditions like the  
unventilated toilet with the door you had to hold shut while you sat  
down. 6.214591994425442  
16421. there was no lock because herman didn't allow a lock.  
14.170519501784666  
16422. a lock on the toilet would encourage malingering and primping.  
9.59560366773705  
16423. the toilet hadn't had a sincere scrubbing in years and there were  
things written on the walls of the little boxed-in place because you  
couldn't keep the public out- entirely. 5.419879683719088  
16424. she could not count the times herman had rapped on the door just  
a couple of bangs that shook the whole damned closet and might  
someday break away the pipe connections from the wall. 6.823988618237524  
16425. the two little bangs meant that he was getting impatient to  
have a crowd of customers waited on and that if he had to he would jerk

open the door and drag out by the opposite door handle which she would be clutching whichever-the-hell clerk it was who thought she could waste so much store time on the pot. 5.252890045256293

16426. and the hours were six-thirty in the morning until eleven at night on saturdays and during sales and there were no chairs and you couldn't smoke and the cooling was overhead fans and there was no porter or janitor. 8.106234465317955

16427. among us we three handled quite a few small commissions from spot drawings for advertising agencies uptown to magazine work and quick lettering jobs. 5.92163188072113

16428. each of us had his own specialty besides. 14.472373245085803

16429. george did wonderful complicated pen-and-ink drawings like something out of a medieval miniature: hundreds of delicate details crammed into an eight-by-tensheet and looking as if they had been done under a jeweler's glass. 5.968057260730877

16430. he also drew precise crisp spots which he sold to various literary and artistic journals the new yorker for instance or esquire. 7.737261717505689

16431. i did book jackets and covers for paperback reprints: naked girls huddling in corners of dingy furnished rooms while at the doorway daring the cops to take him is the guy in shirt sleeves clutching a revolver. 5.098733780586635

16432. the book could be the brothers karamazov but it would still have the same jacket illustration. 9.377477445334648

16433. i remember once i did a jacket for magpie press; the book was a fine historical novel about edward 3 and i did a week of research to get the details just right: the fifteenth-century armor furnishings clothes. 5.434195167413567

16434. i even ferreted out the materials from which shields were made- linden wood covered with leather- so i'd get the light reflections accurate. 6.290129093830134

16435. mckenzie the art editor took one look at my finished sketch and said nothing doing rufus. 5.427950274147271

16436. in the first place it's static; in the second place it doesn't look authentic; and in the third place it would cost a fortune to reproduce in the first place- you've got six colors there including gold. 9.114558822876091

16437. i said mr mckenzie it is as authentic as careful research can make it. 7.033748404049442

16438. he said that may be but it isn't authentic the way readers think. 8.80417241089532

16439. they know from their researches into television and the movies that knights in the middle ages had beautiful flowing haircuts like little lord fauntleroy and only the villains had beards. 6.7033574212062605

16440. and girls couldn't have dressed like that- it isn't transparent enough. 9.73086604464448

16441. in the end i did the same old picture the naked girl and the guy in the doorway only i put a lord byron shirt on the guy gave him a sword instead of a pistol and painted in furniture from the stills of a costume movie. 5.414311361343671

16442. mckenzie was as happy as a clam. 9.060328853487057

16443. as for donald he actually sold paintings. 11.68141985309769

16444. we all painted in our spare time and we had all started as easel painters with scholarships but he was the only one of us who made any regular money at it. 10.43355658063672

16445. not much; he sold perhaps three or four a year and usually all to joyce monmouth or her friends. 5.83548883561448

16446. he had style a real inner vision of his very own. 11.878371347693164

16447. it was strange stuff- it reminded me of the pictures of a child but a child who has never played with other kids and has lived all its life with adults. 0.0

16448. there was the freshness of color the freedom of perception the lack of self-consciousness but with a twist that made the forms leap from the page and smack you in the eye. 8.193486687340618

16449. we used to kid him by saying he only painted that way because he was so nearsighted. 7.588592075096724

16450. it may have been true for all i know because his glasses were like the bottoms of milk bottles but it didn't prevent the paintings from being exciting. 8.896701291165934

16451. he also had at times an uncanny absent-minded air like a sleepwalker; he would look right through you while you were talking to him and if you said for christ's sake donald you've got prussian blue all over your shirt he would smile and nod and an hour later the paint would be all over his pants as well. 5.150076656308588

16452. mrs monmouth thought of him as her discovery and she paid two to three hundred dollars for a painting. 8.469687314270228

16453. it was all gravy and donald didn't need much to live on; none of us did. 8.662841246765407

16454. we shared the expenses of the studio and we all lived within walking distance of it in cheap lodgings of one kind or another. 8.047452625085427

16455. attending the life class was my idea- or rather askington's idea but i was ripe for it and the other two wouldn't have gone if i hadn't talked them into it. 5.47029843950587

16456. i wanted to paint again. 19.111389661529106

16457. i hadn't done a serious picture in almost a year. 8.061482068632769

16458. it wasn't just the pressure of work although that was the excuse i often used even to myself. 10.87699670653576

16459. it was the kind of work i was doing the quality of the ambition it awoke in me that kept me from painting. 8.066532998872102

16460. i kept saying if i could just build up a reputation for myself make some real money get to be well known as an illustrator- like peter askington for instance- then i could take some time off and paint. 6.925046946683116

16461. askington was a kind of goal i set myself; i had admired him long before i talked to him. 5.604540605330386

16462. it looked to me as though he had everything an artist could want joy in his work standing in the profession a large and steady income. 8.90084016957252

16463. the night we first met at one of mrs monmouth's giant parties he was wearing a brown cashmere jacket with silver buttons and a soft pink viyella shirt; instead of a necktie he wore a leather bolo drawn through a golden ring in which was set a lump of pale pure jade. 4.568070058943161

16464. this set his tone: richness of texture and color and another kind of richness as well for his clothing and decorations would have paid the brush-off's rent for a year. 6.812396398818006

16465. he was fifteen years older than i- forty-four- but full of spring and sparkle. 7.643264278376967

16466. he didn't look like what i thought of as an old man and his lively and erudite speech made him seem even younger. 6.442195345463429

16467. he was one of the most prominent magazine illustrators in america; you saw one of his paintings on the cover of one or another of the slick national magazines every month. 7.768199881830762

16468. life had included him in its modern american artists series and had photographed him at his studio in the east sixties; the corner of it you could see in the photograph looked as though it ought to have velasquez in it painting the royalty of spain. 6.824793025633019

16469. i had a long talk with him. 15.037623398637699

16470. we went into mrs monmouth's library which had low bookshelves all along the walls and above them a modigliani portrait a jackson pollock twelve feet long and a gorgeous miro with a yellow background that looked like an inscription from a martian tomb. 6.038796800520065

16471. the fireplace had tiles made for mrs monmouth by picasso himself. 7.43304005989246

16472. like certain expensive restaurants just sitting there gave you the illusion of being wealthy yourself. 8.708779403049375

16473. in the course of our talk askington mentioned that he spent part of each week studying. 9.854180542414944

16474. no i take classes with different people he said. 8.581436094141479

16475. i don't think i've reached the point yet where i can say i know everything i ought to know about the craft. 6.968947435711055

16476. besides it's important to the way a painter thinks that he should move in a certain atmosphere an atmosphere in which he may absorb the ideas of other masters as du^rer went to italy to meet bellini and mantegna. 6.783224977108457

16477. he made a circle with his thumb and fingers. 9.026368296067464

16478. painting isn't this big you know. 10.472119682746735

16479. it doesn't embrace only the artist alone before his easel. 7.071358562973669

16480. it is as large as all of art interdependent varied multitudinous. 17.464378947867022

16481. he threw his arms wide his face shining. 9.785000633246698

16482. the artist is like a fragment of a mosaic- no he is more than that a virtuoso performer in some vast philharmonic. 11.100000170456658

16483. one of these days i'm going to organize a gigantic exhibition that will span everything that's being painted these days from extreme abstract expressionism to extreme photorealism and then you'll be able to see at a glance how much artists have in common with each other. 5.934703772940213

16484. the eye is all inward or outward. 12.535817155586281

16485. ah what a title for the exhibition: the eye is all! what do you study? 6.196590298772555

16486. i asked. 28.659110453221246

16487. i was fascinated; just listening to him made me feel intelligent. 9.178593811447653

16488. i'm studying anatomy with burns he replied. 5.1153798896086915

16489. he teaches at the manhattan school of art. 9.783357976961607

16490. i had studied with burns ten years before during the scholarship year the manhattan gave me along with the five-hundred-dollar prize for my paintings of bums on hudson street. 7.2483989123024175

16491. burns and i had not loved each other. 7.903555937577591

16492. i'm also studying enameling with hajime iijima he went on and twice a week i go to a life class taught by pendleton. 6.193954513283497

16493. my god is he still alive? 8.611532694892672

16494. he must be a million years old. 13.671139498061125

16495. i went to a retrospective of his work when i was eighteen and i thought he was a contemporary of cezanne's. 8.022455398350196

16496. he's about sixty now. 5.462725822855737

16497. still painting still a kind of modern impressionist beautiful canvases of mountains and farms. 7.111586095572323

16498. he even makes the city look like one of thoreau's hangouts. 10.090191208524187

16499. i've always admired him and when i heard he was taking a few pupils i went to him and joined his class. 4.7359315159033

16500. yes it sounds great i said but suppose you don't think of yourself as an impressionist painter? 7.476619026793552

16501. you're missing the point he said. 8.254441635698543

16502. he has the magical eye. 23.397430274692514

16503. and he is a great man. 11.01564382774998

16504. contact with him is stimulating. 10.472119682746735

16505. and that's the trouble with so many artists today. 8.652477872231358

16506. they sit alone in their rooms and try to paint and only succeed in isolating themselves still farther from life. 6.961349362776885

16507. that's one of the reasons art is becoming a useless occupation. 5.501313132759368

16508. in the middle ages in the renaissance right up to the early nineteenth century the painter was a giant in the world. 11.058403496631787

16509. he was an artisan a man who studied his trade and developed his craftsmanship the way a goldsmith or a wood carver did. 7.127984029954035

16510. he filled a real need showing society what it looked like turning it inside out portraying its wars and its leaders its ugliness and its beauties reflecting its profound religious impulses. 7.052669124945115

16511. he was a propagandist- they weren't afraid of the word then- satirist nature lover philosopher scientist what you will a member of every party and of no party. 7.6193738999171305

16512. but look at us today! we hold safe little jobs illustrating tooth-paste ads or the salacious incidents in trivial novels and most of our easel painting is nothing but picking the fluff out of the navel so it can be contemplated in greater purity. 6.459055731118145

16513. a bunch of amateur dervishes! what we need is to get back to the group to learning and apprenticeship to the cafe and the school. 7.370770344354934

16514. the upshot of the evening was that i got the address of pendleton's studio- or rather of the studio in which he gave his classes for he didn't work there himself- and joined the life class which met every tuesday and thursday from ten to twelve in the morning. 6.036909023269737

16515. it was an awkward hour but i didn't have to punch any time clock and it only meant that sometimes i had to stay a couple of hours later at the drawing board to finish up a job. 6.011050632364314

16516. after a short time both george and donald joined the class with me so they wouldn't feel lonely and we used to hang a sign on the door of the brush-off reading out to work. 6.163860190831699

16517. it was mostly for the benefit of the mailman because hardly anybody else ever visited us. 9.602919259281654

16518. in a way askington was right. 11.629024855870329

16519. stimulating was the word for it. 8.369749079855636

16520. i don't know that it was always as rewarding as i had expected it to be. 6.380534407398075

16521. partly it was because pendleton himself wasn't what i anticipated. 6.210871206873012

16522. i had come prepared to worship at the feet of this classic and he turned out to be a rather bitter old man who smelled of dead cigars. 9.400501415119518

16523. no that isn't quite fair. 10.628794361170721

16524. actually there was a lot of force in him which is why i kept on in that class instead of quitting after a week. 7.283136166520215

16525. such a little thing to start with- the car registration. 8.20052854651286

16526. ida where is the car license? 9.670406878971576

16527. she asked. 19.287214484918096

16528. i can't find it in the glove compartment. 15.387374944414505  
 16529. via must have it i answered readily enough recalling her last  
 visit. 6.002446559592496  
 16530. why should via have it? 16.85163603865572  
 16531. had she forgotten she had signed the car away that whatever  
 they mutually owned had been divided among the children?  
 5.15576524365156  
 16532. i was silent. 28.71507759817604  
 16533. i didn't want to stir things up. 7.622507342753323  
 16534. i drive my own car by courtesy of via? 11.633205579815934  
 16535. i'm sure she'd turn it over to you if you'd rather.  
 3.9409848884369008  
 16536. she looked as if she were accusing me of some fraud.  
 12.105435990052907  
 16537. she must have taken the registration when she went to walter's.  
 10.523065830777204  
 16538. no thank you. 15.594944937291627  
 16539. i want nothing of via's. 14.006185166748002  
 16540. why should this suddenly assail her? 16.85163603865572  
 16541. walter was giving me checks for my pay the household bills.  
 6.278469055508673  
 16542. had she been in such a turmoil that this had slipped her mind?  
 9.339254759947023  
 16543. what a fool i've been she said quietly. 9.927609577654419  
 16544. i knew all this but i paid no attention. 12.245663491535007  
 16545. i don't even own the house i'm standing in. 5.165021441057559  
 16546. i was so sure it was all temporary h that we would all embrace  
 and then the lawyer would tear up all those things h it narrows down  
 down down and finally there is no way out. 7.079983185501868  
 16547. if i am not to be mrs salter i am nothing. 12.553380494022784  
 16548. i suppose i should have paid attention to that half-murmured  
 remark but it seemed one of those extreme statements women under  
 stress indulge in. 8.034226478521962  
 16549. i love you i hate you i feel like killing you and myself and  
 in the same sequence i love you i think you're the most wonderful the  
 most noble and so on and on meanwhile eating a good breakfast and dinner  
 and enjoying living. 0.0  
 16550. so i went about my business. 17.221977618117535  
 16551. i made a lemon sponge a light dessert roasted a chicken  
 parboiled some frozen vegetables so there would be something nice in  
 the icebox for the weekend. 6.093118043178204  
 16552. don't bother ida she said. 4.176400477476501  
 16553. i have these appointments in town for saturday and i'll  
 probably spend sunday with dolly or the thaxters. 7.32855991512588  
 16554. at last i thought she's recovering her spirits.  
 14.695306561184132  
 16555. with this movie-to-be in london and new faces about her there  
 she would soon be a more tranquil a wiser person all the better for her  
 stay out here. 5.449004783271807  
 16556. i felt more cheerful as if i had had a part in bringing her  
 through to a greater tolerance of herself. 7.764612682291188  
 16557. and i went back to my own cottage to live my own little patch  
 of life. 7.832613403894527  
 16558. it was foggy that evening but the path to my house was so well  
 grooved that i could feel my way accustomed as i was to the dense mists  
 that rise from the sun-warmed palisades of the river and sometimes  
 last for days. 7.072978406840345  
 16559. in the morning the fog was still thick so that to go to the  
 village i crept along with my headlights full on. 8.147954117779335



16560. i did notice a twinkle of light from the big house through the woods but as i had left a light on in my own house because of the fog i assumed mrs salter had done the same before she left for town. 6.266902709427403

16561. i did my shopping had my dentist appointment and from there i went to the women's lunch at our parish church where we discussed plans for the annual christmas bazaar so that dusk was beginning to gather when i drove home in the late afternoon. 5.375729656237143

16562. but the next day- sunday. 23.621507226357608

16563. why when i drove down to church didn't it speak to me seeing the lights still on and the day crisp and clear? 6.368239651969534

16564. prisoners brought to the dock accused of murder or accident say they cannot remember and reading the accounts of their testimony you cannot believe that the mind can remove absent itself unsee. 5.867756097854561

16565. when i came back from church at noon mrs thaxter was turning into the salter driveway. 7.677276632993989

16566. even at a car's length i could sense that something was wrong and so i followed her up to the turnaround in front of the house. 8.501616400468881

16567. dolly engisch was waiting there on the steps and she came running toward us. 6.009824228690424

16568. she's nowhere nowhere! she screamed and both women ran up to the house and i followed. 7.8390504062111965

16569. the search began in all the rooms running upstairs down opening closets talking exclaiming in rushes and gasps. 5.8530748053844555

16570. everything was as i had left it the night before last- her portfolio and bag for town her lingerie and dress and shoes laid out h only her mink coat was missing. 6.503988993065903

16571. i who until that day before had been mrs salter's friend her equal was the servant now. 6.5779768796623195

16572. it was dolly and mrs thaxter who were calling viaeverybody. 13.850842327221208

16573. and when they spoke they spoke to each other and not to me. 12.440368839262636

16574. and after i brought them sandwiches and coffee i had to go back to my place in the kitchen and wait. 10.648058214197713

16575. sitting in the kitchen i recalled every word mrs salter said that could have been a sign to me. 6.817267170322419

16576. if i am not to be mrs salter then i am nothing. 14.760782139133818

16577. why didn't that alarm me then? 9.684323749366209

16578. and when she returned from taking her guests back to new york she had said all they talked about was harvie h harvie this harvie that h when they know the truth will they drop away from me will i become a nothing? 6.724886762143437

16579. and then i remembered a few years before after their return from a short trip to rome i had heard her boast over and over again on the boat people liked me for myself. 5.818630519948233

16580. i had made a habit of calling her at night from my cottage just to check. 10.59009312891203

16581. the last night i had called but the line was always busy and it reassured me. 7.362967854122548

16582. i assumed it was one of those hour-long conversations with dolly or constance she comfortable in bed. 11.270037413315261

16583. but it seemed not from what they were saying. 13.000699769709389

16584. then was it a final desperate plea from her to whom? 8.887534383548

16585. h hanging on and on past any man's patience h some final  
stab of conclusion? 6.137658990167623

16586. she was found the day after at the bottom of the cliff.  
12.37906702144426

16587. i tried to believe that what must have happened was that restless  
disturbed by this telephone call or whatever she walked out in the  
night as she had a habit of doing. 6.777343271333189

16588. sometimes she took the path that winds up around my cottage to the  
walk at the edge of the cliff. 8.588539728090897

16589. it's so romantic up there she used to say with the broad river  
gleaming in its moontrack like an enormous dark mirror and all the  
sounds of the night so poetic. 4.955340888472323

16590. with all that warm rain and the fog it might have been as simple as  
a loosened rock a misstep. 8.585886056533983

16591. but i didn't really think it was as simple as that nor did  
anyone else. 8.608791737370755

16592. when a fisherman brought her up in his arms still small as if  
she were a child asleep i began to shudder with a terrible excitement  
almost triumphant that i still cannot account for. 7.096267704055124

16593. was it a hysterical release from the long strain of vigilance  
of those weeks? 7.371540233837428

16594. that at last the vigilance the will gives way?  
12.243227107821362

16595. or what was it that before via sonny walter and all i began  
almost to dance with shuddering and cry out i knew she'd do it! i  
knew! everyone stared at me and drew back. 4.925808683293633

16596. their eyes turned cold and accusing even via's.  
10.00377092006671

16597. and they have never changed. 17.04543728184418

16598. at the same time that i thought i understood her at long last and  
pitied her underneath this knowing had there burned unquenched by my  
pity a fire of hate an enduring envy that burst out in that ghastly  
outcry? 7.589033466651726

16599. was that what had given way in me? 8.56621628280458

16600. even now i am appalled at how little anyone knows of what  
they really are. 8.257019223107607

16601. it is absurd of course to say that that one exclamation estranged  
me from the family i considered my very own but there it hangs a  
cooling void that broke our close connection with each other.  
6.601927825865812

16602. at the time i was filled with self-pity at this separation but  
in the years since i have come to understand that the sight of me was  
painful to them after that outcry. 9.797492801979597

16603. in my person they would always remember that last long time of  
me alone with her so if they told themselves that i could have prevented  
it i can understand that by now and love them still because everyone  
must justify have a scapegoat for what is not to be borne.  
5.50094231524928

16604. it is not their avoidance that rankles; it is when i meet someone  
who was a close friend of the family and therefore of mine and they  
nod to me so coolly and walk away that it hurts. 8.121400235548919

16605. i could tell them but no one ever asked why i had cried out so  
triumphantly at the sight of her body. 6.757808987581013

16606. no i forget mrs mathias who had been away visiting a married  
daughter when it happened. 9.181272083649247

16607. she haunted me; she persisted in explaining how and why she  
had advised mrs salter to return to the country. 7.041590070118391

16608. we all feel guilty i turned away from her coldly.  
8.58366065009744

16609. she overplayed her hand. 12.783489925651207

16610. what do you mean? 32.209380504046656  
16611. she frowned. 12.292407525564322  
16612. why put such a high value on being top dog?  
10.484808224039835  
16613. i added. 22.589978126100267  
16614. it was coarse almost insulting this harsh appraisal and she has  
never come to see me since. 11.929246293622006  
16615. but suppose she had not taken mrs mathias' advice and lived on  
like thousands of women in towns dispossessed of love hanging on to  
makeshifts and altogether and finally arid. 5.322030096564122  
16616. if she chose and in that final decision discarded what above  
all all of us value life itself must she not have risen to her  
fullest height and transcending her murky self felt at last the  
passion of a great moral decision? 7.367095763843413  
16617. if they say i could have stopped her it is because they are  
ignorant of her last weeks of self-examination her search into herself  
and its conclusions. 6.938510943133008  
16618. yes i had cried out that i knew she'd do it but without my  
fully realizing it at the time it was a cry of triumph for her praise  
at her deliverance from pettiness and greed- and guilt.  
7.609266423733425  
16619. she was finally at rest in truth of her own proud free choice.  
6.897938509958291  
16620. at rest with my darling ellen the first mrs salter.  
10.922879821261143  
16621. the funeral service was in the house the methodist minister how  
clean and glistening his eyeglasses and his neat body standing  
beside that coffin with that doll inside a stranger speaking to  
strangers the old sacred words and the rain drumming incessantly in  
accompaniment seven days of relentless rain that turned the ground  
to mud so the burial had to be postponed. 4.97949730629508  
16622. then via called to say they had decided to cremate her- as they  
had ellen the thought leaped to my mind- and did i want to meet her at  
the funeral home the next morning. 7.183469018210129  
16623. the coffin stood on trestles in a corner of the long low dimly lit  
funeral parlor on its dark shining surface the sheaf of white roses i  
had ordered. 5.3772178264568815  
16624. i knelt just for decency i thought at the time but found myself  
whispering our father which art in heaven h and it was only after that  
that something unlocked in me and i felt a grief. 8.318385339707916  
16625. via was in the parking lot when i went outside. 7.693064659944322  
16626. together we waited in her car until the hearse moved out and we  
followed it down into the heavy traffic of new jersey. 6.837250201201537  
16627. by the time we arrived and entered the building sacred music was  
already swelling out into the chapel-like auditorium with its discreet  
symbols of religious faiths. 7.14651519516567  
16628. again i felt impelled to kneel and reached back and pulled via  
down. 8.65412245053527  
16629. something would come into her heart h if nothing else the  
sounds of bach would give her some healing. 5.779225712937922  
16630. i had a rather small place of my own. 14.582386352025198  
16631. a nice bachelor apartment in a place called the lancaster  
arms. 7.190017756155806  
16632. uhhu she said hardly listening as she studied her left eyelid.  
8.056432743398839  
16633. and then i had another place farther downtown i used as a studio.  
7.822963906860331  
16634. i'm not a man who has many close intimate friends carla he said  
wanting her to know all about him. 5.299484884709106  
16635. oh i'd drink with newspaper people. 8.254441635698543

16636. i think i was what you might call a convivial man and yet it was when i was alone in my studio doing my work that i really felt alive.  
9.40064825900292

16637. but i think a man needs at least one intimate friend to communicate with. 9.643133799474999

16638. pausing he waited for her to turn to ask a question.  
8.457042904610558

16639. she showed no interest at all in the life he had led back home and it hurt him a little. 6.371754886912092

16640. well what about you carla? 15.32140162471316

16641. me? 15.610129252044759

16642. she asked turning slowly. 23.28689272597761

16643. what about me? 16.035421498336767

16644. did you make friends easily? 14.877179522839205

16645. umm uhhu. 12.292407525564322

16646. somehow i imagine that as you grew up you were alone a lot.  
7.832164721647708

16647. how about it? 18.85123065321469

16648. i guess so she said taking a kleenex from her purse.  
10.227318669010717

16649. when she had wiped some of the lipstick from her mouth she stared solemnly at her image in the mirror. 6.5043605971887795

16650. are your people still alive? 16.073780477193772

16651. he asked trying to touch a part of her life alberto hadn't discussed; so he could have something of her for himself.  
8.008880859370759

16652. you talk so well carla he went on. 13.503944917508555

16653. you seem to have read so much you have a natural gift for words he added trying to flatter her vanity. 7.1617342544439

16654. you must have been good at history at school.  
14.472406603606382

16655. where did you go to school? 9.490694971130479

16656. what is this? 13.148092146312546

16657. she asked turning suddenly. 18.355433542269985

16658. don't you know all about me by this time? 7.716529372078614

16659. my name's carla caneli. 10.62070307965623

16660. i sleep with you. 18.25917094604721

16661. you know something more about me every day don't you?  
10.430971598559564

16662. would you be happier if i made up some stories about my life told you some lies? 9.104191547914413

16663. why are you trying to worry me? 10.28470765609445

16664. i'm not trying to worry you. 4.695968624969399

16665. the cleansing tissues she had been using had been falling on the floor and he got up and picked up one then another hoping she would notice what he was doing. 6.457144608871934

16666. at home he had been a clean orderly man and now he had to hide his annoyance. 9.883833107504973

16667. was she just naturally sloppy about everything but her physical appearance? 7.165023892188002

16668. he wondered. 19.804021762487697

16669. would he have to clean up after her every day clean the kitchen the bathroom and get down on his knees and scrub the kitchen floor then hang up her dresses pick up her stockings make the bed while she lay around? 5.105196761814669

16670. he straightened up ready to vent his exasperation then grew afraid. 10.090191208524187

16671. if he dwelt on the indignities he suffered he would lose all respect for her and without the respect he might lose his view of her too. 6.109563542403875

16672. what's the matter? 9.488114765205632  
16673. she asked suddenly. 19.287214484918096  
16674. nothing at all he said quietly. 16.42878866109561  
16675. are those the only shoes you have sam? 8.909227299215745  
16676. what's the matter with them? 11.061710713267546  
16677. the heavy thick soles. 10.363724110347151  
16678. they're an expensive english shoe for walking around a lot.  
5.254919823845219  
16679. sam no one around here wears such heavy soles. 6.764147616291221  
16680. can't you get another pair? 11.568363037656766  
16681. maybe i could he said surprised that she could turn from  
herself and notice anything about him. 5.820825949681743  
16682. i'll get an elegant pair of thin-soled italian shoes tomorrow  
carla. 5.695891599889178  
16683. and i don't know why you want to go on wearing that outfit she  
said making a face. 7.864016497921355  
16684. what's the matter with it? 8.582712312947487  
16685. he had put on the gray jacket and the dark-gray slacks and the  
fawn-colored shirt he had worn that first night in rome when he had  
encountered her on the street. 4.764069644022462  
16686. you look like a tweedy englishman. 18.58126317085929  
16687. can't you wear something else and look a little more as though  
you belonged? 5.674295354649883  
16688. i don't mind at all he said delighted with her attention.  
6.253064269674427  
16689. changing his clothes he put on his dark-blue flannel suit and  
laid away the gray jacket with the feeling that he might be putting  
it aside for good. 5.026954524797121  
16690. but it was a hopeful sign he told himself. 22.49437965307618  
16691. she no longer wanted anything about him to remind her of the  
circumstances of their meeting that first night in paroli.  
5.97174805050493  
16692. that day they loafed around just getting the feel of the city.  
10.03801150365187  
16693. they looked at the ruins of the old roman wall on the lower via  
veneto then they went to the farnese gardens. 6.829546372023618  
16694. she had some amusing scandal about the farneses in the old  
days. 11.392473792487115  
16695. then they took a taxi to trastevere. 11.5339158979279  
16696. there's a church you should see she said. 4.914173891683686  
16697. and when they stood by the fountain in the piazza looking at santa  
maria he had to keep a straight face not letting on he had been there  
with alberto. 7.0023290107854566  
16698. he let her tell him all about the church. 10.697093789223626  
16699. all evening she was eloquent and pleased with herself.  
7.8287705230377425  
16700. when they got home at midnight she was tired out.  
11.902323396363775  
16701. and in the morning when he woke up at ten the church bells were  
ringing. 8.687506432880586  
16702. he had never heard so many bells and as he lay there listening he  
thought of her scolding him for his remarks when he had looked up at  
the obelisk and the church at the top of the spanish steps.  
8.173416461527896  
16703. it was a good thing that she clung to her religion he thought.  
11.415239550625474  
16704. she might like to take him to st peter's.  
10.749202706058774  
16705. carla wake up he said shaking her. 7.622507342753323  
16706. aren't you going out to mass? 7.162179915621293

16707. you could take me to st peter's. 7.840709605621122  
 16708. come on you'll be late. 11.069026386656764  
 16709. i think i'll sleep in this morning she said drowsily and as she  
 snuggled against him he wondered if she ever went to church.  
 5.643008810714759  
 16710. why did he want her to go to church? 15.977716826734921  
 16711. he wondered h probably because it was a place where she  
 might get a feeling of certainty and security. 7.092812781698658  
 16712. it would be good for her. 19.34224390285486  
 16713. it was too bad he had no feeling himself for church.  
 11.730645000805922  
 16714. not his poor mother's fault. 14.174471042466617  
 16715. she would have been better off if she had stuck to her bible.  
 8.512850220478148  
 16716. as for himself he just didn't have the temperament for it.  
 11.598596425103858  
 16717. from the time he had been at college he had achieved a certain  
 tranquility and composure by accepting the fact that there were  
 certain things he could never know. 5.864091825700597  
 16718. then he thought of those old testament figures on the ceiling of  
 the sistine chapel. 11.711369048743423  
 16719. just figures out of a tribal folklore. 9.039542111835368  
 16720. could he honestly believe it would be good for carla to have  
 those old prophets gripping her imagination now? 7.170111233935536  
 16721. being a woman though she would take only what she needed from  
 church. 6.596577939210777  
 16722. it was too bad he wasn't a catholic himself.  
 15.988519678954818  
 16723. or a protestant or one of those amusing dogmatic atheists or a  
 strict orthodox communist. 7.488209025514629  
 16724. what was the matter with him that they all wearied him?  
 12.282238410958582  
 16725. it was the times he was sure. 17.552350950085547  
 16726. all the ideologies changing from day to day right under his eyes  
 so how could a man look to any one of them for an enlargement of his  
 freedom? 6.967923329638222  
 16727. it was all too wearying. 22.145983344902916  
 16728. but where? 29.954223479466464  
 16729. just the same he thought pondering over it it would be a good  
 thing for a girl like carla if she got up and went to church.  
 7.250561503636671  
 16730. a half hour later he got her up to go out for breakfast so the  
 ferraros hearing them hurrying down the stairs would think they were  
 going to a late mass. 0.0  
 16731. it seemed to him that if the ferraros felt sure of them could  
 place them it would help him to feel more sure of himself with carla.  
 6.162421227944651  
 16732. since we're having coffee with them this afternoon he said i  
 think i'll ask the daughter if we can pay her to come in every day to  
 clean for us. 0.0  
 16733. and he waited for her to say oh no i can do it sam.  
 8.633713859320961  
 16734. there's so little to do. 5.932255538785735  
 16735. i'm not good at that kind of thing. 4.158644299462758  
 16736. this afternoon let's take an air with them. 11.723189855790974  
 16737. let's be fine superior people of great dignity he said as if he  
 were joking. 6.492010221292005  
 16738. if you find it necessary sam go ahead she said turning on the  
 stair. 9.15537804959067  
 16739. i am what i am. 15.154494459409957

16740. her words remained with him worrying him for hours.  
9.691343871316892

16741. he didn't know how she would behave with other people.  
5.191528358925274

16742. when they walked into the ferraro apartment the old lady bowing  
and smiling said softly. 10.813165376470906

16743. ciao and put out her hand. 9.118533821976325

16744. her little brown face wrinkled up her brown eyes gleamed and  
with her little gestures she said all the courteous things.  
6.7648792899935914

16745. agnese smiling too said 'ello and then more slowly i am  
happy. 6.210871206873012

16746. and they sat down and began their little coffee party.  
11.586180538416901

16747. the ferraros offered them biscuits with the coffee.  
8.341215694113531

16748. acting only as interpreter carla her hands folded on her lap was  
utterly impersonal. 7.695801622716029

16749. she would turn to them then turn to him then turn again.  
7.2832281082570045

16750. watching her he felt like a spectator at a tennis game with the  
ball being bounced back and forth. 6.81735266046702

16751. signora ferraro bobbing her head encouragingly asked sam about  
canada having a special interest. 5.674295354649883

16752. the old woman had a nephew from north italy a poor boy from a  
lumber mill who had got tired of the seasonal unemployment and who had  
migrated to canada to work on the railway. 7.994162513336997

16753. for a year the boy had lived in the bush in a boxcar.  
13.26234246874769

16754. did many of sam's countrymen live in boxcars in the bush?  
8.94379534209861

16755. had sam ever lived in a boxcar? 8.654459114957467

16756. shewanted to know. 13.148092146312546

16757. regretfully sam explained that he had no experience with  
boxcars. 9.276047963707047

16758. just the same the old woman said she would write to her  
nephew in his boxcar and tell him she had met a nice man from his  
adopted country. 7.18313579624749

16759. and sam thanked her and hoped he might meet her nephew back home  
and asked her if she had any further news of the pope. 5.827597767360701

16760. a very great pope this one the old woman explained her blackeyes  
sparkling. 9.756900681676221

16761. it was said that he had had a vision. 14.467427961627743

16762. just as thousands that day in portugal had seen the sun  
dancing in the sky he had seen the same thing later in his own garden  
and she turned to agnese for confirmation. 7.2014949462263615

16763. agnese had been sitting quietly listening with the serenity of  
the unaware. 6.002446559592496

16764. now a little flush came on her pale homely face and enchantment in  
her eyes. 8.730003663645117

16765. the holy father would die soon she said to carla so she could  
translate for sam although he had a brilliant doctor a man who did not  
need the assistance of those doctors offered by the great rulers of  
the world. 5.3185427444127935

16766. yes the pope could die and quickly be made a saint.  
10.301658290094627

16767. no he was indeed a saint now. 10.613740368160208

16768. nodding approvingly and swellingwith importance the old lady  
whispered confidentially. 7.879513779734377

16769. there was a certain discontent among the cardinals.  
12.25571297253927

16770. the pope in the splendor of his great intellect had neglected them a little. 8.346523409839932

16771. there would be changes made and signor raymond should understand that when the pope died it was like the end of a regime in rome. 9.117511425549635

16772. jobs would be lost and new faces would become prominent.  
8.196044167676531

16773. did signor raymond understand? 11.38188706046207

16774. indeed he did sam said solemnly trying to get carla's eye.  
7.879513779734377

16775. surely she could see that these women were her italians too he thought. 6.73388601895774

16776. devout orthodox and plain like a family she might meet in brooklyn or malta or ireland. 6.886249538313906

16777. but carla; eyes were on agnese whose glowing face and softening eyes gave her a look of warmth and happiness. 6.265484337755192

16778. and carla watching in wonder turned to sam. 10.977094251712717

16779. it means so much to her. 14.93623902024112

16780. it's like a flame i guess she said in a dreamy tone.  
4.528462949720342

16781. but one night dookiyoon moved in the direction of the women's lodge where shades of night had gone to purify herself.  
7.79172639243305

16782. with the blue flesh of night touching him he stood under a gentle hill caressing the flageolet with his lips making it whisper.  
6.330731650279925

16783. he saw her emerge suddenly coming in her unhesitant fashion her back stiff her head erect facing with contempt the night and whatever she would encounter as if in her extreme disdain and indifference she would pass by all the outraged looks of those whom she might approach. 4.806745041127664

16784. in her dark scornful fashion she proceeded to her destination afraid of nothing not even the evil spirits which kept her company in her time of bleeding. 7.437879717404829

16785. seeing her come he caught his breath feeling his heart bounce in him and turned away afraid now. 5.292602449400731

16786. even he wanting her afraid of her and not knowing how to press his suit feared the evil presences in her metabolism more.  
7.213574498612472

16787. his breath caught and trembling he closed his eyes and stumbled off. 6.9436170975920986

16788. going he saw as often before some queer hideous yellow face over his head shining and weird like the old images which had invested him at other times like those that appear sometimes near the eyeballs when they are perhaps pressed by the thumbs. 6.442726773134113

16789. he cried out to her his back turned. 9.026368296067464

16790. then he fled not waiting to see if she minded him or took notice of his cry. 9.26712372864712

16791. but she heard him go. 9.118533821976325

16792. yet she did not hesitate and only turned slightly her neck tall as she looked in his direction and continued on her way toward the end of the camp. 7.919280709729768

16793. elsewhere others heard and stopped and waited the women peering from their lodges then gathering in small curious clusters.  
5.236383152695367

16794. early spring came from her bed from beside her half-drunk husband walitzee and stood at the entrance way to her lodge hearing the mild commotion the sound of hushed voices. 7.8297214287141035



16795. standing there she saw shades of night come through the trees and stop beside the lodge silent almost imperious her body taut simply standing without speaking or moving while the wife of walitzee waited perhaps denying the dread that moved in her. 4.745618896465282

16796. when at last she could suffer the insult no longer nor face the girl's scorn she said in a voice overloud: i shall call your father! go back where you can bring no harm or i will go and get the old man from his bed so he can see your shame! but the girl said only tell him i am here that i have come. 5.683817806233489

16797. and it was not pile of clouds she meant. 16.750967445766147

16798. but now with real anger at last something proud and indignant early spring stood like a she wolf before her den and cried i will not shriek at you! i will tell you to go not begging. 6.8765491488319945

16799. telling you! and unsheathing the knife she used for curing hides she stepped away from the lodge holding the knife at her side. 5.332260504824848

16800. you bring only wickedness she said and it was not to a child any longer but to another woman who had come to skirt her lodge with the cunning hunger of a wild animal. 7.588146610095314

16801. speaking in a low voice of loathing she went up to the girl who stood with the same upright scornful bearing and did not even look at the knife. 6.634187063325649

16802. go take helsq'iyokom your evil spirit to the young boys the woman said. 8.28878684861628

16803. they do not have to face battle. 28.46297313040324

16804. i will not let your evil in. 18.29003437131976

16805. i will simply kill you first. 13.10619877126925

16806. now go! the other women had come close now their voices murmuring together until they stood buzzing in an angry knot their threats mingling rising nagging at each other each trying to make her indignation and anger felt. 6.578859153239924

16807. they picked up sticks and hurled them at the girl. 9.662032643054193

16808. the sticks fell like a shower around her and she felt them sting her flesh and send tiny points of pain along her thighs. 7.524276213220589

16809. they were all shouting at her as if she were the embodiment of the evil she brought. 7.660009121126056

16810. but she did not move taking the words and the sticks in that old defiance of her extreme youth until suddenly pile of clouds came howling among them swinging a great bullhide whip. 7.026141634088911

16811. go back to your lodges! he shouted. 10.036382981335299

16812. a pack of dogs makes less noise! he made the long whip sing and snap around their heads so that they ran screaming some tripping over themselves in their flight. 7.200091324775505

16813. and early spring seized the whip and said: if you must flog someone let it be her your daughter. 6.695171945580384

16814. drive the demons out of her and teach her to stay away from my husband! but the old man turned on her jerking the whip from her hand. 5.996607848305864

16815. get into your hovel! he spat. 8.893662989748096

16816. go back to that double-married man of yours who so parades his fine body among the young women. 6.757567981697296

16817. keep him back if you must tell me what to do. 7.01871976722719

16818. i will be the one to confront my daughter not the wife of him who leads her to sin! she retreated before the naked shame in the old man and the fury beyond it and sank into the darkness of her lodge where walitzee stirred mumbling sitting up in a half stupor to say: what worrisome thing happens? 0.0

16819. i thought i dreamed of wolves fighting. 12.02748832089418  
 16820. but she went to him and pressed herself against his nakedness  
 smelling the stale odor of the whisky he had stolen from tuhulhulzote.  
 9.614992405890229  
 16821. she said there is nothing that concerns you here.  
 11.2491100250592  
 16822. lie back and go to sleep. 10.762534548701684  
 16823. do not let the wicked spirits enter your brain.  
 11.379284422592765  
 16824. he sank back sighing and was soon asleep again.  
 11.45143587764551  
 16825. outside the old man beyond all the curses of the spirits his  
 daughter bore went to her and twisted the gnarled talons of his  
 fingers in her hair and turned her and pushed her rudely ahead of  
 him into the trees where the moon sent out a thousand arms.  
 4.583373069951134  
 16826. and shoving her against a spruce her back to him he retreated  
 with the whip and made it whine and crack in the damp air shortening  
 its arc until it narrowed to her flesh and the sound of it snarled and  
 cracked settling its own cruel demons on her shoulders while she stood  
 as unchanged as dark and motionless as ever her eyes open and staring  
 at the pale delineaments of the bark so close to her face.  
 5.537506429062844  
 16827. she said to him her father how was i begotten in pain or joy?  
 8.09693267160073  
 16828. is it for me to be forbidden the flesh you made grow on me?  
 12.438464238311902  
 16829. they all know your foolish name! she stared at the pale  
 tracings on the tree hearing her breath refracted from it her face close  
 and touching at time the rough edges of the bark. 5.439344160937807  
 16830. she felt the lash bite and heard her father say in crazed  
 monosyllables words which had no meaning like unnt! h sssshoo! the  
 sounds of an animal in rage and despair. 6.570496403096196  
 16831. suddenly the lash stopped fighting the air and she heard pile  
 of clouds say in his high quavering voice: did you follow me to see  
 my shame? 5.456886484315849  
 16832. move from the line or i will settle the whip on you h.  
 7.198778874655976  
 16833. move! do you hear the anger of the whip's whine? 6.460370037324521  
 16834. turning the girl saw dookiyoona standing between his narrow  
 shoulders unbent his arms hanging long and resigned. 7.644256405437687  
 16835. he said let me take her blows for there are demons in me too.  
 0.0  
 16836. then without knowing why she found herself running from them  
 fleeing wildly through the trees dodging her own shadows until she came  
 to a little hollow in the rocky ground with a big stone in the center  
 behind which she knelt and hid listening to the madness of her heart  
 and wanting for once to cry. 6.604153216386561  
 16837. for a while the young men waited outside the lodge of tuhul  
 hulzote glorying in his harsh language as he talked with himself.  
 6.619091915427447  
 16838. he shouted like a hoarse old mastiff his hair stiff and bristling.  
 9.176540466704445  
 16839. he ranted and prophesied the doom of his enemies walking in  
 circles in and out of his living place drinking stolen whisky in great  
 gasping draughts until finally incoherent and sick he fell into his  
 own oblivion. 5.549160401341915  
 16840. he amused the young men who had been silent long enough.  
 13.56161529077165

16841. but they could taste the appeasement of violence and retribution  
through his antics. 8.439349620592315

16842. now they moved rubbing their flesh alive again disdaining the  
gloom they saw in the faces around them. 8.534140025996345

16843. they came out and held their games and races. 6.764147616291221

16844. it was they who held the future in their hands.  
15.046151236757142

16845. they went into the sun together and paraded grandly in their  
war clothes painting their faces with the sacred attis dug far off in  
the cave of skeletons. 5.873487878978511

16846. they danced the paxamwildly at night the war dance and dipped  
their arrowheads in the venom of rattlesnakes and rode their horses  
in swift maneuvers firing their few guns in unison at some  
indeterminate signal. 6.2259440676959015

