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Old American Families.
In Peru there are families claiming descent from the Incas whom Pizarro murdered and despoiled, and in Mexico both the name and the lineage of the gentle Montezuma are preserved, with some estates conceded to the family of the Mexican emperor by the Spaniards. Here are two families with living descendants who trace their origin to an antiquity which reduces that of the aristocratic houses of Europe to insignificance.—Chicago Times.

Indian names are not alone in "meaning something." Animals' surnames are really not uncommon among Americans, though they are inherited and not freshly assumed. To say nothing of such names as Fox, Wolf, Hogg and others derived directly from animals, we have names whose original significance is quite lost, as, for instance, Owen, a lamb; Griffith, a dragon; Arthur, a bear, and Everett and Evans, both derived from a Celtic word meaning swine.

The little king of Spain very much dislikes being seated upon the throne at state ceremonies. He tries to elude down, and on one occasion declared with tears that he would rather sit on his mother's lap.

The greatest cure is necessary in washing between the toes where the exhalations of the pores are confined. These if not properly washed away are likely to engender all varieties of unwholesome conditions.

D. S. Jordan declares that what keeps the American farmer poor more than anything else is simply his habit of dawdling. President Jordan knows a thrifty farmer who pays less money a day to those of his hired men who work near a railroad, because every time a train passes they stop to look at it.

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A Storekeeper's Lucky Speculation.
Among the bidders for packages, contents unknown, at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company's annual sale of unclaimed freight at Hoboken a few days ago was Hiram Kistler, who kept a store at Stroudsburg, Pa. He dealt somewhat in books and stationery. Among the packages offered at the railroad company's sale was a large box, the shape and general appearance of which convinced Storekeeper Kistler that it contained books and paper. He thereupon speculated, and the box was knocked down to him for two dollars.

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SELECTIONS

THE SLANG EXPRESSION.

Why it is Some Words and Phrases Acquire a Leading Footing.

The "slang" expression of a word is given, as an instance, with little less than immortality, and seems a necessity as well as an evil. It appears to be a human nature to desire a bit of slang as a safety valve. Where profanity is regarded as coarse and offensive, the bit of expressive slang is used as a relief for pent up feelings, and that, too, by lips pretty as well as those bearded. The particular word or phrase changes constantly, but slang, per se, remains with us as a necessity.

A history of the origin of slang terms would prove interesting linguistic lore. It was General Ben Butler who bestowed "shoo fly" upon America a generation ago. The great public took up this expression, and "shoo fly" was used to express a contemptuous disregard of a person, place or thing. The successor of this bit of slang cannot be recalled, but every succeeding year has brought its own popular phrase or word, a lingual coin of base metal, yet which passes current everywhere, because stamped by public approval.

As to the reigning favorite, it is "in it." Its origin is, as in all cases, involved in mystery. Certainly denotes Louisa Alcott, in causing one of her characters in "Little Women" to exclaim, "Such a good time, and I am in it!" did not set popular feeling in a direction which made the words the slang phrase of 1891, for it is twenty years since "Little Women" was the book of the day.

In fact, the slang term comes from no apparent source and disappears into the oblivion of a general forgetfulness. It is kept alive by its fitness for all occasions, and because it possesses the power of expressing tersely a thought, expression or idea. That absurd creature of the modern stage, the singer of topical songs, gives wide currency to the slang word or expression, and if he weds it to a talking, catchy melody, the life and popularity of that slang will be prolonged materially.

The elasticity of slang is its chief source of almost universal acceptance. It does not, as the word "in" expressed. The high and the low find these small words, stamped with public favor, capable of fitting a thousand situations. In its negative or affirmative phrase it describes the attitude of the lover, of the sweetheart, the business man—in fact, every human being is "in it" or not "in it," as the case may be.

Allied to this reigning favorite is the term "in the soup." Now, there is no good reason for assuming that to be in the soup is to be in trouble, to fail, to be a loser. The simile is a crude and almost stupid one. Yet that mysterious power which gives slang its currency, bestows upon "in the soup" a quality of elasticity that fits endless subjects.

What the next slang term will be no man can tell, because no man has been found to give the origin of such terms. But that a bit of slang will follow "in it," is as certain as that tomorrow's sun will follow today's. And then "in it" will pass into oblivion, there to join "shoo fly" and the rest of the unremembered host.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

The Emperor William's Family.
A friend in Berlin, who is very much in with the imperial family, appropos of the young prince, writes: "Of all the children, the crown prince is by far the most clever, most gifted. He, and especially Prince Adalbert, are remarkably musical, and play quite admirably on the violin, to the delight of their parents. All are the most obedient and merry little souls it is possible to imagine. Of all their teachers, a young theological professor is, perhaps, the favorite. One day, when he had been talking to the boys of the 'golden city,' the emperor exclaimed, 'How glad I shall be to get there! For won't I throw heaps of gold down to the poor people here!'"

