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“Unsubscribe”

“Click here to unsubscribe”

I clicked it once I clicked it twice
But the e-mails continued
On my handheld device

A biblical plague
Blood, lice, and frogs
Those annoying missives
An unending onscreen fog

Like Lerna’s Hydra
They keep coming back
It didn’t matter
How hard I hacked!

I changed my address
To my endless chagrin
But the e-mails lingered
Like a Cheshire cat’s grin!

Nothing worked
What else could I do?
I canceled my Gmail
And Yahoo too!

To confirm my resolve
I grab paper and pen
And asked nicely
“Never e-mail me again!”

Alas, the letter I wrote
To that devious vendor
Showed up in my inbox
Marked “Return to sender!”

How do I end
This horrible curse
The only escape
Is by way of a hearse!

—David H. Johnson, MD, MACP, FASCO