16847. walitzee was among them and sarpsis and they wore red blankets  
which flew like broad wings in the air of their passing.  
5.846759850076915

16848. and a very young one swan necklace tried to emulate them and  
followed timidly. 10.450640859487239

16849. yellow wolf was there nephew of the young chief by an older  
brother long dead in whom also the disordered chemistries of youth  
worked. 5.0247651535977464

16850. he would spring bolt upright suddenly after sitting quietly with  
inaction because something had boiled over in his fermenting juices.  
8.470936540516218

16851. all the young men alokut among them challenged them in matched  
racing. 7.089892472913412

16852. they raced and maneuvered for war swinging their horses in single  
file and then abreast like cavalry. 6.886249538313906

16853. at times they would ride frenziedly through the camp letting the  
women see their courage how handsome they were in their regalia.  
6.345278480807257

16854. then again they would stand in circles making other  
preparations. 10.358453213057459

16855. they combed their hair and streaked it at the part and greased  
the bangs so that the hair above their foreheads stood rigid like the  
tails of sage hens making love. 5.7226572708616965

16856. walitzee whitened his leggings with clay knowing the girl  
watched from her place in the trees. 7.032105024464237

16857. he saw himself in a superior reflection and he was as a  
speeding arrow from the taut bow hurtling with a mad grace his  
maleness shining and scented with meadow rue. 5.595078496410314

16858. he was always aware of the women's eyes which followed him  
admiring him. 12.210148865473238

16859. and the suspicious envenomed eyes of pile of clouds.  
10.160223907665735

16860. and those of early spring haunted and now full of hurt and  
envy. 11.493596978387801

16861. he felt so much like laughing; even like shouting and crying out  
from the hilltops from which he could descend as an eagle in a mad  
caper from the cliffs. 5.424610891102852

16862. he and sarpsis planned a great parade with the young men.  
11.575118156690358

16863. they would give one final testimony of their challenge to let the  
people see their arrogance. 8.134193899166632

16864. they would ride with streaming amulets their colors ripening in  
the sun shouting the last bellicosity of a nation in the throes of  
death. 8.39759900366814

16865. and so the sun came up again and for a moment its color was the young men's blood shifting then into the full heat and outcry which ran with their hearts. 6.6464620629376885

16866. they mounted their horses and rode off into the hills. 11.65570231342732

16867. the young chief stared at the wall of his lodge listening. 8.139766469147519

16868. the sound rose on the other side of the hills vanished and rose again and he could imagine the mad disheveled hoofs of the appaloosas horses the white men once had called the dogs of hell. 9.145626641024002

16869. he saw them in fleet images as they came rolling and now burst across the ridge. 6.795596449094281

16870. standing then with the others peering into the sun he saw the bright multicolored legion their hair flying like dark banners only the thunder the roll of drums the mad cacophony of the hoofs accompanying them. 6.245681667690541

16871. they leaned into the wind and seemed like one thousand-legged monster hurtling and plunging until suddenly they rose straight in their saddles and in one terrifying voice shouted ejaculated their grotesque cry of war. 5.187058251803353

16872. she was moving through a screen of hemlocks in among the white birch and maples. 9.925099987581245

16873. the sounds from the quarry began to pulse in her ears. 7.43304005989246

16874. she stood once more listening. 16.217963900265392

16875. she had never been here at this hour. 12.230847510388958

16876. she felt as if some dark totally unfamiliar shape would clutch at her arm; but she found the path she always used the stubs of branches she had broken those she had pushed aside; and she walked easily now and more slowly until she could see the dark glisten of water beneath her. 5.96947044632851

16877. if i ever committed suicide she thought i would dive straight down from here- and no one would find me for days. 6.437198543709222

16878. she smiled and expertly let herself downward holding this known root or that her sneakers sliding in the leaves. 7.39595678659273

16879. she jumped out onto the flat expanse of rock and seating herself shook her short-cut brown hair and tilted her chin far upward. 5.8391129598916525

16880. the reedy music of the frogs had faded but presently it began again growing in volume until it was vibrant. 7.333060553020843

16881. julia felt at peace and drew her legs up and clasped her hands tightly around the bent knees. 5.467781152199419

16882. she had accomplished a miracle. 17.556434645016964

16883. the hour couldn't change it h. 9.802060557618772

16884. only- only- her thoughts were a little strange. 9.600721036789164

16885. perhaps it was because it was so late and because she had no business to be here now. 7.324559486417454

16886. she was thinking of paul a few weeks ago in the easter holidays with her at one of those awful friday evening dancing class parties her mother had made her attend. 7.596621430135751

16887. hello julie how are you? 8.254441635698543

16888. h and then off he went so casually to someone else with breasts better developed more obvious in a lower-cut dress someone without a mouthful of wire bands and an inability to find words that would hold him. 6.072150235895825

16889. i wish he was with me now she thought and that we were both the ages we are and doing what was once only pretense and acute embarrassment. 5.854963833927876

16890. oh god! i wish i were older or younger julia bentley thought.  
8.42460784101292

16891. i wish so much someone loved me. 12.063939880481797

16892. george rawlings remembered seeing the door open sometime during  
the night- millie in a white robe standing like a ghost at the  
threshold. 6.553532387213524

16893. she had vanished; he must have slept again.  
10.899296782422793

16894. he was staring at the blue china lamp left on beside him.  
10.599664273899362

16895. it seemed too much trouble even to reach for the switch; but of  
course the impossible effort of leaving would have to be made on this  
monday morning. 7.611301030458665

16896. this room was like a prison. 13.868355812176231

16897. he would not be indebted to sam! below him as if at the end of  
some remote tunnel he heard the humming of a vacuum cleaner.  
8.102464927143327

16898. his fingers fumbled across the bandages. 11.107172507795411

16899. they had left both of his eyes uncovered h. 10.119628519550561

16900. well he told himself let's put the show on the road.  
9.920307253430416

16901. he was walking across to the bathroom. 13.571842788883787

16902. he drank a glass of water and gripped the sink with both hands.  
10.837130674235583

16903. a fearful pain had come from his head as if the water were  
coursing up through the blood vessels and expanding them h.  
6.7935773512877455

16904. he recognized his jacket and trousers. 11.568363037656766

16905. the fabric was dark; the stains weren't too apparent; and  
there were his shoes thank god but his shirt was one terrible mess.  
5.838115260589918

16906. he shivered and then tore away the blood-soaked parts and wound  
the rest around his neck like a scarf. 7.6557099336907095

16907. sam would be amazed to find him gone. 7.829807748422384

16908. millie would have to understand. 13.87089517846745

16909. she must have put his clothes in the closet. 8.925408409639196

16910. he found a lump rising in his throat because of that one  
simple act of tidiness. 8.63419886689002

16911. he was on the verge of tears. 13.571842788883787

16912. alex poldowski- in a fashion he owed a debt to that effete  
gentleman. 7.57232562622892

16913. at least alex had told him he wasn't dying. 9.808890756886335

16914. perhaps george rawlings would be better off dead.  
13.346175443615218

16915. what time was it? 10.363724110347151

16916. he peered at his wristwatch. 15.385132030882776

16917. strange it was still running. 9.950021777329844

16918. too early for a vacuum cleaner but probably sam wanted the whole  
house in order before he came downstairs. 7.722580523507212

16919. he was kneeling to tie his shoelaces. 7.738906147426005

16920. his fingers felt absurdly thick and clumsy. 11.107172507795411

16921. he rose slowly and looked into the mirror on the inside of the  
closet door. 7.073919180620342

16922. this was some freak two strands of adhesive tape across his  
nose like ugly roots from the mass of gauze suddenly moist over his  
cheekbones. 7.441023353764672

16923. the surface however was perfectly white. 10.915477388587384

16924. he was drinking another glass of water. 15.307648396335768

16925. it was after seven o'clock. 21.712086797476523

16926. he was supposed to be in court this afternoon at city hall.  
18.273873800014638  
16927. who would take over? 12.554277641788625  
16928. he'd have to think but the main thing the imperative necessity  
was to leave before sam bentley was up and about and before millie  
detained him with sympathy. 5.996607848305864  
16929. he was actually walking down the stairs. 15.129042489400685  
16930. a plane up in the sky above the clouds and this freakish wreck  
of a man desperately trying to get away. 8.751417274022069  
16931. father is that you? 10.363724110347151  
16932. the voice issued from the cavern of the hall below.  
11.08311283231638  
16933. is that you father? 13.575722553750593  
16934. h who's there? 17.087763793182887  
16935. for a moment he felt like a thief discovered.  
6.460370037324521  
16936. then julia appeared under the arch leading to the dining  
room. 12.484703897091935  
16937. she stood gazing at him. 12.783489925651207  
16938. uncle george! he was trying to smile at her.  
10.03824795902721  
16939. gosh! you shouldn't be up should you? 7.14162538120728  
16940. i- i was just leaving here julie h. 8.581436094141479  
16941. just about to call a taxi. 9.1155892960807  
16942. she was wearing some sort of gray blazer. 16.08763268596675  
16943. she seemed overly tall her brow knitted in concern.  
7.953336273174813  
16944. well at least you won't have to do that she was saying.  
11.193586036468904  
16945. i'm about to leave myself. 9.118533821976325  
16946. you're leaving? 19.804021762487697  
16947. i'm going back to school she answered. 4.0028807404405535  
16948. i'm just finishing breakfast h. 5.161050289908855  
16949. but have you told mother you were going? 7.14162538120728  
16950. she asked him. 29.24879875779148  
16951. i just don't want anyone disturbed julie. 7.933342431459963  
16952. it's quite a big one he added. 3.793234504022867  
16953. her face seemed to float in an implausibly bright shaft of  
sunlight. 6.6158785931347355  
16954. well won't you come in then have a cup of coffee- or something?  
9.523861354294501  
16955. h or maybe a drink? 11.468845298593465  
16956. she asked in a way that seemed oddly sophisticated considerate  
and yet perhaps partly scornful. 11.81578228011001  
16957. he tried to see her face more clearly. 12.90821743225415  
16958. no- nothing at all he said after a moment's hesitation.  
10.997821029349234  
16959. i'll just wait for you here. 4.8393280814891115  
16960. he leaned his head against the wood paneling behind him but the  
vivid red images of pain inserted themselves against his eyelids.  
7.353566472956414  
16961. julia moved past. 10.363724110347151  
16962. i have to say good-by upstairs. 22.99023625893023  
16963. as a great favor julie he said please don't mention you've seen  
me. 8.380069593485432  
16964. not to anyone? 22.595268048712263  
16965. no- please h. 10.363724110347151  
16966. i'll call your mother as soon as i get home. 5.778634477885085  
16967. it'll be so much easier. 8.254441635698543  
16968. all right h she was staring at him. 11.369735003123072

16969. please you just go ahead. 9.118533821976325  
16970. he could feel a pulse pounding against the bandages.  
13.348221553513474  
16971. he imagined sam's voice: george what the hell goes on?  
8.431773034471274  
16972. i wouldn't have the strength to answer he thought.  
11.633205579815934  
16973. maybe i couldn't have called a taxi. 9.00151463165996  
16974. he could hear the footsteps overhead. 16.431638350461586  
16975. he saw the suitcase which julia was holding.  
12.321816048478995  
16976. i'll take that julie-for you. 6.321180167012423  
16977. i can manage. 24.78951553756042  
16978. she went ahead of him. 14.140224473190667  
16979. outside the lincoln was parked. 9.896815511556389  
16980. he could hardly believe he was getting in. 13.108894638193208  
16981. pietro was gazing at him in an insolent disdainful fashion;  
but that didn't matter. 5.674295354649883  
16982. we'll drop mr rawlings off in ardmere julia said and for the  
merest second george was reminded of her father's tone with servants.  
6.839926067009799  
16983. to the manner born- odd to have such a thought at a time like  
this; yet her inflection seemed forced or rehearsed. 6.721101961395464  
16984. he could not stop to analyze. 23.107350459713647  
16985. he had never felt particularly close to her. 12.40786493691622  
16986. carrie seemed more affectionate but obviously julia had  
respected his request. 7.879513779734377  
16987. i wish i didn't have to go back to school she said and then i  
wish you lived in new york. 6.773123943063673  
16988. that's in the opposite direction. 11.568363037656766  
16989. i wish i did he responded. 12.063939880481797  
16990. i wish i wasn't wearing this ridiculous costume and that we  
could go to a theater together or a nice restaurant forget we knew h he  
stopped speaking. 7.395581700018071  
16991. forget we ever knew what? 8.254441635698543  
16992. oh just sort of everything in general. 9.060328853487057  
16993. she said nothing until pietro had slackened their pace.  
6.764147616291221  
16994. i know you feel badly but that sounds like such a queer thing  
for you to say. 11.480658773776337  
16995. i'm supposed to joke about things aren't i?  
4.0028807404405535  
16996. h but sometimes life can be rather a disappointing business.  
9.99899674210069  
16997. his voice seemed thick and purposeless. 9.627882438407596  
16998. he could see the stone building where he lived. 16.78663558193704  
16999. just a few more steps h. 14.233983231243446  
17000. abruptly he reached into his pocket. 10.472119682746735  
17001. yes there was the key. 12.76838303212735  
17002. are you positive you'll be all right by yourself?  
13.409527127528452  
17003. she asked him. 23.0547882925987  
17004. for a moment he smiled. 16.99463381571157  
17005. you've done me the greatest possible service.  
5.116336769843252  
17006. by myself i'll be fine. 13.050414186351453  
17007. take care of yourself then. 11.466431740880703  
17008. you also h. 26.845558008411693  
17009. it was an automatic phrase; as he crossed through the courtyard he  
regretted it. 9.751781947442868

17010. he should have discovered a more tender farewell.  
13.485563571156238

17011. someone shouted at him well! will you look at george rawlings!  
what happened to you? 6.296303247585358

17012. i bumped into a door handle george said.  
12.626880398769476

17013. george walked steadily ahead into his entry. 7.622507342753323

17014. his bandages seemed on fire. 12.214555706636531

17015. he had shut his door with the brass number screwed to it.  
8.34319516156394

17016. in the kitchenette the raw whiskey made him gasp.  
14.472504058424475

17017. just one or two swallows he told himself enough to lessen  
some of the pain. 7.955352003852719

17018. no millie i'm home h. 13.484377447423066

17019. no really right as rain h. 10.628794361170721

17020. tell sam not to worry about the car. 13.186351838497654

17021. i'll get it hauled away h. 4.98254549585643

17022. no please- no visit today- i'll be asleep h. 9.76376045036682

17023. for god's sake don't worry. 13.395684656180858

17024. that upsets me more than anything h. 12.064727433049098

17025. yes sure i'll see the doctor- this evening if you insist h.  
6.210871206873012

17026. there was one more call to make. 22.72469917269577

17027. joan did i wake you? 9.085188587107783

17028. he asked. 15.594944937291627

17029. yes i thought you'd probably be up h. 8.005794851027492

17030. looksweetheart some fool was h. 11.568363037656766

17031. happened to be driving somewhat intoxicated last night.  
7.79207251847045

17032. unfortunately it turned out to be me but i wouldn't quite put  
it that way to the boss h. 12.168694906642857

17033. oh hell no i'm not in a hospital. 8.196452441250985

17034. i won't be in town for a couple of days though and there's that  
case i was supposed to handle this afternoon. 8.94592541847605

17035. too bad a jury isn't involved. 12.387593282809547

17036. i might struggle in for a jury. 13.681608345405717

17037. but i thought maybe tony elliot could pinch-hit for me.  
9.823824458463788

17038. he'll understand- you might give him sort of a tactful nudge.  
7.879513779734377

17039. he's got all the facts. 9.118533821976325

17040. i wouldn't want to ask for a postponement- it's really just a  
routine thing h. 8.90859283341819

17041. what? 15.610129252044759

17042. h no darling i'd rather you didn't come out.  
10.704748211619375

17043. a smile pulled at the lower strip of adhesive tape.  
7.563545188002981

17044. i'll see you wednesday. 6.555878971993969

17045. i'll bribe you with a nice- he was about to say double martini but  
thought better of it. 4.998922158566312

17046. i'll take you out to dinner. 6.139485272299999

17047. okay? 15.610129252044759

17048. h he had put down the receiver. 9.670406878971576

17049. a strange relationship between joan fulbright and himself.  
8.604265568338976

17050. who knew about it? 15.927170340228118



17051. she lived alone in the older part of the city in one of those renovated houses whose brick facade some early settler had constructed. 7.989129267063153  
 17052. she had two tiny rooms on the second floor. 10.491885415200374  
 17053. she was a clever girl a most efficient secretary. 11.289976683769275  
 17054. she let him come and go as he pleased or as it pleased her. 8.858500924185753  
 17055. in the office you might have thought them only casual friends; yet if he said: make an excuse yourself come out here today she would have been on the next train- and similarly if she had been in need he would have gone to her. 6.109176763338429  
 17056. they make us conformists look good. 14.49403709590128  
 17057. that's a peculiar way to think. 3.7555369475624927  
 17058. it wasn't just the obnoxious birds that had ruffled her own feathers of course; she knew that. 8.824488116887618  
 17059. it was jim's little sister myra the unreliable irresponsible forever flyaway myra. 10.91765306919435  
 17060. she's a year older than i am lucy told herself. 6.288774186460396  
 17061. come come jim said jollyng lucy a little. 7.0513000618384325  
 17062. susan ready? 18.007491315085424  
 17063. lucy listened. 17.38408943687016  
 17064. upstairs busy feet showering like raindrops pattered around her room. 8.196044167676531  
 17065. susan would be visiting her grandmother for only a few days but even at seven she was a prudent soul; she always packed for a lifetime just in case. 5.991131652455976  
 17066. every doll in the house must be going with her. 10.693850918155158  
 17067. she'd better step on it. 8.254441635698543  
 17068. it's a long way to websterville. 2.4895117825465722  
 17069. jim's fine young face was an expressive one too; as he looked at her it registered anxiety. 5.326519577128725  
 17070. myra wanted me to thank you for taking cathy. 10.681650701860299  
 17071. it'll be only a couple of weeks before she finds a home for them in paris- but even so she wants you to know that she's awfully grateful. 6.685535288039385  
 17072. lucy did not believe him; myra appreciated nothing. 11.06551977758392  
 17073. jim had put the thanks in his sister's mouth. 7.395413813315722  
 17074. darling- she said and the single word mingled love and exasperation in an equal blend. 7.032105024464237  
 17075. she should have told me herself. 9.987973641461945  
 17076. and will it be only a couple of weeks? 11.68952805208105  
 17077. remember what happened the last time? 9.495593234314278  
 17078. leaving cathy with them myra had gone out to the coast for a supposedly brief visit; but she had stayed all winter and cathy had stayed all winter too- with them. 6.252332956481403  
 17079. lucy suspected that myra would never have come home if gregg myra's husband hadn't gone out to fetch her. 5.781435728469172  
 17080. that was an awfully long two weeks. 14.357345820387483  
 17081. for an otherwise silent moment jim's keys jingled nervously in his pocket. 6.210871206873012  
 17082. but she promised- this will be different he said at last. 14.697542560190653  
 17083. you've got to admit she was smart to scare up this fine government job over there- she'll get a home for herself and cathy in no time. 4.024857103387629  
 17084. you'll see myra's settling down. 5.110501839626448

17085. on the defensive        he added i wish you'd think what it must be  
like for her        to be without greg to be a new widow a young widow.  
6.81894590535603

17086. it    depends on the widow. 11.568363037656766

17087. lucy had an idea that myra loved it. 8.043972472222215

17088. and not for one moment did she believe that myra had settled down.  
7.461352957445632

17089. it    seemed to lucy that all their married life she and jim had  
been doing nothing but rescue his sister from the constant crises that  
were her    way of life. 4.6904158433825796

17090. remembering that succession of disasters she now considered cathy  
an ominous child-cloud on her horizon. 7.143335555584588

17091. it was        not that she disliked cathy.13.690897322221076

17092. the youngster drew her troubled her depths; whenever lucy saw her  
she tried without noise or fuss to give her the warmth she had never had  
from myra. 6.615080746783324

17093. but cathy was myra's responsibility not hers.  
11.276709257332119

17094. i wouldn't even be surprised        she said unhappily if myra tried  
to leave her with us forever. 8.030683036223671

17095. myra loved big cities; thousands of miles away- in paris        of  
all places- she might forget she had ever been a mother.5.085047509821792

17096. lucy knew her too well to find it impossible. 9.632336335666029

17097. that's a horrible        thing to accuse her of! jim was so indignant  
it was obvious that        no matter what he said he too had seen the looming  
specter of a forever-cathy. 4.557218808724159

17098. he went to the foot of the stairs and shouted up fiercely  
susan! susan! get moving!    a startled piping        sound returned.  
11.150643857475576

17099. don't yell at us lucy said. 3.3326417997438393

17100. was it only a few nights ago that they had been standing together  
in front    of the house looking at the moon-washed river?  
8.158140376151515

17101. their arms around        each other they had been talking of the  
present and the future;        their talk and their feeling had been as deep  
and warm as steeped in light as the air around them. 5.237331314826428

17102. then from within the still sleeping    house the telephone had  
rung; myra with her news was on the other        end of the line.  
7.6355685339673425

17103. jim turned back from the stairway and looked        at her.  
7.509892222441323

17104. his dark brows which had been lowered in anger smoothed.  
9.625285474671584

17105. there isn't a chance of myra's letting        anything like that  
happen. 10.686693545680784

17106. but they weren't just friends lucy thought; they were husband and  
wife and myra had no right muddling and chilling their marriage.  
7.494050081875058

17107. the only    thing that had ever come between them was that worthless  
selfish sister    of his. 6.374057384651866

17108. lucy was sick of it. 13.883606730631703

17109. well at last she said because susan was clattering down the stairs.  
6.972831155171896

17110. susan        looked like an overwhelmed baby nurse; her arms were  
straining with    a burden of dolls. 7.032105024464237

17111. do you        need that big bundle? 12.385585473978882

17112. jim said. 18.64157714168038

17113. his voice had sharp edges as        though he knew very well lucy and  
he were not friends at the moment. 5.398794248435963

17114. all that junk? 21.783273943592054

17115. susan stared at him with hurt blue eyes that gushed an instant grief; to her each of her dolls was a real person with a living heart.  
4.909776356406901

17116. now now lucy said approaching susan with a handkerchief mopping skillfully. 9.266626149434723

17117. your father didn't mean it susan. 9.347724754445679

17118. she gave jim a quick shape-up look of warning.  
12.237614546569743

17119. he'll take every one of them. 7.089452416045856

17120. jim groaned but he lifted susan's suitcase and said in a gentler tone sure- the entire thousand. 8.001519098980625

17121. and when you get back from grandma's cathy will be here to play with you. 7.436077916051048

17122. nice? 19.804021762487697

17123. no susan said grappling with her outsized armload of dolls with a scrooge-like effect. 6.716105803734982

17124. and at this point lucy thought there should be a lecture on little cousins' sharing dolls- but she could sympathize with susan; there ought to be a limit to sharing too. 8.966895055504638

17125. that was one more reason she didn't look forward to cathy's visit short or long; the last one had been a lilliputian war.  
7.353001608924499

17126. she suspected that cathy had been competing with susan for attention that she had never had. 8.171394947443085

17127. well jim said out of the silence let's get going dolls and all. 7.687918857765682

17128. when the car with susan's hands waving wildly from the rear window disappeared down the driveway lucy stood looking after its pale dust. 7.772389272189366

17129. the day was brilliant around her- flower-scented crisp with breeze- yet her inner turmoil darkened it. 7.322558899011958

17130. she had let jim go with a chilly good-by a chillier kiss.  
10.38284173950151

17131. she was sorry and angry at herself because never in their life together had she done that. 6.663669558562791

17132. she turned and began to walk toward the house.  
13.444073056755334

17133. at the feeding station the raffish group of cowbirds again bobbed and gobbled over the ground but now gorgeous among them was a beautiful red cardinal radiant in its feathered vestments.  
5.668324243626168

17134. the handsome bird was solitary; its mate must be at home silently guarding their nest. 8.086542342015262

17135. she had better stay there lucy thought; the sly female cowbirds took instant advantage of nests without sentinels. 6.5343679463363715

17136. well lucy? 22.682241119862002

17137. she said to herself abandoning the cardinals and the cowbirds.  
9.4058555100984

17138. she had a day of things to do; among them she had to prepare the guest room. 10.730673603427377

17139. how long would it be occupied? 11.10320013158952

17140. she wondered with a baffled feeling of helplessness.  
9.060328853487057

17141. as long as the unscrupulous myra chose? 19.06745287836458

17142. for a moment her mind returned again to the strange flying world of birds and she said to herself. 9.350131171448735

17143. it isn't only birds that dump their children in other people's nests h. 8.132629406549228

17144. in the sunshine of late afternoon lucy stood looking at the ready guest room. 11.031621916588294

17145. there were new yellow curtains bright as a child's life ought to be a new bedspread lively with hopping rabbits and hanging from the ceiling was an airy mother goose mobile spinning slowly in the breeze.

6.422930533210372

17146. a row of little hangers waited for a child's clothes in the neatly empty closet; since myra had always put most of greg's money on her own back lucy suspected that no more than a few of that long row would be needed. 5.937255106143827

17147. the closet was faintly fragrant with lavender and as lucy shut the door an unhappy memory slipped into her mind like a lavender ghost: greg's house on the day he was buried and the child pale silent baffled watching the funeral guests with panicky eyes. 4.760132271476245

17148. many times since his death that memory had worried and troubled her. 8.898940894184594

17149. out in the hall the upstairs phone shrilled and the small ghost vanished. 8.959501446240017

17150. when she picked up the receiver her mother's cheerful voice was there. 12.939804232471447

17151. websterville junction calling she said. 9.118533821976325

17152. i just thought i'd let you know. 14.51280320979358

17153. myra dropped cathy this morning and jim picked cathy up and left susan a few hours ago. 5.978659012997842

17154. i'd have phoned sooner but i've been busy. 6.387716491741345

17155. i can imagine! susan was an active character; for mother to be able to call susan must be napping now surrounded by her multitude of dolls. 6.838894254163777

17156. lucy drew out the chair and sat down; she relaxed a little and some of the tension went out of her. 10.027156574830302

17157. you could think yourself as grown up as methuselah yet the maternal voice still kept its comforting magic. 5.326519577128725

17158. but myra was the merriest widow i ever saw. 11.077418040299065

17159. on her way to the airport on her way to paris- you bet lucy said to herself. 6.352402166275158

17160. i've been fixing up the guest room for cathy. 5.255920864658871

17161. there was a momentary pause and then her mother said how long is she supposed to stay? 8.95784170098684

17162. just for a couple of weeks till myra finds a place for them. 12.432788566905796

17163. well- this time there was a long silence while the telephone hummed faintly with a voiceless life. 6.015664698407893

17164. puzzled lucy stared at the flowered wallpaper; her mother was forthright; she was not usually given to mysterious silences. 6.946266737654473

17165. was she thinking along the same lines lucy was- that it was quite possible cathy might be left with her for good? 5.3711728626979625

17166. you mean once myra gets to paris? 9.670406878971576

17167. once the soft pretty moth found the bright light she had always wanted? 7.709272298701606

17168. suddenly seeking ly lucy asked mother do you know something i don't know? 8.769081829770185

17169. again there was that curious pause and then her mother said i guess i do. 5.542917982132687

17170. just before myra left- she was saying good-by to cathy and she didn't realize i was near. 8.40183351169311

17171. she hesitated as though hunting over words and ways of putting them. 7.622976253277199

17172. cathy was in tears of course and i heard myra say 'now be good and at christmastime i'll send you a wonderful present from paris'.

6.157942065974489

17173. shocked speechless lucy sat there. 8.254441635698543  
17174. then she jumped to her feet the elastic phone cord uncoiling  
like a black snake. 8.715828113299075  
17175. christmastime! then it was no bogey she had dreamed up; it was  
only too true. 5.918583952151286  
17176. myra had no intention whatever of sending for cathy in two weeks.  
8.207038953518303  
17177. for a moment anger darkened the hallway about her and when she  
found her voice anger thickened it. 7.6137480823503845  
17178. that does it! she said. 17.150845923962493  
17179. i'll keep cathy for two weeks. 4.8393280814891115  
17180. then if myra does nothing about fetching her i'll pack her  
right back to her mother- if i have to take her myself! her hand  
tightened on the receiver. 8.146397646337789  
17181. and that's what i'm going to tell jim. 5.957732529075614  
17182. for lucy the day's nagging to-and-fro had come to an abrupt end.  
8.518975250796936  
17183. as she hung up she saw through the hall's open window the purple-  
black flying of the cowbirds' wings and heard their grotesque singing.  
5.978111298919799  
17184. cowbird myra! she's not going to get away with it.  
11.039754578190696  
17185. cathy is tired lucy thought watching them come slowly up the path.  
6.002446559592496  
17186. the child's thin legs were plodding. 12.435529358277208  
17187. she trudged along slowly both hands clutching a tired teddy  
bear. 7.533469760296565  
17188. she was at the moment just a small walking package being delivered  
to her aunt's and uncle's house. 10.817107610048062  
17189. unlike susan she was traveling light; the worn teddy bear a tiny  
suitcase that jim carried and the clothes she wore were all she had.  
5.034820959678682  
17190. lucy glancing at the miniature case knew there would not be  
enough in it for the shortest of stays; they would have to buy things for  
her. 7.0800362529838035  
17191. unimpressed the dog plopped on the sand. 7.14162538120728  
17192. quint couldn't blame maggie for disbelieving.  
10.472119682746735  
17193. for eleven days they'd done the same thing leaving the cottage  
quietly before breakfast before esperanza beach got jammed with  
tourists and beach balls and show-offy lifeguards. 5.299281454132446  
17194. the swirling sand made quint's limp more pronounced.  
10.582206877639416  
17195. they walked slowly past the sherbet-colored cottages- eleven  
lemon nine mint seven orange- around the curve to a deserted stand with  
an eats sign jiggling in the wind. 5.296400689620221  
17196. now they were in friendly territory. 21.44452749430452  
17197. nothing but sand and a ridge of rocks sloping jaggedly to the  
water's edge. 6.18936217805711  
17198. his rock was to the right of a v-shaped inlet a big brown lumpy  
rock trailing seaweed whiskers. 9.016781834077488  
17199. his rock was special because no one on the beach could see him  
here. 6.63678588733321  
17200. here he was enclosed and safe. 14.111161948418587  
17201. along didn't he have a red swiss hunting knife on his belt- ten  
here was a perfect place to lie down and make believe.  
5.488656300275507  
17202. he was canute controlling the waves. 17.218119440805356

17203. he was a knight of the round table sir quintus the brave  
slaying evil spirits and banshees and vampires and witches with warty  
noses. 5.688487478421003

17204. he was the first astronaut on the moon chosen because of his  
small size and intrepid nature. 8.025697366803096

17205. he was six feet one like his father with big hands and a hairy  
chest a man the weak and persecuted would turn to. 6.088837098129518

17206. every night when he wanted a drink of water didn't he practice  
being fearless by not turning on the bathroom light?  
6.681762940203835

17207. a dark bathroom can be pretty scary and he'd creep back to bed  
proud of himself thinking: tomorrow for sure i'll go down to the rock  
and keep my promise to dad. 5.219618456030456

17208. he hadn't intended to make the promise. 13.671139498061125

17209. it happened two weeks ago the night before his father left on a  
business trip to south america. 8.317635764706727

17210. every piece of the nightmare was clear in place; and when he woke  
up his father was saying stop screaming quint. 7.446543256209536

17211. he could remember the feel of his father's big hands the thump of  
his father's heart sending out signals- regular like radar.  
5.410428361733103

17212. let's talk about the beach. 11.568363037656766

17213. while i'm gone you get brown and fat as a pig hear?  
6.690361575131689

17214. look i can put two fingers between the cords in the back of  
your neck. 10.274956723480337

17215. dr fortman says swimming would help your leg. 8.368929611987813

17216. he says you're limping more than you need to.  
17.230864589606583

17217. how does he know? 10.363724110347151

17218. big dumb nut. 13.148092146312546

17219. in the light from the bedside table his father looked so worried  
that the promise spilled out. 5.708486897250457

17220. when you get back i'll probly be swimming better than  
victoria. 12.237791293612464

17221. victoria was fourteen months younger than quint a head taller  
and could lick any boy or girl on the beach. 5.16779369904362

17222. she called him stuck-up- that's why nobody plays with you mister  
stuck-up. 9.118601195872367

17223. or what was worse she prayed for him out loud at bedtime:  
please lord gord please give my brother the strength to go swimming like  
he promised. 5.076202226443464

17224. quint said now to the clouds. 10.615487304810483

17225. strength began to zip up and down his chest. 6.764147616291221

17226. he felt strong as a giant. 15.761231234058247

17227. he unlaced his high brown shoes and took off the metal brace on  
his leg. 7.256372103253096

17228. he wadded his sweat shirt into a ball and stripped down to his  
swimming trunks. 8.819487411186232

17229. goolick gooolick creaked a sea gull. 7.622507342753323

17230. aw shut up he said. 11.568363037656766

17231. he stood on the rock a skinny dignified boy surrounded by the  
ocean. 8.975607205665444

17232. the wind bored a hole between his shoulder blades and when he  
looked at the choppy waves coming and going and crossing each other he  
could see his head down there bleeding wedged between the rocks and the  
waves. 6.3204354633079065

17233. i'm scared of the nightmare. 4.113546812337769

17234. shivering he put on his clothes. 10.718850325513241

17235. and shivering with shame he crawled to the narrow end of the  
rock and spat into the water. 6.919664373311319  
17236. watch it big shot a hoarse voice yelled back. 9.555741032581421  
17237. she was holding on to his rock with one hand. 8.552824482390005  
17238. she wore a bathing suit like his mother's no straps on the  
shoulders. 10.20681109446276  
17239. why didn't you duck? 12.299552866609114  
17240. he snapped. 27.770505909397876  
17241. is. 15.610129252044759  
17242. she was sore as a boil. 15.13507571649706  
17243. everhear of squatter's rights? 9.118533821976325  
17244. sure. 19.804021762487697  
17245. they started with the kansas-nebraska bill of eighteen-  
mister big britches aren't you? 7.361387642831033  
17246. i'm mark gordon peters the fifth. 5.161050289908855  
17247. then why don't you stop squinting? 11.654513773164185  
17248. i said quint. 22.150701097072105  
17249. quintus in latin means- i can speak both kinds of latin smart  
aleck. 5.825820622377272  
17250. her cough sounded like cloth ripping. 11.190090126764806  
17251. you shouldn't smoke so much he said unconsciouslyimitating  
victoria's holier-than-thou voice. 8.821949062257234  
17252. she was horrified. 24.933130579944567  
17253. not having said hell before he stumbled a bit before gathering  
momentum. 7.197996988212524  
17254. sometimes eleven fourteen a day. 12.388847385676296  
17255. if iwas your mama i'd wop your tail off. 8.847147922174463  
17256. my mother neverwops me. 14.81826163601321  
17257. i've got this leg brace. 4.830320705807231  
17258. she seemed so unimpressed that he was obliged to roll up his blue  
jeans so she could seehis brace. 7.720129820082413  
17259. dingy-looking was what she said. 8.254441635698543  
17260. why don't you paint it red and white like a barber pole?  
8.596725039113435  
17261. because maybe i won't have to wear it always.  
7.008241843048604  
17262. dr fortman says if i exercise my leg more maybe i can use a cane  
when i'm big. 7.218626433544212  
17263. she spouted a mouthful of water into the air. 7.953336273174813  
17264. someone's walking past you want to stop him zooooo snag him  
around the neck with the crook in your cane. 8.093347803586537  
17265. or say a waiterbrings you a bowl of soup with a dead fly in it-  
all you got to do is bannnnnnng stooooomp your cane on the floor h.  
5.5328356313260825  
17266. hey will you look at that? 10.472119682746735  
17267. maggie had shaken himself awake and was licking the sand off  
his stubby whiskers and his long plume of a tail. 5.0176589645046334  
17268. what kind? 25.95030532115391  
17269. part collie part wire-haired terrier. 21.15282411344904  
17270. he always did when people asked. 16.262052140161252  
17271. holy mackerel that's the most unique dog i ever saw she said  
firmly. 5.825820622377272  
17272. his real name's dimaggio only we call him maggie because he has  
to take tranquilizers. 9.051025782649823  
17273. he'sbraver than he looks. 9.118533821976325  
17274. last tuesday he went on a ham jag. 11.39934260466857  
17275. a what? 17.297538600737344  
17276. he would have toldher but victoria was yodeling.  
17.00356344323645  
17277. that meant mama wants you quint. 10.445007602079077

17278. come home or i'll come find you. 9.480724918833243  
 17279. even though this is my rock you can use it sometimes.  
 10.893451744510351  
 17280. i come early in the morning. 15.711603260075847  
 17281. see you around mister squint. 10.985385741679188  
 17282. that was how they started being friends. 14.357345820387483  
 17283. they met next morning and all the mornings thereafter.  
 10.214957263149284  
 17284. same time early before the fog burned off because she didn't  
 like the sun; it made her blister. 6.757567981697296  
 17285. her name was sabella and the strip of seaweed around her neck  
 was an emerald necklace the king gave her as a token of his undying  
 love. 5.0118173240387875  
 17286. you going to marry the king? 15.000064054538505  
 17287. no. 15.610129252044759  
 17288. he's got a long beard and picks his teeth with a fork.  
 7.615092762846159  
 17289. my hair is what he's nuts about. 8.611532694892672  
 17290. naturally curly hair runs in my family. 10.196176281523998  
 17291. personally i prefer straight hair like yours but as they say  
 on the continent 'what can one do'? 5.326519577128725  
 17292. which continent? 15.594944937291627  
 17293. name one i been there. 8.254441635698543  
 17294. japan she said smelled pugh because people let dead fish lie on  
 the beaches till the fish got hard as rocks; then they scraped off the  
 mold and made fish soup. 6.070483243147432  
 17295. camels in tripoli had harelips. 8.254441635698543  
 17296. near galway the tinkers drove their caravans down to the beach  
 and sang and drank and fought all night. 8.660617850008931  
 17297. as for dancing- holy mackerel he ought to see the gypsies in  
 jerez; they danced on the sand till your blood got hot and danced  
 with them. 6.320462961585641  
 17298. she made better pictures than any book he'd read but he didn't say  
 so. 8.439284338716144  
 17299. artfully as the days went by he found occasion to tell her that  
 his father had won the navy cross in the korean war; that his baby  
 sister could spit up through her nose when she felt like it; that he  
 personally had an iq of 141 and was currently reading the mushr to ozon  
 volume of the encyclopedia. 4.23408077896144  
 17300. she skipped a piece of water at him and laughed a funny hoarse  
 laugh he liked to hear. 7.413653671028229  
 17301. nobody ever appreciated his jokes as much as sabella.  
 7.874336954147797  
 17302. get dressed up- the doctor's taking us out tonight.  
 9.228466373617696  
 17303. and what encouraged by her giggles he imitated maggie who was  
 crazy about ham. 7.007331669570807  
 17304. he described the ham decorated with pineapple and cherries  
 cooling on the porch. 7.615092762846159  
 17305. he snuck up on the ham like maggie gumming it with soft  
 stumpy teeth then panting with thirst lapping up the water in the  
 lagoon swelling up like a balloon staggering home to be sick while  
 his mother said that does it. 5.000685398073002  
 17306. that dog has to go. 14.860954966088402  
 17307. say you're quite a comic sabella said admiringly. 7.033703242476011  
 17308. everthought about going on the stage? 10.662510273834524  
 17309. he hadn't. 21.889553134177078  
 17310. but it was such a nice thought that he nodded his head.  
 10.013069068738902  
 17311. either that or a veterinarian. 11.408005278127304



17312. better make up your mind son sabella said. 10.692886452583213  
17313. you can't serve cod and salmon. 6.855509851267169  
17314. she said sharks have no bones and shrimp swam backward.  
11.168308606614596  
17315. his encyclopedia agreed with sabella. 9.118533821976325  
17316. next morning he tied a bunch of sea daisies with string and threw  
them across the v-shaped inlet to the rock where she was swimming around.  
6.642237957233456  
17317. boy could she catch! like willie mays in the outfield.  
6.460370037324521  
17318. nobody gave me flowers before. 12.824363553681563  
17319. her face turned pink with pleasure and a smothered cough.  
7.227998241277275  
17320. you can always tell a real gentleman- they got a certain je ne  
say quok. 10.227163129646067  
17321. sometimes they didn't talk at all. 10.778242481272796  
17322. he daydreamed on the rock while she swam and splashed around.  
10.520890708513011  
17323. once when she asked why he never went swimming and he answered  
don't feel like it he was tempted to tell her about being scared.  
5.740823337836594  
17324. but victoria began yodeling just then and he went home carrying  
sabella in the back of his head not thinking about her just knowing  
she was there smiling smelling of peppermints. 8.228124856534718  
17325. as for his promise- oh he had plenty of time buckets of time.  
9.24153888929746  
17326. they were eating breakfast. 20.21684821830791  
17327. we beseech thee lord gord to bless this food- that was victoria  
saying grace while the baby sprayed raisin toast on her plastic bib.  
5.590409876268566  
17328. same old breakfast till the phone rang making his mother's voice  
shake with excitement. 7.198778874655976  
17329. your daddy's in san francisco she told them. 9.252578846337226  
17330. he says he'll be here on the one-o'clock plane.  
15.657309201052776  
17331. fifteen days early- isn't that wonderful? 8.254441635698543  
17332. yeah keen. 15.594944937291627  
17333. a cave seemed to be opening in quint's stomach. 8.996892744512474  
17334. children we'll have to get organized. 14.196620102412831  
17335. the baby can have an early nap. 8.976097203071156  
17336. victoria i want you to h quint closed the screen door  
quietly so maggie wouldn't be scared. 7.422387021669865  
17337. hurry up we're late he said noticing with a chill how gray the  
sky was this morning the foglike a rope along the horizon the choppy  
waves sending off sheets of blue and kool-aid green. 4.574127654067155  
17338. the cave in his stomach hurt. 12.435529358277208  
17339. he had to go into the water. 8.470174847651478  
17340. he'd tell sabella about the nightmare. 9.670406878971576  
17341. it had started two years ago when he was in an iron lung.  
11.251739370258289  
17342. what caused it he didn't know. 14.705292966559352  
17343. the metal collar gagging his neck? 9.802060557618772  
17344. sweating so much? 15.594944937291627  
17345. the unbearable weight on his chest? 9.802060557618772  
17346. all of it together meant drowning. 29.299044487657717  
17347. the first time the nurse took him out of the lung she said if he  
got frightened she'd put him back for a second. 8.0553888618149  
17348. when bobbie evans smashed up his car the jaguar his wife linda  
had given him for his last birthday and himself quite thoroughly  
with it driving back from an afternoon's golf at oakmont it seemed

to mark the end of a long miswritten chapter in the social life of the community. 6.7993678787651115

17349. linda looked remote yet lovely in black and everyone held his or her breath. 5.878387974542516

17350. not that linda was heartless not that she would do anything prematurely or in bad taste any more than john cooper would. 8.524060940793232

17351. hadn't linda been a perfect wife to bobbie who was the least bit of a disappointment all these years? 5.15576524365156

17352. wasn't john cooper even more attractive at forty-seven than he had been twenty-five years earlier? 7.198778874655976

17353. and wasn't john's wife edythe even more appalling if possible? 8.108856755126041

17354. didn't john cooper after all this time deserve something better of life? 7.615092762846159

17355. wasn't it adult and realistic to look at it that way? 8.009357736034532

17356. and romantic? 25.51753309664205

17357. everybody knew that john cooper had married edythe on the rebound. 6.210871206873012

17358. it was the kind of thing that could ruin a man's life and it was a tribute to john's strength of character and very real business ability that it hadn't ruined his. 8.352503640757066