An anecdote told from the same source of Prince Adalbert, the third son, deserves to be repeated. When playing on the seashore he found a little crystal, which he forthwith presented to the wife of one of his father's generals, who happened to be standing by. "Of all the children, the crown prince is by far the most clever, most gifted. He, and especially Prince Adalbert, are remarkably musical, and play quite admirably on the violin, to the delight of their parents. All are the most obedient and merry little souls it is possible to imagine. Of all their teachers, a young theological professor is, perhaps, the favorite. One day, when he had been talking to the boys of the 'golden city,' the emperor exclaimed, 'How glad I shall be to get there! For won't I throw heaps of gold down to the poor people here!'"

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Prevention in the Care of the Teeth.

A lady read an article in a French paper entitled "The Care of the Teeth," and so delighted was she with it that she took it to her New York dentist for him to read. Now this dentist happens to be a thoughtful man as well as a worker, and he wrote his patient the following effect concerning the flaws he discovered in the article:

"The writer states that if the saliva be strongly alkaline, large deposits of tartar will be found about the teeth, which of course is perfectly true, but he goes farther, and, reasoning from the fact that tartar is dissolved by acids, he at once recommends the use of acid tooth powders and washes, an error into which many theorists before him have fallen. It must be borne in mind that tartar is composed mainly of the phosphate and carbonate of lime, and so are the teeth. Therefore any acid that is strong enough to dissolve the tartar will also dissolve the teeth.

"The thing is to keep tartar from getting on the teeth. 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' Morning and night and after each meal the teeth should be thoroughly brushed, supplemented by the use of floss silk after each meal to cleanse between the teeth, which the brush cannot reach. The writer of the article in question fails to mention the floss silk, which is so important always to have at hand.

"He also recommends soft toothbrushes so that the gums may not be injured. Now this is a well known fact that any part of the human system is toughened by regular exercise, as the palms of the hand, etc., and I can only say that the teeth should be brushed thoroughly, always in a direction toward the cutting edge of the teeth, the result being a hardening of the gum surface which will soon permit of the use of the hardest brushes without causing any irritation whatever.

"Having brought the gums up to this splendid condition of health, the stiff brush, so far from injuring them, contributes to their density and toughness, and is much more serviceable in keeping tartar from the teeth than the soft brush recommended by the French writer."—New York Epoch.

Tracing a Railroad Car.
One of the best jobs in car tracing that was ever done in this country was completed about three weeks ago by a car tracer of the New York Central. That road had lost a car, and sent out the tracer to look it up. He followed it west to Pittsburg, then to Cincinnati, then to Chicago and from there to St. Louis. Here he lost track of it, but after some search found it had been in an accident and had been repaired. By some oversight the number had been changed, but taking the new number, he chased the car to Kansas City, where he found it had been loaded and sent on to Galveston. To Galveston he went, and there found that, after taking a fresh load, the car had gone to San Francisco. He went after it, and on reaching San Francisco found the car had gone back to Galveston. He followed it, and he made up his mind to find that car if it took the balance of his natural life.

So he went back to Galveston, and, to make a long story short, followed that car to New Orleans, to Mobile, to Atlanta, to half a dozen places in Florida, then back to New Orleans, to Galveston again, and then to Kansas City, and from there to Chicago. He has now been on the hunt for over three months, but had got so close to the runaway that just as he came into Chicago by one road the car left it over another on its way to Buffalo. Its load was consigned to that point, and when he ascertained the fact he telegraphed on to have the car held, and took the next train for the east. At Buffalo he came up with the car and caught his first sight of it. He had traveled almost constantly for over thirteen weeks, traversing a distance of 10,000 or 12,000 miles.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Trade Rate of Arizona.
A miner near the Senator recently had a rather singular experience with trade rats, known also as mountain rats. As the nights were cold the miner took his sack to replenish his rather hard bed. Having neglected to come to town for several weeks his supply of beans had given out, and he had come down to a diet of straight bacon. Considerably out of humor, he started in to pull his bed to pieces one morning, and in so doing the sacks were agreeably surprised to find three pounds of beans, with a little coffee mixed, which the trade rats had brought from the Senator and stored in his bed.

The rats are native Americans, and very different from their imported Norway cousins. They are called trade rats because they generally leave some article in exchange for what they take away.—Prescott (A. T.) Courier.

Lived 100 Years Without Medicine.
Old Aunt Pattie Bird died recently after having lived between 109 and 111 years. No one knows her age exactly. She lived and never took a dose of medicine in her life, and was able to cut and carry wood until about a year ago. She was stout and hearty until only a few days before her death. Aunt Pattie was born in South Carolina and lived there until she was about twenty years old, and then she moved to Georgia and settled in Hall county, where she lived until 1884, and then moved to Forsyth county, near Mount Taber Church, where she has since lived without ever being sick a mile from home. She was a member of the Baptist church and lived a Christian life.—Cor. Atlanta Constitution.

