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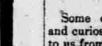
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One definition of slang is that it language in a smock frock; a condensation, the beef jelly of speech exquisite symphony played on the jewsharp and the bones?

use; a familiar misuse, freighted people. with domestic intimacy, with the everyday epithets and homely

Slang may be primitive, but not necessarily vulgar. It may arise from a mistake, but if it conveys an idea, if it has humor-it is not bad. As, for instance, we get from the negroes a phrase of success, "He takes the cake," or "He is on the roof," applied to a con-ceited success, which is admirable. Our language is rich in a rollicking swagger of strange words, and of sometimes effective bad grammar.

from the old pollice reverso, also from the fact that a prize-fighter drops his hands when beaten. "Painting the town red" is from "Coriolanus." It is also found in England in old Melton days. Puck had some lines last spring as follows:

There is slang in every word almost. "Boss" is from the old

Dutch bass-a master.

ladder to shave himself, all American humor is full of exaggeration.

The abreviation or contraction of words (a most effective agent in the development of words) is seen at its best in slang. "Cab," from "bus," and "mob," from mobile, the fiery, crowd, a mob, were

language of the whole world, old

of a very refined person, and they tell a good story of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, who was asked by a lady to say something beautiful about her piazza. "Well," said the ready wit, "I think it is a bully piaz"—which had the full element of wit in it that was unexpected.

pitch hot" comes from a certain seam in a vessel which the sailors call the "devil," and which they have to fill in. From its awkward-

"Boxing the compass" comes from the Spanish boxear, to turn "A cock and bull story," a term now applied to any rambling tale, illustrates the contempt felt by the objected and things ran smoothly learned for the ancient beast fables, which were the delight of entered at the open door and trotmankind in the lower grades of ted down the aisle till it reached civilization through the middle the front of the pulpit, when it set ages. Many words of this class, up a furious barking at the minishad not their origin been noted ter. The tipsy man, with the utdown, would have remained in the most gravity. arose and walked language as undecipherable mys. steadily down the aisle to where teries. But we cannot find the the dog was barking. Seizing the

very desirous of encouraging the "Tree a preacher, will you, d-n export of salt pork. According to fool pup." This was too much for the latest statistics the number of Mr. Hamilton. He could not redo without the homely "passed in his checks"? It brings the tears the importation of foreign hogs is seat, not being able to dismiss the importation of foreign hogs is the importation of foreign hogs is seat, not being able to dismiss strictly prohibited.

Dr. Freyer, a Galway physician, who years ago settled in India, resmile and a tear.

Rampur and was given an ovation sensations, partly of admiration, and \$50,000 for having caused his partly of entertainment, among bond even when we put it to mis- recovery, beside presents from the connoisseurs in New York.

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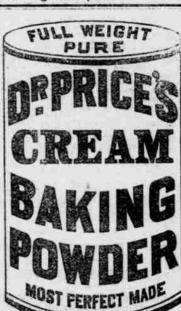
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is low; something vulgar; some-thing to be avoided. But that is not all; it is a working dialect; Bret Harte and John Hay have made it poetical. What should we to our eyes in Jim Bludsee. How could we give up "Wiggles," that strictly prohibited.

The merit of good slang is that it touches the pendulum between a smile and a tear.

laughter.

American slang has a strong local flavor, as "Do you catch on?"
—from a habit Americans have of running after railroad trains and "He gets there," also from the raiload. They also talk of the "star boarder," and the "star love match," evidently from the flag. "You'll get left," is a railroad simile; and real estate "boom," and Harrison is "booming" come from the noise of a blizzard or of a canno ball booming through the air. "He won hands down," is at once from the fact that a prize-fighter drops his hands when heaten.

**Digest and be Jolly.

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I'm a daisy, a lollar, I am, I am.

A drunken man is said to be "loaded for bear," a very heavy charge, and if a man has murderous intent he is "jumping on your necktie." As in the old sample of American humor, of the man who was so tall that he had to go up a

English slang is brutal, as "it is all rot," etc. Like other dialects, slang increases its store of words by formation at home and adoption from abroad. Looking at it philologically, we must admit that English, already a most copious language. is in a freely growing state and capable of adding to itself by almost any process found in any

originally slang formations.
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ETCETERAS.

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