17359. of course there was nothing you could do but you still ought to be ashamed of yourself for letting it happen mousie chandler said to linda stuart. 7.09160503428937

17360. poor john! linda accepted the reproach which was something she did rarely in all her life and most rarely in that summer of 1936 when she was by all odds the prettiest and brightest young woman west of the allegheny mountains and john was surely one of the handsomer and brighter young men around pittsburgh. 6.326578128008235

17361. for it had been john and linda ever since she had come out two seasons before at the golf club to the goggle-eyed admiration not only of the stag line but even of her fellow debs. 5.996040990427804

17362. john had claimed her from the stag line a young man a year out of dartmouth with skiing crinkles still around his eyes. 7.418987695602054

17363. you saw them always together those years. 7.622507342753323

17364. you talked about john-and-linda as an entity. 15.000064054538505

17365. john-and-linda were at longue vue last night; john-and-linda drove to conneaut in three and a half hours. 6.475768214884213

17366. then there was a spat over something as there had been lovers' spats before; only this one didn't heal. 8.005298684988253

17367. you still said john-and-linda but as if you were speaking of a national catastrophe such as the depression or dillinger. 6.387750609618937

17368. it got worse instead of better. 17.14115455215059

17369. first it came out after mr cooper's will was settled- he had died the year before- that john and his mother weren't rich any more. 4.853876284793092

17370. and then there was linda's engagement to bobbie evans. 15.634861138796419

17371. there was no connection between the two events because bobbie wasn't rich either though he was more aggressive than john. 8.881820816551434

17372. he was a bright and handsome young man from new york who worked for the same steel company as john did. 8.259196719464562

17373. some people said linda had just announced the engagement to jolt john into some action but when john came home from a business trip to

cleveland with edythe with edythe his bride it could no longer be john-  
and-linda even to sentimental wishful thinkers. 5.252317140368718  
17374. it wasn't even john and edythe. 16.49084636425047  
17375. it was simply poor john. 24.470021671401657  
17376. there was nothing specifically wrong with edythe but there was  
absolutely nothing right about her either. 11.409391836053057  
17377. mousie chandler had been to school with her someplace near  
baltimore and tried to explain rather than defend her to the gang  
having lunch at horne's. 5.423200438743683  
17378. well you shouldn't underestimate edythe mousie said.  
12.107821717729271  
17379. i know she gives the impression of being shallow and frivolous  
and scatterbrained. 9.264550548487307  
17380. she is frivolous and scatterbrained but she really isn't  
shallowh. 12.125130315572168  
17381. bobbie and linda looked magnificent at their wedding.  
7.14162538120728  
17382. john was at the church with edythe. 18.862074677034368  
17383. she giggled during the ceremony and mousie chandler who was one of  
linda's bridesmaids said john glared black as death at her.  
5.265014257282416  
17384. as if he were choking she said. 9.670406878971576  
17385. poor john! edythe settled down to become a social myth and a  
horrible example. 6.614337193451302  
17386. her hair never seemed to be in place and her skirts were never  
quite the correct length. 9.928837082570277  
17387. she didn't have a bad shape when you caught her at the pool at  
longue vue but her bathing suits were far from smart. 4.735186012382186  
17388. and you didn't see her much at longue vue or anywhere for john had  
drifted away from the gang. 6.643215071337043  
17389. mousie said it was because he was too proud to stand pity.  
7.8974109311507386  
17390. others thought he couldn't stand seeing linda mrsbobbie evans  
still so beautiful so much in command of everything. 7.392419388654074  
17391. there were less-dramatic reasons too. 19.22736494415148  
17392. john's mother died not long after his marriage and there was  
even less cooper money left. 8.63362243339883  
17393. john sold the big old place in sewickley and bought a smaller  
house in fox chapel. 5.813137145238302  
17394. he was not reduced to poverty but his job at the steel company  
had become a real job and not a method of passing the day.  
9.418185031048122  
17395. john was good at his job. 8.682999937193333  
17396. it probably wasn't hard for him to keep his nose to the  
grindstone with nothing but edythe to come home to. 9.401394831618845  
17397. though that may be unfair since ben cooper john's first son came  
along early in 1938 the cutest baby you ever saw and a blessing that he  
looked all cooper from fontanel to pink toes nary a trace of edythe.  
4.946162714454803  
17398. but the continuing charm of the other children- sally in 1940 and  
jack in 1944- and all john's success at his work only made edythe's  
dizziness and general uselessness more glaring. 7.286720553524535  
17399. she never could fit into a crowd which had known which still knew  
and admired linda. 6.443516098323249  
17400. when there was bridge at edythe's house the cards shuffled  
like wet graham crackers and the food probably was wet graham crackers.  
8.07086143835309  
17401. she managed a missionary drive for the church once and got the  
books so confused that old mr webber the eldest elder who'd never  
donated more than five dollars to anything had to cough up five

hundred dollars to avoid a scandal in what edythe called the bosoms  
 of the church. 5.072981774522021  
 17402. john did find the missing checks and money afterward and the  
 drive was actually oversubscribed which was a real bit of luck for  
 the missionaries. 6.867063288232372  
 17403. being an intelligent man john must have guessed what everyone  
 thought about edythe but he never let on by so much as a brave smile.  
 5.844045589499417  
 17404. poorjohn was the kind of stock that keeps a bargain without  
 whimpering and maybe bends over backward to keep a bad one.  
 7.106125913808397  
 17405. he was an attentive and generous husband overgenerous a lot of  
 people felt because they knew that money must be a problem to him.  
 8.256647421327132  
 17406. but he got ahead in business: on leave from his job to an  
 important washington assignment during the war; after the war back to  
 the heir apparenacy of the steel company. 8.541570909762434  
 17407. the coopers saw bobbie and linda socially but no more than was  
 necessary. 6.817408452020724  
 17408. bobbie had been successful too though he didn't match john's  
 pace and after all he didn't need to with all the stuart money.  
 6.290129093830134  
 17409. he and linda settled down to being social leaders and linda  
 managed to look a little more beautiful each year. 7.18370571642585  
 17410. and then came the hairpin turn the smashed jaguar and linda  
 mourning alone and lovely. 9.402105372657616  
 17411. everyone held his or her breath. 9.13191999944639  
 17412. don't think linda couldn't have got john back any time if she'd  
 tried mousie gordon who had been mousie chandler said between bites of  
 a chicken sandwich at a luncheon table at le mont. 4.976040033109436  
 17413. now you know she could've but she isn't that kind of girl.  
 7.659369886910187  
 17414. but now- well it would be a blessing i think.  
 13.433283398076581  
 17415. linda evans felt more wretched than she had ever dreamed  
 bobbie's death could move her to feeling. 5.326519577128725  
 17416. what she felt was a bone-deep loss with a sense of waste to it  
 not so much sorrow for handsome ambitious bobbie but for the lost years  
 that had been brought into high relief by his death. 8.218753224535936  
 17417. she knew what people were thinking; it was what she had been  
 thinking herself. 7.230155065663667  
 17418. it was up to her to save poor john dear john to undo the wrong  
 she had done but she trembled at the decision as at the brink of a  
 cold stream. 7.809793703943046  
 17419. there was no one who would blame her or john; she could be  
 sure of that. 7.003877977110556  
 17420. it might be rough on edythe at first but linda and john between  
 them could make a settlement handsome enough to soothe her to send  
 her back to cleveland or anywhere. 8.136072806475493  
 17421. and linda felt capable of capturing the affection of the  
 children anxious even since she and bobbie had had none of their own.  
 6.122530829619739  
 17422. it would be good for them to have a mother they need not be  
 ashamed of. 17.979322522664187  
 17423. linda would have to wait she knew. 10.400142648781694  
 17424. but what was a decent six months or so after the more than twenty  
 years gone by? 11.213327209719381  
 17425. years of watching while poor john struggled without the help  
 and understanding of the kind of wife a man needed to get ahead.  
 6.9230169265240775

17426. of course he had done wonders h.16.715570389689407  
17427. alloy steels and regular steels had different sales  
departments at smith + macisaacs where john and bobbie both worked.  
5.236383152695367  
17428. bobbie had been head of the alloy division while john was  
just another good salesman in the regular branch. 7.339825651011452  
17429. so when old mr lovejoy the company president talked about  
putting in a single sales manager for both branches after the head of the  
regular steels had gone with carnegie-illinois it looked like the perfect  
chance for bobbie. 4.911187751080247  
17430. for linda knew how to help her husband not just the stuart-  
family contacts but also the little dinners for reuben lovejoy.  
8.204157206369054  
17431. she was almost sick when bobbie came home with the news that poor  
john had won the job. 7.089114136270735  
17432. what did you do? 20.3435750720723  
17433. she asked bobbie. 23.0547882925987  
17434. you must have done something something wrong.  
18.10596542702654  
17435. lord knows i had everything set for you. 6.764147616291221  
17436. bobbie said something about damned pittsburghers sticking  
together and linda got angry at him. 7.391013650626644  
17437. they had their first real fight and bobbie went off to get drunk.  
8.037235810279766  
17438. linda dragooned her uncle donald murkland into a lunch the next  
day to find out what had happened. 10.352735587807167  
17439. he was a director of s + m and must have been in on the decision.  
7.5977160740288845  
17440. but jolly old uncle donald would tell her no more than that bobbie  
had certainly been considered for the job but there were factors in  
a large company which outsiders and even some insiders couldn't  
understand. 8.165167372420544  
17441. he didn't tell her of the long board meeting where bobbie and  
john were weighed one against the other. 5.40279408178442  
17442. i'm behind john cooper mr lovejoy said finally. 9.060328853487057  
17443. i think we're agreed that he and evans are equal in ability so  
we have to look at the thing in terms of incentive.  
7.5240650500488995  
17444. now i believe poor john'll work just a little harder.  
10.25020956383039  
17445. with that wife of his i think he feels every chance he gets is  
his big chance. 6.769782582135979  
17446. bobbie with linda behind him will have plenty of other  
opportunities. 8.392032887190927  
17447. and also the money can't mean as much to bobbie.  
9.55705674680083  
17448. bobbie will take the job as his just reward and work hard at it;  
poor john will take it as a miracle and have every other independent  
steel company sitting up nights worrying about us. 5.762497154626007  
17449. most of the directors nodded. 23.12330172206288  
17450. uncle donald murkland found himself nodding agreement too.  
10.03824795902721  
17451. after the surprise was over linda was almost as pleased as anyone  
with john's good luck though she agreed with bobbie's decision  
some months later to move to funk furnaces. 5.589400311014037  
17452. the job at funk wasn't particularly better but it got him away  
from being subordinate to john and assured him steady advancement since  
funk was owned to a large degree by various branches of linda's  
family. 6.488837204329327  
17453. poor john's rise continued to be meteoric. 9.325090889926027

17454. when he was made a vice president only a year after the new  
sales job a leading business magazine ran his photograph with a brief  
biography in a series on national business leaders of the future.  
8.383205477682472

17455. she called then to say she had a baby-sitter for that night.  
7.242113557397471

17456. shirley appreciated the chance to make some money.  
11.495395327634762

17457. such a nice little thing- lives right in the building.  
10.30121484855742

17458. that's swell i said sweetly. 5.189262973849371

17459. i could get along without that three dollars.  
11.715657417052107

17460. in some ways it was worth being out the money- just knowing i  
was no longer obligated to nadine! it was past midnight and we were  
in bed when the phone rang. 6.879048612281881

17461. i stumbled through the hall wondering who would be calling at  
this hour. 7.319167417194751

17462. i answered to find nadine at the other end.  
11.830577004608054

17463. you scared me half to death i said shakily. 9.055448890993684

17464. what's wrong? 19.804021762487697

17465. janice nobody answers at the apartment! her voice came shrill.  
6.460370037324521

17466. i'm absolutely frantic! that stupid girl might have gone off  
and left francie! oh she wouldn't do that i said. 4.896974283486748

17467. she's probably fallen asleep and doesn't hear the phone.  
5.199450184176683

17468. but if you're worried you can go home and check- i can't leave the  
party! we're at ken thom's apartment and when one couple leaves early  
everything falls flat! old mr thom is already down on wally and we simply  
can't afford to get ken mad at us- i was all set for what came next.  
6.152396849097998

17469. janice could you possibly go over and make sure everything's all  
right? 6.415468355087985

17470. i'll call you there in ten minutes- i can't make it in ten  
minutes- wondering as i said it why i should make it at all.  
5.18619578137508

17471. why should i go over at midnight to check on francie when her  
parents didn't care enough to leave a party? 6.469338403271855

17472. fifteen minutes then! please janice. 10.472119682746735

17473. i'll be glad to pay you- so sure that money could do anything!  
all right i said. 5.427950274147271

17474. not for the dollar or so nadine would give me.  
11.648754778032233

17475. but because there was the chance that something had gone wrong at  
the apartment and if i didn't go over who would? 7.6247051729019715

17476. chris was sound asleep and i didn't see any sense in waking  
him. 7.391013650626644

17477. i dressed in the kitchen then left a note on the table telling him  
what had happened. 6.942454971535347

17478. i drove off through the cool darkness to nadine's apartment  
and rang the bell and in a few seconds a young girl opened the door.  
8.024574634019446

17479. her face was flushed from sleep. 8.820367666516145

17480. it's all right i said as she started to look scared.  
7.879513779734377

17481. mrs roberts had called and couldn't wake you. 7.14162538120728

17482. i just came over to make sure everything was all right.  
11.844314920673773

17483. i'm- hard to wake up she faltered. 7.622507342753323  
17484. she didn't look over thirteen. 9.82466777404044  
17485. and nadine insisted that her sitters be reliable! i have to  
get up early for church tomorrow she went on. 7.78166993713371  
17486. i didn't know it was going to be this late! the phone started  
ringing. 7.078862845359374  
17487. that's mrs roberts again i said. 8.254441635698543  
17488. i crossed the beautifully furnished living room to the pale yellow  
phone. 11.055482970001897  
17489. i told nadine everything was fine and that i'd be getting on  
home. 7.319167417194751  
17490. janice would you mind staying? 10.472119682746735  
17491. there was a ragged edge to her voice now as if she'd been  
crying. 10.45952032493186  
17492. wally's drunk- i'll get him out of here as soon as i possibly can  
but i don't want shirley to see him like this. 7.840174320429657  
17493. you know how gossip of that sort spreads through an apartment  
building- not a word of thanks for what i'd already done.  
7.449779715343103  
17494. the receiver clicked in my ear. 12.435529358277208  
17495. she didn't even give me a chance to refuse. 8.488541179710262  
17496. well there wasn't anylaw that said i had to stay! but then i  
looked at shirley and thought that i might as well- the child needed  
her sleep and heaven knew what kind of a mess it would be with wally  
coming home drunk. 7.042501754009068  
17497. so i told her mrs roberts would pay her in the morning and she  
scooted off to her own apartment. 7.878578610941888  
17498. after i looked in at francie i went into the living room and  
waited. 10.795459912892081  
17499. i must have dozed off because i came to with a start at the sound  
of voices. 9.4001363535477  
17500. nadine's shrill with anger- wally's loud and thick- as i went to  
the door i heard the clock strike two. 7.491373624736424  
17501. i opened the door and wally stumbled in- fast- as if nadine had  
pushed him. 6.789400154986115  
17502. i had always thought she was so beautiful. 15.194901253950778  
17503. but now she looked ugly. 15.024580417649798  
17504. her skin was stretched so tight that her cheekbones stuck out  
and if looks could kill wally would have been dead. 7.3207383838212  
17505. pack your clothes she hissed. 8.254441635698543  
17506. pack- and get out! you're crazy wally said thickly.  
8.581436094141479  
17507. he lurched and stumbled to the davenport and sank down on it  
and was instantly asleep. 6.512874137333827  
17508. nadine strode over to him and her pointed nails raked across his  
face. 8.302927158263225  
17509. i grabbed her arm and she turned on me and for a scared second i  
thought that maybe wally was right and she was crazy. 5.941837843639923  
17510. you stay out of this she spat at me. 16.129299891999754  
17511. he's ruined us- do you hear me- he's ruined us! he insulted ken  
thom! her eyes were wild. 3.9073319185288464  
17512. he told ken to his face that he doesn't have what it takes to  
get a woman! and the other people there were listening! we're ruined and  
he's going to get out if i have to throw him down the stairs- you'd  
better simmer down i said nervously. 7.098859681013789  
17513. in the state she was in she could actually kill him! now you  
just take it easy and i'll make you some tea- tea nadine screeched.  
7.22081878483761  
17514. how can you be so damn stupid? 17.600991277905738

17515. wally's lost his job! ken will never forgive him- never! and  
we don't have any money- we don't have a dime! all we own is  
francie's bedroom set and the televison-record player and we even owe  
on them. 4.319657710113772

17516. and we'll be poor and have to live in a grubby little house like  
yours- and all because of that- i clamped my hand over her mouth to  
stop the stream of filth. 7.615957797498564

17517. stop that! you'll wake up the whole building. 9.019385823163804

17518. wally can't go any place at this hour- well then i'll get  
out- but she looked uncertain. 6.886249538313906

17519. she was coming to her senses enough to realize that you don't  
go traipsing off anywhere at two in the morning. 6.972341006932173

17520. you go to bed i said curtly. 9.670406878971576

17521. in the morning you and wally can talk things out- she collapsed  
against me as if everything inside her snapped. 7.540268055075078

17522. i got her into bed and sat with her until she hadsobbed herself  
out. 8.613473101510026

17523. it was three o'clock before i figured it was all right to go.  
9.543590119202564

17524. i left her a limp bundle of self-pity shivering with terror  
because her bubble had burst around her. 7.9047212310212736

17525. wally was snoring on the davenport. 8.254441635698543

17526. i had done all i could. 17.078670524292253

17527. i had done all i was going to do. 10.865611456511958

17528. whether or not wally lost his job was no concern of mine.  
10.975374363092428

17529. i drove home found chris still asleep. 9.95288923829895

17530. i snuggled up close to him- loving him- thankful for a man  
like him. 11.319790410759657

17531. i kept on being thankful. 12.384361145835424

17532. in the afternoon nadine and wally came over with francie.  
14.905865517289762

17533. wally sat in our big chair his hands between his knees looking  
ready to cry. 5.542917982132687

17534. i'd had all this trouble with the old man that's why i drank so  
much. 5.679625534332775

17535. i- got fired yesterday for not attending to business- old mr  
thom himself had stopped at the service station for a grease job wally  
confessed and couldn't get one because there were cars on the pits  
waiting to be repaired. 4.549247498068394

17536. seems that the kid wally had hired had a repair business of his  
own going on the side. 7.41460447310778

17537. mr thom had gotten wally on the phone and fired him.  
7.2145133336552725

17538. i thought i'd smooth things overthrough ken wally said miserably.  
10.9139775682409

17539. but ken got coy and wouldn't make any promises.  
9.374544754266388

17540. and i was plastered and i blew my stack- and told him right to  
his face he'd never slept with a woman! i tried to quiet nadine  
because the children were there. 7.382578196099366

17541. but she was beyond caring what she said. 10.663567680672758

17542. things may smooth over yet chris said his nice lean face  
grave with honest concern. 7.815882109593322

17543. but i couldn't help thinking that nadine and wally were  
getting just what they deserved. 7.918006249628549

17544. now maybe they'd realize that life can be tough.  
10.368578803405029

17545. when a bubble breaks there's nothing. 12.929198695578592



17546. little by little during the week chris and i discovered the crazy  
unbelievable way nadine and wally had lived. 7.045567369063586  
17547. they had not only spent every cent- they were in debt up to  
their necks owing on everything they owned. 7.574703463234913  
17548. on top of everything else they were two months behind on their  
apartment rent and the day wally received written notice that he was  
fired they were evicted. 9.623245268546569  
17549. worst of all wally had no training for any kind of work.  
6.784071257234468  
17550. he had fallen into a soft job and now the job was gone and he was  
stranded. 11.573658967217728  
17551. i wish we were in a position to offer a little money to tide them  
over. 9.0878186480308  
17552. i said i wished we were too. 14.09703525864984  
17553. it was easy enough to say it because of course we couldn't spare  
a cent. 9.077870169851655  
17554. but chris brightened up like a candle. 14.306364280244424  
17555. i'm glad you feel that way honey. 3.7561014555225434  
17556. there is one big way we can help them. 23.6435506133928  
17557. we can let them move in with us- something i had simply never  
thought of. 7.585798118642999  
17558. something so incredible- i just stared at him. 9.060328853487057  
17559. it was incredible- he gave me an embarrassed pleading look.  
11.859831723497784  
17560. i know we'd be pretty crowded. 19.53967019564306  
17561. but it would only be for a couple of weeks- until they get  
straightened out. 13.041095544949645  
17562. straightened out- they'd had years of making all that money! i  
won't do it i said flatly. 6.757567981697296  
17563. nadine was always too good to live in a little house like this!  
well now she can sleep in the street for all i care! that isn't  
like you janice chris said uncomfortably. 5.751193186667168  
17564. then i felt uncomfortable too. 17.103474989621958  
17565. i didn't want to be like that mean and bitter. 8.142110213506248  
17566. but darn it all why should we help a couple of spoiled snobs who  
had looked down their noses at us? 8.220363016466244  
17567. but in the end we did. 13.036658898681127  
17568. it just seemed as if there was nothing else to do.  
12.463321849769464  
17569. the finance company took all their furniture- and they didn't  
have a cent to their name. 6.196120048044738  
17570. to my way of thinking he was scared sick. 11.823445273844255  
17571. his luck had failed him and it was easier to crawl off into bed  
than to get out and fight the world. 6.556117431620236  
17572. chris made trip after trip in our old car moving the clothes and  
dishes and the stock of groceries nadine had bought on special.  
6.257537285696144  
17573. at least we'll eat i thought grimly as i put all the food away.  
7.067989463905285  
17574. while i worked nadine sat and cried. 11.435329938441214  
17575. when she wasn't crying she was in our bedroom fighting with wally.  
8.439793096585671  
17576. virus infection nothing she'd scream at him.  
10.472119682746735  
17577. you're too lazy to go out and look for another job.  
7.459312180456436  
17578. you're just a no-good bum! it was a mess all right.  
7.729246099822045  
17579. but it couldn't go on forever- a couple of weeks chris had said.  
10.852165702454927

17580. i figured i could stand practically anything for a couple of weeks. 9.812384578167253

17581. but the two weeks dragged into three and they were still with us. 8.324822006799968

17582. nadine's constant nagging had finally gotten wally out of bed. 8.196044167676531

17583. he set out every morning looking for work and come home around noon full of alibis and excuses. 7.455201778831352

17584. wendell thom had black-balled him. 11.94288351290035

17585. nobody would even take his application. 9.147427017633976

17586. you can get something nadine would snap. 12.529640803072772

17587. you can get a job working in a grocery store if nothing else. 11.81063493927217

17588. the high school kids have got everything sewed up he said a whine in his voice. 9.051668232660505

17589. those damn punks- taking work away from men who need it. 7.012877753432631

17590. by fall they'll be back in school i'd say trying to sound encouraging. 9.134815060030421

17591. but this was only the middle of july h. 13.165818050965296

17592. and i couldn't take six more weeks of this. 12.33461022388823

17593. i mentioned it to chris one stifling hot night when i had slipped outside for a breath of fresh air. 6.217952046658703

17594. i don't really believe in intuition. 6.9964157625729735

17595. but i swear to you from the moment i opened my eyes i knew it was going to be a bad day. 9.559956758895535

17596. part of it was the weather so foggy it would take me twice as long to get to the hospital. 17.42997529148026

17597. part of it was being so tired- i'd not only had my usual full day yesterday but a dinner meeting as well that kept me up late. 8.293160923932536

17598. but the rest of it the main part wasn't based on logic at all. 13.97400313065019

17599. it was just going to be one of those days. 21.104111713690568

17600. for the thousandth time i wished i'd chosen some nice nine-to-five five-days-a-week profession. 10.260657800663019

17601. and for the thousandth time i answered myself. 13.754763744890315

17602. i hadn't chosen medicine- it had chosen me. 11.633205579815934

17603. actually i shouldn't complain i told myself in the shaving mirror. 7.042432407464575

17604. i had a lot to be thankful for. 15.706622089957264

17605. a profession that brought me as good an income as mine wasn't to be sneezed at. 6.046198409504693

17606. maybe i didn't see as much of gladdy as i'd like but how much worse it would have been if i'd had to board her out somewhere after alice went- send my daughter to an orphanage or a boarding-home. 5.972804159839659

17607. at least we were together and we had mrs hodges bless her to look after us- no mother could be fonder of gladdy than mrs hodges was. 5.789114474463283

17608. i was lucky in lots of ways no doubt about it. 8.849748296114601

17609. especially in the way gladdy had turned out. 8.042312307198674

17610. growing up without a mother from the time she was three- it wasn't a good thing for a child even knowing the kind of mother alice had been. 6.855939537751569

17611. but i mustn't start on alice. 14.483620915616667

17612. she is a closed book a picture i keep on my bureau but never look at. 9.985338388060926

17613. if she'd kept on as she'd been going the story i'd told  
gladdy would probably have been true by now anyhow h as usual  
gladdy's bright smile greeted me at the breakfast table.  
5.391391018402269

17614. her first class wasn't until ten but she always got up to have  
breakfast with me. 7.032105024464237

17615. it made me feel good and knowing that she'd decided all on  
her own to go to college right here in town made me feel good too.  
7.516005362226808

17616. oh i knew that i couldn't give myself all the credit for her  
decision. 9.985470208556963

17617. i had a feeling that young pete michelson the most promising  
intern at fairview had something to do with it too.  
8.054306807390562

17618. she'd been out with pete the night before and her gay chatter  
about their date lightened my mood a little. 7.31721310179654

17619. but once i was alone again driving to the hospital the  
heaviness returned. 8.1836398577547

17620. if she and pete were really getting serious i'd have to do some  
hard thinking. 12.447336394274936

17621. should i tell him the truth about alice? 7.240698345721332

17622. did he have a right to know the secret i'd kept from gladdy all  
these years? 9.328921001086536

17623. the boys were already waiting in the corridor outside my  
office when i got to fairview. 7.1014319628718034

17624. two interns and dick ishii the other resident. 9.85829515947488

17625. i'm chief of medicine here and this morning would start like all  
others with me taking the boys on the rounds. 4.120009240391504

17626. pete was down on seven dick told me and he'd meet us there.  
7.80063608173729

17627. there wasn't anything of special interest that morning no one  
sicker than they should have been. 6.647123092534057

17628. pete came to meet us when we stepped out of the elevator on seven-  
he'd had a case of post-operative shock but it was all taken care  
of now. 7.906567139218194

17629. seven is a women's floor and as it happened not very busy right  
then. 7.207276509191768

17630. when we'd finished our regular rounds pete pointed me toward  
the small ward at the end of the floor. 10.783449935239952

17631. got a new one in last night he said. 6.764147616291221

17632. i haven't seen her yet but i hear she's a lulu! i wasn't  
surprised. 8.278768802315167

17633. the ward was a small one four beds kept reserved for female  
alcoholics. 6.817408452020724

17634. we didn't get many at fairview and they were never pretty sights.  
10.463115467880524

17635. it was thought wiser to keep them segregated from the patients  
in the regular charity ward. 8.246475594204645

17636. the moment i walked in the whole miserable feeling of the day  
seemed to focus on the woman in the bed. 8.120086297692296

17637. they'd cleaned her up some of course and she'd pretty much slept  
off her drunk. 5.9385640295867885

17638. but there was something about her- and i felt my lips forming  
a name. 14.602404447300664

17639. alice h but this woman's name was rose bancroft! i looked at the  
chart for reassurance. 5.716688447118552

17640. yes rose bancroft diagnosis: acute alcoholism.  
13.110616200649021

17641. she looked about sixty though i recalled that the chart gave  
her age as forty-four. 6.440940776014829

17642. an ugly scar disfigured the somewhat familiar puffy face  
already marred by the tell-tale network of broken red veins that heavy  
drinkers carry. 6.705539101318056  
17643. her coarse hair was two-colored- bleached blonde and its real  
dirty gray. 6.6158785931347355  
17644. oh could it be? 13.980946987867025  
17645. no no h it was an unfortunate resemblance that was all it was  
and i turned to dick forcing myself to put my disquiet out of my  
mind. 5.977984272122407  
17646. in a low voice dick filled us in she'd been picked up  
downtown passed out in the doorway. 9.039207186855426  
17647. although quiet when they brought her in she'd suddenly turned  
violent and had to be knocked out. 7.427570112492865  
17648. it was the old story. 31.431065131255714  
17649. we'd keep her a day or two and the aa people would talk to her.  
5.255979100796317  
17650. but if she wasn't interested she'd just go back to the same life  
she'd left. 13.73333456294067  
17651. turning toward the patient again i- i can't describe what happened  
to me then except to say that i felt sick. 6.55597364820236  
17652. i tell you it took every ounce of control i had to be able to  
speak. 15.4426260887291  
17653. now miss- or is it mrs bancroft? 9.765930310601922  
17654. i never liked going straight into an examination with  
patients- it relaxes them i've always thought to chat first.  
6.643215071337043  
17655. this was one time i'd have gladly broken my own rule but habit was  
too strong. 7.103006651977239  
17656. hey! her voice was flat and dull. 9.060328853487057  
17657. but those penetrating eyes- i had to turn my head away.  
10.146310247505896  
17658. it was then that i saw what the drawn-back covers revealed.  
15.452330875043582  
17659. there were bloodspots on the sheet. 16.315737630500042  
17660. your period? 18.793651446732213  
17661. she shook her head. 12.292407525564322  
17662. i been spotting a little now and then she said quietly no emotion  
in her voice. 9.131559381411014  
17663. have you spoken to a doctor about it? 12.991167193476459  
17664. once again there was a negative shake. 15.619865491510124  
17665. i told miss groggins to move her down the hall where we had an  
examining table. 7.332957758629687  
17666. better do a papanicolaou i told pete. 10.170610251482085  
17667. it was only a few moments before miss groggins had her in the  
proper position for a vaginal but i couldn't see anything wrong on  
gross examination. 6.9823203783453  
17668. pete stood by with a slide and took the smear sent it down to the  
lab with a request for the test. 8.601075849317343  
17669. that done i told miss groggins to take her patient back to bed  
and again put her out of my mind. 6.283568750166843  
17670. i was busy the rest of the day. 20.439892703139428  
17671. late in the afternoon i was up on seven again.  
8.780717001597935  
17672. one of my private patients was being admitted and i went in to  
see her settled. 11.228212448809913  
17673. on my way to the elevator i ran into pete. 11.269803831387712  
17674. i've got the results on the bancroft smear test he said.  
5.521386603555391  
17675. there's something there all right. 4.675983334456371  
17676. do you want to talk to her doctor? 25.951205538112035

17677. well- i didn't- i didn't ever want to see that woman again.  
7.403889136941088

17678. but that was ridiculous of course. 21.387997073060106

17679. we'll do a d and c and get her permission for a hysterectomy.  
4.309796436573057

17680. maybe it's nothing maybe it's intraepithelial or in situ- can't  
take any chances. 6.724204827071649

17681. if you can keep her here that long pete said wryly.  
12.848826657828814

17682. groggins tells me she's started badgering already wants to get  
out. 7.879513779734377

17683. wants to get to her booze i guess. 8.481206103376906

17684. well better see what i can do. 11.114516385928301

17685. we'd been standing right outside miss bancroft's door and as i  
went to turn the knob to enter i was surprised to find that the door was  
slightly ajar. 4.7939709498783944

17686. but she seemed to be dozing and in any case we'd been talking in  
low tones. 12.576625271489867

17687. her eyes opened as soon as she heard me though and once again i  
felt an inward shiver. 6.291850588050451

17688. i sure can't complain about the service in this place she said.  
9.713745980661573

17689. i just got through seeing one of you guys. 10.41765113989062

17690. what do you want? 32.209380504046656

17691. there was something almost insulting in her tone but i  
disregarded it. 10.74114804890189

17692. i've just been talking to dr michelson i said. 8.581436094141479

17693. we'd like you to have a dilatation and curettage. 6.989227025969057

17694. that's quite minor nothing to worry about. 5.092274000697261

17695. but we would like your permission to do- that is to go further if  
it proves necessary. 8.898445803840774

17696. suppose you let me explain. 12.793248192935202

17697. actually i rather doubt that we'll have to do this.  
9.412014591107095

17698. even if we do you'll be out of here in a week probably.  
15.609751527831824

17699. i was sure that was the difficulty- she just didn't want to stay  
here where she couldn't get to the liquor. 7.003821224528446

17700. i looked at her in amazement. 16.398516126131685

17701. i'd had patients who'd refused surgery before of course but never  
one who didn't show in one way or another the reason why.  
4.874590330471477

17702. mostly it was fear but this woman's voice didn't tremble and her  
hands were still on the coverlet. 6.643215071337043

17703. will you tell me why? 11.371309518294675

17704. i asked. 15.594944937291627

17705. she smiled a smile without humor. 9.987973641461945

17706. you shouldn't tell your little secrets outside of the patient's  
door she said. 11.773024459365168

17707. i've got cancer haven't i? 4.830320705807231

17708. she went on disregarding my protests. 14.140224473190667

17709. i'm not going to be one of your guinea pigs.  
7.6286624491692505

17710. let your pupils learn on someone else doctor.  
12.737209949188106

17711. just let me die in peace. 11.664678099686371

17712. i stared at her almost speechless. 13.93195501835056

17713. her little speech was totally out of character with the sort  
of person i thought she was. 6.597743235151104

17714. even her voice had taken on a more cultivated tone.  
9.686402124987813

17715. thiswas someone who'd come down in the world i thought.  
9.366921697751529

17716. a long long way down. 14.946256396843756

17717. again there was something familiar about her something h you  
haven't got cancer i said as strongly as i could.5.438541781619698

17718. i don't know what you heard that would make you think so but i  
assure you i don't even know myself so how can you be so sure?  
5.4763822734639165

17719. and even if- don't give me a lot of talk joe.  
9.183900460861985

17720. she could have found out my first name of course- that wouldn't  
be difficult. 9.289225517352772

17721. but there was that something some echo in the way she spoke h  
she was watching me intently a funny little half-smile on her lips.  
6.465749365770404

17722. surprised baby? 19.804021762487697

17723. guess i've changed haven't i? 8.254441635698543

17724. but you haven't changed much joe. 20.041715074398393

17725. i knew then knew with a heart-stopping shock.  
11.478369277590689

17726. alice- i stammered through dry lips. 9.670406878971576

17727. alice for goodness sake- alice she echoed mockingly.  
7.14162538120728

17728. what's the matter joe you scared of me? 9.060328853487057

17729. think i'm going to make you introduce a drunk as your wife?  
6.771127846432057

17730. well don't worry. 18.126823107132473

17731. justlet me outta here- but why did you come back?  
6.6920336456407865

17732. i'd found my voice. 11.568363037656766

17733. where have you been all these years? 8.716510727165542

17734. she shrugged. 15.594944937291627

17735. as for coming back here- well i'll tell you the truth i didn't  
even know where i was when i came to. 6.8027834073047115

17736. the last thing i remember is a bar in san diego- the way she spoke  
her flat acceptance of her alcoholic blackout made me shudder.  
7.336882402940375

17737. and this was gladdy's mother! i never asked you for any  
favours joe she went on but i'm asking one now. 6.917644541082539

17738. let me outta here! you doctors are all alike- all you want is  
to cut up people and what's the good? 7.640622097254872

17739. no i want out joe! i looked at the pathetic wreck of a  
woman before me. 7.211471997118294

17740. let her out let her out- that would be the solution wouldn't it?  
11.480514555494336

17741. what she'd said was true- in all these years she'd never asked  
for anything from me. 6.374930091531647

17742. if i let her go she'd disappear once more. 14.783495810265471

17743. and gladdy would be safe! i was slowly swimming down to the  
bottom of the sea. 9.447167606242754

17744. her dark cool caresses were sweeter than any woman's; the many  
little tricks she knew made her embrace the ultimate one- the ever  
more fantastic pressures deeper in her body squeezed not me but the air  
i breathed into a nitrogen anesthetic. 5.9604142550402965

17745. yielding-mediterranean-woman-flesh-of-water she soothed me and  
drew me deeper into her. 6.460370037324521

17746. i no longer knew how deep i was somewhere under 230 feet  
 getting drunker happier and more contented by the second.  
 7.41169861775994  
 17747. the reasons for this dive seemed foolish now. 9.454794748865085  
 17748. only the dive itself had any meaning. 13.314912320072697  
 17749. the metal-tasting nitrogen made me wonder if i should remove the  
 mouthpiece and suck in the sweet water. 6.374177419473055  
 17750. perhaps if i took off the aqua-lung i could swim better love my  
 woman better. 8.085051849983051  
 17751. i chuckled aloud and the mouthpiece fell out. 9.95288923829895  
 17752. while a hazy part of my mind concentrated on swimming down a  
 clear part sorted over recent events among them my only positive act  
 in a long time. 7.183378528152052  
 17753. it was when i packed up what duds i had and went to paris.  
 10.114227199600231  
 17754. it was no vacation just me getting out after a bellyfull.  
 14.578228310276964  
 17755. i knew it wouldn't be the same. 13.398514068525884  
 17756. wildkicks never are but i hoped to dig up a better frame of mind.  
 7.468712200669318  
 17757. once before i had been to paris long before i married valery.  
 7.668513122689851  
 17758. that first time was good and it stuck with me.  
 10.504145099490504  
 17759. i was twenty-one back then in the army and fog put our plane down  
 at orly instead of rhine-main. 7.6270957276481175  
 17760. it was a saturday evening in april with a mist-like rain and i  
 was a little high on the good taste of life. 10.862184975453024  
 17761. i had a pocketful of money which was unusual when i was in the  
 army and the plane would be grounded all night. 8.58098053613431  
 17762. in less than an hour i had gotten a hotel showered shaved and  
 was out on the champs elysees in a fresh uniform. 8.82196709015072  
 17763. i felt like a hun in rome. 9.95288923829895  
 17764. all the women were beautiful and the men were equal to them;  
 everything was glamorous to my dazzled eyes. 8.960243031991713  
 17765. there were some sweet machines other than women: an old bugatti a  
 lean farina coachwork on an american chassis a swallow a type 540-k  
 mercedes and lots more. 6.16382987370922  
 17766. there was the arc de triomphe and the tour d'eiffel- i was no  
 yokel but i was young and this was paris! i had champagne at maxim's  
 then went into a cafe called the jour et nuit to ask the way to  
 montmartre. 7.906319556475118  
 17767. i met claire which was better. 10.981588546931944  
 17768. she was eating bread and cheese just as fast as she possibly  
 could and washing it down with red wine. 7.5718671376870725  
 17769. i didn't know a human could feed so fast and still be beautiful.  
 5.999126263590009  
 17770. she was blonde and young and nice and round in a tight white  
 dress. 9.36901727689114  
 17771. maybe her ravenous eating wasn't grotesque because she was so  
 positive about it. 6.509287682983672  
 17772. when she had drained the last of the bottle and paid her bill  
 she came directly to my table and said: handsome soldier i have  
 assuaged one hunger with food. 7.8286115926059665  
 17773. i feel another of terrible urgency. 12.499679017771939  
 17774. is your evening free? 24.313294156955255  
 17775. madame i said with noblesse oblige because of the handsome-  
 yeah. 6.210871206873012  
 17776. and so off we went to her apartment. 14.174557109683544

17777. she was a nymphomaniac of course the poor girl.  
11.841982239786933

17778. toward the break of day i waxed philosophical and drew  
analogies about her way of eating bread and cheese. 6.643215071337043

17779. now it was nine years later and it wasn't spring but winter  
when i returned. 7.113771001725556

17780. i got there on a saturday evening.13.93195501835056

17781. i made the mistake of going to the jour et nuit.  
9.62818934030181

17782. the place was busy but i didn't feel like a hun. 9.607933015335522

17783. i sat waiting for life to come along and sweep me up.  
6.002446559592496

17784. i had part of a bottle of french beer called panther pils then  
switched to tuborg. 9.645233468707287

17785. after a few hours life hadn't showed and i was crocked.  
11.9535399284431

17786. i went to my hotel and slept. 13.884008182142141

17787. the next morning a little cognac made me feel better- but what can  
you do in paris on sunday morning? 6.110694482666515

17788. so i drank more cognac. 10.472119682746735

17789. all that day and monday i drank just enough to orbit but not make  
deep space. 6.812999093335208

17790. i read the tropic of capricorn and the tropic of cancer.  
10.227318669010717

17791. that's what was on my mind. 4.3033852220845334

17792. i was turning over the idea of a good debauchery when i dozed off.  
12.417390804400794

17793. i felt better tuesday evening when i woke up. 9.169644675936961

17794. my head was clear my thinking sober and i was reconciled to  
this paris idea as a flop on top of all my others. 7.729850282319437

17795. a good binge has that kind of therapeutic value.  
8.023923068000494

17796. sometime earlier the weather had turned cold and it was  
snowing. 9.20884049815771

17797. i went out into it. 12.384361145835424

17798. i walked around breathing the cold wine of the air until i found a  
park and i sat down on a snowy bench where the light was dim and came  
from the sky. 7.34935192810821

17799. there was dignity and beauty in the little white flakes  
falling through the blue night. 9.002029935930091

17800. i had on only a topcoat but i wasn't cold. 12.694378815185166

17801. pretty soon a woman came along carrying a folded umbrella as a  
walking stick. 5.746472650554231

17802. she saw me and sat down beside me three feet away.  
9.557448030765887

17803. suddenly i understood why she had the umbrella.  
8.656836902049417

17804. it gave her poise and posture. 16.49084636425047

17805. without it she would have been drab and limp. 7.454173545246305

17806. it gave her the right to sit down beside me back straight one hand  
out on the handle. 9.451561199049534

17807. i couldn't imagine her without it. 8.254441635698543

17808. i knew all about her. 18.703116319546275

17809. she was another human being and happened to be a hustler.  
10.322407872716928

17810. i didn't much care if she were there or not. 8.017966470243751

17811. after a while she said with sort of an unuttered laugh you  
have snow in your hair and ears. 7.321885100700919

17812. hardly glancing at her i smiled a bleak one which said thanks  
baby but i'd rather be alone. 7.322457929711272



17813. she was silent for a while then said why are you so unhappy?  
6.691326278414752

17814. i'm not unhappy i lied staring at the snow. 8.196044167676531

17815. she was trying to make a hole in my armor and i didn't want it.  
6.7914996009666195

17816. is it a woman? 25.28301775737043

17817. she asked gently. 23.0547882925987

17818. she must have seen the ring on my left hand.  
12.088822304343054

17819. well- women and unhappiness go together i observed profoundly  
adding you can wager your derriere on that. 5.427950274147271

17820. ah monsieur it is not my business to wager it h this took me  
so funny i had to look at her. 8.305979594899352

17821. i felt my frozen sad face crumble and i grinned a silly one i  
couldn't have helped. 6.5779768796623195

17822. i even snorted a chuckle. 15.711603260075847

17823. she smiled at me but it was an awfully sad smile.  
7.533469760296565

17824. she was even more miserable than me. 13.614395752791543

17825. her eyes were smiling too but so sadly and there was tiredness  
and infinite wisdom in them. 6.781245698092385

17826. now isn't it better to smile? 12.13489043233157

17827. she asked. 19.287214484918096

17828. because i liked this sad person so much i said will you have a  
drink with me? 8.398564335291097

17829. i could see the ancient cynicism reinforce itself in her eyes  
and i wondered how many men she had picked up with this same gambit.  
6.850009843561704

17830. anyway i pulled a bottle of remy martin out of my topcoat  
drew the cork and passed it to her. 6.82634608532905

17831. i could see she was shocked. 16.207843770215003

17832. i'm sorry i haven't got a glass i said. 5.047630932330972

17833. non non she said taking the bottle not for that be sorry.  
6.002446559592496

