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### To-Day.

If we knew the way and heartache,  
 Waiting for us down the road,  
 If our lips could taste the worm-wood,  
 If our backs could feel the lead,  
 Would we waste to-day in wishing  
 For a time that never can be?  
 Would we wait in such impatience  
 For our ships to come from sea?

If we knew the baby's fingers  
 Pressed against the window pane  
 Would be cold and still to-morrow,  
 Never to trouble us again,  
 Would the bright eyes of our darling  
 Catch the frown upon our brow?  
 Would the print of rosy fingers  
 Vanish as they do now?

Ah! those little toe-and-fingers,  
 How they point our memories back  
 To the busy days and actions  
 Striven along our backward track!  
 How those little hands remind us,  
 As in sunny grace they rise,  
 Not to sneeze thorns, but roses,  
 For our reaping by and by.

Strange we never prize the music  
 Till the sweet-voiced bird has flown;  
 Strange that we should alight the violets  
 Till the lovely flowers are gone,  
 Strange that summer skies and sunshine  
 Never seem one-half so fair  
 As when winter's snowy pinions  
 Shake the white down in the air.

Hope from which the seal of silence  
 None but God can roll away,  
 Next to heaven in our beauty  
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As a rose the fragrance  
 And sweet words that freight our memories  
 With their beautiful perfume,  
 Come o'er us with softer accents  
 Through the portals of the tomb.

Let us gather up the sublimities  
 Lying all around our path,  
 Let us keep the wheat and roses,  
 Casting out the thorns and chaff;  
 Let us find our sweetest comfort  
 In the blessings of to-day,  
 With the patient hand removing  
 All the briars from our way.

### The Use of Lemon Juice.

Lemondade made from the juice of the lemon is one of the best and safest drinks for any person, whether in health or not. It is suitable for all stomach diseases, excellent in sickness, in cases of jaundice, gravel, liver complaints, inflammation of the bowels and fevers. It is a specific against worms and skin complaints. The pippin crushed may be used with water and sugar and taken as a drink.

Lemon juice is the best anti-scorbutic remedy known. It not only cures the disease, but prevents it. Sailors make daily use of it for this purpose. We advise every one to rub their gums with lemon juice to keep them in a real healthy condition. The hands and nails are also kept clean, white, soft and supple by the daily use of lemon juice instead of soap. It also prevents chills.

Lemon is used in intermittent fevers mixed with strong, hot, black coffee, without sugar. Neuralgia may be cured by rubbing the part affected with a lemon. It is valuable to cure warts, and to destroy dandruff on the head by rubbing the roots of the hair with it. It will alleviate and finally cure coughs and colds, and heal diseased lungs if taken hot on going to bed at night. In use are manifold, and the more we employ it internally and externally the better we shall find ourselves.

Lemon juice, according to a writer in Good Health, is anti-scorbutic, useful in removing tartar from the teeth, and anti-febrile, etc. A doctor in Rome is trying it experimentally in malarial fevers with great success, and thinks it will, in time, supersede quinine. —People's Friend.

Mr. Yeast—Your wife is literary, is she not? Mr. Crimmon—Oh, yes, she's got one of the greatest minds I ever saw. "Is that a fact?" "Yes, indeed," she's given me a piece of it every day for the past twenty years, and I guess she got a large stock on hand yet. —Tokers' Statesman.

### The Era of Slang.

EXPRESSIONS WHICH SEND THE CREEPS UP A PUERIL'S BACK.

Words for which No Possible Excuse Can Be Offered—Even the Fair Sex Have Caught the Infection—Beitling, Not Beautifying.

The era of slang is upon us with a breadth that is almost appalling. Not wholly the slang that might be defined as the burlesque or colloquial form of expression, the language of low humor, or the jargon of thieves and vagrants, but a species that is almost as reprehensible. It will not do to apologize for it by saying that "slang is probably as old as human speech," and that the early writers indulged in it, especially the Greek and Roman dramatists; and while we may speak and write against the pernicious habit, we suspect that we will not grow disgusted enough with it to thoroughly uproot it until it has reached its climax.