Apropos.
The bill season is at hand, and a certain bookseller's correspondent writes many imitators in spirit, though they may lack his logic. This specialist acknowledged his bill in this wise, "I never ordered the book; if I did, you didn't send it; if you sent it, I never got it; if I got it, I paid for it; if I didn't, I won't." Yet they do say that even that decisive note failed to bring the irate writer his receipted bill.—Boston Commonwealth.

As Staple as Coffee.
"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" is as staple as coffee in this vicinity. It has done an immense amount of good since its introduction here." A. M. Nordell, Maple Ridge, Minn. For sale by G. E. Goode, druggist.

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AMONG THE BLACKFOOT INDIANS.

Wonderful Sight of a City of Tepees at an Annual Feast and Holiday.

Presently, as we journeyed, a little line of sand hills came into view. They formed the Blackfoot cemetery. We saw the "tepees of the dead" here and there on the knolls, some new and perfect, some old and weather stained, some showing mere tatters of cotton flapping on the poles, and still others only skeleton tents, the poles remaining and the cotton covering gone completely. We knew what we would see if we looked into those "dead tepees" (being careful to approach from the windward side). We would see, lying on the ground or raised upon a framework, a bundle that would be narrow at top and bottom and broad in the middle—an Indian's body rolled up in a sheet of cotton, with his best bead work and blanket and gun in the bundle, and near by a kettle and some dried meat and cornmeal against his feeding hungry on his long journey to the hereafter.

As one or two of the tepees were new, we expected to see some family in mourning and, sure enough, when we reached the great sheer sided gutter which the Bow river has dug for its course through the plains, we halted our horse and looked down upon a lonely trio of tepees, with children playing around them and women squatting by the entrances. Three families had lost members and were sequestered there in abject surrender to grief. Those tents of the mourners were at our feet as we rode southward, down in the river gully, where the grass was green and the trees were leafy and driving, but when we turned our faces to the eastward, where the river bent around a great promontory, what a sight met our gaze! There stood a city of tepees, hundreds of them, showing white and yellow and brown and red against the clear blue sky. A silent and lifeless city it seemed, for we were too far off to see the people or to hear their noises. The great bundle of life pyramids rose abruptly from the level bare grass against the flawless sky, not like one of those melancholy new treeless towns that white men are building all over the prairie, but rather like a mosquito fleet beamed at sea.

There are two camps on the Blackfoot reserve, the North Camp and the South Camp, and this town of tents was between the two, and was composed of more households than both together; for this was the assembling for the sun dance, their greatest religious festival, and hither had come Bloods, Piegan, and Sarais as well as Blackfoot. Only the mourners kept away, for here were to be echoed the greatest ceremonies of that dead past wherein lives dedicated to war and to the chase inspired the deeds of valor which each would now celebrate anew in speech or song.

And at each recurrence of this wonderful holiday time every night was spent in feasting, gorging and gambling. In short, it was the great event of the Indian year, and so it remains. Even now you may see the young braves undergo the torture, and if you may not see the faithless wives disciplined you may at least perceive a scene who have been, as well as hear the mighty boasting and witness the dancing, gaining and carousing.—Julian Ralph in Harper's.

The Bonnet Was a Heap of Ashes.
A woman tells of a curious case of apparent spontaneous combustion which may perhaps explain some alleged incendiaries or inexplicably started fires. Coming home late from the theater one evening she left her bonnet, which was damp from a slight rain, on the parlor table, and forgot to remove it the next morning. Toward noon, passing through the hall, her attention was attracted by a smell of smoke, very faint, but still distinct, and in the parlor, after some search, its origin was found in a tiny curl issuing from the center of a feather trimmed bonnet.

An attempt to snatch the article from the table resulted in a sudden transformation, as it fell to ashes beneath her fingers. Then it was discovered that the bonnet had been lying on a table upon which was also a stereoscope, and through its lens the morning sun had shone so ardently as to develop a burning glass, which in its turn had created a spark that had run hither and thither over the bonnet until it was completely destroyed.—Her Point of View in New York Times.

A Distinction Often Made.
"People do draw the most ridiculous distinctions sometimes," said the man from the suburbs, who always smoked a pipe on the train. "For instance, if a friend asks you for a postage stamp and you give it to him, he becomes indignant when you demand to accepting the two cents in payment. He assumes a highly virtuous air, and insists that he is always very careful in small matters, so you take the two cents. Yet, offer him a cigar or ask him to take a drink with you, and he exhibits no scruples, but accepts at once. It is entirely possible, too, that if he borrowed five dollars from you he would forget to return it, but when it is a question of two cents he is punctilious to a degree."—New York Tribune.

Any single man or woman, also any man or woman who is the head of a family, when twenty-one years of age or over, can take up a homestead of United States land. These lands are divided into two classes. Either 80 acres of one class or 160 acres of the other can be homesteaded at one's option.

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