17834. she tilted up and drank and then i drank.  
10.749202706058774

17835. it's really rotten to drink good cognac like that but i hadn't  
cared before. 3.0598239485149787

17836. i wasn't going to lug around a glass. 10.586057419987155

17837. there wasn't much light in the blue dark but i could see her  
well. 7.879734401926454

17838. no child this tart she must have been thirty-five or even forty.  
10.579595154424238

17839. somehow she was attractive. 10.239544317116264

17840. not good looking but self-confident and wise so that it made her  
attractive. 9.472797605583995

17841. i liked her and all at once i was glad she was there.  
7.918702782505681

17842. we finished the bottle- i hadn't had a lot out of it earlier- not  
speaking much to each other and we stayed sober. 8.427997634276359

17843. i suppose we were cold but we didn't feel it. 8.555241096529764

17844. we seemed to be drowsing sadly soberly in the cold cold air  
while the snow fell. 11.493087317650293

17845. then she said allons and we got up and went to my hotel without  
another word. 7.234928804571701

17846. i sensed no stranger in her. 13.93195501835056

17847. we undressed and made love with the comfortable acceptance i had  
once known with valery. 6.6981788258569415

17848. i decided thirty-five was the best estimate of her age.  
12.244429301527019

17849. she had a funny little scar on her stomach on the left side.  
9.331428309164144

17850. i think we were very tired for we awoke at the same moment deeply  
rested surprised to see the late morning sun on the windows which were  
wet where the rime had melted.8.281994663586115

17851. i felt wonderful the absolute opposite of last night's melancholy.  
8.555241096529764

17852. i was hungry as a wolf and my body felt lean and vital.  
10.501183772838814

17853. bon jour i said brightly sitting up which pulled the covers to  
her hips. 5.674295354649883

17854. she looked good with her short tousled hair and no make-up.  
9.557448030765887

17855. maybe closer to thirty i thought. 10.053899942483259

17856. bon jour! she exclaimed smiling.10.472119682746735

17857. j'aifaim! yeah but breakfast first. 8.254441635698543

17858. with a laugh she beat me to the bathroom.  
14.980741010587566

17859. i called downstairs for food and a toothbrush for her.  
8.555241096529764

17860. she came out pink from a hot bath and i gave her my robe.  
8.171394947443085

17861. i had brushed my teeth showered shaved and dressed by the time a  
waiter wheeled in breakfast.8.061664567255491

17862. the toothbrush monsieur he said presenting it.  
12.435529358277208

17863. i gave it to the woman. 13.333729310558223

17864. what is this for? 28.376061098518285

17865. she asked innocently. 23.0547882925987

17866. why to brush your teeth. 13.663388853342104

17867. but i already have! i used yours. 12.800672623818418

17868. oh? 19.804021762487697

17869. i said with round eyes. 8.254441635698543

17870. i wondered if i ought to go use the new one myself.  
11.134403246290539

17871. but i smelled the coffee and thinking what the hell live  
dangerously i decided i would scald my worries away. 6.843569561789576

17872. the coffee wasn't very hot though made in a filter pot but it  
was good. 9.088484996163114

17873. we sent the waiter away and ate a tremendous amount of cold ham  
hot hard-boiled eggs and hot garlic bread. 5.8950234212887205

17874. as we ate we talked. 20.10376627987504

17875. her name was suzanne and mine stephen. 8.820367666516145

17876. we sat back comfortably on the bed with our last cups of coffee.  
9.14533409550713

17877. you are very tactful do you know stephen she remarked.  
10.329468918909992

17878. yes because you didn't run off to use that new toothbrush.  
9.10405532370228

17879. i raised my eyes to look at her in the mirror.  
10.383105420908851

17880. i didn't really use yours she went on. 8.379631367495245

17881. i carry one in my purse. 12.384361145835424

17882. i know men never kiss les putains. 15.092987263869851

17883. to my immense relief she changed the subject in the next  
sentence: shall we go to the louvre today? 6.404802967747637

17884. all right. 23.646246456907814

17885. i said with enthusiasm at the idea. 7.622507342753323

17886. i put aside my empty cup. 15.711603260075847

17887. she smiled all the way to her wise sad eyes and drained her own.  
9.661914035152233

17888. what is this from? 28.376061098518285

17889. i asked touching the scar on her stomach. 11.095814722239387

17890. it was like a long thin line drawn through a pink circle.  
13.603200809190614

17891. the cynicism was back in her eyes a bitter wisdom and i  
wondered if forty were not so far wrong after all. 5.693020623709879

17892. she understood sex anyway and played at it well.  
10.749202706058774

17893. we went to the louvre for a few hours then by metro to a  
cabaret in montmartre. 7.332525037175403

17894. it was a nice place not filled with smoke.  
13.839416015349261

17895. we had champagne and steamed mussels. 12.74379530505044

17896. the sommelier brought the wine first a magnum instead of the  
bottle i had ordered. 8.086542342015262

17897. he must have thought i was a tourist. 11.871028308611661

17898. i fixed him with a steely eye and said what's this for?  
9.774418692065755

17899. i didn't ask for a jeroboam of champagne. 6.764147616291221

17900. i thought that was pretty humorous but i didn't laugh.  
11.640490595726106

17901. two letters had arrived for miss theresa stubblefield: she put  
them in her bag. 6.2580004841712125

17902. she would not stop to read them in american express as many were  
doing sitting on benches or leaning against the walls but pushed her  
way out into the street. 7.436065183957549

17903. this was her first day in rome and it was june. 10.45637074739187

17904. an enormous sky of the most delicate blue arched overhead.  
10.49051482913221

17905. in her mind's eye- her imagination responding fully almost  
exhaustingly to these shores' peculiar powers of stimulation- she  
saw the city as from above telescoped on its great bare plains that the  
ruins marked aqueducts and tombs here a cypress there a pine and all  
around the low blue hills. 4.754341450052732

17906. pictures in old latin books returned to her: the appian way  
today the colosseum the arch of constantine. 7.291099421959573

17907. she would see them looking just as they had in the books and  
this would make up a part of her delight. 7.964962858035207

17908. moreover nursing various stubblefields- her aunt then her mother  
then her father- through their lengthy illnesses theresa had had a  
chance to read quite a lot. 7.142268564515471

17909. england france germany switzerland and italy had all been  
rendered for her time and again and between the prescribed hours of  
pills and tonics she had conceived a dreamy passion by lamplight to  
see all these places with her own eyes. 4.842247685959731

17910. the very night after her father's funeral she had thought though  
never admitted to a soul: now i can go. 6.501492541244375

17911. there's nothing to stop me now. 4.570509116585362

17912. so here it was here was italy anyway and terribly noisy.  
9.285343480793545

17913. in the street the traffic was really frightening. 12.80467176105073

17914. cars taxis buses and motorscooters all went plunging at once  
down the narrow length of it or swerving perilously around a fountain.  
6.365727389270327

17915. shoals of tourists went by her in national groups- english  
school girls in blue uniforms german boys with cameras attached  
smartly dressed americans looking in shop windows. 4.863464525326451

17916. glad to be alone theresa climbed the splendid outdoor staircase that opened to her left. 7.032105024464237

17917. something special was going on here just now- the annual display of azalea plants. 6.1644733468853214

17918. she had heard about it the night before at her hotel. 12.955155275214087

17919. it was not yet complete: workmen were unloading the potted plants from a truck and placing them in banked rows on the steps above. 7.467895353797475

17920. the azaleas were as large as shrubs and their myriad blooms many still tight in the bud ranged in color from purple through fuchsia and rose to the palest pink along with many white ones too. 6.447576825203205

17921. marvelous thought theresa climbing in her portly well-bred way for she was someone who had learned that if you only move slowly enough you have time to notice everything. 5.0508150870404735

17922. in rome all over europe she intended to move very slowly indeed. 9.850579500826207

17923. halfway up the staircase she stopped and sat down. 6.764147616291221

17924. other people were doing it too sitting all along the wide banisters and leaning over the parapets above watching the azaleas mass or just enjoying the sun. 6.306690031503224

17925. theresa sat with her letters in her lap breathing mediterranean air. 6.210871206873012

17926. the sun warmed her as it seemed to be warming everything perhaps even the underside of stones or the chill insides of churches. 8.318217961524011

17927. she loosened her tweed jacket and smoked a cigarette. 7.953336273174813

17928. content h excited; how could you be both at once? 7.879513779734377

17929. strange but she was. 10.363724110347151

17930. presently she picked up the first of the letters. 17.816005376719083

17931. a few moments later her hands were trembling and her brow had contracted with anxiety and dismay. 7.227779525644711

17932. of course one of them would have to go and do this! poor cousin elec she thought tears rising to sting in the sun but why couldn't he have arranged to live through the summer? 7.523255725338832

17933. and how on earth did i ever get this letter anyway? 8.289399698198068

17934. she had reason indeed to wonder how the letter had managed to find her. 7.198778874655976

17935. her cousin emma carraway had written it in her loose high old lady's script- t's carefully crossed but l's inclined to wobble like an old car on the downward slope. 4.8739623240901935

17936. cousin emma had simply put miss theresa stubblefield rome italy on the envelope had walked up to the post office in tuxapoka alabama and mailed it with as much confidence as if it had been a birthday card to her next-door neighbor. 7.949908206832585

17937. somebody had scrawled american express piazza di spagna? 7.14162538120728

17938. across the envelope and now theresa had it all as easily as if she had been the president of the republic or the pope. 7.41770405132448

17939. inside were all the things they thought she ought to know concerning the last illness death and burial of cousin alexander carraway. 5.459112586289215

17940. cousin emma and cousin elec brother and sister- unmarried devoted aging- had lived next door to the stubblefields in tuxapoka

from time immemorial until the stubblefields had moved to montgomery  
 fifteen years ago. 5.830388127029086  
 17941. two days before he was taken sick cousin elec was out worrying  
 about what too much rain might do to his sweetpeas and cousin elec had  
 always preserved in the top drawer of his secretary a mother-of-  
 pearl paper knife which theresa had coveted as a child and which he had  
 promised she could have when he died. 5.55113798742145  
 17942. i'm supposed to care as much now as then as much here as there she  
 realized with a sigh. 4.896974283486748  
 17943. this letter would have got to me if she hadn't even put rome  
 italy on it. 6.89773816862575  
 17944. she refolded the letter replaced it in its envelope and turned  
 with relief to one from her brother george. 7.39595678659273  
 17945. but alas george when he had written had only just returned from  
 going to tuxapoka to cousin elec's funeral. 7.542434650481444  
 17946. he was full of heavy family reminiscence. 18.80617950098996  
 17947. all the fine old stock was dying out look at the world today.  
 9.086161282611428  
 17948. his own children had suffered from the weakening of those  
 values which he and theresa had always taken for granted and as for  
 his grandchildren he shuddered to think that the true meaning of  
 character might never dawn on them at all. 6.587248663586344  
 17949. a life of gentility and principle such as cousin elec had lived  
 had to be known at first hand h. 5.970688311006836  
 17950. poor george! the only boy the family darling. 9.97432918100716  
 17951. together with her mother both of them tense with worry lest things  
 should somehow go wrong. 6.176700683472421  
 17952. theresa had seen him through the right college into the right  
 fraternity and though pursued by various girls and various mammas of  
 girls safely married to the right sort however much in the early  
 years of that match his wife anne had not seemed to understand poor  
 george. 6.387437545020524  
 17953. could it just be theresa wondered that anne had understood  
 only too well and that george all along was extraordinary only in the  
 degree to which he was dull? 6.4708785014390156  
 17954. as for cousin alexander carraway the only thing theresa  
 could remember at the moment about him was that he had had exceptionally  
 long hands and feet and one night about one o'clock in the morning the  
 whole stubblefield family had been aroused to go next door at cousin  
 emma's call- first papa then mother then theresa and george.  
 6.826668584673604  
 17955. there they all did their uttermost to help cousin elec get a  
 cramp out of his foot. 7.817453481157195  
 17956. he had hobbled downstairs into the parlor in his agony and was  
 sitting wrapped in his bathrobe on a footstool. 7.6557099336907095  
 17957. he held his long clenched foot in both hands and this and his  
 contorted face- he was trying heroically not to cry out- made him  
 look like a large skinny old monkey. 5.652541073381565  
 17958. they all surrounded him the family circle theresa and george as  
 solemn as if they were watching the cat have kittens and cousin emma  
 running back and forth with a kettle of hot water which she poured  
 steaming into a white enamelled pan. 6.02604291340905  
 17959. can you think of anything to do? 11.135381336842514  
 17960. she kept repeating. 13.148092146312546  
 17961. i hate to call the doctor but if this keeps up i'll just have to!  
 can you think of anything to do? 6.609740764416828  
 17962. you might treat it like the hiccups said papa.  
 8.196044167676531  
 17963. drop a cold key down his back. 7.9201928392397045

17964. i just hope this happens to you someday      said cousin elec who  
was not at his best.    8.756377237271671

17965. poor cousin elec      george said.      10.406798609293578

17966. he was younger than theresa: she remembered looking      down and  
seeing his great round eyes while at the same time she was      dimly aware  
that her mother and father were not unamused.      8.628702464087151

17967. now here they both were still the same george      full of round-  
eyed woe and cousin emma in despair.      6.232310596790208

17968. theresa shifted to a new page.      10.472119682746735

17969. of course there are practical problems to be considered.  
9.151589149381694

17970. cousin emma is alone in that big old house and won't hear to  
parting from it. 6.886249538313906

17971. robbie      and beryl tried their best to persuade her to come and  
stay with them      and anne and i have told her she's more than welcome  
here but      i think she feels that she might be an imposition especially  
as long      as our rosie is still in high school.    4.7963334497740115

17972. the other possibility is to      make arrangements for her to let  
out one or two of the rooms to some teacher      of good family or one of  
those solitary old ladies that tuxapokais populated with- miss edna  
whittaker for example. 7.689886694039849

17973. but there is more in this than meets the eye.      9.681549986083473

17974. a new bathroom would certainly      have to be put in.  
11.589599136657617

17975. the wallpaper in the back bedroom is literally crumbling      off  
h.      9.266243733094392

17976. i hope if you have any ideas along these lines you will write  
me about them.      10.539646375560388

17977. i may settle on some makeshift arrangements for the summer      and  
wait until you return in the fall so we can work out together the best h.  
6.496610726879694

17978. i really shouldn't have smoked a cigarette so early in the day  
thought theresa it always makes me sick.      9.849693565155286

17979. i'll start sneezing in a minute sitting on these cold steps.  
6.210871206873012

17980. she got      up standing uncertainly for a moment then moving aside  
to let go past      her talking a group of young men. 8.936384852721408

17981. they wore shoes with pointed toes      odd to american eyes and  
narrow trousers and their hair looked      unnaturally black and slick.  
5.806893583481489

17982. yet here they were obviously thought to      be handsome and felt  
themselves to be so.    7.92047027235636

17983. just then a man approached her with a tray of cheap cameos parker  
fountain pens rosaries papal portraits. 6.117777704163886

17984. no no! she said.      15.374207938596363

17985. the man did not wish to leave.    8.527741659616877

17986. he knew how to spread himself against the      borders of the space  
that had to separate them.    9.408884026538093

17987. carrozza rides in      the park the colosseum by moonlight he  
specialized h.    6.002446559592496

17988. theresa turned away to escape and climbed to a higher landing  
where the steps      divided in two.    7.138440969068146

17989. there she walked to the far left and leaned on a vacant  
section of banister while the vendor picked himself another well-  
dressed      american lady carrying a camera and a handsome alligator bag  
ascending the steps alone.    5.72396583719482

17990. was he ever successful theresa wondered.    11.812339332972835

17991. the lady with the alligator bag registered interest doubt then  
indignation;      at last alarm.    6.578982329721101

17992. she cast about as though looking for a policeman: this really shouldn't be allowed! finally she scurried away up the steps.

7.536772308535118

17993. theresa stubblefield still holding the family letters in one hand realized that her whole trip to europe was viewed in family circles as an interlude between cousin elec's death and doing something about cousin emma. 4.86107206478141

17994. they were even anne and george probably thinking themselves very considerate in not hinting that she really should cut out one or two countries and come home in august to get cousin emma's house ready before the teachers came to tuxapoka in september. 6.425820823481441

17995. of course it wasn't anne and george's fault that one family crisis seemed to follow another and weren't they always emphasizing that they really didn't know what they would do without theresa?

5.913800708786282

17996. the trouble is theresa thought that while everything that happens there is supposed to matter supremely nothing here is supposed even to exist. 7.51456289543665

17997. they would not care if all of europe were to sink into the ocean tomorrow. 7.007741476838073

17998. it never registered with them that i had time to read all of balzac dickens and stendhal while papa was dying not to mention everything in the city library after mother's operation.

7.188503959237691

17999. it would have been exactly the same to them if i had read through all twenty-six volumes of elsie dinsmore. 9.580636081949372

18000. she arranged the letters carefully one on top of the other.

11.209642837078773

18001. then with a motion so suddenly violent that she amazed herself she tore them in two. 6.415988274754477

18002. signora? 19.804021762487697

18003. she became aware that two italian workmen carrying a large azalea pot were standing before her and wanted her to move so that they could begin arranging a new row of the display. 4.982118926136814

18004. mi dispiace signora ma ho insomnia. 9.670406878971576

18005. oh ho put it there! she indicated a spot a little distance away. 6.404562209326707

18006. i knew it as surely as everybody in westfield- that lucille was a husband stealer. 11.399707322029785

18007. you can't keep that kind of information quiet in a town of only 4000-plus. 5.929618084281545

18008. and i've been told that just about every town no matter what its size has its lucille warren. 8.35296314010345

18009. just as it has its susan dolan though nobody'd ever bothered to tell me that. 9.533515582452859

18010. they even talked about lucille down at the young christians' league where i spent a lot of time in bible classes and helping out with the office work for our foreign mission. 6.859306152463605

18011. i never heard my folks talk about her though. 9.821732468923537

18012. they were good-living religious people and i can truthfully say i never heard them spread any gossip about anybody.

8.013100521817549

18013. even if they ever did say anything about people like lucille warren i know they wouldn't have dreamed of saying it in front of me.

7.612565204605872

18014. my folks and my faith protected me from things like that.

8.5969447579045

18015. and so i was really upset the first time i discovered that my boy friend johnnie was seeing mrs warren. 7.677297265180811

18016. i asked him about it one night while we were sitting in his truck. 11.196385358381727  
18017. i asked him if it was true. 17.814061229543956  
18018. he gave me a straight honest answer. 19.287009670718447  
18019. look sue baby he'd said. 12.50213707625067  
18020. much as i love you- well a guy's a guy and lucille's willing to- to come across. 8.22122337004559  
18021. honest kitten that's all it is- i don't even like lucille much. 6.002446559592496  
18022. i guess it was at that moment that i realized what i was up against in the person of lucille warren. 9.065006481749224  
18023. but it didn't seem fair. 11.59959732049716  
18024. my love for johnnie was young and clean- how could i possibly compete with a woman like that who didn't hesitate to use her sex. 6.683870728523498  
18025. johnnie was a trucker with a small lumber outfit in a town about twenty miles away and he was also pretty good at anything in the carpentry line. 6.176712769567081  
18026. it was a vivid sharp february morning that johnnie first made his appearance in my back yard bringingsome stuff dad had ordered. 9.244302527801475  
18027. i wasn't in the habit of battingmy eyes at delivery men but the moment i saw johnnie i knew he was different. 5.500198106370456  
18028. he wasn't only different- he was it. 12.411802052220429  
18029. he had an easy masculine grace about him the kind that kids don't have but that i had sometimes admired in other older men. 6.116572042707712  
18030. his smile was quick and his eyes held some promised secret that made my knees go limp. 7.242188230830913  
18031. the most unbelievable thing about the chance meeting was that he seemed interested in me too. 7.888376441049139  
18032. i could hardly believe such good luck was mine. 13.487365811251081  
18033. and now lucille warren had gotten a look at him. 9.239731767266347  
18034. i guess she was between affairs or something but anyway she had set her sights on johnnie my johnnie. 7.721756160345477  
18035. i didn't like it one bit. 12.384361145835424  
18036. but what could i do? 22.454724570423792  
18037. a man had to have his release- at least that's what the boys used to say in high school- and i wasn't providing it for johnnie. 6.449025335435814  
18038. she wouldn't have even if he'd asked her. 9.060328853487057  
18039. but he wouldn't ask her- he wasn't the kind of man who would force his wife to submit to him against her will. 6.969289670820706  
18040. and he wouldn't leave her either- he'd told me that. 12.219567014295409  
18041. he was too honorable to leave his wife penniless and leave those helpless children without their daddy. 7.21832396059985  
18042. johnnie loved me and wanted me. 10.472119682746735  
18043. but the only love i was giving him was the pure kind. 9.310008802305518  
18044. it was weeks before we even kissed for the first time. 15.137787097479183  
18045. against my folks' wishes we'd been seeing each other for short rides in the truck. 6.335090789657119  
18046. the rides were tame enough- mostly we talked. 10.582206877639416  
18047. but by the time the first crackling of spring came around we both knew we were hopelessly in love. 8.517624550477853



18048. yet even then we did nothing much but talk and maybe neck a little. 9.81594016844098  
18049. it's so crazy i told him once. 3.574989767277945  
18050. i always imagined i would probably end up marrying a minister or somebody like that. 8.923469128060672  
18051. and you fall for a lumber jockey. 10.242612813271945  
18052. who drinks far too much. 13.914630479694948  
18053. and i was ticking off the items on my fingers swears too much and goes out with the boys whoever they are too much and who never goes to church and won't even listen when i try to persuade him to come back to the fold. 5.482104079398595  
18054. he examined his nails carefully. 15.385132030882776  
18055. i could walk out the door. 15.08379379512986  
18056. and never show my face or my truck around here again. 9.73086604464448  
18057. he still wasn't looking at me. 12.99784219403056  
18058. or i could visit lucille warren. 12.833041965406032  
18059. he shrugged noncommittally. 16.99478977991575  
18060. and now he was seeing her. 10.73634014612502  
18061. he'd just admitted it to me. 7.622507342753323  
18062. i huddled miserably beside him in the truck. 15.387374944414505  
18063. it was all my doing- his seeing her. 16.01311191492744  
18064. johnnie and i had been innocent in our love and that was the way i wanted to keep it. 7.359786578411542  
18065. at first johnnie hadn't understood- how could he not being a religious person like me? 7.4107014106524804  
18066. but then he had said all right kid if that's how you want it that's how it'll be. 8.80918415531882  
18067. but what had i done trying to keep us pure? 10.133091185569643  
18068. i had driven him into the arms of that scheming woman. 8.080354888363697  
18069. i had just the same as delivered him into the hands of the devil! so one week later i surrendered to him in the little motel on route 10. 8.597417441240692  
18070. i was desperate to hold him to give him whatever in this world he wanted or needed and to keep him from the clutches of lucille warren. 8.294096164888652  
18071. and though at the time i blushed to admit it even to myself there was in me a growing desire a sexual awareness that johnnie had set in motion an awareness that no other man had ever triggered. 5.71431579981053  
18072. i wanted him with a terrifying fierceness. 14.614236527667497  
18073. astonishingly enough it was my own voice i heard there in the darkness begging this man to make love to me. 5.265361593691451  
18074. i will kitten! outside in the summertime fields behind the motel a thousand crickets serenaded us. 9.502795934909852  
18075. will you always love me this way? 7.622507342753323  
18076. uh huh. 15.594944937291627  
18077. and i snuggled closer to the man i loved. 14.140453682961244  
18078. it was as blissful and fulfilling a night as any bride ever experienced. 11.455245618923785  
18079. i had had no wedding ceremony no witnesses no certificate of marriage but i had all the joy that goes with them. 7.0853003197176445  
18080. johnnie h? 19.804021762487697  
18081. it can't be wrong can it? 12.998584141589314  
18082. not really. 24.557957404011628  
18083. johnnie rose on one elbow. 8.254441635698543  
18084. it's never wrong if love is real. 3.7110521007927275

18085. i took great comfort from his words and smiled to myself in the darkness. 7.033748404049442

18086. idiot's delight i later discovered. 10.472119682746735

18087. i felt no conflict between what i was doing and my strict religious upbringing. 7.033748404049442

18088. i had always resisted the passes made at me by other kids and many times i had thought about my love for johnnie who being thirty brought a maturity to love that the kids around town could know nothing about. 6.226393231944687

18089. i had also thought a lot about how god must look on true love and so in a way i was keeping my promise to god my promise to remain pure until i was married. 5.715313143521816

18090. i was practically a bride after all. 14.894590857967684

18091. there would have been a ceremony if it had been possible. 15.115733738279404

18092. of this i had no doubt. 19.233308868905468

18093. wouldn't johnnie do practically anything in the world to insure my happiness? 5.719608753571625

18094. of course he would. 26.85286408234465

18095. he'dnot only told me so he'd proved it. 6.764147616291221

18096. it wasn't johnnie's fault that he was hopelessly tied down to that frightful woman who didher best to make his life unbearable. 8.17545691823206

18097. just because he was honorable enough to want to continue supporting his two children as any decent man would that was no reason he should be denied his own small shareof happiness too. 5.849354800583104

18098. and if i could contribute to that i'd do it. 14.67317734953822

18099. no price is too high when true love is at stake. 6.985638126001336

18100. and i had no doubts about how true this love was. 12.067976316560367

18101. i'd never even petted with a boy and after i met johnnie he never touched me for the longest while not until i all but threw myself at him. 4.6904158433825796

18102. he was plenty attentive all right but he behaved like a gentleman and i figured that emotionally i was closer to his age than to my own eighteen and a half. 7.403356913574332

18103. what could a mere twelve years matter? 10.221825396187453

18104. it wasn't i was sure a difference in age that came between people but a difference in maturity. 8.023901015885288

18105. and hadn't i rescued him from lucille warren? 9.342113951872065

18106. she'd have gotten him if i hadn't stopped her. 8.581436094141479

18107. after all lucille warren was a husband-stealer from way back. 9.498088477107476

18108. but i'd been a good girl and now god was blessingme with the gift of this magnificent man and the wondrous love we shared. 8.03878752724742

18109. it was only fitting that we seek out whatever joy our union might bring. 9.996759250554351

18110. always and always johnnie? 11.952165518888542

18111. always. 15.610129252044759

18112. convention time in boston. 11.9058975878534

18113. a chill wind in the air and the narrow streets packed with snow. 8.562350509322087

18114. fromthe entire eastern half of the nation they'd be coming members of the young christians' league and i'd been chosen to represent our chapter. 8.322840996590806

18115. i had mixed emotions about going. 13.461924932958663

18116. i'd been seeing johnnie almost a year now but i still didn't want to leave him for five whole days. 5.8493448928655996

18117. but i had looked forward so much to being with this church group. 8.701500906341561  
 18118. i hadn't been doing as much work as i used to in westfield and i felt funny about that and wanted to work harder than ever. 7.6522737165451895  
 18119. i wanted to just throw myself into the good works of this fine group. 7.80233911057633  
 18120. so i went to boston. 22.330584629054524  
 18121. the first meeting washeld in faneuil hall a great big place where we were able to meet membersfrom all the other states. 7.113143947739919  
 18122. my cousin alma at whose home i was staying during the convention introduced me to a group of young people from rhode island. 7.738961053293599  
 18123. one of them was a very friendly lovely fellow named ronald a boy about my age with slick blond hair and dancing blue eyes. 8.103890594212462  
 18124. he looked very different from johnnie- in fact he looked sort of like me. 10.418435513015963  
 18125. i thought so and he mentioned it and alma said so too. 8.135414724433678  
 18126. after the meeting there was going to be a party at someone's house. 14.752858607261347  
 18127. i assumed alma would get me there but in the confusion of the meeting breaking up we were separated. 6.751236285530815  
 18128. outside the hall i anxiously looked around for her then all at once there was a hand on my elbow. 7.720575835317753  
 18129. hey there beautiful twin of mine ronald said. 7.14162538120728  
 18130. need a pumpkin to get to the party? 13.024014854311561  
 18131. i couldn't help laughing with him. 12.384361145835424  
 18132. well i should find alma- i began. 12.107821717729271  
 18133. by the time we arrived the party was already going strong. 10.716192942662552  
 18134. a couple of the girls were laughing rather shrilly and i realized they were drinking. 10.757258453399926  
 18135. my folks wouldn't dream of having alcohol in the house so my first taste of it had been- of course- with johnnie. 5.279310736414392  
 18136. i hadn't liked it at first- it was bitter and burning. 9.713745980661573  
 18137. but when johnnie disguised the taste with ginger ale i enjoyed it. 7.793238909001978  
 18138. of course i enjoyed 'most anything if i did it with johnnie. 11.653439749240151  
 18139. johnnie h i suddenly realized he'd been totally out of my thoughts all evening. 5.898161823557716  
 18140. but that was only natural i decided; surely he was still resting snugly in my heart. 10.699589952780414  
 18141. i don't see alma anywhere i said. 5.514786625900389  
 18142. c'mon let's find out where they're keeping the glasses. 8.581436094141479  
 18143. i- i don't think so ronald. 8.254441635698543  
 18144. aw come on. 15.594944937291627  
 18145. but at least come along while i get lubricated. 6.764147616291221  
 18146. strange faces most of them and i wasn't even sure all of them had come from the league meeting. 9.94001133804793  
 18147. under normal circumstances he had a certain bright-eyed all-american-boy charm with great appeal for young ladies old ladies and dogs. 6.300230992619183  
 18148. today he looked like an astronaut who had left his vitamin pills on the bureau and spent six months in space: hollow eyes hollow cheeks hollow stomach. 6.896888396467524

18149. a shot of orange juice would make everything seem better.  
7.563545188002981

18150. he looked around his little eden: bureau bed table chair two-  
burner stove. 9.592132658614503

18151. you share a refrigerator mrs kirby had said and somehow at  
midnight after the long drive from new york in pelting rain that had  
sounded reasonable. 6.621185110768666

18152. in the cold light of day it seemed a lunatic arrangement.  
14.647174191411514

18153. share bath maybe- but share refrigerator? 7.622507342753323

18154. shehad explained it- something about summer people's eating out  
and not enough space in the units. 7.2628435485607765

18155. and where was the thing? 12.693774132123336

18156. he remembered seeing it last night when he put away his small  
store of bachelor-type eatables. 8.52351370118872

18157. ah yes- his half of a refrigerator stood outside on the curving  
veranda between unit number three and unit number four. 5.272292847138255

18158. it was still raining and mrs kirby's cottages bloomed through  
the gray haze like the names they bore vivid blue and green and magenta.  
9.317055647266033

18159. charlie downed his orange juice and one of the long skinny green  
pills his spirits as damp as the day. 5.083242045036259

18160. thisvacation had seemed like a good idea last week when his doctor  
had prescribed it. 8.59443225167528

18161. take a full month the doctor had said. 8.403407694771781

18162. lotsof sun lots of rest. 10.472119682746735

18163. the red pills are a vitamin-and-iron compound. 8.976097203071156

18164. this is a sleeping capsule. 27.555925243887035

18165. the others will make you a little more comfortable until you  
get it licked. 7.2135768416778685

18166. you young men get to be my age you won't take flu so lightly.  
9.860522734837105

18167. charlie had accepted the diagnosis without comment.  
7.622507342753323

18168. the doctor could call it anything from flu to beriberi; but  
charlie knew what was wrong with him and knew too that there was no  
pill to cure it. 7.865949447729285

18169. he had loved and lost vivian wayne to somebody else had  
watched her marry the somebody else andhad caught a bear of a cold by  
kissing the bride good-by forever whichwas really piling it on.  
5.22861109463404

18170. he had caught too like an ailment a confirmed distrust of  
women. 11.16988868306799

18171. once burned- scalded really because vivian had given him every  
encouragement- forever shy. 6.919108887321692

18172. from now on his was going to be a man's world: the north woods  
duck blindsat dawning beer and poker and male secretaries.  
8.749346638127436

18173. meanwhile he had this miserable cold and as he leaned against  
the refrigerator watching the rain make sandy puddles at his feet the  
doctor's prescription for lots of sun seemed like a hollow mockery.  
5.090355500105485

18174. in these damp circumstances he was an odds-on bet to develop  
pneumonia. 10.715374875612495

18175. he looked up to see mrs kirby awesome in a black-and-yellow polka-  
dotted slicker bearing down on him. 6.884446573441091

18176. three-day blow! she bellowed triumphantly.  
11.568363037656766

18177. he had noticed before that the natives seemed to regard  
really filthy weather as a kind of pyhrric victory over the  
tourists. 8.331783887545436

18178. fine day after tomorrow she added. 9.670406878971576

18179. i hope so he said. 16.05383250239435

18180. thought i'd bake it out in the sun. 9.060328853487057

18181. you've got a peaked look. 5.539895886183769

18182. better get in out of the wet. 14.077825454787035

18183. charlie forbore to mention that the wet was somewhat universal  
peony being less than weatherproof. 5.674295354649883

18184. as for its being fine day after tomorrow he had the unhappy  
conviction that it would never be fine again with vivian lost to him  
forever. 8.263875900162324

18185. he could imagine her at this minute honeymooning in nassau with  
what's-his-name lounging on golden sands looking forward to a life of  
unalloyed bliss. 6.012784696310228

18186. all charlie could look forward to was a yellow pill at noon a  
salami sandwich for lunch and a lonely old age- if he lived that long.  
6.705103621354813

18187. he leafed through the light reading provided by mrs kirby for her  
guests: four separate adventures of the bobbsey twins and several  
agricultural bulletins on the treatment of hoof-and-mouth disease in  
cattle hideously illustrated. 5.55391438101163

18188. he dozed only to dream of vivian and woke only to crash into the  
night table bruising his other shin. 7.496552459822804

18189. he took a yellow pill only to choke on it and went for the  
salami only to find something alive in the refrigerator- something  
pink and fuzzy. 6.128050522925441

18190. his first thought was that mrs kirby in her mania for color had  
dyed a cat and that cat had somehow managed to open the  
refrigerator door and climb in; but on further investigation the  
thing proved to be a sweater of the long-hair variety that sheds onto  
men's jackets- pale pale pink and according to the label size thirty-  
four. 5.9852718261802

18191. he thought about it for a minute could find no reasonable  
explanation for the presence of a sweater in the refrigerator got the  
salami bread and a bermuda onion and put the whole thing out of his  
mind. 5.315205345526763

18192. next morning he found a note in the refrigerator. 9.533518726891069

18193. would you mind wrapping your onion? 11.004706853480066

18194. said this note. 17.7108913990712

18195. the smell permeates everything! everything being the sweater a  
lipstick case and a squirt bottle of kissin' kare pink hand lotion.  
5.961506444001977

18196. the note paper was pink too and the handwriting small and dainty  
and utterly feminine. 8.086542342015262

18197. not that he had supposed considering the evidence that he was  
sharing this refrigerator with a member of the beach patrol.  
9.878482173434339

18198. he scrawled sorry across the bottom of the note and then  
against his better judgment added: don't you eat? 9.823480406145869

18199. he didn't want to encourage anything here; but on the other hand  
he didn't want her swiping his salami. 6.389099735105381

18200. not onions came the answer the following day. 13.16572876288734

18201. must have really smelled up her sweater he thought and wondered  
idly just why she kept the sweater fast-frozen. 5.549619948983278

18202. but then as he well knew women are not guided by logic or common  
sense. 9.476937300310858

18203. now if this were vivian next door to him and if for some obscure female reason she kept her clothes in the refrigerator they would not be pink. 5.816465357739164

18204. they would be black or white or horse-blanket plaid chic and splashy like vivian herself. 11.163681756638251

18205. pink vivian once had told him was for baby girls and grown-up girls who wore pink were subconsciously clinging to their infancy. 5.083242045036259

18206. why does this girl keep a sweater in the refrigerator? 10.290191559228484

18207. he mused aloud. 16.99478977991575

18208. eh? 19.804021762487697

18209. it was mrs kirby making her toilsome way along the veranda laden with a clattery collection of mops brushes and pails. 7.164771281185504

18210. what's that you say? 9.488114765205632

18211. oh nothing. 15.82425196957161

18212. just glad the rain's stopped. 14.00840206751307

18213. just look at that sky. 11.04184642448208

18214. be a scorcher by afternoon. 16.469374782788545

18215. i've got this cold. 4.990273077554887

18216. she scrutinized him. 19.344067135409958

18217. you want to watch out that you don't get burned to an ash first sunny day. 6.838755953429809

18218. i must remember to warn the girl next to you in larkspur. 10.591897686932567

18219. that pale kind's the worst. 13.51881576711259

18220. that pale kind charlie thought. 14.860954966088402

18221. but then neither was peaked. 14.99177374306145

18222. he could hear mrs kirby now warning her pale guest against sunburn. 9.592132658614503

18223. i spoke to the fellow next door too she might say. 6.210871206873012

18224. surely there was a better word. 12.553033618835462

18225. charlie looked in the mirror. 9.118533821976325

18226. frail feeble- peaked. 15.594944937291627

18227. clearly two damp days with the bobbsey twins had done him no good. 6.261864188559015

18228. the sun blazing hot as prophesied was far from kind to mrs kirby's varicolored properties. 8.750840608424541

18229. when charlie came up from the beach for his four-o'clock pill the whole establishment looked like a floodlit modern painting- great blocks of dizzy color punctuated at regular intervals by the glaring white of five community refrigerators. 5.216441306835459

18230. this weekend he thought he would look around for some more subdued retreat with cape roses maybe at the door. 7.636206967030689

18231. he could not imagine a flower's being brave enough to grow beside peony larkspur and the rest. 7.8967518591202825

18232. the sweater was gone from the refrigerator and its place was a large plastic bag full of wet pink clothes. 7.068970569960655

18233. no wonder she was so pale wearing all those cold clothes. 7.306945388861245

18234. he got a red pill and a beer and then on impulse transferred the rest of his salami to her side of the refrigerator and scrawled on my guest on the wrapping. 8.676470920683538

18235. it gave him a good feeling. 14.040554417444826

18236. thanks was her answer the next day. 9.670406878971576

18237. the note was propped against his pill bottles and bore a postscript: you're not at all well are you? 7.0519299194784555

18238. i've got this cold he wrote. 5.970410411927927

18239. not that it was any of her business. 10.960533574133022  
18240. it's none of my business said the next note but my aunt elsie  
used to take lemon juice and honey in hot water for a cold and she  
lived to be ninety-six. 4.453758789440153  
18241. i mean she's still living and she's ninety-six.  
9.95288923829895  
18242. why don't you try that? 13.663388853342104  
18243. i don't have a lemon. 8.254441635698543  
18244. he had to write very small to get it on the bottom of the scrap of  
paper. 15.013589982311851  
18245. by the next morning she had turned the paper over.  
8.973123714146022  
18246. she didn't sound like a pale girl. 8.599370125360913  
18247. she sounded a little like a redhead. 7.622507342753323  
18248. but then redheads are often pale. 16.546019564226082  
18249. he stuck his head in mrs kirby's little rental office.  
7.953394054598466  
18250. i guess that redhead next to me took your advice. 11.04847926446256  
18251. i haven't seen her on the beach. 9.667175810690399  
18252. you won't if you're looking for a redhead. 13.503944917508555  
18253. he spent that afternoon on the beach looking for a pale brown-  
haired girl in a pink bathing suit. 6.618904412933556  
18254. there were pink bathing suits on blondes and brown-haired girls  
in red or black or green bathing suits. 10.891872070206185  
18255. there were a sprinkling of daring bikinis and a preponderance  
of glorified tank suits. 10.250129959543052  
18256. up on a dune he saw a girl all by herself sitting on a camp  
stool before an easel and absorbed in her painting. 7.307110379787894  
18257. he paid little attention to her because she was a redhead and  
because she was wearing white- one of those bulky turtle-neck  
sweaters. 6.087389548120484  
18258. on the beach there were pale girls and not-so-pale girls.  
14.020126418616051  
18259. and he saw them all as he walked up and down. 9.499236639283918  
18260. at two that morning he was still walking- up and down peony up  
and down the veranda up and down the silent moonlit beach.  
9.723976027711611  
18261. finally in desperation he opened the refrigerator filched her hand  
lotion and left a note. 6.027225964428403  
18262. i've got this sunburn said the note and i used some of your hand  
lotion. 5.76331652397025  
18263. of course i don't mind she answered. 15.23700759592899  
18264. you're having a miserable time aren't you? 9.670406878971576  
18265. use all the lotion you want and for goodness' sake stay in  
out of the sun for a couple of days. 7.903675057560728  
18266. this was a very warm sympathetic girl he decided.  
14.552062194618355  
18267. sympathy is a fine quality in a woman. 7.14162538120728  
18268. now vivian for instance was not too long on sympathy.  
9.759860430032251  
18269. she felt and said that sympathy only made people feel sorry for  
themselves; it was a tough world and you had to be tough to hold your  
own. 5.6728437405755265  
18270. he didn't know what was so tough about vivian's world  
slopping around nassau with what's-his-name. 6.250528725610024  
18271. suppose what's-his-name got a sunburn? 9.118533821976325  
18272. charlie couldn't see vivian offering any hand lotion.  
9.060328853487057  
18273. she might peel him once the worst of the agony was over.  
7.435424790635955

18274. charlie spent the next two days in his pajama bottoms waiting  
for the fire in his back to subside and used generous quantities of the  
hand lotion. 7.148340273478534

18275. correspondence passed back and forth. 9.118533821976325

18276. how's your sunburn now? 11.568363037656766

18277. the only thing this lotion has glycerin in it and that whitens  
the skin so if you're so anxious to get a tan you may not want to use  
it. 7.130541533452475

18278. i'm not that anxious but maybe that's why you're so fair.  
7.879513779734377

18279. that mrs kirby! i'll bet she told you i was puny too.  
7.09355477563453

18280. how's your cold? 13.148092146312546

18281. broiled out. 12.292407525564322

18282. she didn't say you were puny. 9.82466777404044

18283. are you? 21.325090088442064

18284. what's puny? 10.658282670269122

18285. puny goes with pale and peaked. 8.254441635698543

18286. do you have anything to read while you're shut up?  
15.285993954488212

18287. there are two things here about surviving in the wilderness and a  
book called 'tom swift and his speedy canoe'; but the picture of tom  
swift is pretty sinister. 6.529137136090429

18288. there was a crowd in the stands for a change and the sun was hot.  
17.76551666989247

18289. the new riverside pitcher turned out to have an overhand fast ball  
that took a hop. 7.440713570591949

18290. for a few innings the anniston team couldn't figure him out.  
12.934683776465631

18291. then in the fifth anniston's kid catcher caught onto a curve and  
smacked the ball into left center field. 6.802186920913236

18292. eddie lee riverside's redheaded playing manager ran after the ball  
but it rolled past him. 7.198778874655976

18293. phil rossoff cut over to center from left field to get the  
relay. 5.825820622377272

18294. eddie caught up with the ball near the fence and threw it to phil.  
8.338773623381888

18295. third! third base! eddie shouted. 8.254441635698543

18296. phil spun around and made an accurate throw into mike deegan's  
hands on third base. 7.198778874655976

18297. mike caught the ball just as the catcher slid into the bag.  
6.537904474381324

18298. but the anniston boy had begun his slide too late.  
11.848480941707242

18299. he came into the bag with his body and mike deegan brought the  
ball down full in his face. 6.446660706320529

18300. you bastard! the anniston catcher screamed. 15.000064054538505

18301. he jumped to his feet and started to throw punches.  
8.304077597384941

18302. mike deegan tossed his glove away and began to swing at the  
catcher. 8.351007277100697

18303. this brought in everybody from both sides while the spectators  
stood up and added to the uproar. 6.602047908462229

18304. the fighters were separated in a few minutes.  
12.209240842927233

18305. but mike deegan was boiling mad now. 10.19575443707157

18306. when the inning was over he cursed the anniston catcher all the  
way into the dugout. 12.04036471716993

18307. phil rossoff coming in from left field stopped at the water  
fountain for a drink. 5.86141111402436



