For years, I’ve been creating what, for want of a better name, we might call Lancasterisms. These are intentional but apparent topographical errors intended to reveal a higher or greater truth.

Such as a groundswill of popular demand. Or what those French Veterinarians call a "four paw". Or being overly enameled on some idea. Or ending up a few bricks shy of a full deck. Frosting the lily or gilding the cake. Or not being able to hit the barn side of a broad. Or the mythinterpretation of something.

Sources close to an associate of the barber of a usually reliable spokesperson. Some new uses for Chebycheff Polynomials would take the Cheby to the Leby. Many of the web perpetual motion schemes and those electrolysis fantasies do involve electrcity.

All in one swell foop. Provided there’s no oint in the flyment An unauthorized autobiography. A jerk of all trades. The local hysterical society. A fragrant volition. The word "gullible" is not in any major dictionary or spell checker.

Godzilla versus the Night Nurses. Especially the tapioca pudding scene.

Letting the cows come home to roost. Only as long as they are elected by acrimination. That little dip between the winter slump and the spring slack period. Sort of the qualm before the scorn. Confusing Cannabis and Cannibal tasting tours. Geranium transistors. A wine that "pours well".


Geologists, of course, classify rocks as sedentary, ingeneous, or metaphoric. And New Mexico hikers might call an emergency rain shelter a Poncho Villa. All the illegal aliens in the Alabama Grits Harvest will be used for flavor only.
Right after the Ayatollahs Bar Mitzvah. Rectocranial Inversion being both simultaneously chronic and acute.

"I will give you exactly three hours and fifty one minutes to STOP THAT!". Norfolk & Waay is the leading eBay supplier of drop ship items. Separating the useful adjuncts for porcine whole body cleanliness from the total hogwash.

These are somehow related to the Yogi Berra’s of others, such as "Nobody goes there because it is too crowded", "Deja Vu all over again", or "Let’s keep the Status Quo right where it is. Or "When you come to a fork in the road, take it". Or Ed Abbey’s classic "Androgynous Ammonia". Which might even involve an engendered species.

I have a hollow feeling I’ve lost some of the better ones of these somewhere along the way. As you go through some of my older books and stories, please report any that may be missing in action.

Because Opporknockity tunes but once.

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• Even more here.
• Bunches here.
• (which got stolen from here)