

THE WORD "MOB."

How It Worked Its Way Into the English Language.

The word "mob" is an abbreviation. It is nothing but a fragment of the full Latin original "mobile vulgus" — "the fickle common people." First the noun "vulgus" was dropped. "Mobile," coming into common use, was in a few years cut down to "mob." By Swift it was abominated to his dying day as a peculiarly odious kind of slang. Addison sympathized with this feeling. In No. 135 of the Spectator "mob" is put down by him as one of the ridiculous words which he fears will in time be looked upon as part of the speech. There must have been then a host of minor defenders of the purity of our tongue who bewailed its increasing use and pointed to that fact as evidence of the growing degeneracy of the language. But the assailed form stoutly held its ground and outlived its censurers. Addison's fears have been realized. The abbreviation has thoroughly established itself. Accordingly a word which their predecessors stigmatized as a corruption of the vilest kind is now used unhesitatingly by the most precise of modern jurists. The reason of its prevalence is obvious. It came to supply a very genuine want. There is no other single word that conveys definitely the idea of a particular sort of riotous assemblage.—Harper's.

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK.

An Ancient Phrase That Has Many Phases of Meaning.

The phrase "by hook or by crook" may simply refer to an ancient custom which allowed persons to collect for fuel dead wood in the king's forest such as they could break off and remove with "cart, hook and crook."

Some trace its significance "by foul means or by fair" to the contrasted uses of the footpad's hook or the bishop's crook.

Others remind us of the expression in early days "by hukc o'er krooke"—that is, by bending the knees and cringing low.

Another plausible explanation is that after the great fire of London disputes as to ownership of land were settled by two surveyors whose names were Hook and Crook.

Quite different is the view taken by those who tell us that when Strongbow sailed for Ireland he instructed his men to make their attack by Hook, a promontory northeast of Waterford, or by Crook, a harbor on the south coast.

In any case, the phrase is very old, for it was used by Bacon (1550), by Skelton, the poet laureate (1500), and by Chaucer nearly 600 years ago.—Pearson's.

LUNAR SCENERY.

Its Appearance Proves the Moon's Lack of Air and Water.

It is by indirect methods of observation that scientists learn of the absence of atmosphere in the moon. There are various arguments that can be adduced, but the most conclusive is that obtained on the occurrence of what is called the occultation of a star. It sometimes happens that the moon comes directly between the earth and a star, and the temporary extinction of the latter is an occultation. We can observe the movement when it takes place, and the suddenness of the extinction of the star is extremely remarkable. If the moon had a copious atmosphere, the gradual interposition of this would produce a gradual extinction of the star and not the sudden phenomenon usually observed.

This absence of air and water from the moon explains the peculiar and weird ruggedness of the lunar scenery. We know that on the earth the action of the wind and of rain, of frost and of snow is constantly tending to wear down our mountains and reduce their hard outlines, but no such agents are at work upon the moon.

A Typical Bonaparte.

Princess Mathilde was a typical Bonaparte. Beneath the skin of a grande dame there dwelt the soul of vivandiere. She was generous and tempestuous. Something of a butt in her prime, as a certain rather pronounced passage in Lord Malmesbury's reminiscences shows, she was universally admitted at the same time to possess taste and a knowledge of the arts. It was to her credit, too, that she cared not a snap of her fingers for dynastic disputes. She was on the friendliest of terms with the Due d'Au-male and is said to have tried, but in vain, to conciliate some of the stiffer branches of the puzzle headed Bourbon family. Altogether, she was a woman who lived every moment of her life.—London Outlook.

Is Brute Creation Wiser?

Every living bird and beast strives its utmost to cram itself with food before retiring for the night, and this food is digested as the night progresses. The evening feed is the feed of the day with the brute creation, and yet doctors tell us to refrain from eating heartily at night and even advise us to retire to rest with a more or less empty stomach. Are we following nature when following this advice?—English Country Gentleman.

Too Good to Miss.

"I suppose the hero and heroine of that story get married in the last chapter?" she said.

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Pleased at Last.
"Was your last mistress satisfied with you?" Servant—Well, mum, said she was very well pleased when I left.—Stray Stories.

PRIMITIVE LETTER POST.

The Earliest Postal Service Dates Back to Babylonian.

No postal service has been traced earlier than that which was in operation during the reign of Hammurabi, the Amraphel of Genesis, who was king of Babylon about 2300 B. C. A number of the missives, each inclosed in its clay envelope, which passed through the Babylonian room of the British museum, and their contents indicate that even at that period letters were freely circulated throughout the empire by a public postal service under governmental control.