18308. mike deegan was standing beside it facing the field.  
8.581436094141479

18309. he was eyeing the anniston catcher warming up his pitcher before  
the inning began. 7.966892886463579

18310. keep your eyes open sonny! mike yelled to the catcher.  
9.349635902175994

18311. the anniston catcher did not reply with words. 8.976097203071156

18312. he simply turned to mike and smiled. 12.411802052220429

18313. this so infuriated deegan that he spun around and said: i'll get  
that little bastard. 6.488180278828181

18314. so help me god i'll get him. 11.353952865167347

18315. phil rossoff said: why don't you leave him alone? 6.460370037324521

18316. mind your own goddamn business mike deegan said.  
8.581436094141479

18317. he stepped into the dugout wondering why deegan was always  
looking for trouble. 7.64676287920333

18318. maybe the answer was in his eyes. 12.475030471941214

18319. whendeegan smiled his eyes never fit in with his lips.  
6.5186904035548565

18320. in the last of the sixth inning mike deegan got up to bat and  
hit a fast ball over the left fielder's head. 8.950843620014851

18321. by the time the fielder got his hands on the ball deegan was  
rounding third base and heading for home. 7.903616866623694

18322. the left fielder threw and it was a good one.  
16.017606782895076

18323. but mike had no chance of being tagged. 10.19575443707157

18324. the anniston catcher was straddling home plate.  
11.387658710676023

18325. all deegan had to do was slide fall away but instead he rammed  
into the catcher. 7.457345721062782

18326. both fell heavily to the ground. 11.309027686668804

18327. onlymike got to his feet. 8.254441635698543

18328. he went back to touch home plate turned and walked to the dugout  
without looking back. 9.768552345939245

18329. the anniston players and their manager ran out on the field.  
8.615573438394106

18330. they poured water over their catcher's face.  
13.133843158043385

18331. then the manager called for a doctor. 11.471005335590355

18332. the riverside physician came down to look over the injured  
ballplayer. 11.354909542278204

18333. then quickly and a little nervously the doctor ordered a couple of  
ballplayers to carry the catcher into the dressing room. 6.099340514961754

18334. mike deegan was sitting on the bench watching.  
10.194454075657898

18335. when the ballplayers started to carry the catcher off the field he  
said: that ought to teach the sonofabitch. 7.997296117526202

18336. phil rossoff seated next to deegan got up and moved to the other  
end of the bench. 10.33321092788045

18337. the anniston manager was coming over to the riverside dugout.  
7.588501175397519

18338. he was followed by four of his men. 13.595844656648401

18339. it began to look as if something was going to happen.  
12.657286249202263

18340. mike sat quitely watching the manager come nearer.  
8.581436094141479

18341. eddie lee moved over to mike deegan's side. 7.14162538120728

18342. no one said a word. 16.941975467163637

18343. the anniston manager came right up to the dugout in front of mike.  
8.750094238313348

18344. deegan the manager said his voice pitched low quivering.  
8.581436094141479

18345. that was a rotten thing to do. 13.169772580744088

18346. for god's sake mike said waving the manager away.10.38479854363946

18347. stop it will you? 10.843825299487202

18348. tell your guys not to block the plate. 9.074972767345402

18349. you didn't have to ram him. 11.823504411807077

18350. the anniston manager looked at eddie lee. 11.387658710676023

18351. it was a cold and calculated look. 8.37636672701769

18352. he turned and went back across the field to his dugout.  
11.201414030446568

18353. he called in the pitcher who had been pitching and a big heavy  
powerfully built right hander moved out to the mound for anniston.  
7.036823693109364

18354. the game started again and in the eighth inning mike deegan came  
up to bat. 12.55416991866762

18355. everyone in the ball park seemed to be standing and shouting.  
7.680560062855634

18356. the first ball the hefty pitcher threw came in for mike's  
head. 10.31465583485308

18357. deegan fell into the dirt the ball going over him.  
7.567533789706685

18358. he arose slowly and brushed himself off. 12.411802052220429

18359. he got back into the batter's box and on the next pitch  
dropped into the dirt again.8.019965142109386

18360. hit the bum! somebody yelled from the anniston bench.  
8.581436094141479

18361. in the riverside dugout frankie ricco shortstop whispered into  
phil's ear: there's gonna be a fight. 7.5508178076162284

18362. look at those bastards! charlie haydon a pitcher said.  
14.613191418375093

18363. mike was slow getting into the box this time. 6.764147616291221

18364. when he finally did he had to duck his head quickly away as the  
pitch came in. 10.326825046845613

18365. listen! he shouted to the pitcher. 8.254441635698543

18366. one more and i'm coming out there! i'll be waiting! the  
pitcher yelled back. 8.746552225056625

18367. mike deegan pounded the rubber plate with the end of his bat.  
7.616548974996889

18368. he stood flat-footed in the box but not very close to the plate  
now. 11.58345268987448

18369. the pitcher wound up and the ball came in straight for mike's  
head. 6.817408452020724

18370. deegan dropped got up turned and holding the bat with both hands  
up against his chest began to walk slowly out to the mound.  
7.348921303973777

18371. the pitcher tossed his glove away and came towards mike  
deegan. 7.43304005989246

18372. they were both walking towards each other unhurried.  
14.380304553320832

18373. riverside and anniston players rushed out on the field.  
6.850114810505649

18374. in the next moment it seemed the infield was crowded with  
spectators ballplayers cops kids and a dog. 9.930826592061251

18375. there was much shouting and screaming.15.704948712058464

18376. fights sprang up and were quickly squelched. 9.060328853487057

18377. mike and the anniston pitcher were pulled away before they even  
came together. 5.825820622377272

18378. phil rossoff and two other riverside players did not go out on  
the field when the fighting started. 8.573583721938913

18379. after the game phil was taking off his sweatshirt in the dressing room when mike deegan came in. 5.531774921687249  
18380. it's a helluva thing mike said looking at phil when a guy's own team-mate won't come out and help him in a fight.4.0271022944689  
18381. phil sighed and pulled the wet sweatshirt over his head. 6.460370037324521  
18382. frankie ricco sat down on the bench near phil. 10.324017867453543  
18383. the other players were undressing quietly. 11.638163031948876  
18384. eddie lee had not come in yet. 9.670406878971576  
18385. mike went over to phil and stood over him. 6.460370037324521  
18386. why the hell didn't you come out when you saw them gang up on me? 7.032105024464237  
18387. i didn't think it was necessary. 8.414461701770975  
18388. well! now that's just fine! you didn't think it was necessary. 8.455954240907982  
18389. mike placed both his hands on his hips. 7.14162538120728  
18390. he pushed his jaw forward. 15.385132030882776  
18391. listen wise guy if you think i'm gonna do all the fighting for this ball club you're crazy. 5.326519577128725  
18392. mike had a good two inches over phil and phil had to look up into mike's face. 7.223891858113914  
18393. i didn't ask you to fight for the ball club phil said slowly. 6.741720024801608  
18394. you trying to say i started the fight? 14.827875988172568  
18395. i'm not trying to say anything. 3.7015045771243886  
18396. phil turned away and opened his locker and then he heard mike deegan say: you're yellow rossoff! and phil banged his locker door shut and spun around. 6.2410346793723415  
18397. but before anything could happen frankie ricco was between them and eddie lee had come into the dressing room. 7.306284002141161  
18398. phil come into my office eddie said. 9.060328853487057  
18399. phil followed eddie into the office and shut the door. 6.210871206873012  
18400. he sat down before eddie's desk. 15.385132030882776  
18401. i'm doing you a favoreddie said quickly. 4.0028807404405535  
18402. you get your unconditional release as of today. 12.37182052821836  
18403. phil's eyes widened just a trifle. 7.622507342753323  
18404. the best thing for you to do eddie said is go home. 10.326578381695866  
18405. you don't belong in professional baseball. 7.132401713521564  
18406. phil had to clear his throat. 9.670406878971576  
18407. is this because of what happened out there? 10.105809759967789  
18408. no eddie said. 15.594944937291627  
18409. but it does confirm what i've suspected all along. 11.710974206036632  
18410. listen! this is the second time h sit down sit down eddie said. 8.751094808679689  
18411. i'm not saying you're yellow. 3.69637106966972  
18412. i am saying you're not a professional ballplayer. 13.964033913058554  
18413. eddie lee leaned forward over the desk. 7.14162538120728  
18414. now listen to me phil. 15.364229980974233  
18415. i'm not steering you wrong. 3.699222138671167  
18416. you haven't got the heart for baseball. 15.000064054538505  
18417. phil shook his head and eddie frowned. 8.677321360753487  
18418. suddenly his voice grew hard. 13.248482554738986  
18419. what the hell do you think baseball is? 12.028601476537517

18420. you're not in the big leagues but if you can't give and take  
down here what the hell do you think it'll be like up there?  
6.136219794915333

18421. phil started to say something but eddie cut him short.  
6.531276281853482

18422. now don't tell me what a good ball player you are.  
8.859365232996492

18423. i know you've got talent.18.393652376116847

18424. but what you haven't got is the heart to back up that talent with.  
9.75885328664092

18425. you just haven't got the heart for pro-ball and that's it.  
8.498258318368384

18426. dazed phil said: i don't get it. 9.670406878971576

18427. my batting average h eddie stood up abruptly then sat down  
just as abruptly. 6.455031676096331

18428. what difference does your batting average make?  
13.126227377958582

18429. or your fielding average. 11.46190772864265

18430. or even the way you run bases. 13.901054241537196

18431. i tell you when it's necessary to hurt in order to win- you  
won't do it. 7.538662819281561

18432. that's what i mean by no heart for the game. 5.567502951982717

18433. deegan had no business ramming into that kid out there.  
6.460370037324521

18434. he did it because he knows for each guy he puts out of  
commission that's one less who might take his job away later on.  
8.522148304044958

18435. what the hell do you think baseball is? 10.908448241307822

18436. a sport? 21.944778634142413

18437. it's a way of life goddamit! and you've got to be ready to  
cut to ribbons anybody who want to take your way of life away from you!  
he's wrong! phil thought. 3.7059560077841414

18438. there were other clubs in this league. 17.252764190159947

18439. he was a little pale and shaky. 17.239698497176036

18440. his lips felt glued together. 12.214555706636531

18441. i think you're wrong eddie he said finally.13.234928082206727

18442. you'll get your pay in the morning.9.670406878971576

18443. phil turned and left the room hearing eddie say: someday you'll  
see i was right. 5.542917982132687

18444. phil shut the door behind him. 9.670406878971576

18445. outside in the dressing room frankie ricco sat on the bench  
dressed in his street clothes. 6.069352188143241

18446. phil said: i got my release. 10.472119682746735

18447. what for? 20.454815948573874

18448. phil sighed.15.594944937291627

18449. i don't get it. 6.084341628539399

18450. i don't know phil said. 6.40353114943052

18451. they were silent for a few moments. 12.704666064952725

18452. then frankie said: what are you gonna do?11.185419424362621

18453. phil started to take his clothes off and frankie sat down on  
the bench again. 6.21738536436707

18454. phil took off one shoe and stared at it. 8.581436094141479

18455. don't take it like this frankie said. 3.3326417997438393

18456. hell plenty of guys get let out and come back later.  
7.615092762846159

18457. the leagues are full of guys like that. 7.738000562449461

18458. what are you gonna do phil? 19.147156018699693

18459. phil did not answer. 9.118533821976325

18460. why not try another club? 16.50522406137714

18461. phil looked up. 10.363724110347151

18462. what the hell right did eddie have saying a thing like that?  
9.447230487107626

18463. springfield's in tomorrow frankie said. 8.254441635698543

18464. he just didn't know what he was talking about saying a thing  
like that. 11.024864854286045

18465. will you do it phil? 11.371309518294675

18466. do what? 15.594944937291627

18467. ask whitey for a job. 9.452469300701186

18468. springfield come in tomorrow? 11.568363037656766

18469. frankie nodded. 12.292407525564322

18470. i'll talk to him all right. 7.052416632819533

18471. you'll get a job there. 4.434816407143831

18472. i'm not worried about it phil said. 4.695968624969399

18473. that's the way to talk. 4.5521556521024245

18474. what else did eddie have to say? 13.126227377958582

18475. nothing phil said. 12.798393476486735

18476. richard's next interest seemed the product of his insularity.  
9.552580660614426

18477. his broad reading took him into certain by-ways of religion and  
the subject of religion began to fascinate him. 5.702822383859554

18478. when he was twelve he took to reading st augustine and aquinas  
then lao-tse confucius mencius suzuki hindu tomes by endless krishnaists  
and numerous socio-archaeological papers. 8.40886389378838

18479. for his birthday because richard had seen them in a store and  
asked for them his mother bought him the zend-avesta and a little  
image of the indian god acala. 6.485090509647295

18480. and one day on her own his mother came home with a present  
entitled the book of the dead which she suspected richard would  
enjoy. 7.587654776625781

18481. he was enormously happy with her gift and smiled then went to  
his room to read. 7.644175402875733

18482. at dinner one night when he was fourteen richard announced there  
is only one god. 10.930302944433684

18483. did you think there were two? 11.726643105254862

18484. grinned his father. 13.148092146312546

18485. you don't understand richard said gloomily. 7.132401713521564

18486. through quiet laughter his mother said don't speak to your  
father like that richard. 8.132103251395721

18487. richard seldom spoke anyhow and he didn't speak to his parents  
about religion again. 4.366709415741732

18488. his interest in the formal study of religion waned when he was  
sixteen and he substituted for it an interest in asian affairs.  
8.89554174344502

18489. although he still didn't speak to anyone he grew fond of saying  
the future lies in asia when the opportunity arose and when he graduated  
from high school his parents sent him to new york to give him a  
foundation they said for his life in asian studies. 5.275214311400777

18490. richard was a solitary student in new york and acquired in  
his remoteness a thorough if bookish knowledge of asian lore literature  
life politics and history. 7.307426758709952

18491. he was awarded a fellowship to continue his studies in tokyo and  
he packed up his clothes the biwa upon which he had been practicing and  
his image of acala and left to spend a week at home before leaving the  
country. 5.577159584277038

18492. the week at home was not comfortable. 15.712826245464647

18493. his mother who had seen little of him for four years appeared  
worried about his sailing off by himself for an orient which she  
herself having slight knowledge of it had to be distrusted.  
5.161850294109484

18494. she seemed to work to grow close to her son in the few days he spent at home talking to him about some of the more pleasant moments of his childhood and then trying to talk to him about those things in which he alone was interested. 7.53874194150532

18495. do you still have thebook of the dead? 11.92589899509228

18496. she asked him and laughing she added i was nervous about buying a book with a title like that but i knew you'd like it. 7.576387114400823

18497. yes he lied to shorten the conversation i still have it. 7.455191079527877

18498. he was no longer able to relax in the presence of his parents and found it difficult to keep up a conversation with his mother or father no matter the subject. 9.137267508339761

18499. as for the book of the dead it along with his other books on religion had been incarcerated in a furnace in the basement of the building in which he had lived in new york. 5.787208181602326

18500. he had dusted each of the books carefully and carried them all to the basement and trembling at having to open the big furnace given them up to the flames. 8.19797521024672

18501. then he sped from thedark basement and returned to his room and cried. 7.843407926201672

18502. richard left america with his clothes his biwa and his image of acala and on the freighter which took him to japan he plucked at the biwa trying to make the sounds he wrought resemble an ancient japanese tune he hadonce heard. 6.019726956946484

18503. during his second week at sea he brought the curious melody out of the instrument and suddenly wanted to force the biwa to remain at just that moment in its history when it had given him pleasure. 5.787905883621993

18504. he stole from his cabin late that night and crept out into a gusty north pacific wind and dropped the biwa into the water. 7.000426104312035

18505. it was so dark that he didn't see it hit the water and the noisy rush of the ocean kept him from hearing it. 7.649573033948713

18506. it was as though the biwa had been eaten up by the wind. 14.504640723493376

18507. in tokyo richard took up a life similar to that which he had lived in new york except that he had replaced his biwa with a friend. 7.5228521185048285

18508. an american student named charlotte adams had refused to take notice of his evident aversion to people and had at last succeeded in getting him to talk to her. 6.673129828829881

18509. he had nothing much to say to her but that he said anything seemed to please her and he accompaniedher on some of her unusually searching tours of tokyo. 6.582548448311685

18510. in charlotte richard saw a frankness and a zest for doing things which after a fashion he envied. 8.196536179722322

18511. in time he grew to depend upon her occasional company and she at length was able to encourage him to participate in more social activity. 6.645336283902528

18512. she convinced him that he ought to be a member of some of the small tea-drinking parties she held at her rooms and in the end he complied with her wishes although it was only rarely that he added anything to the random conversations. 8.675149498044787

18513. at one such gathering charlotte announced i was at ryusenji today. 10.172548632890837

18514. haveyou ever been to ryusenji? 10.472119682746735

18515. no one had. 19.237092080109804

18516. well it's at fudomae and there was a tan young man quite naked taking a shower in the pool. 8.00493884178879

18517. richard thought it a more promising remark than any made during the last conversation but charlotte's manner during the gatherings was more flippant and superficial than when she was alone with him and he was sure her remark would lead to nothing much better than the pointless words which had preceded it. 5.500273971112471

18518. three of the four persons present all foreign students in tokyo had been playing a game of judging popular japanese foods by the in and out system an equation in which zen philosophy was used as the modifier. 7.756111229739222

18519. soba udon and tea were in because they could be taken noisily. 6.002446559592496

18520. sushi was out because it was pretentious. 12.23008923895811

18521. sashimi was in samuel burns had suggested because it was too far out to stay out even if it was a little pretentious. 7.714848877068914

18522. richard had kept his eyes down throughout the game the very sound of the chatter nearly painful to his ears. 7.21344205763055

18523. he wasn't the least bit disturbed by my watching him said charlotte. 7.560809233574742

18524. did you watch him? 17.171912493159287

18525. asked a red-haired girl named ceecee witter. 7.622507342753323

18526. i shouldn't have been able to do that. 13.269528653714232

18527. well i was able to do it charlotte said with no sign of irritation. 0.0

18528. i'm surprised no one has been there. 10.570015425988428

18529. i've been there a number of times. 5.042141567298523

18530. sam i thought you knew everything about tokyo. 9.933401610082138

18531. you've never been to ryusenji? 5.539895886183769

18532. i've heard about it samuel burns said. 5.566796116027718

18533. there's a little place there called lovers mound dedicated to gompachi and komurasaki. 3.708899010225001

18534. yes a little parkish place charlotte said and concluded anyhow it's all very nice. 8.386824198939589

18535. and the man who brought sweet potatoes into kanto is buried there next to a beautiful seated statue of fudo. 6.863969561061585

18536. oh that's what i meant to tell you. 10.398550832016166

18537. this is the interesting part richard she had a bothersome habit of trying to pull him into the talking. 8.841460129160703

18538. there was that fellow out there in the bitter cold- my god it was cold today said samuel burns. 7.884581855449982

18539. and the water would be still colder ceecee seemed to shiver at the thought of it. 8.287178381605464

18540. and your golden god said samuel burns probably went right home and poured himself into a boiling bath. 7.833338170698159

18541. it would kill one of us. 18.63105190399245

18542. but the point is charlotte said there he was freezing naked in a little stream of water at ryusenji all in worship of fudo the god of fire. 6.228860520068616

18543. richard's dark eyes came up and seemed for the tiniest moment to reflect sharp light. 5.542917982132687

18544. it was true; fudo the god of wisdom was also thought of as the japanese version of acala. 10.99618047383709

18545. the conversation went on but richard stopped listening. 9.338719997675419

18546. he found himself trying to remember something but he couldn't decide even the nature of what it was he worked to recall. 8.574866940035962

18547. he had almost given up when he realized that the dropping of his biwa into the icy jowls of the black pacific was the memory for which he had been searching. 6.563847466428849

18548. perhaps he sensed some connection between the incident on the freighter and the ascetic at ryusenji he was unable to put it together.  
8.318774694875552

18549. that night after leaving charlotte's apartment richard walked about for a time before returning to his room. 7.047637994573878

18550. when he at last did go to his room he couldn't sleep and instead paced up and down before his little image of acala thinking first of charlotte's tale of the man at ryusenji then of his biwa and the invisible pacific waters. 6.762315483948501

18551. and the next morning not sure of why he went he took the train to fudomae and walked to ryusenji. 6.7881245862708655

18552. he was surprised by the sharp sensation he experienced as he approached the pool which charlotte had mentioned. 9.52931477531394

18553. he went through a gate to stand at the edge of the water and gazed at the two thin falls which dropped from large spigots high at the back of the pool. 7.996992376907792

18554. on the hillside above was caged what might have been an incarnation of fudo or perhaps a demon. 8.880135014497203

18555. the strange creature housed in wire made him shudder.  
8.341215694113531

18556. the sensation he so overwhelmingly realized was one which told him he had been there before but he knew he had not and could not recall any place he had visited to be likened to the limpid green water or the little fountain-falls or the green demon imprisoned beyond his reach. 6.828227599909937

18557. he left the pool and climbed the steep stone stairs to the temple and the sense of familiarity with the place would not leave him. 6.278187761345974

18558. into a little well before the temple he dropped a hundred-yen coin and then he had an urge to sound the bell before the temple to take hold of the rope and crash it against the circle of bronze; but the spirit he wished to call out would not he knew come in the person of the temple priest. 6.69886557739583

18559. instead he walked around the temple and mounted still another flight of stairs and stood before the seated fudo at their head.  
5.206969395667132

18560. the black fudo seemed to stare rigidly back at him and richard's eyes were caught by the fudo's in fascination and then richard was shocked as all at once flames shot out from the sharp features of fudo's face and there was a terrible metallic scraping sound as if the large statue were about to burst from some pressure within it.  
6.060876804996218

18561. then the flames were gone the stillness fell upon the severe black face and richard began to tremble violently. 6.361462262301334

18562. suddenly he emptied his pockets of all his coins and dropped them into the box before the seated fudo and hurried back down both stairways and away from the temple never looking back. 6.719380366577789

18563. he walked all the miles back to his room. 9.37476583863188

18564. he seemed to have picked up a virus that day because the next morning he had a small cough and felt a bit hot. 8.566411931777575

18565. he stayed home reading and refusing to think about his frightening experience at ryusenji. 6.955990454870539

18566. but the process of refusing to think about it was an active reminder in itself and he couldn't rid himself of a consciousness of it throughout the day. 7.783722900487885

18567. the cold lingered making sleep difficult that night and he remained in bed still the next morning now unable to keep from thinking about the inexplicable sight of burning metal the wretched sound the unbearable feeling of having been to a remote tokyo temple at some earlier time in his life. 4.39244491018772



18568. all of the elements of the experience were impossible and yet the reality of them was heavy upon him and he resolved never again to visit the temple at fudomae. 12.204586212750339

18569. i was thinking of the heat and of water that morning when i was plowing the stubble field far across the hill from the farm buildings. 6.496989835935114

18570. it had grown hot early that day and i hoped that the boy my brother's son would soon come across the broad black area of plowed ground carrying the jar of cool water. 6.127821545355727

18571. the boy usually was sent out at about that time with the water and he always dragged an old snow-fence lath or a stick along to play with. 5.967931257283562

18572. he pretended that the lath was a tractor and he would drag it through the dirt and make buzzing tractor sounds with his lips. 7.56949139879573

18573. i almost ran over the snake before i could stop the tractor in time. 7.033748404049442

18574. i had turned at the corner of the field and i had to look back to raise the plow and then to drop it again into the earth and i was thinking of the boy and the water anyway and when i looked again down the furrow the snake was there. 7.606086120642392

18575. it lay half in the furrow and half out and the front wheels had rolled nearly up to it when i put in the clutch. 6.957982912084095

18576. the tractor was heavily loaded with the weight of the plow turning the earth and the tractor stopped instantly. 8.65926883882496

18577. the snake slid slowly and with great care from the new ridge the plow had made into the furrow and did not go any further. 5.587517462815743

18578. i had never liked snakes much i still had that kind of quick panic that i'd had as a child whenever i saw one but this snake was clean and bright and very beautiful. 7.521603781906447

18579. he was multi-colored and graceful and he lay in the furrow and moved his arched and tapered head only so slightly. 6.826121669474411

18580. go out of the furrow snake i said but it did not move at all. 11.10887719028275

18581. i pulled the throttle of the tractor in and out hoping to frighten him with the noise but the snake only flicked its black forked tongue and faced the huge tractor wheel without fright or concern. 6.097509146821502

18582. i let the engine idle then and i got down and went around the wheel and stood beside it. 7.721756160345477

18583. my movement did frighten the snake and it raised its head and trailed delicately a couple of feet and stopped again and its tongue was working very rapidly. 5.436336172996785

18584. i followed it looking at the brilliant colors on its tubular back the colors clear and sharp and perfect in orange and green and brown diamonds the size of a baby's fist down its back and the diamonds were set one within the other and interlaced with glistening jet-black. 5.954337190664868

18585. the colors were astonishing clear and bright and it was as if the body held a fire of its own and the colors came through that transparent flesh and skin vivid and alive and warm. 5.442260693132294

18586. the eyes were clear and black and the slender body was arched slightly. 9.247919163025907

18587. his flat and gracefully tapered head lifted as i looked at him and the black tongue slipped in and out of that solemn mouth. 6.8606758646903225

18588. you beauty i said i couldn't kill you. 13.686088808773588

18589. you are much too beautiful. 9.118533821976325

18590. i had killed snakes before when i was younger but there had been no animal like this one and i knew it was unthinkable that an animal such as that should die. 8.369000929561034

18591. i picked him up and the length of him arched very carefully and gracefully and only a little wildly and i could feel the coolness of that radiant fire-colored body like splendid ice and i knew that he had eaten only recently because there were two whole and solid little lumps in the forepart of him like fieldmice swallowed whole might make.

5.000535753132551

18592. the body caressed through my hands like cool satin and my hands usually tanned and dark were pale beside it and i asked it where the fire colors could come from the coolness of that body. 6.599958184525616

18593. i lowered him so he would not fall and his body slid out onto the cool newly-plowed earth from between my pale hands. 5.737723150024694

18594. the snake worked away very slowly and delicately and with a gorgeous kind of dignity and beauty and he carried his head a little above the rolled clods. 6.687431067188754

18595. the sharp burning colors of his body stood brilliant and plain against the black soil like a target. 5.902564164932943

18596. i felt good and satisfied looking at the snake.

11.707830514603762

18597. it shone in its bright diamond color against the sun-burned stubble and the crumbled black clods of soil and against the paleness of myself. 6.457976418109641

18598. the color and beauty of it were strange and wonderful and somehow alien too in that dry and dusty and uncolored field. 6.622895098640549

18599. i got on the tractor again and i had to watch the plow closely because the field was drawn across the long hillside and even in that good soil there was a danger of rocks. 6.651328812237935

18600. i had my back to the corner of the triangular field that pointed towards the house. 12.939789058690298

18601. the earth was a little heavy and i had to stop once and clean the plowshares because they were not scouring properly and i did not look back towards the place until i had turned the corner and was plowing across the upper line of the large field a long way from where i had stopped because of the snake. 5.388800835993898

18602. i saw it all at a glance. 14.425967366896408

18603. the boy was there at the lower corner of the field and he was in the plowed earth stamping with ferocity and a kind of frenzied impatience. 6.975756388666339

18604. even at that distance with no sound but the sound of the tractor i could tell the fierce mark of brutality on the boy.

7.678933223624066

18605. i could see the hunched-up shoulders the savage determination the dance of his feet as he ground the snake with his heels and the pirouette of his arms as he whipped at it with the stick.

5.880402142312107

18606. stop it i shouted but the lumbering and mighty tractor roared on above anything i could say. 7.242582034068102

18607. i stopped the tractor and i shouted down to the boy and i knew he could hear me for the morning was clear and still but he did not even hesitate in that brutal murdering dance. 5.948337474879814

18608. i felt myself tremble thinking of the diamond light of that beauty i had held a few moments before and i wanted to run down there and halt if i could that frenetic pirouette catch the boy in the moment of his savagery and save a glimmer a remnant of that which i remembered but i knew it was already too late. 6.9396696108445735

18609. i drove the tractor on not looking down there; i was afraid to look for fear the evil might still be going on. 5.11000427288293

18610. my head began to ache and the fumes of the tractor began to bother my eyes and i hated the job suddenly and i thought there are only moments when one sees beautiful things and these are soon crushed or they vanish. 6.282058878585513

18611. i felt the anger mount within me. 10.981588546931944

18612. the boy waited at the corner with the jar of water held up to me in his hands and the water had grown bubbly in the heat of the morning. 0.0

18613. i knew the boy well. 16.20325629893319

18614. he was eleven and we had done many things together. 12.77403531117276

18615. he was a beautiful boy really with finely-spun blonde hair and a smooth and still effeminate face and his eyelashes were long and dark and brushlike and his eyes were blue. 6.227640272567339

18616. he waited there and he smiled as the tractor came up as he would smile on any other day. 7.870327753598411

18617. he was my nephew my brother's son handsome and warm and newly-scrubbed with happiness upon his face and his face resembled my brother's and mine as well. 5.814742013112522

18618. i saw then too the stake driven straight and hard into the plowed soil through something there where i had been not long before. 8.060711021428666

18619. i stopped the tractor and climbed down and the boy came eagerly up to me. 7.142160925683225

18620. can i ride around with you? 13.608656069977235

18621. he asked as he often did and i had as often let him be on the tractor beside me. 7.172433933306394

18622. i looked closely at his eyes and he was already innocent; the killing was already forgotten in that clear mind of his. 7.630048847340438

18623. no you cannot i said pushing aside the water jar he offered to me. 6.486932703071203

18624. i pointed to the splintered upright stake. 15.293512825203821

18625. did you do that? 13.535421074458899

18626. i asked. 28.659110453221246

18627. yes he said eagerly beginning a kind of dance of excitement. 8.181772205841687

18628. i killed a snake; it was a big one. 14.015985320651005

18629. he tried to take my hand to show me. 11.637504177391046

18630. why did you kill it? 17.61159709651902

18631. snakes are ugly and bad. 9.118533821976325

18632. this snake was very beautiful. 14.348401121477856

18633. didn't you see how beautiful it was? 7.622507342753323

18634. snakes are ugly he said again. 9.670406878971576

18635. you saw the colors of it didn't you? 9.751843329843403

18636. have you ever seen anything like it around here? 14.851038384543116

18637. snakes are ugly and bad and it might have bitten somebody and they would have died. 7.166809956905349

18638. you know there are no poisonous snakes in this area. 13.64376351739659

18639. this snake could not harm anything. 8.254441635698543

18640. they eat chickens sometimes the boy said. 13.133843158043385

18641. they are ugly and they eat chickens and i hate snakes. 8.768190208095389

18642. you are talking foolishly i said. 17.799652589239614

18643. you killed it because you wanted to kill it for no other reason. 5.825820622377272

18644. they're ugly and i hate them the boy insisted. 5.254919823845219  
18645. it was beautiful i said half to myself. 14.641503533571957  
18646. the boy skipped along beside me and he was contented with what  
he had done. 9.465597166959574  
18647. the fire of the colors was gone; there was a contorted  
ugliness now; the colors of its back were dull and gray-looking torn and  
smashed in and dirty from the boy's shoes. 5.489343218527561  
18648. the beautifully-tapered head so delicate and so cool had been  
flattened as if in a vise and the forked tongue splayed out of the  
twisted torn mouth. 7.328031460226586  
18649. the snake was hideous and i remembered even then the cool bright  
fire of it only a little while before and i thought perhaps the boy  
had always seen it dead and hideous like that and had not even stopped  
to see the beauty of it in its life. 5.06773775356135  
18650. i wrenched the stake out that the boy had driven through it  
in the thickest part of its body between the colored diamond crystals.  
8.61357679925586  
18651. i touched it and the coolness the ice-feeling was gone and even  
then it moved a little perhaps a tiny spasm of the dead muscles and i  
hoped that it was truly dead so that i would not have to kill it.  
6.21470828635337  
18652. and then it moved a little more and i knew the snake was dying  
and i would have to kill it there. 8.611517974349141  
18653. the boy stood off a few feet and he had the stake again and  
he was racing innocently in circles making the buzzing tractor sound  
with his lips. 6.096224199898925  
18654. i'm sorry i thought to the snake for you were beautiful.  
5.344127361900167  
18655. i took the broken length of it around the tractor and i took one of  
the wrenches from the tool-kit and i struck its head not looking at it  
to kill it at last for it could never live. 5.138888064681943  
18656. the boy came around behind me dragging the stake.  
10.593949436390735  
18657. it's a big snake isn't it? 8.254441635698543  
18658. he said. 27.770505909397876  
18659. i'm going to tell everybody how big a snake i killed.  
3.9409848884369008  
18660. don't you see what you have done? 4.2280053972043765  
18661. i said. 22.589978126100267  
18662. don't you see the difference now? 4.608334340123241  
18663. it's an ugly terrible snake he said. 7.14162538120728  
18664. he came up and was going to push at it with his heavy shoes.  
10.097767844988342  
18665. i could see the happiness in the boy's eyes the gleeful  
brutality. 11.158679117392918  
18666. i could have slapped the boy. 16.637395637547947  
18667. he looked up at me puzzled and he swayed his head from side to  
side. 6.718491433348979  
18668. i thought you little brute you nasty selfish little beast with  
brutality already developed within that brain and in those eyes.  
8.172476930621261  
18669. i wanted to slap his face to wipe forever the insolence and  
brutal glee from his mouth and i decided then very suddenly what i  
would do. 5.744033709630084  
18670. cady didn't come unglued easily but this had not been a day of  
glad tidings. 8.095329838603257  
18671. tax worries production worries personnel worries and the letter  
from hanford college his own alma mater a real snapper. 5.15576524365156  
18672. hanford realized he had enrolled his son four years ago.  
7.879513779734377

18673. yes the boy's credentials were in order- scholastic transcript  
character references picture health record successful college  
boards. 6.425825565315495

18674. but due to the many applicants on file would he co-operate and  
write a personal letter giving them his son's motivation interests and  
his qualifications for leadership? 7.568986903451163

18675. cady partlow lit his pipe with no comfort. 7.14162538120728

18676. this was the letter which would or would not enroll his son david  
in hanford.10.382711787538664

18677. his son who had neverheld an office in any organization in the  
eighteen years of his life. 6.345909249690577

18678. his son who did not know whether he wanted to be doctor lawyer  
merchant or chief. 11.154891164612224

18679. he wondered if he had played it wrong. 10.956138982259073

18680. maybe he should have kept in touch. 9.670406878971576

18681. but he had beenbusy building a business being a big man in his  
own town just as he had been a big man at hanford class of 1935.  
6.93847948602247

18682. besides cady partlow knew he wasn't the old-grad-type.  
10.284905525944948

18683. look at pete alcorn who hadn't missed a hanford ball game in  
fifteen years. 8.830001386156479

18684. hanford college little ivy league had no room for football  
players with low grades. 7.816541020648697

18685. cady looked at his own son's scholastic record with pride.  
6.210871206873012

18686. goodsolid b average with a sprinkling of a's in math and science.  
7.809995658144575

18687. imagine his son being that good in science! mr partlow could still  
feel a cold sweat on his slightly gray temples as he remembered what  
a near thing chemistry had been for him at hanford. 4.822285669775309

18688. but then he hadn't studied very hard.14.306364280244424

18689. getting elected president of the student body took a lot of  
time and politicking. 9.213101248268575

18690. he put down his pipe and started to type. 11.45143587764551

18691. in response to your letter i can in good conscience recommend  
my son david in the field of leadership. 9.512277889407613

18692. he stopped and looked at the picture of his son the picture on  
his desk which had changed with the years from a laughing baby to a  
candidate for hanford college. 6.907478354700837

18693. he didn't have to be told his son looked like him.  
6.655401930142109

18694. david had the same gray eyes high cheekbones dark hair and a  
certain rugged ugliness. 7.032105024464237

18695. he turned back to the typewriter with a little more confidence.  
11.111158019383609

18696. his interests range from astronomy and geology to electronics  
tennis and swimming. 8.351818438430747

18697. his chief motivation for enrolling at hanford is the desire to-  
mr partlow banged his fist on the keyboard ruining the letter.  
5.434268348490789

18698. he paced to the window and looked at the city he had helped to  
build. 8.780253468194578

18699. how do you tell a college president that your son doesn't know  
what he wants to do? 7.9676621329752

18700. that you have refused to drive him into the family business  
or push him into a profession so you can say at the club of course david  
has known since he was twelve he wanted to be an engineer- or a lawyer  
or an editor? 7.6097270840619515

18701. how do you tell a college like hanford that your son has a vast potential that he will find himself? 7.388462602011699

18702. just give him time give him a chance. 11.495411112805801

18703. cady snapped the venetian blind shut and slammed himself down before the typewriter rolled in a freshsheet and gave his letter the same savage attention he bestowed on a salesman who needed to have the bucket taken off his thick head. 4.777896602575284

18704. what a production to make of a letter commending your own son! his eyebrow went up in amusement at his soul-searching panic. 8.050177749469128

18705. he told hanford his son wanted to go into the field of electronics. 7.492314771810789

18706. he told hanford his son had participated in numerous high-school activities. 9.928116389115404

18707. he belonged to a social club a civic group little theater swimming team and had been president of the student forum as well as treasurer of the science club. 6.40664079932965

18708. he finished with a flurry of good wishes to hanford college and signed the letter. 9.326373578887134

18709. then he met the grave eyes of his wife anne from the photograph next to david's. 7.825858022364431

18710. he shoved the unsealed letter into his coat pocket. 10.697093789223626

18711. better show it to anne and see if he had omitted anything. 7.294240329992203

18712. after all his wife had written most of his letters for him in those first lean days of partlow products. 8.511179754676569

18713. anne had a way with words. 7.622507342753323

18714. half of it was natural half was smith college. 8.774558972437266

18715. yet the whole of anne was something she had never learned in any college. 7.125533558455503

18716. a woman had it or she didn't. 11.87006678428286

18717. she said what she meant and let it be. 10.161295031830592

18718. she never got on his back. 13.395846316838242

18719. he could take the advice or leave it. 13.404632090050793

18720. he whistled as he locked the office and grinned as he got on the elevator. 8.771944306967212

18721. you look like you just heard a real gasser mr partlow. 8.498258318368384

18722. cady looked at tom who had taken him up and down for fifteen years. 7.391013650626644

18723. i was just thinking how things have changed. 11.74036724649576

18724. when i went to college they begged you to come. 12.689211884923433

18725. be our guest! it's our pleasure! now you have to be well rounded firm in motivation and pre-packed with knowledge! tom slid open the door to the lobby. 6.482872165102148

18726. that's a fact mr partlow. 4.764517592294243

18727. my john applied to six colleges before he got in. 7.095994055561842

18728. he's president of the rocket club here you know. 6.226827686383596

18729. always messing around with science stuff. 8.724060768995233

18730. real bright along those lines you might say. 9.060328853487057

18731. he got a science scholarship to yale. 11.978715788829584

18732. oh said mr partlow that's fine tom. 9.670406878971576

18733. as he drove home through the thinning traffic cady felt the unease growing. 8.23315565584684

18734. he hadn't told anyone but he too had applied to five colleges for david. 8.824820353737188

18735. they had all turned down his son. 12.30044024548134  
18736. limited interests. 15.594944937291627  
18737. he suddenly realized when he walked into his own pretty darned  
expensive house that he needed the martini anne had waiting for him.  
5.891546773904067  
18738. but tonight his drink tasted like branch water and even his  
favorite meal of steak and tossed salad gave no surcease from the  
growing weight of the letter in his pocket. 6.81088806665634  
18739. nor did looking at anne ease the tension as it usually did.  
7.997453561679687  
18740. he liked looking at anne. 17.83289566254582  
18741. he liked her blond hair and the sprinkle of freckles across her  
nose. 9.035402972528193  
18742. from those navy-blue eyes she saw things as clearly and  
honestly as david did. 8.444448713982391  
18743. she always could sense the shag end of a woolly day.  
8.509163976632314  
18744. board meeting tonight cady? 12.391973375306865  
18745. no i begged off. 9.118533821976325  
18746. can i have the car dad? 10.472119682746735  
18747. why not let him take it cady? 10.36236808368414  
18748. i know it is midweek but it's only eight days before  
commencement. 7.937983718570805  
18749. cady deep in thought neither heard nor answered.  
7.14162538120728  
18750. carefully he put down his steak knife and said loudly mr  
chairman! cady partlow's head came up like that of the proverbial fire  
horse. 7.404485708784127  
18751. the car? 18.69259083039617  
18752. of course you can have it. 20.666599446493468  
18753. dave ate two pieces of pie as he did everything else slowly  
methodically and with interest. 6.027415029629315  
18754. hear anything from hanford yet dad? 9.670406878971576  
18755. cady begged the question. 9.118533821976325  
18756. don't worry about it dave. 4.176400477476501  
18757. your acceptance will come through. 9.347724754445679  
18758. dave shrugged on his sports coat and picked up the car keys.  
8.58974999807994  
18759. don't be too sure dad. 3.053035188604184  
18760. charles burke got turned down by dartmouth and he is a straight-a  
student. 10.360493699829528  
18761. anne said it wasn't surprising because charles was antisocial a  
lone wolf and completely one-sided. 5.542917982132687  
18762. i can hardly say the same about you dave! dave kissed her  
lightly. 10.824506117511405  
18763. girls my dear parent are here to stay! get my old man to bed  
early. 5.542917982132687  
18764. he looks a little bit frayed. 18.061324538843696  
18765. anne waited until the door had slammed and picked up the  
coffeepot. 6.770700886966488  
18766. let's go into the library. 8.652758046626586  
18767. you do seem somewhat tattered. 13.44371259307425  
18768. cady trailed her with the coffee cups and settled into his  
favorite chair in the comfortable book-lined room. 6.757567981697296  
18769. i didn't know i looked so dilapidated! wrong word darling.  
6.320003807314731  
18770. your fur has been rubbed the wrong way and you show it.  
8.205142482231215  
18771. need any help? 13.33266277152813  
18772. in a way yes. 33.838274708982354

18773. hanford college hasn't decided on dave's application yet.  
6.764147616291221

18774. theywant a letter from me on his motives interests and leadership.  
8.497727219111919

18775. cady handed her the letter drank his coffee and waited with what  
he suddenly realized was belligerence. 5.60019589982758

18776. already he could feel anne's questioning eyes.  
10.440318804367909

18777. i know you wrote this in a hurry but cady dave was only  
acting president of the student forum for a few days. 7.261287234886356

18778. that was when half the school was down with flu.  
12.995112461539241

18779. and he wasn't really elected treasurer of the science club.  
9.667352269902846

18780. he just took over the week bill daley was in the state basketball  
play-off. 12.843759771688664

18781. cady stuck his jaw out. 8.254441635698543

18782. the fact remains he was treasurer. 39.60790576527968

18783. no cady he made second team. 10.628794361170721

18784. a team is a team insisted cady. 11.70189341780671

18785. anything else? 15.610129252044759

18786. yes she said quietly. 14.895633550238912

18787. i don't think you've been quite honest cady. 5.321167624718023

18788. astronomy. 19.804021762487697

18789. he was mad about stars at the age of nine. 11.705417604447144

18790. geology you and dave used his rock collection for the bottom of  
the fishpond six years ago! those aren't his interests now.  
7.75977692148908

18791. whatdo you suggest? 10.363724110347151

18792. just say he likes swimming tennis chess and music.  
10.673957607741787

18793. music! he hasn't been to a symphony concert all season.  
6.460370037324521

18794. but he plays bass with chief crazy horse and his five colts!  
you mean that rock-and-roll combo? 9.757764267482612

18795. even in that he never solos like jack on guitar or rich on  
sax. 9.292516637237524

18796. he's- he's just there that's all. 10.472119682746735

18797. he keeps the beat going. 13.328754055215526

18798. he likes to play bass because he doesn't have to solo.  
7.8248092711966075

