

## *A Word*

# *Going Through a Bad Spell*

LICENSEES (fairly rarely) can guess  
At the fact that they're licensed with *S*.  
Though it tends to amuse when we're out on the booze,  
And can see that their spelling's a mess.  
And we cannot concur with the restaurateur  
Whose middle's a *rant* (could confuse!).

There are folks who refuse  
To arrange barbecues  
And are up to their neck in *barbeque*.  
And barbecue vendors abuse:  
I'm afraid stock-in-trade's BBQ's.  
(It's shorthand when spelling's a wreck).

The greengrocer's famed in the nation  
For the way he can play punctuation.  
We're counting the cost of his errant apostrophe's,  
Pressed into plural's formation.

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