The worst fact about it is that it is not confined to the low and illiterate, but has invaded the public schools, cultured societies and the literature of our books. I admit that some of the slang expressions are forcible and full of adroqueness, among which I might name "fired out," "colossal cheek," etc. Still, even they ought to be tabooed.

But what excuse can possibly be offered for such words as "galoot," "sardine," "chump," "kicker," "kid," etc.? Or such expressions as "Let him go, Gallagher," "Waltzed off on his ear," "I should snicker," "Now you're about-in," etc. They are scarcely emphatic and certainly not polite. Even the fair sex have caught the infection and speak about his "royal majesty" or the "howling swell," the girl of to-day is ready to "bet her bottom dollar," wants to know "what you are givin' her," lets you know that you are "off your base," and asks you to "come off." "vamoose," "skedaddle," "absquatulate," and all that. You do her a slight favor and she exclaims, "Oh, thanks, awfully!" Why she should thank you with "revereend feck" is beyond your comprehension. Ask her to sing your favorite sentimental ballad and she will probably say, "Oh, really, Mr. —, I can't. It's too long, too long."

While playing tennis with her she suddenly cries out, "Oh, you're givin' me such a twist." You feel exceedingly alarmed; you are afraid that her collar bone is broken or that at least her wrist has been dislocated. You discover, however, that it is but tennis slang and that your sympathy has been wasted. She confidently tells you that Jennie Somebody is "no good" and had the "cheek" to propose to "stratch" her at the meeting of the club, because she hadn't "forked over the spondoolicks" for the last quarter. All that is to be deprecated, but the girl, heaven bless them, looks so pretty, and uses the terms so artlessly, that I haven't the heart to be severe in my reproof.

It isn't pleasant to be accosted by one's 5-year-old hopeful as "an old sump" or to know that he is lying in wait to "knock the stuff" out of a neighbor's boy, or to "wipe up the floor" with him. Or to hear our short-skirted but high-spirited daughter tell the aforesaid brother that she wishes the other boy would "paste him on the snoot," or "kick him clean out the box" "into the middle of next week." I don't know that I am especially sensitive, and yet I must say that such expressions send the creeps up my back.

The editor "swigs a fast" when the hired girl is a "hot rastle" when a thing suits us it's "just like cheese" when too noisy we are told to "cry up," or to "suspend," when cunningly able "s'mother one" is "then we die" "pass in our checks," and "put away" "prey," and are really "planted." So I might go on ad infinitum. You can't think I am sure, of at least a hundred words and phrases to which I have made no reference. For inventing cute words and phrases our country leads the procession. They are clever and appropriate, get into the topical song, the public "catch on," and they live and thrive, and in many instances the dictionary finally legitimizes them.

Slang, I insist, is the fungus on the stem. It is not the grafted fruit. It is the scum of language. Often belittled; it never beautifies. If we all spoke and wrote in a less exaggerated manner we would be less exaggerated in our ways of life and thought. Life, as well as speech, would perhaps grow more simple, more true, more worth living. —"Observer" in Philadelphia.

### Some Beginnings.

Linon was first made in England in 1253, and only worn by the rich and luxurious.

Boots in the present form were first made by Attilus, King of Bergamus, in the year 837.

The first royal letter was written by Henry V. to the bishop of Durham, Feb. 10, 1418.

The model of the first English steam vessel was laid before the board of admiralty in 1780.

The first idea of electricity was given by the friction of two globes of quicksilver in the year 1647.

The first house ever numbered in London was one abutting east of Northumberland house.

The first advertisements known of in England were in the shape of all bills affixed to the doors of St. Paul's church.

The first book containing musical characters was issued in 1495 from the press of the celebrated "Wynken de Worde."

The first record of a judge's salary gives £138 13s. 4d. as the stipend of Thomas Littleton, judge of the King's bench, 1466.

Carrriages were first introduced into England in 1230, and were for a long time used only for the conveyance of the sick and of ladies.

The first English almanac was brought out at Trinity college, Cambridge, in 1347, and the first printed almanac appeared in London about 100 years later.

The first striking clock was imported into Europe by the Persians about the year A. D. 900. It was brought as a present to Charlemagne from Abdella, King of Persia, by two monks of Jerusalem.

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