18799. he doesn't like to rise and shine. 10.776005861178222

18800. don't worry cady he'll be back in the beethoven fold by next year.  
4.693655786641076

18801. but i refuse to be brutally honest and mention chief crazy horse  
and his five colts. 8.003471306077339

18802. anne laughed and cady felt the tension loosen its grip on the  
back of his neck. 9.329984262553964

18803. maybe i am padding it a bit anne he said. 6.937054785357406

18804. but you know how hardit is to get a boy into a good college.  
13.263572776353175

18805. he has to have leadership as well as grades.  
15.212041085883303

18806. anne folded the worrisome document. 10.472119682746735

18807. did you know he is advertising his ham-radio equipment for sale  
this weekend? 7.599843929195408

18808. he hasn't used it now for several years. 9.482216872931062

18809. can you really say his motivation for college is electronics?  
8.981649208345148



18810. cady felt the jolt as though he had stepped off the curb on his heel. 7.897235646792652  
18811. and what would you say he wants to do? 10.256582736926461  
18812. just what? 24.12764018878611  
18813. it's dave who is applying to hanford college.  
7.14162538120728  
18814. why don't you ask him? 13.663388853342104  
18815. for once cady partlow wished anne would yell at him so he could yell back. 5.542917982132687  
18816. i have talked to him but you know i've never tried to push him into any profession. 9.722440102253898  
18817. i won't be guilty of trying to run his life. 7.011795747562975  
18818. anne picked up the towel she was hemming for the hospital guild. 8.58974999807994  
18819. just because your father tried to make a banker out of you you've leaned over backward to keep your hands off. 6.18345631508541  
18820. but subconsciously you've wanted him to conform to your mold.  
11.144516821445718  
18821. you want him to be a leader of men like you.  
11.400287698266787  
18822. cady put the well-worn chip back on his shoulder.  
9.068763847574985  
18823. dave has qualities of leadership. 8.254441635698543  
18824. he just hasn't developed them yet. 15.93329064165616  
18825. he never will cady. 15.068059069186956  
18826. not the kind of leadership you mean working with lots of people.  
10.358242199572793  
18827. all your wishful thinking won't change that. 9.785091048588368  
18828. remember what you used to say in the army? 13.017283327234006  
18829. you can't run a war with ninety-nine generals and one private! cady walked the block to the mailbox almost ashamed of himself for arguing with anne. 4.961624055085771  
18830. martin felt it was incredible that the situation had come to exist at all. 8.571850877310746  
18831. and once begun had grown to such monstrous proportions.  
9.078296757283773  
18832. the pair of white cotton shorts ruled his life.  
10.153932004280875  
18833. lying awake at night he could see them laid out on the floor of his mind. 8.836201299035759  
18834. when he rose in the morning the image was still there.  
9.248601565535601  
18835. he had always been a messy and negligent man.  
10.918931351420587  
18836. in his bachelor days his bedroom had been strewn with clothes which his mother or later the hotel maid generally saw fit to put in order. 8.164433496401529  
18837. no doubt dolores resented following in their footsteps.  
10.724051427648279  
18838. but it was fun those first days kidding about the trail of garments he left littered across the rug. 10.470414911750577  
18839. there was an assertive maleness in his grinning refusal to pick them up. 6.573725984468509  
18840. halfslyly he enjoyed seeing her stoop to lift the things.  
8.372963641085187  
18841. he remembered the first time he saw her standing across the room at a party. 7.340211557527661  
18842. the smooth curve of her neck very white against hair which curled against it like petals. 7.860799503526907

18843. her hair was the color of those blooms which in seed catalogues are referred to as black but since no flower is actually without color contain always a hint of grape or purple or blue- he wanted to draw the broad patina of hair through his fingers searching it slowly for a trace of veining which might reveal its true shade beneath the darkness. 4.7900141444425755

18844. so he sought her out and spoke to her and thought of his hand in her hair. 8.946285369641288

18845. or against her back pressed on the column of vertebrae which held her so magnificently straight and unyielding until the segments of bone made tiny sharp cracking noises like the snapped stem of a tulip. 4.897569406520563

18846. but to put it bluntly nothing snapped. 17.61249236409776

18847. yet that had not seriously troubled him not then. 9.5605666824369

18848. more he could take at leisure. 12.89760508101065

18849. all martin thought he needed was time: to what better use could time be put? 6.3679245317677085

18850. he saw later that they had made their marriage too quickly. 10.208466374747237

18851. there was too little occasion beforehand for resistance the brave strong delights of emotional clash and meeting. 5.8499816739908725

18852. they had left themselves too much to discover. 14.46825350295397

18853. but at the start his new life felt invigorating. 16.724251554856554

18854. it was on the tenth day after the wedding that he dropped the shorts on the floor. 13.250261829637637

18855. now i'm not going to pick up those shorts! martin gave her a teasing pat. 8.721623440704747

18856. i think you'll get tired of them there. 16.790687606295677

18857. in the morning the shorts were where he had left them. 12.11272259625614

18858. he smiled to himself and decided not to mention them till dolores did. 10.891839559707224

18859. it was almost too easy. 21.83093509210906

18860. for he had just remembered: tonight they were having their first guests. 12.669651730336986

18861. the shorts would not be on the floor when he came home that evening. 7.342113974448288

18862. the rest of the bedroom had been groomed to a superhuman neatness but in the middle of the carpet lay the disheveled shorts. 8.234992203261603

18863. they gave the room a strange note of incongruity like a mole on a beautiful face. 6.376876511860498

18864. he saw that dolores intended to wait until the last minute thinking he would get nervous. 12.613855219284895

18865. quietly he determined to foil her. 7.622507342753323

18866. i can be as stubborn as she can he thought; my nerves are as strong. 8.613473101510026

18867. she'll rush to the bedroom when the doorbell rings. 7.399693948012309

18868. martin was standing a few feet from the front door. 9.806455560957847

18869. he swung around eyes toward the bedroom some fifteen feet away. 7.953394054598466

18870. dolores stood motionless in the doorway. 9.670406878971576

18871. he could not cross the living room brush past her and bend down to retrieve the shorts. 7.605285587081398

18872. he strode to answer the bell. 16.253461520996265

18873. bill's hat was deposited in the hall closet. 8.108225911312923  
18874. with the most casual and relaxed manner in the world dolores led  
anthea to the bedroom. 11.760221489068845  
18875. at first he could not be sure. 15.714104903279903  
18876. then he caught just enough to know that the shorts were still  
there. 11.648855077952735  
18877. a glissade of giggles slid over their voices. 8.023923068000494  
18878. all evening anthea favored him with odd coy looks.  
10.566937912973131  
18879. clearly she had been instructed not to say a word.  
8.270050172834136  
18880. for some reason this ellipsis in the conversationspread until it  
swallowed up every other topic. 8.845748025528591  
18881. at last there was a void no one could fill. 9.72700310275711  
18882. the brainards went home early. 13.848082117783294  
18883. martin realized later on that he should have had it out with  
dolores that night. 6.157782125570901  
18884. but he was so taken aback he could not believe any rage of his  
would make her give in. 11.399306113189299  
18885. on the contrary it would only weaken his position if he fumed  
while she stayed calm and adamant. 7.824183542320377  
18886. and if he surrendered after raving at her.  
16.937531543662352  
18887. suppose he ran up the white flag altogether? 9.213166806925662  
18888. at once. 15.594944937291627  
18889. he considered the sober possibility. 12.127026643485452  
18890. in his head was the echo of those titters with anthea.  
7.993963371949622  
18891. there was something about private feminine whisperings which  
always made him feel scabrous and unclean. 7.976318551181658  
18892. he remembered his mother gossiping with her neighborhood women  
friends lowering her voice to a penetrating hoarseness which might  
be trusted to carry to the head of the stairs where he crouched  
listening. 7.663492800193362  
18893. he could even recall the last time he sat there. 0.0  
18894. she was talking about him that time because he had done some bad  
thing something she disliked but afterwards martin said he was sorry.  
9.052257956338808  
18895. he apologized so sweetly i couldn't keep being annoyed with him.  
7.953394054598466  
18896. it wasn't even true that he'd said he was sorry that time; he  
had in fact said simply that he wished the thing hadn't happened which  
was as honest as he could put it. 7.24553549919109  
18897. but his mother told the story over and over till her martin  
said he was sorry was as much a part of her as the shape of her thin  
pallid ears. 7.413482343312619  
18898. the battle had to be fought. 13.589290166239456  
18899. let the best sex win. 16.938059354978364  
18900. but his resolution hardly seemed to help. 16.249673089949898  
18901. if the situation had been bad it now got worse.  
10.994538306646076  
18902. about this time people began dropping in considering that the  
newly married had been left alone long enough. 8.017514092899379  
18903. angrily martin wished they had delayed the wedding and gone on a  
trip- preferably one that lasted months- instead of deciding not to  
postpone the date until he could get away. 4.914571349332856  
18904. here they were at the mercy of anyone who chose to come by.  
13.661930494423315  
18905. these stray people nearly always insisted on dolores showing  
them around the apartment. 6.487410277193333

18906. of course the tours of inspection included the ever-present shorts. 14.646678723792014  
 18907. it was curious how the different visitors took this. 13.062289472438172  
 18908. some tried to ignore the blot on the bedroom's countenance. 9.584783452671674  
 18909. to them all dolores told a lighthearted and witty tale. 7.945119355047572  
 18910. it's a little contest martin and i have she would begin gaily carrying the anecdote through a frothy and deceptive course. 4.052613316838929  
 18911. while he waited in the living room. 11.770135364812466  
 18912. they entered the bedroom and dolores said nothing. 11.967541482367666  
 18913. then one of the guests showed his merriment. 12.97449611012744  
 18914. you were in a hurry weren't you? 14.61704916710057  
 18915. martin would have liked to break the man's neck. 7.340243567790019  
 18916. dolores smiled; she let the interpretation stand. 9.670406878971576  
 18917. now martin heard himself give a snort of mock good nature. 7.304235152733095  
 18918. with her eyes dolores dared him for the truth ready to begin: it's a little contest- never again did he enter into the ritual of showing the apartment. 6.75962265097091  
 18919. they kept up a rigid pretense of speaking relations. 8.729760093721831  
 18920. but martin seldom felt the impulse to talk about anything. 11.077418040299065  
 18921. what to talk about? 19.946752732958277  
 18922. dolores kept picking up any of his clothes which he left about but he had been robbed of pleasure in scattering his possessions. 7.649021478201203  
 18923. he fell into the habit of putting his clothes in drawers and closets so his life might impinge as little as possible on hers. 6.307865687113482  
 18924. in his moments of worst agony martin imagined what his friends were saying. 10.301689440447241  
 18925. the sound of their amazement. 15.82973940139538  
 18926. bizarre: he could hear the word. 9.670406878971576  
 18927. we were up to visit them and he had thought her exactly what he wanted. 6.939400130024042  
 18928. six weeks of marriage and i'm using the past tense he told himself furiously. 8.352018501672953  
 18929. pursuing his idea he saw that it would be impossible to leave her now. 5.725106139771221  
 18930. everyone would know why; he would cut a supremely ridiculous figure. 8.588365263176025  
 18931. day and night martin could not drag his mind from the dilemma he had made for himself. 5.427950274147271  
 18932. his mind scurried frantically seeking an exit. 10.276228481933904  
 18933. alternately he had periods of hostile defeatism in which he determined sullenly morosely to live out his life in this fashion. 5.869723508637666  
 18934. nothing would change nothing would ever change. 11.20966096597004  
 18935. when the solution finally came to him one night while he was in bed he was so shaken by its simplicity that he could only wonder why it had not occurred to him before. 7.581357291985703

18936. in a frenzy of excitement he considered his plan.  
12.822520260437535

18937. beside his shorts he would place something of hers.  
6.460370037324521

18938. instantaneously he would have won an immeasurable moral victory  
for if she picked up say a pair of her panties she might just as  
well lift his shorts lying alongside- the expenditure of energy was  
almost the same. 5.944299494118182

18939. he felt that it would be a particular humiliation to dolores to  
pick up her own underwear which he had laid on the floor.  
8.666035271806566

18940. furthermore he could go on repeating the maneuver endlessly:  
every time he went in the bedroom he could drop a slip or a brassiere  
or maybe a girdle next to his shorts. 5.867756097854561

18941. sooner or later dolores would crack. 8.842581037245965

18942. on the other hand if she didn't remove her own things it would  
be difficult to explain to the parade of guests which traversed the  
apartment. 8.422244438181218

18943. martin guessed that dolores would not be so eager to tell the  
next installment of her story. 6.3591809137220165

18944. the tale he thought would become less gay. 11.387658710676023

18945. she had used his rumpled shorts as the very image of his  
childishness his lack of control his general male looseness while she  
remained cool airy and untouched the charming teacher who  
disciplined an unruly body. 5.1228410389078745

18946. to have her underclothes linked with his on the floor would draw  
her visibly into a struggle both bitter and absurd. 8.319279986639128

18947. something in the back of his mind was aware that the magnificence  
of the plan lay in his faith that the idea would work because he  
believed in it since his courage and virility were involved because it  
was truly his. 5.83470013917517

18948. the knowledge kept him from analyzing his scheme to death and  
took him through the last hours of that night in a peace of exalted  
fanaticism. 7.614116552419703

18949. the next morning while dolores was out of the room he went to  
her bureau drawer took out a pair of nylon lace pants and tenderly  
dropped them next to his shorts. 6.013299531219403

18950. he sat down on the bed. 15.960151928300284

18951. in a surprisingly short time dolores appeared.  
12.120094503603957

18952. to his delight her eyes focused at once upon the two garments.  
7.615092762846159

18953. slowly and deliberately she reached down and touched the lace  
with her fingers then hesitated for about a second.  
5.4458023473964055

18954. ah he thought she's going through the chain of reasoning which  
says she might really just as well pick up my shorts too.  
6.290129093830134

18955. he saw that in a moment she had grasped all the implications of a  
plot which had been weeks in occurring to him. 7.084635849180763

18956. extending her fingers another inch she caught up the shorts and  
swiftly left the room. 7.198778874655976

18957. she did not look at him but he noticed that her face was flushed  
and her eyes unsteady. 6.481903503096435

18958. they breakfasted together but martin did not refer to his triumph  
and dolores found a great deal to do in the kitchen bobbing up and down  
from the table so that talk was impossible. 8.538074191159637

18959. well martin thought that'll save. 10.59633742259972

18960. he left for work in high spirits. 13.671139498061125

18961. as he relaxed that day martin realized how tense he had been these past weeks. 8.155228827261835

18962. he found that he no longer hated dolores and he was surprised at a resurgence of an affectionate feeling. 8.151949504457676

18963. good old a-z cap said. 10.410605689434599

18964. you know i've got one of your cars at home. 13.233406668603052

18965. as a prominent industrialist you ought to be interested in his nibs' support group. 7.989411253772792

18966. isn't his racket downyour alley?6.367299372027611

18967. once it was william thought. 11.2066383623343

18968. a rush of memory swept him back and he forgot cap. 9.351014077090149

18969. how did he start on such a ride to brief glory? 8.992337125359954

18970. simply enough through the inadvertent agency of his brother-in-law. 9.524905125277852

18971. general hershey's draft and doc eddyman and cap were responsible for his first eminence but fearless freddy bryan could take credit if he cared to for the second time. 5.044674052201168

18972. freddy needed a job having been detached from a rather dangerous career in real estate and skyscraper financing by gerry and it was up to arthur willis to provide him with one. 6.268961638044719

18973. mr willis bought zenith plastic products a skeleton corporation of sorts which had undergone many vicissitudes and whose principal assets were a couple of electronics plants on long island engaged in working out government contracts and installed freddy in an executive position. 5.01661753105826

18974. shortly after freddy had his usual proliferation of bold ideas. 9.931413763656616

18975. willis listened patiently and once in a while william was exposed to them at a family gathering; he generally heard freddy's suggestions without interest being absorbed by his own prospering concerns. 4.8499587422515935

18976. probably mr willis was influenced toward deeper involvement by familial loyalty and a concern for his grandchildren. 7.588035117915336

18977. gerry began to aid freddy with her father proddedno doubt by joan's open contempt for freddy and william's irritatingcompetency. 5.79563815281975

18978. another factor must have been the eventual disposal of willis' fortune; she unquestionably assumed that the more he was entwined with freddy the more likely he was to reward freddy richly upon his death. 7.104506158967768

18979. whatever the reasons willis and bryan started expanding zenith. 9.456020473336114

18980. they acquired another electronics factory a specialized ceramics company an organization that built- very experimentally- high-speed research calculators. 8.242099297541822

18981. since they were hunting for national defense contracts adam herberet a man of surprisingresources entered the combination as a silent partner because of his political connections. 5.58182260464924

18982. feeling his power freddy looked for additional worlds to conquer. 8.196044167676531

18983. heavy industry slanted toward inexhaustible government coffers attracted him. 6.764147616291221

18984. the allstates auto company a medium-sized firm which manufactured four-wheel-drive vehicles and other off-road equipment had recently constructed an over-large modern plant in a burst of misguided optimism. 6.710608697204349

18985. cursed with a shaky management and dissatisfied stockholders it was ripe for amalgamation and freddy's instinct was to keep growing by stock mergers and small expenditure of cash and never mind inevitable consequences. 4.595688357851942

18986. with herbert's blessing he was convinced that allstates' wisconsin folly would be ideal for conversion to airplane sub-assembly tanks missiles or ordnance of some kind. 6.6833716765517766

18987. at that point william came into the picture. 12.41857140882899

18988. although not much desiring the account he had been appointed advertising head of zenith. 8.512698764929276

18989. freed of routine by having his own firm and a complaisant partner his work in new york had given him a broader overall knowledge of business administration and corporate structure; and if he wasn't entirely committed to what he did he was at least fascinated by the chance of wider opportunities. 5.118871052853363

18990. mr willis eager to have him allied with the family wanted advice beyond the confines of his field and william set out on a serious study of the situation including trips to wisconsin and washington. 7.222283144549935

18991. in the end he said: i'm not enchanted by the proposition sir. 11.729421881250186

18992. i know a guy named jack hamrick a very bright young engineer who was with chrysler and i took him with me to allstates. 8.70141518623646

18993. it's his expert opinion that the plant isn't well suited to what you have in mind. 3.6174268740364495

18994. the conversion will cost a fortune. 12.853058711798363

18995. besides that i'm acquainted more or less with the defense hardware situation through my contacts in the air force. 6.55627160730604

18996. i think adam herbert is guilty of being too hopeful and better informed on defense financing than on the technical side. 8.6621460042716

18997. missiles have thrown everything up for grabs and nobody seems to be sure where we go from here. 6.691766929908631

18998. the future of manned aircraft is in doubt which affects government procurement and jet transports have revolutionized the airline trade-one jet can take the place of three compound-engine planes. 7.011454926424072

18999. this means the aircraft companies are going to tear into the government market looking for anything they can get and making the competition tough. 6.906005735235709

19000. here are a few facts and figures i've assembled. 14.627003550324309

19001. can't you stay with what you have and wait till the dust settles? 5.825820622377272

19002. willis glanced at the bound pages given him and shrugged. 8.196044167676531

19003. well he said there is freddy you know h. 9.030945858913908

19004. freddy is deeply committed to our plans already. 9.060328853487057

19005. he assures me he has people to handle the money raising and ham richert my lawyer says the legal aspects of the wedding of zenith and allstates are no problem. 5.651261382167409

19006. i don't like to exhibit the deadly dampening effect of an elderly man's caution. 6.190293077133409

19007. i wish you wouldn't tell freddy i'm lukewarm; i've caused him trouble before and he's beginning to resent me. 6.68540679172395

19008. if we don't take care the sisters will be entering the fray on opposite sides brandishing their cudgels. 9.063991747395741

19009. which is a frightful prospect bill. 8.254441635698543  
19010. one shouldn't mix commercial affairs with patriarchy but in this  
case i haveno choice h. 9.931802535629378  
19011. let me think about it. 13.43083019910872  
19012. i'm most grateful to you so grateful i wish you were my  
principal aide instead of freddy. 5.049083833360712  
19013. not to william's surprise freddy adam and hamilton richert  
prevailed; allied to them was gerry devoting much time to swaying  
her father and joan dismissed all thought of the project and  
william was unwilling to interfere further. 5.969445969665654  
19014. zenith absorbed allstates stock transfers were arranged and  
freddy became president of the hyphenated combination.  
8.241443683106137  
19015. through jack hamrick william fell into the world of automobile  
promotion and got several accounts for shoals and clay. 5.77950822940946  
19016. he forgot about a-z till unhappily he and hamrickwere proved  
correct. 9.592132658614503  
19017. freddy's backing dropped away from him and mr willis was  
forced to make up the deficit. 6.983555175307961  
19018. adam beset by changing defense conditions and the open secret  
that he was part of the new corporation couldn't deliver from his  
end. 7.78555604276668  
19019. the wisconsin plant turned out to be a white elephant.  
10.644263175871144  
19020. stock willis held in abundance fell sharply in value.  
9.552851042728184  
19021. confronted by a grim future freddy lost his nerve and plumped for  
a drastic liquidation. 5.7628367322363525  
19022. once more willis summoned william. 20.674543996545005  
19023. you were right he said- you and your engineer- and i'm in  
something of a bind. 7.48083443662663  
19024. freddy's solution doesn't appeal to me. 10.472119682746735  
19025. in addition to other defects i'm a stubborn man and hate to admit  
to the common garden variety of bad judgment. 7.842920182835696  
19026. will you see if you can help me? 14.346547047925885  
19027. william spent a long week end closeted with hamrick.  
7.586591253013378  
19028. his recent experience in motor car advertising a love for cars  
of themselves the existence of a-z's useless wisconsin set-up exposure  
to exciting conceptions of hamrick's that nobody would buy and the  
coincidental recent failure of a respected but out-dated small-car  
manufacturer called ticonderoga motors had given him an idea of such  
dimensions he was almost afraid to broach it. 5.818901899771677  
19029. initially hamrick's reaction to a-z going into the passenger car  
market was discouraging. 5.881264192582968  
19030. he thought the financing the advertising the production of new  
models the founding of a nationwide chain of dealerships was simply too  
difficult. 9.119901852919131  
19031. if a-z could buy ticonderoga cheaply and use their presses and  
dies and other equipment if william could hit precisely the right  
promotion note if the money hurdle was not insurmountable h.  
5.398203233704124  
19032. they took nearly a month to investigate marshal statistics and  
put their arguments down in black and white. 7.685753391288286  
19033. taking hamrick with him william went to mr willis.  
7.723550340294943  
19034. he was surprised and dubious but impressed by the engineer and  
the report. 12.501891128360972  
19035. your alternative is breathtaking he said and i'm frank in  
saying a bit mad. 6.869251746994195



19036. i wish i was younger and less timid h. 11.667618571823109  
 19037. well i can't resolve this myself. 10.59633742259972  
 19038. i'll have to call in the brain trust. 5.82911624479367  
 19039. are you willing to run the gantlet? 11.662254194960347  
 19040. i can't guarantee you a sympathetic audience. 8.559756559110644  
 19041. we'll be in there swinging william said but in a way sir  
 you've got to decide it yourself. 4.697889190468415  
 19042. you have the controlling interest and the principal expenditure  
 is yours- and besides nobody else is going to have the courage.  
 10.580532446348412  
 19043. if they follow anyone it'll have to be you. 14.054192067553574  
 19044. i should explain: there's more here for me than advocating my  
 little dream there's you. 10.703160810518108  
 19045. you mustn't take a fall or publicly back away. 9.304545433833852  
 19046. you're- you're arthur willis h. 10.472119682746735  
 19047. forgive the hearts and flowers theme. 8.254441635698543  
 19048. i rather like the music willis replied quietly.  
 14.267372632515064  
 19049. at the meeting attended by freddy richert herberet and the a-z  
 executive staff with mr willis presiding william and hamrick did indeed  
 run the gantlet. 6.310261982910245  
 19050. from shock and incredulity most of the listeners went on to open  
 resistance and animosity. 10.383834517518485  
 19051. oh my god ham richertsaid a little child shall lead them.  
 6.640530841321485  
 19052. it's absurd bill freddy said from a pale face. 3.923236818204181  
 19053. you're leading dad down the garden path. 5.955381787546666  
 19054. yourgarden god damn it! william said. 10.472119682746735  
 19055. i don't enjoy family quarrels adam said. 5.514786625900389  
 19056. we're here to transact business. 7.804108577112044  
 19057. can't we put an end to this arthur? 8.893914245665705  
 19058. hear me out please william begged. 9.670406878971576  
 19059. i'm an advertising hustler i admit but i have to get hot once in  
 a larger sphere. 5.735418466249376  
 19060. sure ticonderoga went broke in the low-priced market bucking the  
 big three. 7.849096141726878  
 19061. their cars weren't small enough they didn't have the power they  
 were old-fashioned. 6.236389120184688  
 19062. they tried to sell 'em on economy and simple merit.  
 10.372209341984666  
 19063. we've arrived at an age for romance and snobbery. 4.95948277650544  
 19064. we've all been rich and spoiled long enough to hate the machine  
 age. 5.8810454180138585  
 19065. look what those little european jobs are doing. 9.23497008919382  
 19066. we'll woo the consumer with a product not bludgeon him with  
 chromed excess length and weight. 5.379346023429161  
 19067. let's make it moonlight and the call of far places and a seduction  
 at reasonable rates. 4.973530798176596  
 19068. ticonderoga folded a few minutes too soon before the tide changed  
 still honest and stupid- and the network of dealers the company had  
 is around waiting to be signed up again- waiting for us ready-made.  
 6.159743744036464  
 19069. we've got rid of the steam yachts and georgian houses and the  
 bloated too-expensive automobile is next. 4.529748795365511  
 19070. why not come down smartly in the world in a chic fashion with  
 an allstates-zenith? 12.299198455716985  
 19071. he swayed them somewhat but the debate raged on.  
 9.026368296067464  
 19072. financing emerged as the main obstacle. 10.57735792491237

19073. mr willis made it evident that he had contributed his maximum.  
8.454004814742731

19074. nobody will underwrite it i'm telling you freddy said.  
8.581436094141479

19075. i know what i'm talking about in that department.  
9.0543483926592

19076. there's plenty of risk money ham richert added but not for  
anything this risky.7.816541020648697

19077. we'll try to swing the deal on that basis. 6.764147616291221

19078. if we can't raise the capital we're through. 16.39679464841186

19079. you're up against it anyhow. 6.61103868373433

19080. why won't you give me a chance? 12.081122396183716

19081. a silence fell. 13.888991817500228

19082. heads instinctively turned in willis' direction. 9.670406878971576

19083. he smiled at william and slowly rubbed his hands together.  
9.380612900150881

19084. i feel i must answer the question he said since the onus later  
if any should fall on me- i don't relish recriminations spread  
broadcast outside my family h. 7.071409461798829

19085. i'm not giving you a chance bill but availing myself of your  
generous offer of assistance. 3.711250782459371

19086. all the in-laws have got to have their day adam said and  
glared at william and freddy in turn. 7.98292226510367

19087. sweat started out on william's forehead whether from relief or  
disquietude he could not tell. 5.674295354649883

19088. across the table hamrick saluted him jubilantly with an encircled  
thumb and forefinger. 8.87740477033209

19089. spike-haired burly red-faced decked with horn-rimmed glasses  
and an ivy league suit jack hamrick awaited william at the officers'  
club. 5.15576524365156

19090. hello boss he said and grinned. 11.25413376443662

19091. i suppose i can never expect to call you 'general' after that  
washington episode. 7.617562178438066

19092. it was among these that hinkle identified a photograph of barco!  
for it seems that barco fancying himself a ladies' man had listed  
himself for mormon beard roles at the instigation of his fourth murder  
victim who had said: with your beard dear you ought to be in movies!  
mills secured barco's photograph from the gentleman in charge rushed to  
the hollywood police station to report the theft and less than five  
minutes later detectives with his picture in hand were on the trail  
of cal barco. 6.357408436512545

19093. on their way they stopped at every gas station along the main  
boulevards to question the attendants. 6.7519459689976005

19094. finally at ye olde gasse filling station on avocado avenue they  
learned that their man having paused to get oil for his car had asked  
about the route to san diego. 6.192745772008729

19095. they headed in that direction and at san juan capistrano by-  
the-sea came upon barco sitting in the quaint old spanish mission drive-  
in eating a hot tamale. 5.972574630824442

19096. at the moment barco's back was to the road so he didn't see the  
detectives close in on his convertible which in their quest for the  
stolen lap rug they proceeded to search. 8.059556987183361

19097. the robe however was missing for by that time barco had  
disposed of it at a pawnshop in glendale. 6.198484428488199

19098. the detectives placed barco under arrest and without informing  
him of the nature of the charge took him back to hollywood for  
questioning. 7.57906676832516

19099. thus it was that barco apprehended for mere larceny now began  
to suspect that one or another of his murders had been uncovered.  
7.2017810978408665

19100. during the return trip barco kept muttering to himself in  
 meaningless phrases such as: they're under sand dunes h they're better  
 off i tell you h i saved their souls. 6.129850041966821

19101. the detective commenting on barco's behavior felt that he merely  
 belonged among the myriad citizens of our community who are mentally  
 unhinged- that he was a more or less harmless nut! however while in  
 his cell awaiting trial for theft barco in a fit of apprehension made  
 an attempt to take his own life. 4.646913247742603

19102. the attempt had failed because when endeavoring to cut his  
 wrists this murderer of seven women had fainted at the sight of blood.  
 7.35610325670687

19103. the jail authorities- attaching no particular significance to  
 the episode- offered barco whisky to revive him; but the old fellow a  
 lifelong teetotaler refused it and no more was thought of the matter.  
 5.3383919875479915

19104. then it was that district attorney welch entered the case.  
 13.535245937983477

19105. a man of vaulting ambition with one eye on the mayorship of  
 los angeles nothing ever escaped him which might possibly lead to  
 personal publicity. 6.509731934611904

19106. it was reported to welch's office that a thief in the city jail  
 had attempted suicide. 12.63354522773439

19107. welch wanted to know why. 9.118533821976325

19108. now welch had a pet theory that everyone is guilty of breaking  
 more laws than he ever gets caught at. 7.338381476180471

19109. the suicide attempt looked to him like an opportunity to put his  
 theory to the test. 6.886786246715407

19110. so he paid a call on barco in his cell and began their chat by  
 stating bluntly: barco we've got the goods on you! it'll be a lot  
 better if you come clean. 6.584579106954087

19111. at first barco was evasive and shift. 7.738906147426005

19112. but with welch's relentless pursuit of the subject barco finally  
 broke and started confessing to one murder after another. 9.07881169272347

19113. by the time barco reached the count of three the situation  
 seemed to welch almost too good to be true. 7.145038710947693

19114. but if true it was the case of which he had dreamed the case which  
 would throw him into headlines all over america as the hero of a great  
 murder trial. 8.477921855387107

19115. welch summoned jail officials to barco's cell. 7.14162538120728

19116. but to welch's chagrin the police captain pooh-poohed welch's  
 credulity in barco's confession. 10.750757072027339

19117. barco was clearly a nut. 8.254441635698543

19118. it required strength bravado daring to commit murder.  
 13.776920365054371

19119. that worm a murderer? 16.25399040225975

19120. ridiculous! then for the first time since his arrest a glint of  
 spirit lit barco's eyes. 9.620837220405054

19121. his manhood had been attacked. 9.627882438407596

19122. he stiffened and rose to his feet. 12.411802052220429

19123. he'd show them! is that so? 8.254441635698543

19124. he queried. 27.770505909397876

19125. well for ten years i've been murdering women.  
 10.636285865583428

19126. i can lead you to every one of the bodies and there ain't four  
 nor five nor six of 'em- there's seven! the next day the police  
 captain in derision organized what he termed welch's wild goose  
 chase. 7.771669507703554

19127. for indeed it seemed incredible that anyone could go on committing  
 murder for ten years and not get caught at it even in hollywood.  
 5.991876708489284

19128. the searching party consisted of the police captain welch barco policemen with shovels newspaper reporters and cameramen.  
7.860799503526907

19129. barco his state of apprehension gone never to return had assumed a matter-of-factness which remained his principal attitude from that time on. 5.7013572093274805

19130. he directed the cortege of autos to the sand dunes near santa monica. 9.45987255013178

19131. stopping the cars at a fork in the road he got out paced off a certain distance to a spot between two shrub-covered sand hills and indicated a location. 4.904928016788942

19132. orders were given to dig. 10.472119682746735

19133. welch was worried. 10.363724110347151

19134. the newspaper boys cracked jokes and again barco's pride was aroused. 9.430036403335416

19135. with greater precision he again paced off a location this time a little more to the left. 7.879105412398512

19136. with quibs and gibes the policemen again started digging.  
8.581436094141479

19137. the captain was remarking that it was a nice day for a picnic when finally one of the shovels struck an object. 7.689504147778353

19138. there's something here! said the digger. 5.932255538785735

19139. joking stopped and everyone gathered around. 8.254441635698543

19140. the digger thrusting about with his shovel now raised into view a package crudely wrapped in one of the murderer's hollywood sport shirts. 9.171300410896574

19141. although it was a mere fragment of the victim's remains it was enough. 9.404941668776756

19142. welch was wild with delight. 10.472119682746735

19143. his elation grew as barco's seven disclosures brought to light one reward after another. 6.156011880307865

19144. now did welch truly become the man of the hour and everything that followed in the procedure of justice was a new triumph for him. 7.737807183415026

19145. it went to his head and his ambition increased.  
11.391185334346941

19146. it was apparent that welch was in cahoots with marshall and would use his power as da to drag every possible sensation into the case. 7.503895602558694

19147. every new scandal which would provide more copy for marshall's pen would thus mean more publicity for welch. 5.326519577128725

19148. i knew that both these cynics were waiting with impatience for the dramatic moment when viola was called to the stand.  
9.184445763390762

19149. once there the da with devilish cleverness would provide marshall with headlines: viola's multiple romancesh viola lake an addicth downfall of another film idol! it would be fine publicity for the man who was willing to walk to the mayor's throne over the broken reputation of a helpless girl! i studied welch closely as the trial progressed for any hint which might give me a lead as to how he might be thwarted.  
4.513951416276222

19150. it wasn't long before i sensed that there was something deeper than overvaulting ambition back of his desire for viola's destruction.  
8.336294464796037

19151. he was bitter and resentful toward her personallyresentful.  
10.939493574783542

19152. a dreadful fear entered my consciousness that perhaps he had entertained aspirations toward viola's favors- or even more serious perhaps that he had attained a share of them and had then been superseded by some luckier chap. 6.937348072780394

19153. i did not rest until i had tracked the mystery down.

9.149455423864344

19154. one day over a year before there had been a cocktail party in an apartment of a downtown hotel. 10.394595385489673

19155. viola had been urged to attend by telephone and not knowing the host or the character of the party she had gone. 6.677667190983227

19156. she arrived late and as she entered the party noted that gentlemen seemed to be in the majority; the air was thick with smoke empty bottles were in evidence and several of the guests were somewhat the worse for liquor. 6.330220010639265

19157. naturally viola had no wish to remain but she felt she couldn't leave so soon after her arrival in all politeness to her host.

5.15494863161474

19158. and it so happened that adjacent to a couch on which she had taken refuge was a small table on which she noted a vase of red rosebuds; while projecting from beneath the couch were a pair of feet which as fate would have it belonged to district attorney welch.

6.82556138622693

19159. as viola sat there a playful impulse overcame her to remove the shoes and socks from the unidentified feet and as a prank insert rosebuds between the toes. 5.932499726422299

19160. a little later the district attorney woke up emerged from under the couch looked at his watch and realized he had an engagement that very hour to address a meeting of the culture forum on the civic spirit of the southland in the byzantine room of the hotel where his wife as president of the forum was to preside. 7.014351947877816

19161. he made his way to his host's bedroom where he carefully brushed himself off neatly arranged his hair and painstakingly selected his hat from the many on the bed. 6.9099918070031014

19162. then noting neither the absence of his footwear nor the presence of the rosebuds he made his way to the byzantine room and with his usual dignity mounted the rostrum. 7.246299233220413

19163. the effect on the intellectuals among his audience may well be imagined. 9.959665343819593

19164. the incident aside from reflecting on welch's political career had all but wrecked his home life. 7.860799503526907

19165. he never rested until he discovered who the culprit was and when he did he vowed vengeance on viola lake if ever the chance came his way. 6.047824748185199

19166. and here it was! by such innocent actions are human tragedies sometimes set in motion. 9.131336782114857

19167. during these first days of the trial i didn't have as much time to commiserate with viola as i should have liked. 7.485144132812767

19168. in the first place it was difficult for us to meet. 15.02337668085041

19169. we couldn't be seen together for the tongue of scandal was ever ready to link our names and the tongue of scandal finds but one thing to say of the association of a man with a girl no matter how innocent. 5.70616157978054

19170. i couldn't invite viola to our house for mother snobbishly refused to receive her. 8.923469128060672

19171. now the czarship had not affected my own sense of social values but mother had attained a reflected glory through it which had opened the doors of los angeles-pasadena society to her. 5.5118758856980765

19172. there mother was received by the scions of aristocratic lines which are dominated by the budweisers the chalmers and the heinzes. 9.270959371096739

19173. i hated being dragged into the salons of these aristocrats. 8.555241096529764

19174. but mother insisted for it is seldom indeed that anyone  
remotely connected with the cinema is ever received in their  
exclusive midsts. 8.756480883640897

19175. in fact it was not until the king of spain had visited at pickfair  
that mary and doug were beckoned to cross the sacred barriers which  
separate los angeles and pasadena from the hoi-polloi. 7.577680190247476

19176. mother even went so far as to trump up for me matrimonial  
opportunities with pasadena debs who had been educated abroad and  
with those of the more lenient los angeles area where a debutante  
was a girl who had been to high school. 7.113882933363209

19177. but at long last came a time when i broke away from mother and  
her society chi-chi in order to spend a cosy evening with viola and her  
chaperon at her home. 5.7617898534032195

19178. however such a hotbed of gossip had grown up during the trial that  
every precaution had to be taken to keep my visit from being  
whispered to the world society and even alas to my own mother.  
7.331562261045572

19179. when i arrived at viola's i was shown to my surprise into the  
kitchen. 8.761559929449987

19180. viola greeted me in checked apron ladle in hand and explained  
it was the cook's night out and that she herself was preparing  
dinner. 6.927694513405703

19181. i sat and watched proceedings. 12.384361145835424

19182. there was to be roast chicken with dressing giblet gravy asparagus  
new peas with a sprig of mint creamed onions and mashed potatoes- all  
chosen prepared and cooked by viola herself. 8.591428711012098

19183. i realized that hamlet was faced with an entirely different  
problem but his agony could have been no greater. 7.198614323420134

19184. the most that was accomplished was adding mrs beige's tray to  
the dish pile and by means of repeated threats on an ascending scale  
seeing that the girls dressed themselves after a fashion.  
6.750841111652553

19185. i was saved from making the decision as the phone rang and  
the girls were upon me instantly. 7.184572428822624

19186. here's a household hint: if you can't find your children and  
get tired of calling them pick up the phone. 5.736365996880677

19187. no matter if your children are at the movies in school visiting  
their grandmother or on a field trip in some distant city they will be  
upon you magically within seconds after you pick up the phone.  
5.878666751875915

19188. jennie and miranda twined themselves around me murmuring  
endearments. 8.581436094141479

19189. louise climbed onto a stool and clutched the hand with which  
i was trying to hold the phone claiming my immediate attention on grounds  
of extreme emergency. 5.058802861773554

19190. somehow managing to get out a cool poised won't you hold on a  
second please i covered up the mouthpiece and with more warmth and  
less poise gave a quick lecture on crime and punishment mostly the  
latter including devil's island and the remoter reaches of siberia.  
6.027016555906735

19191. i promised to illustrate the lecture if they so much as breathed  
till after the call was completed. 7.303254076591264

19192. speaking into the phone again and recognizing the caller i  
resumed my everyday voice. 8.274297111385378

19193. soon we were deep in a conversation that was interrupted many times  
by little things like jennie's holding her breath and pretending to  
black out miranda's dumping the contents of the sugar bowl on the table  
and various screeches thuds and giggles. 4.562943298383371

19194. under the circumstances i had difficulty keeping up with the  
conversation on the phone but when i hung up i was reasonably

certain that francesca had wanted to remind me of our town meeting the next evening and how important it was that hank and i be there.

6.49007278552853

19195. i discovered that the girls had shrewdly vacated the kitchen and were playing quietly in the living room. 7.300989902590016

19196. it seemed that i would be the gainer if i accepted the peace and quiet instead of carrying out my threats. 10.501707095441045

19197. resolving to get something done i started in on the dishes.

7.198967928069535

19198. i'm not saying it right. 4.689455924676617

19199. what i meant to say was that i started to start in on the dishes by gathering them all together in the kitchen sink.

6.493804664658852

19200. they looked so formidable however so demanding that i found myself staring at them in dismay and starting to woolgather again this time about francesca and her husband. 7.445606743158808

19201. how about them i thought. 13.145373452967048

19202. francesca and herbert were among the few people we knew in catatonia. 8.600090955103825

19203. we didn't even know them till about a month after we moved- at that time they had called on us after i met fran at a pta meeting and had taken us in hand socially. 5.015091576040739

19204. they had been kind to us and we were indebted to them for one or two pleasant dinners and for information as to where to shop which dentist doctor plumber and sitter to call just a village; the yellow pages of the telephone book were amazingly . 6.912401020701024

19205. herb an expert on narrow ties thin lapels and swatches was men's fashion editor of parvenu the weekly magazine with the tremendous circulation. 5.070261131628255

19206. fran and he had met about two years after she had arrived in manhattan from nebraska or was it wyoming? 7.561977099974932

19207. she was the daughter and sole heiress of either a cattle baron or an oil millionaire and having arrived in new york with a big bank roll became a dabbler in various fields. 5.614583269807762

19208. she patronized greenwich village artists for awhile then put some money into a broadway show which was successful. 7.555676063005962

19209. it was during her writing period that she and herb met and decided that they were in love. 9.534628668119897

19210. they were married at a lavish ceremony which was duly recorded in parvenu and all other magazines and newspapers and then they honeymooned in bermuda. 7.265577330708706

19211. bermuda was not in style that year. 9.108420581679205

19212. they had honeymooned in rome; everyone was very high on rome that year. 10.196558294107424

19213. they had bought their house in catatonia after investigating all the regions of suburbia surrounding new york; they had chosen catatonia because of its reputation for excellent schools beaches and abundance of names. 5.347060393047361

19214. you are bound to get involved with people when you have children fran had told me at our first meeting so it is good to know that those with whom you get involved are not just dreary little housewives and dull husbands but people who do things.

6.677977941395668

19215. i admired their easy way of doing things but i couldn't escape an uneasiness at their way of always doing the right things.

5.866674405168432

19216. their house was a centuries-old colonial which they had had restored and updated and added on to. 7.795831923523458

19217. it had a gourmet's corner a breakfast room a luncheon room a dining room a sitting room a room for standing up a party room dressing rooms for everybody even a room for mud. 5.464101411471991  
19218. it was all set up so there would be no dust anywhere and so that their children would color in the coloring room paint in the painting room play with blocks in the block house and do all the other things in the proper rooms at exactly the right time.

7.158552090653024

19219. their two boys were well adjusted and like their parents always did the right thing at the right time and damn the consequences.

5.178945784868798

19220. francesca and herbert considered themselves violently nonconformist and showed the world they were by filling their colonial house with contemporary furniture and paintings and other art objects

. 6.09983039226678

19221. fran flaunted her independence by rebelling against the catatonia uniform of bermuda shorts and knee-length socks by wearing bermuda shorts and knee-length socks in color; bright pinks and plaids and vivid stripes. 4.625142923266387

19222. sometimes she even wore the uniform in solid unrelieved black and with her blonde hair cut so closely wearing this uniform she strongly resembled a member of the ss. 7.374371951336112

19223. no one could dislike them i thought. 10.586181696819105

19224. sometimes though they did not seem quite human.

