Vermont Crostic Puzzle

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Answer the clues; transfer the letters on the numbered dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Work back and forth between the grid and the word list to complete the puzzle. The finished puzzle will spell out a quotation (from a Vermont author or on a Vermont theme) reading from left to right; black squares separate the words in the quotation. **The "crostic" part of the puzzle ("crostic" derived from the Greek, meaning "head") is that the first letters of the clued answers, reading down, will spell out the name of the author and/or the source of the quotation.** The puzzle will appear every second and fourth Sunday; for tips on solving or other questions, e-mail *crostic@lycos.com*.

1 E	2 Z	3 T	■	4 P	5 E	6 W	7 S	8 K	9 Y	10 V	■	11 Y	12 Q	13 L	14 W	15 E	16 I	17 D	18 F	■	19 W
20 M	21 C	■	22 W	■	23 W	24 V	25 E	26 I	27 Q	28 P	29 N	30 K	31 H	■	32 N	33 M	34 W	35 U	36 K	37 E	38 D
■	—	■	39 F	40 W	41 P	42 C	43 B	■	44 G	45 F	■	46 E	47 R	48 J	49 K	■	50 T	51 L	52 X	■	53 Q
54 Z	55 E	56 L	57 W	58 H	59 N	■	60 Q	61 U	62 L	63 O	64 E	65 W	66 A	■	67 Q	68 Y	69 W	70 R	71 S	72 V	■
73 X	74 T	75 O	■	76 Y	77 D	78 X	■	79 O	80 M	81 T	■	82 D	83 U	84 A	85 E	86 I	87 V	88 P	89 W	90 N	91 S
■	92 U	93 R	94 B	—	95 E	96 N	97 L	98 Q	99 W	100 X	101 C	102 Z	103 H	104 I	105 G	106 P	■	107 P	108 E	109 B	110 I
111 S	■	112 U	113 R	114 J	115 A	■	116 J	117 Y	118 W	119 Z	120 E	■	121 E	122 P	123 W	124 R	125 Z	126 H	127 U	■	128 S
129 Z	130 T	■	131 E	132 I	133 H	134 B	135 W	136 V	137 N	138 P	■	139 F	140 G	■	141 X	142 E	143 B	144 K	145 Q	146 W	147 A
148 I	■	149 Q	150 V	151 E	■	152 O	153 M	■	154 I	155 A	156 N	157 W	158 J	159 H	160 E	161 U	162 P	163 R	■	■	■

A. Actor Buscemi
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
84 115 147 155 66

B. Australian tennis star Rod
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
94 143 134 43 109

C. The law is one, says Dickens' Mr. Bumble
___ ___ ___
101 42 21

D. Starchy roots eaten worldwide
___ ___ ___ ___
38 77 82 17

E. Ghost story by Henry James (five words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
85 160 95 121 131 25 15 108 1

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
37 5 142 120 55 151 64 46

F. "I Ain't Marchin' Anymore" singer
___ ___ ___ ___
45 39 139 18

G. Aerialists' need, often
___ ___ ___
105 140 44

H. Kind of basket
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
103 31 159 133 58 126

I. Vital part of some trials
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
154 26 104 148 86 132 110 16

J. Not home
___ ___ ___ ___
114 116 48 158

K. Small but crucial airplane part
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
144 36 30 8 49

L. Focus of some Texas cook-offs
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
97 51 56 13 62

M. Maine's Isle au _____
___ ___ ___ ___
80 20 33 153

N. Accident follower, sometimes
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
29 96 32 90 156 137 59

O. Evening, as written in many ads
___ ___ ___ ___
63 152 79 75

P. Don't look one in the mouth (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
106 88 107 4 122 41 162 28 138

Q. Style of Italian bread
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
149 98 145 60 27 67 12 53

R. Moderately strong oath (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
124 113 47 163 93 70

S. Option on an electronic gadget
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
7 71 91 111 128

T. When repeated, a consolation
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
50 74 130 3 81

U. Robust
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
127 161 92 35 112 61 83

V. Waste; filth
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
150 87 72 10 136 24

W. Essayist, friend of this puzzle's subject (full name)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
157 22 40 23 146 19 34 69 14 89

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
135 99 57 123 65 6 118

X. Prohibit, in legal talk
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
52 141 73 78 100

Y. Anticipate
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
9 11 68 117 76

Z. Like wild horses
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
125 54 102 129 2 119