Sir Brian Tuke was appointed postmaster in England at the beginning of the sixteenth century, and in 1556 the lords of the council ordered "that the postes betweene this and the North should echo of them keep a booke and make entrie of every lettere that he shall receive, the tyme of the delivery thereof unto his hands, with the parties' names that shall bring it unto him."

The first post for the conveyance of private letters to all parts of England and Scotland was started in 1635, when the "letter office" was established, but it was not till 1837 that the foundation of the present system was laid.

CURED OF HIS CLUB.

The Way One Woman Kept Her Husband Home in the Evenings.

"I would be very happy if my husband would not spend so many of his evenings at the club," said Mrs. Bride, with a sigh.

"Why don't you try the suspicion cure?" said her intimate friend.

"What is the suspicion cure?" asked Mrs. Bride.

"Well, my husband once got into the habit of spending his evenings at his club, and I worried myself ill. Then I changed my tactics. Instead of asking him to remain at home I urged him to go to the club. The way he raised his eyebrows the first time I suggested it showed that I was on the right track."

"One night he said he had a severe headache and would remain at home. I opposed the idea and insisted that an evening at his club would make him forget his headache. He gave me a hard look, but acted on the suggestion. I knew he would be back within an hour, so I made an elaborate toilet. He returned, as I expected, with the plea that his head was worse. I ignored his question concerning my elaborate toilet. He hasn't been away for an evening since. It is almost like the old honeymoon, only he appears to have something on his mind."

THE LOVING CUP.

Its Origin Dates From the Assassination of King Edward.

The remote origin of the loving cup dates from the story of the assassination of Edward, king and martyr, who was stabbed in the back while drinking. It had been usual at feasts to pass round a large cup, which each, as he rose to drink, lifted with both hands, exposing his body to attack. This custom was altered, so that when one stood up to drink he who sat next became his "pledge" and also rose, drawn sword in hand, to protect him.

This practice in a modified form continued long after changed conditions of society had ceased to need it and was the origin of our custom of drinking healths and particularly of the ceremonial, preserved in almost its primitive form, of passing round the loving cup, when, as each person rises and takes the cup in his hand to drink, the guest next to him also rises and grasps the second handle.

Some authorities ascribe its origin to Margaret, consort of Malcolm, king of Scotland, and others to Henry of Navarre.—London Truth.

Marringe in the Isles of Greece.
In Kasq, one of the most southern

islands of Greece, the parents upon both sides take upon themselves all the responsibilities of courtship and marriage. Courtship, as we understand it, is not in any way permitted to the betrothed couple. No moonlight walks or tête-à-têtes are allowed. Such a course would be deemed highly reprehensible, and all wooing, if there be any, must take place in the presence of the elders. But there is no great time for repining at these decrees of custom, for the marriage follows the offer as quickly as may be.

Enjoy Advantages.

"Mammy," said Hickaminy Jim, "what does gho's want to come back to dis yearn fo'?"

"Dat's a foolish question. Dey go whelber dey wants wifout payin' no house rent, nor can fare, an' nobody can't shet 'em out. Sometimes I reckons dat gho's is de only folks dat really enjoys life."—Washington Star.

Prevention.

A farmer wrote to his lawyer as follows: "Will you please tell me where you learned to write? I have a boy I wish to send to school, and I am afraid I may hit upon the same school that you went to."

How He Won It.

Goodson—It was Lawyer Townsman that won my lawsuit for me. Simply—Why, I thought he was on the opposing side. Goodson—He was.—Tit-Bits.

Waste of Words.

Miss Withers—When Harold kissed me he told me that he loved me. The Friend—What a waste of words!—Town Topics.

We hope nobody ever courted as they do on the stage.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

Impatience and pride have destroyed more souls than wickedness.—Mazzini.

HORSES AT SEA.

They Can Smell Land Long Before It Comes in Sight.

The ability of horses to smell land when far at sea is not generally known, but the equine must be credited with this acute sense.

When a well known horseman of Philadelphia went to Europe some time ago he took a blooded horse with him. The animal was in a specially prepared stall on deck and enjoyed the trip despite the rough weather. When the horseman thought land should soon be sighted, he asked the captain how far the ship was from the Irish coast. The commander of the steamer, in his usual gruff manner, replied: "Your horse will tell you. Watch him."

The owner of the animal could not understand what the captain meant, and he was not particularly pleased with the answer. Finally, however, and a couple of hours before land was observed, the horse, which was a magnificent bay, poked his head through the grating and, stretching his neck, whinnied loudly.

"There you are," said the captain to the horseman. "Your horse smells the land." The horse was like a different animal thereafter until the coast loomed up.

The captain in explaining the odd occurrence said that the thoroughbred detected the odor from pasture lands that was wafted far seaward and that horses on board ocean steamers always give the first signal when land is near.

A POISON FACTORY.

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