10.396046455432458

19225. it seemed indeed that their house was not so much a home but rather a perfect stage set and that they were actors who had been handed fat roles in a successful play and had talent enough to fill the roles competently with nice understatement. 5.861306454485636

19226. practically the only enthusiasm they showed was when they were discussing names; even brand names. 7.492126167552013

19227. you should hear the reverence in fran's voice when she said baccarat or steuben or madame alexander. 7.96685073762709

19228. she always let it be known that there was wine in the pot roast or that the chicken had been marinated in brandy and that koussevitzky's second cousin was an intimate of theirs. 7.134006301335687

19229. i wouldn't have wasted time puzzling over this couple were it not for my fear that all the other inhabitants of catatonia were equally unreal. 6.445891576201018

19230. i couldn't feel at home among them. 13.996665110122732

19231. besides francesca there was blanche. 10.854941532285832

19232. francesca was pleasant and charming but blanche was sweet.

8.581436094141479

19233. yes blanche was very very sweet- being in her company was like being drowned in warm melted marshmallows. 5.765740110986516

19234. i had once been a witness when blanche had smiled and said with only minimum ruefulness oh my souffle has collapsed. 8.647441829108876

19235. anyone knows how a real red-blooded woman would react to such a catastrophe! if blanche had been honest she would have yelled slammed at least a couple of doors and thrown a few little valueless things.

5.2477026646029135

19236. but dear me no; not blanche. 16.181449055670814

19237. after five minutes with blanche one might welcome the astringency of grazie who was a sort of gwen cafritz to francesca's perle mesta. 6.544569872857486

19238. francesca and grazie were habitual committee chairmen and they usually managed to be elected co-chairmen equal bosses of whatever pta or civic project was being launched. 6.409437279332991



19239. theywere inseparable not because they were fond of each other but because they wanted to keep an eye on each other as they were keen rivals for social leadership. 5.900963707982449

19240. grazie was mean: quietly mean and bitterly unfunnily sarcastic. 8.581436094141479

19241. she it was who had looked to see if i was wearing shoes upon learning that i couldn't drive. 6.411363902680135

19242. grazie had a small slick head and her hair and skin were the color of golden toast. 7.48018841049393

19243. she lived in an ultra-modern house whose decoration appointments paint and even pets were chosen to complement her coloring; the pets were a couple of siamese cats. 5.647555393301805

19244. her uniform was of rich raw silk in a shade which matched her hair skin housepaint and cats and since she was so thin as to be almost shapeless she rather resembled a frozenfish stick. 6.358078627346519

19245. the husbands of these women and others i had met in catatonia were distinguished only in that they were to me at least indistinguishable. 6.532458327243786

19246. i couldn't tell one from the other. 14.897427629737603

19247. likeherbert they were all in communications: radio television magazines and advertising. 6.210871206873012

19248. one or two were writers of books; all were fellows of finite charm. 10.840544169261781

19249. each had developed a hair-trigger chuckle and the habit of saying zounds! in deference to country-squirehood. 6.201390403188048

19250. i never thought i'd live to hear people chuckle and say zounds! in real life. 9.170789717176909

19251. i wouldn't have missed it for anything. 11.289686895026959

19252. theywere sincere- men of the too-hearty handclasp and the urgent smile. 9.835111170509752

19253. these boys acknowledged an introduction to anybody by gently pressing one of his hands in both of theirs while they gazed misty-eyed with care into the eyes of the person they were meeting. 6.34352606743378

19254. could such unadulterated love for a total stranger be credited? 9.271508088337736

19255. they were always leaping to light cigarettes open car doors fill plates or glasses and i mistrusted the whole lot of them to the same degree that i mistrusted bake shops that called themselves sanitary bake shops. 5.627209349487366

19256. o pioneers! i thought and wondered what kind of homesteads such odd pioneers would establish in this suburban frontier; pioneers who looked like off-duty gardeners even at parent-teacher conferences and who never called the school principal mister. 6.578545097803348

19257. i sighed thinking that among other things people here seemed to be those who would have to cut down if they earned less than \$85000 yearly; people who would give their teeth for a chance to get on person to person; people who thought it was nice to be important but not important to be nice; who were more ingratiating than gracious more personalities than persons. 6.10007739284887

19258. in my estimation theywere people who read daphne du maurier and discussed kafka; well not discussed him exactly but said kafka! reverently and raised their eyes as if they were at a loss to describe how they felt about kafka which they were because they had no opinions about kafka not having read kafka. 7.246484882316012

19259. they were i felt people invariably trying to prove not who but what they were and trying to determine what not who others were. 6.372452435424263

19260. becoming aware that it was nearly lunchtime i brought myself back to the tasks at hand. 8.619920952623524

19261. i made plans for the afternoon- doing the breakfast and luncheon dishes all at once making the beds and then maybe painting the kitchen. 5.643008810714759

19262. then i remembered that the girls had had a banana for dessert every day for the last week. 8.503841853782715

19263. bananas! jennie had shouted each time. 7.622507342753323

19264. they're not dessert! they're not even food. 9.670406878971576

19265. they're just something you're supposed to put on cereal for breakfast. 4.878916156371267

19266. i dug around and found a mix and was able to surprise them with a devil's-food cake with chocolate icing. 9.161946407698698

19267. rule for cooking: if you can't put garlic in it put chocolate in the cake was received in a stunned silence that was evidence in itself of the dearth of taste thrills mama had been providing. 3.946695724018317

19268. then jennie closed her eyes stretched forth her arms and said: take my hand louise; i'm a stranger in paradise. 7.132676557160586

19269. needless to say i was furious at this unparalleled intrusion upon free enterprise. 6.927308332220706

19270. how dared they demand to snoop in private financial records disbursements confidential contracts and agreements? 8.107808129179913

19271. it is as though i said on the historic three-hour coast-to-coast radio broadcast which i bought and pre-empting the eddie cantor manhattan merry-go-round and that man in the white house like some despot of yore insisted on reading my diary raiding my larder and ransacking my lingerie! my impassioned plea for civil rights created a landslide of correspondence and one sponsor even asked me to consider replacing the eddie cantor comedy hour on a permanent basis. 4.575667950467567

19272. but what quarter could a poor defenseless woman expect from a dictator who would even make so bold as to close all of the banks in our great nation? 6.625318139840396

19273. the savage barbarian hordes of red russian communism descended on the athens that was mighty metronome sacking and despoiling with their bolshevistic battle cry of soak the rich! after an unspeakable siege lasting the better part of two months it was announced that the studio owed the government a tax debt in excess of eight million dollars while i who had always remained aloof from such iniquitous practices as paying taxes on the salary i had earned and the little i legally inherited as morris' helpless relict was stung with a personal bill of such astronomical proportions as to wipe out all but a fraction of my poor hard-come-by savings. 4.346247886371244

19274. i was also publicly reprimanded dragged through the mud by the radical press and made a figure of fun by such leftist publications as the new republic the new yorker time and the christian science monitor. 7.576273511845733

19275. it was then that i availed myself of the rights of a citizen and declared the income tax unconstitutional. 7.607017170089634

19276. the litigation was costly and seemingly endless. 9.670406878971576

19277. i fought like a tigress but by the time i appealed my case to the supreme court mr roosevelt and his henchmen had done their dirty work all too well even going so far as to attempt to pack the highest tribunal in the land in order to defeat little me. 5.787630689521417

19278. presidential coercion had succeeded not only in poisoning the courtiers toadies and sycophants of the bench against me but it had been so far-reaching as to discourage any lawyer in the nation from representing me! i was ready like portia to present my own brief. 7.062470119494177

19279. but the supreme court wouldn't even hear my case! my plea was unanimously voted down and thrown out. 6.478669021782826

19280. again my name was on all the front pages.

10.119425810593382

19281. i was it seemed persona non grata in every quarter but not entirely without a staunch following of noted political thinkers and students of jurisprudence. 5.943492170619754

19282. as charles evans hughes said miss poitrine's limitations as an actress are exceeded only by her logic as a litigant. 7.684369881407816

19283. albert einstein was quoted as saying: the workings of the woman's mind amaze me. 5.805211950485163

19284. henry ford spoke of me as utterly astounding. 9.926316780164305

19285. heywood broun wrote: belle poitrine is the most original thinker since caligula and even fdr had to concede that if the rest of this nation showed the foresight and patriotism of miss poitrine america would rapidly resemble ancient babylon and nineveh.

5.5382848575785735

19286. not only were the court costs prohibitive but i was subjected to crippling fines in addition to usurious interest on the unpaid debts which the government claimed that metronome and i owed- a severe financial blow. 7.478794353265256

19287. nor as manny said had the notoriety done my career any good.

6.564147755284795

19288. my enemies were only too anxious to level against me such charges as reactionary robber baroness and even traitor! traitor indeed! i point now with pride to the fact that long ere the committee on un-american activities the minute women the economic council and other such notable watchdog organizations were so much as heard of i was hollywood's leading bulwark against communism fighting single-handedly creeping socialism against such insuperable odds as the fascio-communist troops of the nra pwa wpa ccc and an army of more than twenty-two million mercenaries whom fdr employed secretly through the transparent ruse of regular relief checks. 5.760998116633903

19289. needless to say my art suffered drastically during this turbulent period. 6.210871206873012

19290. could it do otherwise? 13.148092146312546

19291. even though i have always had a genius for throwing myself into every role and playing it for all it's worth no actress can be expected to do her best work when her fortune her reputation her livelihood her home and her nation itself are all imperilled. 5.79362734241998

19292. such sweeping distractions are hardly conducive to oscar winning performances. 9.75273981960998

19293. i tried my hardest with little help may i say from my husband and leading man but somehow the outside pressures were too severe.

6.315021236581096

19294. having achieved stardom a fortune and a world-renowned wife at an age when most young men are casting their first vote letch proceeded to neglect them all. 6.09983039226678

19295. never a quick study he now made no attempt to learn his lines and many a mile of film was wasted many a scene- sometimes involving as many as a thousand fellow thespians- was taken thirty forty fifty times because miss poitrine's co-star and helpmate had never learned his part. 4.910910828382031

19296. each time letch went up in his lines i was the one to be patient helpful and apologetic while he indulged in outbursts of temperament profanity and abuse blaming others going into sulks and on more occasions than i care to count storming off the set for the rest of the day. 6.097108192128355

19297. as for his finances i was never privileged to know exactly how much money letch had salted away. 6.775927682418985

19298. it was i who paid for our little home the food the liquor the servants- even letch's bills at his tailor and the los angeles athletic club. 8.422430273156332

19299. never once did he buy me a single gift and for our third anniversary he gave me a dislocated jaw. 5.710770093248437

19300. as for his private monies they were rapidly dissipated in drinking gaming and carousing. 9.897702087021852

19301. more than once i was confronted by professional gamblers bookies loan sharks gangsters thugs and finger men- people of a class i did not even know existed- to repay my husband's staggering losses or else h i shuddered to think that someone so dear to me could even associate with such a sinister milieu. 5.550699504147348

19302. and at three different times during our turbulent marriage strange girls with the commonest of accents telephoned to announce to me that letch had sired their unborn children! having the deepest of maternal instincts my heart fairly bled when i thought of the darling pink and white bundles from heaven i would have proudly given my husband. 6.270495493335138

19303. ah you're too old was invariably his ungallant and untrue retort whenever i suggested starting a family. 5.427950274147271

19304. letch had made it abundantly clear that he did not care for the company of my own precious daughter. 9.470020287639278

19305. i now felt it wiser to keep baby-dear in school and- during the summers- at a camp run by the society of friends all year around. 5.998929200339038

19306. her presence only made letch more distant and irritable and in the hurry of buying chateau belletch i had neglected to consider a room for baby-dear so there was no place to put her anyhow. 6.792440725941663

19307. in his infinite wisdom wants us to have these inexplicable little yet i adored this man letch feeley why i cannot say. 6.418019658355245

19308. with faint heart and a brave smile i endured his long absences from chateau belletch his coldness his indifference his slights and his abuse. 6.290129093830134

19309. the times i can recall when i was publicly humiliated by him- lovely dinner parties in our trianon suite where the collation was postponed and postponed and postponed only to be served dry and overcooked at a table where the host's chair was vacant; a splash party at the new pool which i had built in the hope of keeping letch away from public beaches when letch and a certain aquacutie stayed underwater together for the better part of an hour; a lovely epiphany party at errol flynn's on which sacred occasion letch stole away with an unknown starlet leaving me high and dry to get home as best i could. 4.596882049309961

19310. these are but a sampling of the insults i endured. 11.293767957711886

19311. as mrs letch feeley was it any wonder that i once the social arbiter of filmdom was excluded from the smart entertainments given by the astaires the coopers the gables the colmans the rathbones the taylors the thalbergs and such devout closely knit families as the barrymores and the crosbys? 4.7117022560359425

19312. as letch's antisocial conduct increased our invitations decreased and my heart was in my mouth whenever i played hostess at a fashionable screenland gathering. 7.248223922968896

19313. between 1935 and 1939 letch and i made ten films together each less successful both artistically and commercially than the one before it. 5.543369420547032

19314. our last joint venture sainted lady a deeply religious film based on the life of mother cabrini and timed so that its release date

would coincide with the beatification of america's first saint in november 1938 was a fiasco from start to finish. 6.506321863752341

19315. as i was playing mother cabrini the picture was actually all mine with nearly every scene built around me. 7.009387500466057

19316. but in order to keep letch in the public eye and out of trouble i wrote in a part especially for him- that of a dashing ruffian who sees the light and is saved by the inspiring example of mother cabrini. 7.311017997652885

19317. and did he appreciate my efforts on his behalf? 8.108856755126041

19318. did he trouble to memorize the very small part which i had tailor-made to his specifications a role eventually cut down to three short speeches? 7.170842323406731

19319. didhe show the rest of the cast- numbering four thousand- the consideration of arriving at the studio punctually- or even at all? 6.285661113734411

19320. he did not! the shooting went on for eight months! most of our working days were spent on the telephone calling bookies illegal gambling dens a certain residential club for young actresses more than a hundred different bars or the steam room of the athletic club. 5.678958771583765

19321. whenever he deigned to appear at the studio he was hung over uncooperative rude and insulting. 5.7087574544940205

19322. he made many tasteless irreverent and unfunny remarks not only about me in the title role but about religion in general. 8.285200098821907

19323. by the time the film was released we were three million dollars over-spent war was imminent and the public apparently had forgotten all about mother cabrini. 6.537242083966512

19324. thanks to letch feeley and the terrible strain he imposed on me the noticeswere few and unfavorable. 7.665477250608259

19325. only george santayana seemed to understand and appreciate the film when he wrote: miss poitrine has perpetrated the most eloquent argument for the protestant faith yet unleashed by hollywood. 5.127889590291103

19326. but it was small consolation. 31.23513031479454

19327. in a rare fit of anger and spite i farmed out my own husband to a small and most undistinguished studio to make one picture as a form of punishment. 6.622437485165248

19328. the film was called the diet of worms which i felt was just what letch deserved. 8.939600961965482

19329. it turned out to be a life of martin luther of all things! it was a disaster! in clothes letch simply did not project. 5.852193125549647

19330. he was laughed off the screen. 19.87986593677342

19331. at the same time however i availed myself of the services of that great english actor and master of make-up sir gauntley pratt to do a quickie called the mystery of the mad marquess in which i played a young american girl who inherits a haunted castle on the english moors which is filled with secret passages and sliding panels and unbeknownst to anyone is still occupiedby an eccentric maniac. 5.208007479077455

19332. it was a potboiler made on a shoestring and not the sort of film i like as all i had to do was lookblank and scream a great deal. 10.530658005117875

19333. my heart was not in it but oddlyenough it remains the most financially successful picture of my career. 6.154590206088857

19334. letch had returned from his debacle unrepentant and more badly behaved than before. 7.615092762846159

19335. i really loved that boy and in a feverish attempt to preserve our marriage and to try to revive the wonderful wonderful person

letch had once been i took my troubles to momma hoping that her  
 earthy advice would help me. 5.6143642671414735  
 19336. if i could only think of something at the studio near me to  
 absorb his boundless energy i said. 9.53935626867277  
 19337. what is letch interested in? 15.01533375785406  
 19338. bookies booze and babes momma said bluntly. 9.670406878971576  
 19339. her reply stung me but this was too important to let my hurt  
 make any difference. 5.861360135781466  
 19340. i can't turn the studio into a gambling hell or a saloon i  
 said. 6.700267883345693  
 19341. up to date however his garden was still more or less of a mess  
 he hadn't even started his workshop and if there was a meadow pond  
 in the neighborhood he hadn't found it. 6.530473262321718  
 19342. it wasn't his fault that these things were so.  
 13.388290833654258  
 19343. the difficulty was that each day seemed to produce its quota  
 of details which must be cleaned up immediately. 6.007853018407575  
 19344. as a result life had become a kind of continuous make-ready.  
 16.871861477634866  
 19345. once he disposed of these items which screamed so harshly for  
 attention he could undertake the things which really counted.  
 5.977314293753545  
 19346. then at last his day would fall into an ordered pattern and he  
 would be free to read or garden or just wander through the woods in the  
 late afternoon accompanied by his dogs. 6.785146975700082  
 19347. his dogs? 15.48465615741959  
 19348. he had almost forgotten them although they had played such an  
 important part in his early dreams. 9.318164483676966  
 19349. then they had always been romping around him on these walks  
 yelping with delight dashing off into the bushes on fruitless  
 hunting expeditions returning to jump up on him triumphantly with  
 muddy paws. 5.41755164487652  
 19350. dogs did something to one's ego. 9.670406878971576  
 19351. they were constantly assuring you that you were one of the  
 world's great guys. 5.948261103333084  
 19352. regardless of how much of a slob you knew yourself to be you  
 could be certain they would never find out- and even if they did it would  
 make no difference. 7.470328228853435  
 19353. now it became increasingly apparent that there were to be no dogs  
 in the picture. 9.075621273366302  
 19354. what in the world were you going to do with a lot of dogs when you  
 left for town on monday afternoons? 11.895357287498395  
 19355. you certainly couldn't take them into the little apartment and  
 if you tried to farm them out for two or three days every week they  
 would become so confused that they would have nervous breakdowns.  
 6.706220142251961  
 19356. why in the world couldn't he live in one place the way everyone  
 else seemed to? 10.37038161583175  
 19357. it worried him this inability to get the simplest things  
 done in the course of a day. 6.698484500982414  
 19358. he would wake up in the middle of the night and fret about it.  
 23.7628532865268  
 19359. how in the world had he formerly found time to build up a business  
 raise a family be on half a dozen boards work actively on  
 committees and either go out in the evening or plow through the contents  
 of a bulging brief case? 5.999096008872277  
 19360. was it possible that as people grow older the nature of  
 time changed? 11.559347699463594

19361. could it be that it speeded up for the aged in some mysterious way as if a bored universe were skipping through the end of the chapter just to get it over with? 6.7652584005644565

19362. or was the answer less metaphysical? 12.833041965406032

19363. did older people work more slowly? 9.101841287559294

19364. did it take a man of sixty-five longer to write a letter shave clean out a barn read a newspaper than a man of thirty? 7.40886397660739

19365. did men become perfectionists as they grew older polishing polishing reluctant to let go? 6.508812153274703

19366. it might be that certain people were born with a compulsion to complicate their lives while others could live blissfully motionless almost indefinitely like lizards in the sun too indolent to blink their eyes. 7.9995637501299255

19367. perhaps it was his misfortune or good fortune whichever way one looked at it to belong to the former group and he was struggling unconsciously to build up pressure in a world which demanded none which was positively antagonistic to it. 6.129233180793529

19368. and then again perhaps the reason why he couldn't find time to do any of the things he had planned to do after retirement: reading roaming gardening lying on his back and watching the clouds go by was because he didn't want to do them. 6.758268286859214

19369. there was no compulsion behind them. 21.162391408267943

19370. they could be done or left undone and nobody really gave a damn. 7.391013650626644

19371. during all his busy life he had only done things which had to be done. 6.573489619936492

19372. this habit had become so fixed over the years that it seemed futile to do anything for which no one was waiting. 7.78636069741457

19373. he looked at the luminous dial of his wrist watch. 9.09528235214471

19374. it was five minutes after four. 21.30159973117459

19375. on some distant farm a rooster crowed and far down the valley an associate answered. 6.790110549430442

19376. he turned over impatiently and pulled the sheet over his head against the treacherous encroachment of the dawn. 8.398993914299554

19377. at least he could buy the equipment for his workshop. 8.609744417540954

19378. thus committed action might follow. 15.01162032058062

19379. he went down to mills and bradley's hardware store and bought a full set of carpenter's tools including a rotary power saw and several other pieces of power machinery that mr mills said were essential for babbiting and doweling whatever they were. 5.176673049248625

19380. he also bought a huge square of pegboard for hanging up his tools and lumber for his workbench sandpaper and glue and assorted nails levels and t squares and plumb lines and several gadgets that he had no idea how to use or what they were for. 6.676555483696293

19381. that'll get you started. 9.118533821976325

19382. best not to get everything at once. 11.016779167296878

19383. add things as you find you need 'em. 7.545635307028388

19384. he didn't even ask the cost of this collection. 13.381815731653955

19385. after all if you were going to set up a workshop you had to have the proper equipment and that was that. 7.539454942125973

19386. when he returned home the station wagon loaded with tools jinny had gone with a friend to some meeting in the village using the recently purchased second car. 8.96766694295396

19387. it gave him a chance to unload the stuff and get it down to the cellar without a barrage of acid comments. 7.953372439549197

19388. he had made such a fuss about buying that second car that he knew he was vulnerable. 12.956154070128362

19389. he piled everything neatly in a corner of the cellar and turned to stare at the blank stone wall. 6.652562848167078

19390. that was where the pegboard would go on which he would hang his hand tools. 9.316760146639162

19391. in front of it would be his workbench. 18.858265760206162

19392. the old nightmare which had caused him so many wakeful hours came charging in on him once more only this time he couldn't pacify it with a sleeping pill and send it away. 7.435895975189796

19393. how in the world did one attach a pegboard to a stone wall? 8.565080225357299

19394. how did one attach anything to a stone wall for that matter? 7.391013650626644

19395. after the pegboard there would be the paneling. 9.569521122692661

19396. he sat down on an old box and focused on the problem. 9.805655982032302

19397. perhaps one bored holes in the stone with some kind of an electric gadget. 8.663307822393996

19398. but then when you stuck things into the holes why didn't they come right out again? 9.13577248224943

19399. it all seemed rather hopeless. 17.769399900666357

19400. he turned his attention to the workbench. 16.912465877013535

19401. perhaps that was the first thing to do. 15.029471637605191

19402. a workbench had a heavy top and sturdy legs but how did you attach sturdy legs to a heavy top so that the whole thing didn't wobble like a newborn calf and ultimately collapse when you leaned on it? 6.199889877490184

19403. mr mills had done some figuring on a scrap of paper and given him the various kinds of boards and two-by-fours which properly handled would he had assured him turn into a workbench. 4.888073467647503

19404. they lay on the cellar floor in a disorderly pile. 12.109031473732562

19405. mr crombie poked at it gingerly with his foot. 7.591299128521778

19406. how could anyone know what to do with an assortment like that? 12.372779165588877

19407. perhaps he had better have someone help him put up the pegboard and build the workbench- someone who knew what he was about. 5.794623648110094

19408. then at least he would have a place to hang his tools and something to work on. 8.406544491019217

19409. after that everything should be simpler. 11.41573523370109

19410. he went upstairs to phone crumb. 16.8624504155031

19411. to his amazement he reached him. 10.631988245435306

19412. mr crumb was laid up with a bad cold. 10.220141507052027

19413. he didn't seem to think that attaching a pegboard to a stonewall was much of a problem and he tossed off the building of the worktable equally lightly. 5.2386425386211135

19414. the only trouble was that he himself was tied up on the school job. 13.508104919088563

19415. that was why he hadn't been able to finish the porch. 10.361924875379506

19416. no he didn't know of any handyman-carpenter. 10.67656692536319

19417. there wasn't any such thing any more. 8.498393850252723

19418. carpenters all wanted steady work and at the moment every mother's son for twenty miles around that could hammer nails for twenty-five dollars a day was working on the school job. 6.446934883945742

19419. there was a fellow named blatz over smithtown way. 14.374086352143031

19420. nobody liked to hire him because you never could tell when he was going to be taken drunk. 7.561972602803971



19421. mr crumb would probably see him at lodge meeting the next night.  
6.903126807875096

19422. if he was sober which was doubtful he'd have him get in touch  
with mr crombie. 13.037343159344667

19423. mr blatz had been at least sober enough to remember to  
telephone and he turned out to be the greatest boon that had come into  
mr crombie's life since he moved to highfield in spite of the fact  
that he didn't work very fast or very long at a time and he didn't  
like to work at all unless mr crombie hung around and talked to him.  
4.98185931425667

19424. he said he was the lonely type and working in a cellar you saw  
funny things coming out of the cracks in the wall if they wasn't nobody  
with you. 10.106997694571547

19425. so mr crombie sat on a wooden box and talked in order to keep mr  
blatz's mind from funny things. 6.917344438555512

19426. at the same time he watched carefully to see how one attached  
pegboards to stone walls but mr blatz was usually standing in his line  
of vision and it all seemed so simple that he didn't like to  
disclose his ignorance. 7.604836574238872

19427. while mr blatz was putting up the pegboards and starting the  
workbench mr crombie told him of this idea about paneling the whole end  
of the cellar. 5.453027826386528

19428. mr blatz agreed that this would be pretty. 11.880864940205193

19429. without further discussion he appeared the next morning with a  
pile of boards sticking over the end of his light truck and proceeded with  
the paneling which he then stained and waxed according to his taste.  
5.0628557593094135

19430. now he said we got to put in some outlets for them power  
tools; then a couple of fluorescent lamps over the workbench an' i  
guess we're about through down here. 7.15750276183135

19431. it all did look very efficient and shipshape. 13.75025600984426

19432. there was no question of that. 28.86949411119246

19433. by the way said mr blatz packing his tools into a battered  
carrier them power tools needs extra voltage. 7.357291221124282

19434. i guess you know about that. 13.93195501835056

19435. before you use 'em the light company's got to run in a heavy line  
and you'll need a new fuse box for the extra circuits. 5.708419612584064

19436. that ain't too bad 'ceptin' the light company's so busy you  
can't ever get 'em to do nothin'. 7.910353247503275

19437. instead of being depressed by this news mr crombie was actually  
relieved. 9.044378543942939

19438. at least the moment was postponed when he had to face the  
mystery of the power tools. 12.444221982408411

19439. he followed mr blatz up the cellar stairs. 9.783357976961607

19440. as usual mrs crombie was standing in the midst of a confusion  
of cooking utensils. 10.454158909177716

19441. mr blatz sat down in the only unoccupied kitchen chair.  
7.591299128521778

19442. well he said got your man fixed up nice down there.  
9.25185671432612

19443. he oughta be able to build a new house with all them  
contraptions. 8.266744210599004

19444. mr crombie watched his wife with an anxious expression.  
10.220141507052027

19445. i was just sayin' to him that i'm all ready now for anything  
else you want done. 7.00132224148895

19446. mr crombie couldn't remember his saying any such thing.  
10.220141507052027

19447. oh that's wonderful cried mrs crombie. 9.768139674856712

19448. i have a thousand things for you to do. 16.783113355104557

19449. doors that won't open and doors that won't close and shelves and broken h but those are the things i built the workshop for protested mr crombie.5.096092997096229

19450. those are the things i can do now that i'm set up.  
10.243965423020933

19451. i'vebeen waiting to get these things done for months she said.  
6.002446559592496

19452. we won't live long enough if i wait for you besides which you don't need to worry- there'll be plenty more.6.44893033609597

19453. but the discussion was academic. 18.619186817396866

19454. mr blatz was already taking measurements for a shelf above the kitchen sink. 8.42610189558379

19455. nothing in english has been ridiculed as much as the ambiguous use of words unless it be the ambiguous use of sentences.  
5.915093060555031

19456. ben franklin said clearly spoken mr fogg. 9.060328853487057

19457. you explain english by greek. 15.784668708114987

19458. richard brinsley sheridan said i think the interpreter is the hardest to be understood of the two. 7.157777113721879

19459. and a witty american journalist remarked over a century ago what is even more true today many a writer seems to think he is never profound except when he can't understand his own meaning.  
5.592369931353768

19460. there are many types of ambiguity and many of them have been described by rhetoricians under such names as amphibology parisology and other ologies. 11.68189260519661

19461. in common parlance they would be described as misses-misinterpreters misunderstanders misdirectors and kindred misdeeds.  
7.981328359550558

19462. one species of ambiguity tries to baffle by interweaving repetition.10.57319808690024

19463. did you or did you not say what i said you said because jane said you never said what i said? 5.083242045036259

19464. another woman addressing christmas cards said to her husband: we sent them one last year but they didn't send us one so they probably won't send us one this year because they'll think we won't send them one because they didn't last year don't you think or shall we?  
5.590037233974633

19465. such ambiguous exercises compound confusion by making it worse compounded and they are sometimes expanded until the cream of the jest sours.6.122832205973779

19466. ambiguity of a non-repetitious kind describes the dilemma one girl found herself in. 7.615092762846159

19467. i'm terribly upset she told a girl-friend. 4.0028807404405535

19468. i wrote bill in my last letter to forget that i had told him that i didn't mean to reconsider my decision not to change my mind-and he seems to have misunderstood me. 6.997880946806087

19469. evidently bill was another of those men who simply don't understand women. 6.002446559592496

19470. another case involves a newspaper reporter who tripped up a politician.8.52336728372511

19471. mr jones you may recall that we printed last week your denial of having retracted the contradiction of your original statement.  
5.697828438619779

19472. now would you care to have us say that you were misquoted in regard to it? 8.867210326094005

19473. questions like this framed in verbal fog are perhaps the only kind that have ever stumped an experienced politician.  
5.408478191406743

19474. they recall byron's classic comment: i wish he would explain his explanation. 9.33913350279515

19475. similarly when a reporter once questioned lincoln in cryptic fashion lincoln refused to make any further statement. 6.112992417817493

19476. i fear explanations explanatory of things explained he said leaving the biter bit- and bitter. 8.923469128060672

19477. the obscurity of politicians may not always be as innocent as it looks. 7.037582431970946

19478. senator said an interviewer your constituents can't understand from your speech last night just how you stand on the question. 7.173450453721864

19479. it took me five hours to write it that way. 6.460370037324521

19480. the misplaced modifier is another species more honored in the observance of obscurity than in the breach. 7.860799503526907

19481. this creates an amusing effect because its position in a sentence seems to make it apply to the wrong word. 6.673670248095648

19482. a verse familiar to all grammarians is the quatrain: i saw a man once beat his wife when on a drunken spree. 7.547210006082454

19483. now can you tell me who was drunk- the man his wife or me? 6.484951157836937

19484. the wooden-leg gag of vaudeville another standby of this sort had endless variations. 10.72194143441056

19485. there's a man outside with a wooden leg named smith. 3.707015557625905

19486. what's the name of his other leg? 8.864218641579154

19487. another stock vaudeville gag ran: mother is home sick in bed with the doctor. 6.008107428980288

19488. when radio came in it continued the misplaced modifier in its routines as a standard device. 8.519366032847305

19489. do you see that pretty girl standing next to the car with slacks on? 9.723374051932941

19490. i see the girl but i don't see the car with slacks on. 6.192131294145479

19491. in recent years gagwriters have discovered this brand of blunder and thus the misplaced modifier has acquired a new habitat in the gagline. 5.113378554988781

19492. in one cartoon a family is shown outside a theater with the head of the family addressing the doorman: excuse me but when we came out we found that we had left my daughter's handbag and my wife's behind. 7.313599061221745

19493. journalism supplies us with an endless run of such slips. 6.210871206873012

19494. not long ago a newspaper advised those taking part in a contest that snapshots must be of a person not larger than f inches. 8.109601258105691

19495. classified ads are also chockfull of misrelated constructions. 6.764147616291221

19496. readers of the reader's digest are familiar with such items which often appear in its lists of verbal slips like the ad in a california paper that advertised house for rent. 5.867756097854561

19497. view takes in five counties two bedrooms. 7.622507342753323

19498. since brevity is the soul of ambiguity as well as wit newspaper headlines continually provide us with amusing samples. 8.70726371189402

19499. many shapes in bathtubs. 14.471323505260026

19500. son and daughter of local couple married. 9.060328853487057

19501. apart from misplaced modifiers and headlines journalism contributes a wide variety of comic ambiguities in both editorial and advertising matter. 7.034080569899596

19502. a weekly newspaper reported a local romance: h and the couple  
 were married last saturday thus ending a friendship which began in  
 their schooldays. 6.835132713310349

19503. an item in the letters column of a newspaper renewed a  
 subscription adding: i personally enjoy your newspaper as much as my  
 husband. 5.839733282449376

19504. then there was the caterer's ad which read: are you getting  
 married or having an affair? 8.136017751844836

19505. we have complete facilities to accommodate 200 people.  
 12.236278259376768

19506. the newspaper too is the favorite habitat of the anatomical.  
 11.06449559232486

19507. this slip is so-called because its semi-ambiguous english always  
 seems to refer to a person's anatomy but never quite means what it  
 seems to say. 6.700971966426257

19508. samples: he walked in upon her invitation. 9.060328853487057

19509. she kissed him passionately upon his reappearance.  
 9.130734915764195

19510. not without good reason has the anatomical been called jocular  
 journalese. 9.57232209063082

19511. in news items a man is less often shot in the body or head  
 than in the suburbs. 8.678967784779616

19512. while henry morgan was escorting miss vera green from the church  
 social last saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit mr  
 morgan on the public square. 6.703630124896692

19513. such items recall the california journalist who reported an  
 accident involving a movie star: the area in which miss n- was  
 injured is spectacularly scenic. 6.230041993708335

19514. the double meaning in the anatomical made it a familiar  
 vaudeville device as in the gags of weber and fields.  
 8.781506401474692

19515. when a witness at court was asked if he had been kicked in the  
 ensuing rumpus he replied no it was in the stomach. 8.14338446437555

19516. strangely enough this always brought the house down.  
 8.581436094141479

19517. apart from journalese and vaudeville gags the anatomical is  
 also found in jocular literature. 5.825820622377272

19518. a conscientious girl became the secretary of a doctor.  
 10.179668886367091

19519. her first day at work she was puzzled by an entry in the doctor's  
 notes on an emergency case. 5.509424580367896

19520. it read: shot in the lumbar region. 20.49737573020152

19521. after a moment of thought her mind cleared and in the interest of  
 clarity she typed into the record: shot in the woods. 6.350437228264427

19522. there are many grammatical misconstructions other than dangling  
 modifiers and anatomicals which permit two different  
 interpretations. 11.428963143065586

19523. at the home of a gourmet the new maid was instructed in the fine  
 points of serving. 9.37167090928252

19524. i want the fish served whole with head and tail the epicure  
 explained and serve it with lemon in mouth. 7.931288527654221

19525. that's silly- lemon in mouth she said. 3.9864402768250238

19526. but since the gourmet insisted that it is done that way at the  
 most fashionable dinners the girl reluctantly agreed.  
 10.092139465594666

19527. so she brought the fish in whole and she carried a lemon in her  
 mouth. 7.260854924305242

19528. another specimen of such double-entendre is illustrated by a  
 woman in a department store. 7.759182738374783

19529. she said to the saleslady i want a dress to put on around the house. 7.2704692517951335

19530. the puzzled saleslady inquired how large is your house madam? 9.945332631078985

19531. this saleslady was a failure in the dress department and was transferred to the shoe department. 6.618116250351381

19532. when a customer asked for alligator shoes she said what size is your alligator? 8.845158815499811

19533. the comic indefinite comprises an extensive class of comedy. 6.764147616291221

19534. one species is restricted to statements which are neither explicit nor precise regarding a particular person place time or thing. 7.60318931106214

19535. a woman met a famous author at a literary tea. 8.608797644508865

19536. oh i'm so delighted to meet you she gushed. 9.736505029457591

19537. it was only the otherday that i saw something of yours about something or other in some magazine. 8.281931012605616

19538. this baffling lack of distinct details recalls the secretary whose employer was leaving the office and told her what to answer if anyone called in his absence. 7.029670525784149

19539. i may be back he explained and then again i may not. 8.398269903427053

19540. yes sir she said is that definite? 15.5665462724345

19541. an old-fashioned mother said to her modern daughter you must have gotten in quite late last night dear. 5.427950274147271

19542. where were you? 17.983034337081474

19543. the daughter repliedoh i had dinner with- well you don't know him but he's awfully nice- and we went to a couple of places- i don't suppose you've heard of them- and we finished up at a cute little night club- i forget the name of it. 5.136109335512224

19544. why it's all right isn't it mother? 12.286160812044693

19545. her woolly-minded parent agreed. 10.94362139386847

19546. of course dear she said. 23.936719160948318

19547. it's only that i like to know where you go. 3.91145906278855

19548. no less ambiguous was the indefinity of a certain clergyman's sermon. 10.468919373891842

19549. dearly beloved he preached unless you repent of your sins in a measure and become converted to a degree you will i regret to say be damned to a more or less extent. 4.971024663996192

19550. this clergyman should have referred to shakespeare's dictum: so-so is a good very good very excellent maxim. 8.42362836718602

19551. and yet it is not. 22.22987064120485

19552. indefinite reference also carries double-meaning where an allusion to one person or thing seems to refer to another. 7.218745638373157

19553. a news item described the launching of a ship: completing the ceremony the beautiful movie star smashed a bottle of champagne over her stern as she slid gracefully down the ways into the sea. 4.568088736752267

19554. thisis not unlike the order received by the sergeant of an army motor pool: four trucks to fort mason gym 7:30 tonight for hauling girls to dance. 7.811442048351329

19555. the bodies must be cleaned and seats wiped off. 8.308738550523941

19556. a politician was approached by a man seeking the office of a minor public official who had just died. 9.115521922732064

19557. what are my chances for taking joe's place? 13.288854489871085

19558. he asked. 27.770505909397876

19559. if you can fix it up with the undertaker returned the politician it's all right with me. 9.101357514449376

19560. the manager of a movie theater received a telephone call from  
a woman who was equally indefinite. 8.466127247177898

19561. what have you got on today? 13.642333457910793

19562. she inquired. 15.594944937291627

19563. a blue suit he answered. 10.365396994212828

19564. who's in it? 13.148092146312546

19565. she continued. 12.292407525564322

19566. there was a short pause for reflection. 29.57001188703708

19567. oh said the woman i've seen that picture already.  
7.674607905193737

19568. another brand of indefinite reference arises out of the use of  
the double verb. 8.712791194285849

19569. when a question contains two verbs the response does not make  
clear which of them is being answered. 8.284916913909358

19570. the moonlit night was made for romance and he had been looking at  
her soulfully for some time. 9.715022503759698

19571. finally he asked do you object to petting? 8.990167738948555

19572. that's one thing i've never done she said promptly.  
8.196044167676531

19573. he thought a moment then inquired you mean petted?  
8.921356712016946

19574. no she smiled objected. 11.568363037656766

19575. replies to requests for character reference are notorious for  
their evasive double-entendre. 6.002446559592496

19576. it would be hard to find anything more equivocal than: i cannot  
recommend him too highly. 17.362445261605554

19577. another less ambiguous case read as follows: the bearer of this  
letter has served me for two years to his complete satisfaction.  
5.447170485634184

19578. if you are thinking of giving him a berth be sure to make it a  
wide one. 14.7074377867593

19579. in the comedy of indefinite reference it-wit occupies a  
prominent place because of its frequent occurrence. 9.314794221072885

19580. ambiguity arises when the pronoun it carries a twofold  
reference. 8.196044167676531

19581. one said when i get a cold i buy a bottle of whiskey for it and  
within a few hours it's gone. 5.9556922413098095

19582. the speaker referred to the whiskey but his friend thought he  
meant the cold. 9.822814687624378

19583. it-wit is a misnomer because it covers slips as well as wit.  
7.0960762942294355

19584. an excited woman was making an emergency call over the phone:  
doctor please come over right away. 7.319949741810999

19585. my husband is in great pain. 8.254441635698543

19586. i called the other afternoon on my old friend graves moreland  
the anglo-american literary critic- his mother was born in ohio-  
who lives alone in a fairy-tale cottage on the upson downs raising  
hell and peacocks the former only when the venerable gentleman  
becomes an angry old man about the state of literature or something  
else that is dwindling and diminishing such as human stature hope  
and humor. 5.830190689642347

19587. my unscientific friend does not believe that human stature is  
measurable in terms of speed momentum weightlessness or distance from  
earth but is a matter of the development of the human mind.  
7.405491304083573

19588. after gagarin became the greatest man in the world for a  
nation that does not believe in the cult of personality or in  
careerism moreland wrote me a letter in which he said: i am not  
interested in how long a bee can live in a vacuum or how far it can fly.  
8.872926716725768

19589. a bee's place is in the hive. 10.71472750642541  
 19590. i have come to talk with you about the future of humor and  
 comedy i told him at which he started slightly and then made us each  
 a stiff drink with a trembling hand. 8.865591310823739  
 19591. i seem to remember he said that in an interview ten years ago you  
 gave humor and comedy five years to live. 7.025742100098823  
 19592. did you go to their funeral? 10.472119682746735  
 19593. i was wrong i admitted. 15.154676752241375  
 19594. comedy didn't die it just went crazy. 9.060328853487057  
 19595. it has identified itself with the very tension and terror it  
 once did so much to alleviate. 8.384623436831404  
 19596. we now have not only what has been called over here the comedy of  
 menace but we also have horror jokes magazines known as horror comics  
 and sick comedians. 6.66202360925071  
 19597. there are even publications called sick and mad.  
 16.148310239480374  
 19598. the zeitgeist is not crazy as a loon or mad as a march hare; it is  
 manic as a man. 7.19406632878046  
 19599. i woke up this morning moreland said paraphrasing lewis  
 carroll. 8.555241096529764  
 19600. do you want to hear the paraphrase? 24.674258498641848  
 19601. can i bear it? 12.244138537468475  
 19602. i asked taking a final gulp of my drink and handing him the empty  
 glass. 9.780988793102933  
 19603. just barely he said and repeated his paraphrase: the time has  
 come the walrus said to speak of manic things of shots and shouts  
 and sealing dooms of commoners and kings. 5.396114746582147  
 19604. moreland fixed us each another drink and said for god's sake tell  
 me something truly amusing. 6.886249538313906  
 19605. i'll try i said and sat for a moment thinking. 8.008210347717647  
 19606. oh yes the other day i reread some of emerson's english traits  
 and there was an anecdote about a group of english and americans  
 visiting germany more than a hundred years ago. 6.674514743368945  
 19607. in the railway station at berlina uniformed attendant was  
 chanting 'foreigners this way! foreigners this way!' one woman- she  
 could have been either english or american- went up to him and said  
 'but you are the foreigners'. 5.720107267553989  
 19608. i took a deep breath and an even deeper swallow of my drink and  
 said i admit that going back to ralph waldo emerson for humor is like  
 going to a modern musical comedy for music and comedy. 6.688680228784597  
 19609. what's the matter with the music? 6.372778355695151  
 19610. moreland asked. 19.804021762487697  
 19611. it doesn't drown out the dialogue i explained. 7.86964488164829  
 19612. let's talk about books moreland said. 8.190298960396978  
 19613. i am told that in america you have non-books by non-writers  
 brought out by non-publishers for non-readers. 7.238010631371625  
 19614. is it all non-fiction? 25.28301775737043  
 19615. there is non-fiction and non non-fiction i said.  
 8.502009318816711  
 19616. speaking of nonism: the other day in a story about a sit-down  
 demonstration the paris herald tribune wrote 'the non-violence became  
 noisier'. 7.66060373201034  
 19617. and then eichmann was quoted as saying in non-english that  
 hitler's plan to exterminate the jews was nonsense.  
 6.45007392629861  
 19618. if we cannot tell evil horror and insanity from nonsense what is  
 the future of humor and comedy? 10.160850614776441  
 19619. moreland asked grimly. 10.363724110347151  
 19620. they require for existence a brave spirit and a high heart and  
 where do you find these? 7.8752429876816015

19621. in our present era of science and angst the heart has been  
downgraded to use one of our popular retrogressive verbs.  
6.451357562435585

19622. i know what you mean moreland sighed. 18.779663281672878

19623. last year your tennessee williams told our dily's powell in a  
television program that it is the task of the playwright to throw  
light into the dark corners of the human heart. 7.125339441393656

19624. like almost everybody else he confused the heart both as organ and  
as symbol with the disturbed psyche the deranged glands and the  
jumpy central nervous system. 6.4869603477216495

19625. i'm not pleading for the heart that leaps up when it beholds a  
rainbow in the sky or for the heart that with rapture fills and  
dances with the daffodils. 4.086665895289384

19626. the sentimental pure heart of galahad is gone with the knightly  
years but i still believe in the heart of the george meredith character  
that was not made of the stuff that breaks. 8.014930525961557

19627. we no longer have tom moore's and longfellow's 'heart for any  
fate' either i said. 7.3292730369956525

19628. moore and longfellow didn't have the fate that faces us moreland  
said. 7.615092762846159

19629. one day our species promises co-existence and the next day it  
threatens co-extinction. 8.179200417066674

19630. we sat for a while drinking in silence. 14.900399401190102

19631. the heart i said finally is now either in the throat or the  
mouth or the stomach or the shoes. 5.670580783382225

19632. when it was worn in the breast or even on the sleeve we at  
least knew where it was. 9.707957188820478

19633. there was a long silence. 32.55612104085978

19634. you have visited england five times in the past quarter-century  
i believe my host said. 11.439932874531161

19635. what has impressed you most on your present visit?  
6.764147616291221

19636. i would say depressed not impressed i told him.  
8.581436094141479

19637. i should say it is the turning of courts of law into veritable  
theatres for sex dramas involving clergymen and parishioners  
psychiatrists and patients. 6.355509942316283

19638. it is becoming harder and harder to tell law courts and political  
arenas from the modern theatre. 10.8876648799735

19639. do you think we need a new henry james to re-explore the anglo-  
american scene? 9.999190769936632

19640. he asked. 27.770505909397876

19641. or perhaps a new noe^l coward? 9.766430213855395

19642. but you must have heard it said that the drawing-room  
disappeared forever with the somnolent years of james and the antic  
heyday of coward. 8.37058742051694

19643. i myself hear it said constantly- in drawing-rooms.  
10.281764468366426

19644. in them there is usually a group of anglo-americans with  
tragicomic problems worthy of being explored either in the novel or  
in the play or in comedy and satire. 7.988592052699879

19645. i stood up and began pacing. 12.494013415629535

19646. if you are trying to get us out of the brothel the dustbin the  
kitchen sink and the tawdry living-room you are probably wasting your  
time moreland told me. 9.252335209349669

19647. too many of our writers seem to be interested only in creatures  
that crawl out of the woodwork or from under the rock. 8.294123726512062

19648. furiously and furiously i said. 11.568363037656766

19649. i am worried about the current meanings of the word 'funny'.  
10.454112589231986



19650. it now means ominous as when one speaks of a funny sound in the motor; disturbing as when one says that a friend is acting funny; and frightening as when a wife tells the police that it is funny but her husband hasn't been home for two days and nights. 6.768767618766747

19651. moreland sat brooding for a full minute during which i made each of us a new drink. 6.029536273746716

19652. he took his glass clinked it against mine and said toujours gai what the hell! borrowing a line from don marquis' mehitabel. 7.782133732559366

19653. be careful of the word 'gay' for it too has undergone a change. 7.515684204882183

19654. it now means in my country homosexual i said. 8.581436094141479

19655. oh i forgot to say that if one is taken to the funny house in the funny wagon he is removed to a mental institution in an ambulance. 5.424665258905587

19656. recently by the way i received a questionnaire in which i was asked whether or not i was non-institutionalized. 9.26458607815

19657. my host went over and stared out the window at his peacocks; then he turned to me. 5.948921106519397

19658. is it true that you believe the other animals are saner than the human species? 7.032105024464237

19659. oh that is demonstrable i told him. 7.14162538120728

19660. do you remember the woman in the french alps who was all alone with her sheep one day when the sun darkened ominously? 7.199485205743026

19661. she told the sheep 'the world is coming to an end'! and the sheep said- all in unison i have no doubt- 'ba-a-a'! the sound mockery of sheep is like the salubrious horse laugh. 5.249044895382731

19662. that is only partly non-nonsense he began. 18.75600396321751

19663. if you saw the drama called rhinoceros i said think of the effect it would have on an audience of rhinos when the actor on stage suddenly begins turning into a rhinoceros. 6.6217735434125045

19664. the rhinos would panic screaming 'help'!- if that can be screamed in their language. 9.27924115141015

19665. you think the russians are getting ahead of us in comedy? 10.39757964659774

19666. moreland demanded. 15.594944937291627

19667. the political and intellectual left began fighting humor and comedy years ago because they fear things they do not understand and cannot manage such as satire and irony such as humor and comedy. 5.633670445495639

19668. nevertheless like any other human being upon whom the spotlight of the world plays continually khrushchev the anti-personality cultist has become a comic actor or thinks he has. 7.731038156235703

19669. in his famous meeting with nixon a couple of years ago he seemed to believe that he was as funny as ed wynn. 8.765000226164029

19670. but like caesar he has only one joke so far as i can find out. 13.609161634887464

19671. it consists in saying 'that would be sending the goat to look after the cabbage'. 9.559733751976056

19672. why in the name of his non-god doesn't he vary it a bit? 8.39762692206076

19673. such as? 12.292407525564322

19674. moreland asked. 15.594944937291627

19675. such as 'sending the cat to guard the mice' or 'the falcon to protect the dove' or most terribly sharp of all 'the human being to save humanity'. 5.399234059587902

19676. you and i have fallen out of literature into politics moreland observed. 13.2620036697636

19677. what a nasty fall was there! i said. 10.853679828675569  
 19678. moreland went over to stare at his peacocks again and then came  
 back and sat down restively. 6.757567981697296  
 19679. the world that was once foot-loose and fancy-free he said has  
 now become screw-loose and frenzy-free. 8.583435320306856  
 19680. in our age of science and angst it seems to me more brave to  
 stay on earth and explore inner man than to fly far from the sphere of  
 our sorrow and explore outer space. 7.767780142808627  
 19681. the human ego being what it is i put in science fiction has always  
 assumed that the creatures on the planets of a thousand larger solar  
 systems than ours must look like gigantic tube-nosed fruit bats.  
 5.245218414614421  
 19682. it seems to me that the first human being to reach one of these  
 planets maywell learn what it is to be a truly great and noble species.  
 11.107975468953025  
 19683. now we are leaving humor and comedy behind again moreland  
 protested. 8.099056439234285  
 19684. not in the largest sense of the words i said.  
 16.160729395911687  
 19685. the other day arnold toynbee spoke against the inveterate tendency  
 of our species to believe in the uniqueness of its religions its  
 ideologies and its virtually everything else. 5.84190694885341  
 19686. why do we not realizethat no ideology believes so much in itself  
 as it disbelieves in something else? 7.808565884566494  
 19687. forty years ago an english writer w l george dealt with this  
 subject in eddies of the day and said as an example that 'saint  
 george for merry england' would not start a spirit half so quickly as  
 'strike frog-eating frenchmen dead'! there was also gott strafe  
 angleterre moreland reminded me and carthago delenda est or if you  
 will deus strafe carthage. 5.109842999426771  
 19688. it isn't what the ideologist believes in but what he hates that  
 puts the world in jeopardy. 7.902315861080761  
 19689. this is the force in our time and in every other time that  
 urges the paranoiac and the manic-depressive to become head of a state.  
 7.096456418224691  
 19690. complete power not only corrupts but it also attracts the mad.  
 8.80582908212031  
 19691. there is a bitter satire for a future writer in that.  
 14.310383236411669  
 19692. great satire has always been clearly written and readily  
 understandable i said. 8.532533381809712  
 19693. but we now find writers obsessed by the nooks and crannies of  
 their ivory towers and curiously devoted to the growing obscurity and  
 complexity of poetry and non-poetry. 6.134114696307169  
 19694. i wrote a few years ago that one of the cardinal rules of writing  
 is that the reader should be able to get some idea of what the story is  
 about. 11.872238021504918  
 19695. one day the children had wanted to get up onto general burnside's  
 horse. 9.811489964017555  
 19696. they wanted to see what his back felt like- the general's.  
 12.19326748223089  
 19697. he looked so comfortable being straight. 10.776005861178222  
 19698. they wanted to touch the mystery. 18.509937452849552  
 19699. arlene was boosting them up when the policeman came by.  
 6.536123690965156  
 19700. arlene had a hard voice too thistime. 10.977489482667984  
 19701. the policeman's eyes rather popped for a second; but then  
 arlene got another tone in a hurry and she said if it wasn't for  
 these dear children-. 5.197552922963109

19702. the policeman got a confused funny look on his face and he had answered kind of politely now look here lady: i know you got to entertain these kids and all. 6.748856710691515

19703. but this is a public park and it's a city ordinance that the statues cannot be crawled on. 8.964195017651134

19704. arlene was so ashamed that she hung her head when she said yes sir. 7.709396596654081

19705. the policeman walked on but he looked back once. 8.341215694113531

19706. that had happened on the day when two other unusual things had occurred. 11.82668431128898

19707. arlene had taught them a new way to have fun in their little private area; and they had told their mother about the tumbles. 4.932359612941692

19708. in matters of exact information that kept her one step behind developments; and so they were consistently true to their principles. 8.238031735739774

19709. never mind arlene had said after the policeman had left having pursued the usual unco-operative course of grownups. 5.635716234946817

19710. i know something that is much more fun that we can do on our little lawn. 12.003249955777997

19711. what is it? 22.366870059233243

19712. asked the children whose reflexes and replies were invariably so admirably normal and predictable. 7.391013650626644

19713. maybe that was why they were cordial and loyal towards the unpredictability of arlene. 6.490027861639375

19714. just you wait advised arlene echoing the dialogue in a recent british movie. 9.320195625771744

19715. and when they had got to their little lawn they had had a most twirlingly magnificent time. 9.331445627217722

19716. first arlene had put them through some rapid somersaults. 10.42897291276049

19717. they had protested that that wasn't any surprise. 11.40431524167798

19718. just you wait said arlene again as though she were discovering the pleasantly tingling insinuations of that handy little sturdy statement. 7.226542408095166

19719. is it anything like cooked-over oatmeal? 11.757674309947575

19720. asked one of the children. 16.175384724461775

19721. not the least bit arlene snapped. 10.009742122044596

19722. one of the many things that was so nice about her was that she always took your questions seriously particularly your very very serious questions. 9.577967966312709

19723. those were especially the ones that all other grownups laughed at loudest. 7.303096616249475

19724. she would sometimes even get a little hard on you she took you so seriously. 8.465871844437721

19725. but not hard for very long. 13.32087353114638

19726. just long enough to make you feel important. 11.715879534826335

19727. now said arlene eventually making them both sit in formation on a big root of a live oak the sort of root that divided itself and made their bottoms sag down and feel comfortable. 5.090976854877514

19728. now we're going to be like what general burnside and his horse make us think of. 8.224938264294419

19729. the children looked at each other and sagged their bottoms down even more comfortably than ever. 8.554703210972606

19730. their curiosity went happily out of bounds. 10.783667833983843

19731. then arlene threw herself backwards and wiggled in a way that was just wonderful. 8.105399995998898

19732. she held herself that way and turned her head towards them and laughed and winked. 8.347995902467632

19733. imagine being able to laugh and wink when you're like the top part of that picture frame at home one of them said. 6.203069029352619

19734. they both laughed and winked back. 15.756408865151302

19735. i'm general burnside's horse upside down arlene said sort of gaspingly for her: even she had to breathe kind of funny when she was in that position. 4.425653178766926

19736. she made general burnside's horse's belly do so funny when it was upside down. 9.676512795569494

19737. then she was back on her feet winking and smiling that enormous smile. 7.635793100687079

19738. and she would wink and throw kisses. 15.52982985573769

19739. they both tried to keep smiling and winking for a long time but it made their lips and eyelids tremble. 6.844846080714984

19740. but they kept on clapping for a long long time. 15.960440318808727

19741. this time arlene said and she even kept on wiggling a little bit while she was just talking you're going to tell me what i am and what i'm doing. 6.756255939431794

19742. it all has something to do with general burnside and his horse. 9.391426916702418

19743. this time it was so grand; they could tell exactly what it was. 8.137615958976305

19744. it was general burnside's horse running in a circle. 15.046151236757142

19745. his legs shook and the shaking went right on up his body through his hips to his shoulders. 5.871550390903752

19746. that's the general's horse one of them cried out. 5.415354612692042

19747. the other remarked in a happy laughter that's a funny old horse. 7.958893482137874

19748. the first one said he sure does shake. 13.09300332252329

19749. then there was the general kissing his wife. 21.420107508643188

19750. they had to be told that one. 22.325776495404497

19751. but it was even funnier after they had been told. 14.648717092110791

19752. their father when he came back from those many business trips just bumped their mother on the forehead with his lips and asked if anybody had thought to mix the martinis and put them in the electric icebox. 6.7018463053934445

19753. he was the funniest man. 23.79268092013764

19754. he never could keep still even when he didn't move his feet. 10.162149928427366

19755. then they had to get up and be general burnside. 10.363349106105304

19756. all they could think of was to run around in circles kicking their legs out. 8.078761807336596

19757. then they said general burnside was going to jump over his horse's head; and they did some somersaults. 7.411452263715024

19758. but that wasn't very funny either. 18.3893642127394

19759. you ought to shake arlene advised them. 7.622507342753323

19760. and arlene showed them how to begin. 12.994442504837197

19761. she also taught them to sing i wish i could shimmy like my sister kate. 6.892894936471871

19762. they were clumsy but they were beginning to catch on. 11.555775202424963

19763. they also caught on a little bit on how to smile a lot without your lips trembling. 7.5839703308888335

19764. imagine you won't get your allowance if you're caught not smiling-  
or smiling with your lips trembling too much arlene suggested.  
6.865122331529688

19765. that helped a great deal. 13.51881576711259

19766. they were a little late in getting home. 14.103111039843219

19767. i'm sorry mrs minks arlene said in a tone so low you could  
hardly hear it. 6.119512922998314

19768. my mother constituted herself the voice of all of us.  
9.544951717477968

19769. it's perfectly understandable arlene my mother said in a  
friendly way. 2.9647453471384653

19770. i suppose you all were playing and forgot? 13.024390396949448

19771. yes ma'am the children chorused heartily. 7.622507342753323

19772. the children rushed off to get rid of their sweaters; and arlene  
began tapping the kitchen door open. 8.605312244972199

19773. arlene's a good girl my uncle remarked to us; but he said it too  
soon for it came out just before the tap to which the door responded.  
5.023258872600587

19774. that tap had a slight bangish quality. 12.064727433049098

19775. she really is a dear little thing my mother agreed.  
6.460370037324521

19776. her upper lip lifted slightly. 16.19638981266906

19777. she was biting into a small red radish; and that action  
always caused her to lift her lip from the sting of the thing.  
6.031690067332049

19778. also she lived in continual fear of finding a white worm curled up  
in a neat mean little heap at the white center of the radish.  
7.02958142141867

19779. she would try to see over the bulge of her cheeks and somewhat  
under her teeth to the place where she was biting. 5.710096329777779

19780. it never worked naturally; but it made her look unusual.  
13.153065790889992

19781. also when she had bitten off half of the small radish she found  
the suspense unbearable; and she would snatch the finger-held half  
of the radish out to where she could inspect it. 5.365154197334842

19782. one could hear a very faint ladylike sigh of relief.  
11.192387044095703

19783. actually it was inaudible to anyone not expecting it.  
7.832100794927304

19784. but the warm joy of her brown eyes was open to the general  
public. 12.847023587006271

19785. later on the childrentold her further about somersaulting.  
9.72542028910215

19786. it must be awfully good for them. 22.218495701750093

19787. and awfully kind of arlene she told us later. 8.108856755126041

19788. but do you know something curious? 10.472119682746735

19789. she added. 19.287214484918096

19790. i reached into that funny little pocket that is high up on my  
dress. 9.485141232370898

19791. i have no notion why i reached. 16.546284712656718

19792. and i found a radish. 20.850026924177687

19793. was it an omen? 15.900962242516597

19794. i thought for a second. 18.25917094604721

19795. but i would not pamper myself in that silly way.  
12.175845375235337

19796. i opened the window and threw the radish out.  
10.853733375513935

19797. then my mother blushed at this small lie; for she knew and we  
knew that it was cowardice that had made one more radish that night just  
too impossible a strain. 5.169171608445684

19798. arlene became indispensable; nobody could have told why.  
9.186019237828585

19799. it was in the air. 35.47312089413783

19800. a friend of my father's came to dinner. 10.915928998043894

19801. he was passing through town and phoned to say hello.  
10.068881193379493

19802. as a result he was persuaded out to dinner. 17.498002847068985

19803. as a matter of fact this happened every four or five months.  
13.44148944679596

19804. sometimes he coincided with my father's being at home.  
9.734355488595261

19805. sometimes as at this juncture he did not. 8.52362262641104

19806. but he was always persuaded out. 23.176187158177306

19807. he liked children in a loathsome kind of way; the two youngest  
in our family always had to be brought in and put through tricks for  
his entertainment. 5.8610968321433035

19808. when he had left i could never remember whether he had poked  
them in their middles laughingly with a thick index finger or whether  
he was merely so much the sort of person who did this that one assumed  
the action not bothering to look. 6.458464347883421

19809. the children loathed him too. 14.1243401423943

19810. this evening they were pushed in from the breakfast room with  
odds and ends of dessert distributed over them. 8.291079047435423

19811. there had been some coconut in it for i remember my mother's  
taking a quick glance at a stringy bit of this nut on the cheek of one  
of them and then putting down her radish with a shiver.  
6.828123948775004

19812. they were pushed gently into the room by arlene- whose only part  
appearing were hands that crept quickly back around to the kitchen side  
of the door. 7.848693608147326

19813. we had just sat down. 14.611296062683865

19814. tell mr gorboduc what you're doing these days my mother  
advised the children ceremonially. 7.370948779068098

19815. there was an air of revolt about the children- even irreverence  
for their own principles. 10.455809835701716

19816. this could be told chiefly from a sort of head-tossing and prancing  
a horselike balkiness of demeanor. 7.584951955491047

19817. possibly the coconut-containing dessert had brought up bitter  
problems of administration. 6.329284551645883

19818. but at the beginning this stayed just in the air.  
17.340670499240527

19819. we go to the park with this nice lady one of them said.  
9.627662823289032

19820. this happy bulletin convulsed mr gorboduc. 12.83916464908928

19821. you do? 25.54960716631462

19822. he asked between wheezes of laughter. 9.670406878971576

19823. he was forced to wipe his eyes. 14.411301151917424

19824. you don't step on the flowers do you? 7.690791604663914

19825. eh? 15.610129252044759

19826. one of the children maneuvered out of range of the poking  
index finger. 10.990674977067894

19827. mr gorboduc took a swig of his sherry. 8.641591308291794

19828. he was so long thinking that my mother had time to inspect her  
sherry for dregs. 10.180083352048605

19829. usually this was done when attention was diverted by someone  
else's long boring story. 6.383417673952361

19830. but this time she was nervous: she was open. 11.89315510008271

19831. mr gorboduc was finally in command of his mind again.  
7.591299128521778

19832. tell me- what do you do at the park? 10.638610523687824

19833. he asked. 21.889553134177078

19834. this was delivered in a forthright way without coyness and over-pretended interest- an admirable way with children. 8.724819808902861

19835. only unfortunately he could not remove from his voice a nagging insinuation of the direct command. 6.968559906297528

19836. this nettled the children into the revelation of exact truth a sacrifice of their secret superiority over grown people but a victory in the wide fields of perpetration and illegitimate accomplishment. 6.908815499345665

19837. we bump one said; and the other went on to development of the idea. 8.919610474770472

19838. we grind too he said. 17.711814362317945

19839. my mother was beside herself with curiosity. 9.204237969321259

19840. say that again she pleaded. 12.266717274634834

19841. she laughed a little and tossed the dregs rakishly around in her glass. 7.110917169669036

19842. you what? 32.4138876863193

19843. she could see that mr gorboduc was intrigued; the hostess in her took over. 7.884276060952289

19844. you what? 32.4138876863193

19845. my uncle looked at mr gorboduc. 9.452730157081492

19846. he read henry james and used to pretend profundity through eye-beamings at people. 9.176540466704445

19847. he would not look up. 9.292919473889432

19848. he was very funny about the whole thing. 14.59535732443208

19849. a delightful vignette set in the unforgettable epoch of pre-punic war rome. 6.881248562988826

19850. marcellus the hero is beset from all sides by the problems of approaching manhood. 7.810415301301886

19851. the story opens on the eve of his fifty-third birthday as he prepares for the two weeks of festivities that are to follow. 7.372471095370545

19852. suddenly a messenger arrives and just before collapsing dead at his feet informs him that the saracens have invaded silesia the home province of his affianced. 7.034197625353378

19853. he at once cancels the celebrations and buckling on his scimitar stumbles blindly from the house where he is hit and killed by a passing oxcart. 6.050226383077868

19854. the albanian civic opera's presentation of spumoni's immortal il sevigli del spegititgninino with guest contralto hattie sforzt. 7.860799503526907

19855. an unusual if not extraordinary rendering of the classic myth that involves the rescue of prometheus from the rock by the us cavalry was given last week in the warehouse of the albanian leather conduit company amid cheers of hubba hubba and yalagaloo pip pip! after a busy overture the curtain rises on a farm scene- the ranavan valley in northern maine. 4.609400431044257

19856. a dead armadillo the sole occupant of the stage symbolizes the crisis and destruction of the old order. 8.125655919453033

19857. old order acted and atonally sung by grunnfeu arapacis the lovely serbantuan import then entered and delivered the well-known invocation to the god phineoppus whereupon the stage is quite unexpectedly visited by a company of wandering gorshek priests symbolizing love lust prudence and general motors respectively. 4.667189402902636

19858. according to the myth old order then vanishes at stage left and reappears at extreme stage right but director shuz skillfully sidesteps the rather gooshey problem of stage effects by simply having miss arapacis walk across the stage. 6.700864110418332

19859. the night we saw it a rather unpleasant situation arose when the soloist refused to approach the armadillo complaining- in ad-lib- that it smelled. 5.671945877490186

19860. we caught the early train to new york.12.350455461918722

19861. a list of highly unusual terms used in connection with eurasian proto-senility cults. 8.578155220704803

19862. it's somewhat off the beaten track to be sure but therein lies its variety and charm. 4.159708680282497

19863. for example probably very few people know that the word visrhanik that is bantered about so much today stems from the verb bouanahsha: to salivate. 6.708744471356933

19864. likewise and equally fascinating is the news that such unlikely synonyms as pratakku sweathruna and the tongue-twister nnuolapertar-it-vuh-karti-biri-pitknoumen all originated in the same village in bathar-on-walli province and are all used to express sentiments concerning british imperialism. 6.2718676830329985

19865. the terms are fairly safe to use on this side of the ocean but before you start spouting them to your date it might be best to find out if he was a member of major pockmanster's delhi regiment since resentment toward the natives was reportedly very high in that outfit. 6.614097665330244

19866. the breeze and chancellor neitzbohr a movie melodrama that concerns the attempts of a west german politician to woo a plaster cast of the apollo belvedere. 6.157942065974489

19867. as you have doubtless guessed already the plot is plastered with freudian jungian and meinckian theory. 7.705889412506561

19868. for example when the film is only four minutes old neitzbohr refers to a small victorian piano stool as wilhelmina and we are thereupon subjected to a flashback that informs us that this very piano stool was once used by an epileptic governess whose name of course was doris. 5.690765201136438

19869. for the remainder of the movie chancellor neitzbohr proceeds to lash the piano stool with a slat from a venetian blind that used to hang in the pre-war reichstag. 6.600259968973506

19870. in this manner he seeks to expunge from his own soul the guilt pangs caused by his personal assaults against the english at dunkirk. 0.0

19871. as we find out at the end it is not the stool that he is punishing but the piece of venetian blind. 7.984551293357725

19872. and when the slat finally shatters we see him count the fragments all the while muttering he loves me he loves me not. 7.079208776545382

19873. after a few tortuous moments of wondering who he is the camera pans across the room to the plaster statue and we realize that neitzbohr is trying to redeem himself in the eyes of a mute piece of sculpture. 6.594715847316057

19874. the effect needless to say is almost terrifying and though at times a bit obscure the film is certainly a much-needed catharsis for the repressed movie-goer.7.087625451771935

19875. the music of bini salfininistas capital lp 63711-r one of the rare recordings of this titanic yet unsung composer. 8.461209110020324

19876. those persons who were lucky enough to see and hear the performance of his work at the brest-silevnirov festival in august 1916 will certainly welcome his return to public notice; and it is not unlikely that even as the great bach lay dormant for so many years so has the erudite ingenious salfininistas passed through his purgatory of neglect.6.459078440208764

19877. but now under the guidance of the contemporary composer marc schlek jr a major revival is under way. 6.974211613318556



19878. as he leads the neurenschatz skolkau orchestra schlek gives a tremendously inspired performance of both the baslot andrattzhenfuut concertos including the controversial tschilwyk cadenza which was included at the conductor's insistence. 7.312583047612054

19879. a major portion of the credit should also go to flautist haumd for his rendering of the almost impossible indianapolis movement in the baslot. 5.648044585629945

19880. not only was haumd's intonation and phrasing without flaw but he seemed to take every tonal eccentricity in stride. 6.7185842840258125

19881. for example to move from the lowest f-major register up to a barely audible n minor in four seconds not skipping at the same time even one of the 407 fingerings seems a feat too absurd to consider and it is to the flautist's credit that he remained silent throughout the passage. 5.835799140470485

19882. we would have preferred however to have had the rest of the orchestra refrain from laughing at this and other spots on the recording since it mars an otherwise sober if not lofty performance. 7.576536488020987

19883. as broadway itself becomes increasingly weighted down by trite heavy-handed commercially successful musicals and inspirational problem dramas the american theatre is going through an inexorable renaissance in that nebulous area known as off-broadway. 5.100633650998861

19884. for the last two years this frontier of the arts has produced a number of so-called non-dramas which have left indelible bittersweet impressions on the psyche of this veteran theatregoer. 8.448852433713155

19885. the latest and significantly greatest fruit of this theatrical vine is the an adaptation of basho's classic frog-haiku by roger entwhistle a former university of maryland chemistry instructor. 5.354557875064527

19886. although the play does show a certain structural amateurishness the statement it makes concerning the ceaseless yearning and searching of youth is profound and worthy of our attention. 7.048125221969726

19887. the action centers about a group of outspoken and offbeat students sitting around a table in a cafeteria and their collective and ultimately fruitless search for a cup of hot coffee. 5.665687090798018

19888. they are relentlessly rebuffed on all sides by a waitress the police and an intruding government tutor. 9.219845218069999

19889. the innocence that they tried to conceal at the beginning is clearly destroyed forever when one of them asking for a piece of lemon-meringue pie gets a plate of english muffins instead. 6.403299494303125

19890. leaving the theatre after the performance i had a flash of intuition that life after all is just a search for the nonexistent cup of hot coffee and that this unpretentious moving clever bitter slice of life was the greatest thing to happen to the american theatre since brooks atkinson retired. 5.697100978349977

19891. aging but still precocious french feline enfant terrible francoisette lagoon has succeeded in shocking jaded old paris again this time with a sexy ballet scenario called the lascivious interlude the story of a nymphomaniac trip-hammer operator who falls hopelessly in love with a middle-aged steam shovel. 5.067407129679881

19892. a biting pithy parable of the all-pervading hollowness of modern life the piece has been set by mlle lagoon to a sumptuous score by existentialist hot-shot jean-paul sartre. 6.643572495279872

19893. petite lovely yvette chadroe plays the nymphomaniac engagingly. 7.14162538120728

19894. ever since bambi and more recently born free there have been a lot of books about animals but few compare with max fink's wry

understated charming and immensely readable my friend the quizzical salamander. 7.224228946326666

19895. done in the modern style of a confession fink tells in exquisite detail how he came to know and more important love his mother's pet salamander alicia. 4.996184316836729

19896. it is not an entirely happy book as mrs fink soon becomes jealous of alicia and in retaliation refuses to continue to scrape the algae off her glass. 9.113214506023073

19897. max in a fit of despair takes alicia and runs off for two marvelous weeks in burbank at the end of which alicia tragically contracts parkinson's disease and dies. 5.32443735105651

19898. this brief resume hardly does the book justice but i heartily recommend it to all those who are engaged with the major problems of our time. 7.381055969410577

19899. opera in the grand tradition along with mah-jongg seems to be staging a well-deserved comeback. 6.64568956822026

19900. in this country the two guiding lights are without doubt felix fing and anna pulova. 9.296586472104092

19901. fing a lean chiseled impeccable gentleman of the old school who was once mistaken on the street for sir cedric hardwicke is responsible for the rediscovery of verdi's earliest most raucous opera nabisco a sumptuous bout-de-souffle with a haunting leitmotiv that struck me as being highly reminiscent of the mudugno version of volare. 4.848820558144295

19902. miss pulova has a voice that maria callas once described as like chipping teeth with a screw driver and her round opalescent face becomes fascinatingly reflective of the emotions demanded by the role of rosalie. 6.649975885493599

19903. the champs elysees is literally littered this summer with the prostrate bodies of france's beat-up beatnik jeunes filles. 6.040227447879625

19904. cause of all this commotion: squat pug-nosed balding hopelessly ugly jean-pierre bravado a bogartian figure who plays a sadistic amoral philosophic tasti-freeze salesman in old new-waver fredrico de mille rossilini's endlessly provocative film a sour sponge. 5.900308518957012

19905. bravado has been alternately described as a symbol of the new grandeur of france and myself and a decadent disgusting slob! but no one can deny that the screen crackles with electricity whenever he is on it. 5.7039244080694065

19906. soaring to stardom along with him margo felicity brighetti a luscious and curvaceously beguiling italian starlet turns in a creditable performance as an airplane mechanic. 6.157942065974489

19907. the battle of the drib-drool continues but most of new york's knowing sophisticates of abstract expressionism are stamping their feet impatiently in expectation of v day september first when augustus quasimodo's first one-man show opens at the guggenheim. 6.002389433692205

19908. we have heard that after seeing mr quasimodo's work it will be virtually impossible to deny the artistic validity and importance of the whole abstract movement. 8.646094123254692

19909. and it is thought by many who think about such things that quasimodo is the logical culmination of a school that started with monet progressed through kandinsky and the cubist picasso and blossomed just recently in pollock and de kooning. 5.6113652685809825

19910. quasimodo defines his own art as the search for what is not there. 7.391013650626644

19911. i paint the nothing he said once to franz kline and myself the nothing that is behind the something the inexpressible

unpaintable 'tick' in the unconscious the 'spirit' of the moment  
resting forever suspended like a huge balloon in non-time.

5.146985026133122

19912. it is his relentlessness and unwaivering adherence to this  
revolutionary artistic philosophy that has enabled him to paint such  
pictures as the invasion of cuba. 9.541435405589672

19913. in this work his use of non-color is startling and skillful.  
9.634377298640242

19914. the sweep of space the delicate counterbalance of the white  
masses the over-all completeness and unity the originality and  
imagination all entitle it to be called an authentic masterpiece.

7.0829548937529525

19915. i asked quasimodo recently how he accomplished this and he  
replied that he had painted his model a beautiful shade of red and then  
had her breathe on the canvas which was his typical tongue-in-cheek  
way of chiding me for my lack of sensitivity. 5.465005769735735

19916. dear sirs: let me begin by clearing up any possible misconception  
in your minds wherever you are. 6.828090284572241

19917. the collective by which i address you in the title above is  
neither patronizing nor jocose but an exact industrial term in use  
among professional thieves. 5.4534216585241655

19918. it is i am reliably given to understand the technical argot for  
those who engage in your particular branch of the boost; ie burglars who  
rob while the tenants are absent in contrast to hot-slough prowlers  
those who work while the occupants are home. 8.011378472378189

19919. since the latter obviously require an audacity you do not possess  
you may perhaps suppose that i am taunting you as socially inferior.

6.292327633087042

19920. far from it; i merely draw an etymological distinction hoping that  
specialists and busy people like you will welcome such precision in a  
layman. 7.337568080649797

19921. above all disabuse yourselves of any thought that i propose to  
vent moral indignation at your rifling my residence to whimper over the  
loss of a few objets d'art or to shame you into rectitude.

5.685388502344685

19922. my object rather is to alert you to an aspect or two of the  
affair that could have the gravest implications for you far beyond  
the legal sanctions society might inflict. 8.39788301907636

19923. you have unwittingly set in motion forces so malign so vindictive  
that it would be downright inhumane of me not to warn you about  
them. 6.772735033805904

19924. quite candidly fellows i wouldn't be in your shoes for all the  
rice in china. 7.471879158788382

19925. as you've doubtless forgotten the circumstances in the press of  
more recent depredations permit me to recapitulate them briefly.

6.892277511729595

19926. sometime on saturday evening august 22nd while my family and i  
were dining at the hostaria dell' orso in rome you jimmied a window of  
our home in bucks county pennsylvania and let yourselves into the  
premises. 5.75167643898199

19927. hastening to the attic the temperature of which was easily hotter  
than the gold coast you proceeded to mask the windows with a fancy wool  
coverlet some khaki pants and the like and to ransack the innumerable  
boxes and barrels stored there. 4.65275567538021

19928. what you were looking for eludes me but to judge from phonograph  
records scattered about a fumed-oak victrola you danced two tangos and a  
paso doble which must have been fairly enervating in that milieu.

6.822732817585448

19929. you then descended one story glommed a television set from the  
music room- the only constructive feature of your visit by the way- and

returning to the ground floor entered the master bedroom.

6.017716069920732

19930. from the curio cabinet on its south wall and the bureaus  
beneath you abstracted seventeen ivory metal wood and stone  
sculptures of oriental and african origin two snuffboxes and a jade-  
handled magnifying glass. 6.842804864236177

19931. rummaging through a stack of drawers nearby you unearthed an  
antique french chess set in ivory and sandalwood which along with two  
box kodaks you added to your haul. 4.6904158433825796

19932. then having wrapped the lot in an afghan my dog customarily  
slept on you lammed out the front door considerately leaving it open  
for neighbors to discover. 6.549286041222719

19933. so much for the tiresome facts as familiar to you i'm sure as to  
the constables and state troopers who followed in your wake.

6.315204140983073

19934. the foregoing aided by several clues i'll withhold to keep you  
on your toes will pursue you with a tenacity worthy of inspector  
javert but before they close in gird yourselves i repeat for a  
vengeance infinitely more pitiless. 6.015450314021184

19935. fourteen of the sculptures you took posses properties of a most  
curious and terrifying nature as you will observe when your limbs  
begin to wither and your hair falls out in patches.

4.7589021834239125

19936. in time these minor manifestations will multiply and effloresce  
riddling you with frambesia the king's evil sheep rot and clonic  
spasm until your very existence becomes a burden and you cry out  
for release. 6.746225600374606

19937. all this though is simply a prelude a curtain-raiser for what  
ensues and i doubt whether any occidental could accurately forecast  
it. 6.2448847359387205

19938. if however it would help to intensify your anguish i can  
delimit the powers of a few of the divinities you've affronted and  
describe the punishment they meted out in one analogous instance.

8.082623557630361

19939. first of all the six figures of the buddha you heisted- four  
siamese heads a black obsidian statuette in the earth-touching  
position and a large brass figure of the dying buddha on a teakwood  
base. 6.351435671199231

19940. now you probably share the widespread western belief that the  
lord buddha is the most compassionate of the gods much more so than  
jehovah and allah and the rest. 7.1545311282508

19941. 'fess up- don't you? 10.363724110347151

19942. well ordinarily he is except toward impious folk who steal  
disturb or maltreat the presence. 8.216429064128185

19943. very peculiar retribution indeed seems to overtake such  
jokers. 7.680236445935778

19944. eight or ten years ago a couple of french hoods stole a priceless  
khmer head from the musee guimet in paris and a week later  
crawled into the salpetriere with unmistakable symptoms of leprosy.  
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19945. hell's own amount of chaulmoogra oil did nothing to alleviate  
their torment; they expired amid indescribable fantods imploring the  
blessed one to forgive their desecration. 4.903693293796623

19946. any reputable french interne can supply you with a dozen  
similar instances and i'll presently recount a case out of my own  
personal experience but for the moment let's resume our catalogue.

6.8758243609833585

19947. whether the pair of sudanese ivory carvings you lifted really  
possess the juju to turn your livers to lead as a dealer in khartoum  
assured me i am not competent to say. 5.4302073090680265

19948. likewise the ivory chinese female figure known as a doctor lady;  
a friend of mine removing her from the curio cabinet for inspection was  
felled as if by a hammer but he had previously drunk a quantity of  
applejack. 6.050574843883102

19949. the three indian brass deities though- ganessa siva and krishna-  
are an altogether different cup of tea. 6.8702649342863245

19950. they hail from travancore a state in the subcontinent where kali  
the goddess of death is worshiped. 9.8052336950114

19951. have you ever heard of thuggee? 17.15076508346365

19952. nuf sed h. 13.148092146312546

19953. but it is the wooden sculpture from bali the one representing  
two men with their heads bent backward and their bodies interlaced by a  
fish that i particularly call to your attention. 6.970753839931567

19954. oddly enough this is an amulet against housebreakers presented  
to the mem and me by a local rajah in 1949. 7.186048883154224

19955. inscribed around its base is a charm in balinese a dialect i  
take it you don't comprehend. 5.427950274147271

19956. neither do i but the tjokorda agoeng was good enough to  
translate and i'll do as much for you. 7.803699773112825

19957. whosoever violates our rooftree the legend states can expect  
maximal sorrow. 6.210871206873012

19958. the teeth will rain from his mouth like pebbles his wife will make  
him cocu with fishmongers and a trolley car will grow in his stomach.  
6.673055462121845

19959. furthermore- and this to me strikes an especially warming note-  
it shall avail the vandals naught to throw away or dispose of their  
loot. 4.903693293796623

19960. the cycle of disaster starts the moment they touch any belonging  
of ours and dogs them unto the forty-fifth generation.  
6.810441700982837

19961. sort of remorseless isn't it? 9.118533821976325

19962. still there it is. 17.106910684771456

19963. now you no doubt regard the preceding as pap; you're tooling  
around full of gage in your hot rods gorging yourselves on pizza and  
playing pinball in the taverns and generally behaving like  
u^bermenschen. 5.071134564377643

19964. in that case listen to what befell another wisenheimer who  
tangled with our joss. 10.200760310863247

19965. a couple of years back i occupied a village apartment whose outer  
staircase contained the type of niche called a coffin turn.  
6.038709991765743

19966. in it was a stone tibetan buddha i had picked up in bombay and  
occasionally to make merit my wife and i garlanded it with flowers or  
laid a few pennies in its lap. 6.697471158637896

19967. after a while we became aware that the money was disappearing  
as fast as we replenished it. 7.695224035186931

19968. our suspicions eventually centered by the process of elimination  
on a grocer's boy a thoroughly bad hat who delivered cartons to the  
people overhead. 7.662116210010093

19969. the more i probed into this young man's activities and character  
the less savory i found him. 5.427950274147271

19970. i learned for example that he made a practice of yapping at  
dogs he encountered and in winter of sprinkling salt on the icy  
pavement to scarify their feet. 7.690570919080701

19971. his energy was prodigious; sometimes he would be up before dawn  
clad as a garbage collector and hurling pails into areaways to exasperate  
us and thereafter would hurry to the bronx zoo to grimace at the  
lions and press cigar butts against their paws. 4.710289137316026

19972. evenings he was frequently to be seen at restaurants like enrico + paglieri's or peter's backyard drunkenly donning ladies' hats and singing o sole mio. 6.825765186540753

19973. in short and to borrow an arboreal phrase slash timber. 8.694445957554716

19974. well the odious little toad went along chivying animals and humans who couldn't retaliate and in due course as was inevitable overreached himself. 6.8818953907746065

19975. one morning we discovered not only that the pennies were missing from the idol but that a cigarette had been stubbed out in its lap. 5.6753006576139695

19976. now he's bought it said my wife contentedly. 11.958593936993605

19977. no divinity will holdstill for that. 9.570057002710861

19978. he's really asking for it. 5.288696795849776

19979. and how right she was. 14.13662265827901

19980. the next time we saw him he was a changed person; he had aged thirty years and his face the color of tallow was crisscrossed with wrinkles as though it had been wrapped in chicken wire. 7.509995305612635

19981. some sort of nemesis was haunting his footsteps he told us in a quavering voice- either an ape specter or abe spector a process-server we couldn't determine which. 5.268146361684066

19982. his eyes had the same dreadful rigid stare as dr grimesby roylott's when he was found before his open safe wearingthe speckled band. 7.5851868240807905

19983. the grocery the youth worked for soon tired of his depressing effect on customers most of whom were sufficientlyneurotic without the threat of incubi and let him go. 5.990117766331317

19984. the beautiful the satisfying part of his disintegration however was the masterly way the buddha polished him off. 8.59273213471369

19985. reduced to beggary he at last got a job as office boy to a television producer. 5.85404990398964

19986. his hubris deficiencyof taste and sadism carried him straightaway to the top. 8.059409733643921

19987. he evolved programs that plumbed new depths of bathos and besmirched whole networks and quickly superseded his boss. 6.3332044950364645

19988. not long ago i rode down with him in an elevator in radio city; he was talking to himself thirteen to the dozen and smoking two cigars at once clearly a man in extremis. 7.256486815896725

19989. see that guy? 17.228524469834042

19990. the operator asked pityingly. 15.841500723885778

19991. i wouldn't be in his shoes for all the rice in china. 7.124787831243603

19992. there's some kind of a nemesis haunting his footsteps. 9.203560720328083

19993. however one looks at it therefore i'd say that your horoscope for this autumn is the reverse of rosy. 5.883594289260736

19994. the inventory you acquired from me isn't going to be easy to move; you can't very well sidle up to people on the street and ask if they want to buy a hot bodhisattva. 7.084440237061616

19995. additionally since you're going to be hors de combat pretty soon with sprue yaws delhi boil the granville wilt liver fluke bilharziasis and a host of other complications of the hex you've aroused youmustn't expect to be lionized socially. 5.040303372138938

19996. my advice if you live long enough to continue your vocation is that the next time you're attracted by the exotic pass it up- it's nothing but a headache. 7.361809984226423

19997. as you can count on me to do the same. 8.719409813376728

19998. compassionately yourss j perelman the doors of the d train  
slid shut and as i dropped into a seat and exhaling looked up across  
the aisle the whole aviary in my head burst into song. 5.925670653279371  
19999. she was a living doll and no mistake- the blue-black bang the  
wide cheekbones olive-flushed that betrayed the cherokee strain in  
her midwestern lineage and the mouth whose only fault in the novelist's  
carping phrase was that the lower lip was a trifle too voluptuous.

5.105710942461446

20000. from what i was able to gauge in a swift greedy glance the figure  
inside the coral-colored boucle dress was stupefying. 8.04690777022236