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PREFACE

The following list of Americanisms is intended for the use of those who wish to read contemporary American novels, journals, and similar literature, and who find that even the standard dictionaries, both of American and of British provenience, do not afford the assistance that they need. The list is based on extensive original collections. Much valuable assistance in defining meanings was derived from the following publications:

M. H. Weseen, Crowell's Dictionary of English Grammar and Handbook of American Usage, New York 1928.

G. P. Krapp, A Comprehensive Guide to Good English, Chicago and New York 1928.

American Speech I—IV.

Users will do well to bear in mind that many of the words listed have additional or more original meanings in Standard English not recorded here.

No attempt has been made to assign each word to its particular sphere, and to state whether it belongs to the colloquial idiom, to slang, or to vulgar speech, or whether it is a provincialism.

The pronunciation has been indicated in exceptional cases only. The number of illustrative quotations has been reduced to a minimum.

The American mode of spelling has been adhered to as far as possible.

Words and expressions of American origin that have definitely passed into British English (such as *caucus* and the political meaning of *platform*) have not been included.

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ABBREVIATIONS

adj(ective)
adv(erb)
Am(erican)
BE. = British English
conj(unction)
contempt(uous, -ly)
esp(ecially)
gen(erally)
hum(orous, -ly)
interj(ection)
n(oun)
pl(ural)
prep(osition)
pron(oun)
q. v. = quod vide (which see)
U. S. = United States
v(erb)

A

aboard adv. On a train. **All ~!** Warning that train is about to start.
academy n. Private secondary boarding-school for boys, often with military discipline.
accommodation train n. (Slow) train stopping at all stations.
acreage n., **acres** pl. n. Unimproved (building) land for sale.
act v. Behave (often with adj. instead of adv.).
activity n., esp. in pl. Doings, occupation; organized extra-curricular occupations and recreations of students, etc.
ad n. Advertisement. **Want ~.** Small advertisement in classified part.
addict ['ædikt] n. Person addicted to a (bad) habit; habitual drug-taker.
addition n. New part of town (or building).
ade n. Refreshing drink containing fruit-juice.
adjust v. Treat by chiropractic (q. v.).
administration n. The President and his cabinet, the government; the period of their holding office.
adobe [ə'dōubi] n. Unburnt brick dried in the sun.
Aframerican, Afro-American, Afro, Afric n. Am. Negro.
afterward = afterwards.
air n. (1) Air pumped into auto tires. — (2) False, deceitful talk. — (3) **on (over) the air** adv. By radio.
air-line n. Direct line.
airplaner n. Aviator.
airship n. Airplane.
aisle n. Passage-way in railroad car or department store (q. v.).
alclad n. Alloy of copper and aluminium used for skin of all-metal dirigible.
alfalfa [æl'fælfə] n. A forage plant, lucerne.
alibi n. Excuse.
alkali n. Soluble mineral matter other than common salt found in natural waters and in soil.
alki, -y n. Alcohol.
all-fired adj., adv. Extreme(ly).
all-get-out adj. As fine or hard as possible.
all in adj. Exhausted.
all over dirt adj. Very dirty, dirty all over.
all-overish adj. Seedy, out of sorts, feeling ill.
all-overs pl. n. Seedy feeling.
all set adj. Prepared, ready.
all the time adv. At all times.
all wet adj. Entirely wrong.
alley, alleyway n. Narrow back-lane; enclosure for skittles.
alligator pear n. Avocado (q. v.).
allow v. Assert, say, think, believe, admit, intend.
alpine n. Soft felt hat.
alternate [æl'tə:rnit] n. Substitute (esp. at political conventions).
aluminum [ə'lūminəm] n. Aluminium.
alumnus, pl. **-i, alumna,** pl. **-ae** n. Graduate (male or female) of school or university.
America n. The United States of America. **The Americas** pl. n. North and South America; all the Am. republics.
American n., adj. Citizen of, belonging to, the United States of America.
American plan n. (1) Arrangement by which hotel guest pays lump sum for room and all regular meals. — (2) Open shop (q. v.).
Amerind n. Am. Indian.
analysed rime n. Partial, irregular or incomplete rime: *hate-stake, read-feel, ride-pile,* as opposed to **plain-rime:** *hate-late.*
angel('s) food n. A very light white sweet cake.
Angeleno n. Inhabitant of Los Angeles.
angle n. Point of view, aspect, manner of treatment: *There are curious nihilistic angles in his letters.*
angle-worm n. Earthworm.
antagonize v. Oppose, resist.
ante (up) v. Put up stake before cards are dealt in poker game; pay one's share; pay up.
any adv. At all (in negative and in-

terrogative sentences): *I didn't work any last week, Did it hurt you any?*

any old time adv. Whenever you please.

apartment n. Suite of rooms on one floor, flat; building containing such flats.

apple-jack n. Hard, i. e., fermented, cider; apple brandy.

apple-sauce n., interj. Nonsense, empty talk; flattery, insincere praise; no good!; all wrong!

apt adj. Likely: *I am apt to go to the movies tonight.*

Arbor Day n. Spring holiday, on which trees are planted to help in the reafforestation campaign.

arbutus n. The mayflower.

arctics pl. n. ['ā^{r}(k)tiks]. Warm waterproof overshoes.

argufy v. Argue for the sake of controversy.

arm n. Branch, subdivision, of organization.

armory n. Large drill hall; drill and social center of the local group of the National Guard.

around prep., adv. (1) Often used in place of BE. round: *He put his arms around her.* — (2) About: *She did all the work around the house; He was around thirty; Was she around when it happened?*

arroyo [ā'rē^{i}o,ə'rɔjo] n. Small stream, or its dry bed; dry gully.

arterial (highway) n. Important street that may not be crossed by auto without first stopping; one on which autos always have the right of way.

arty adj. Of things which attempt to appear artistic but fail in the attempt.

ary adj. Any: *I won't say ary word.*

ash-can n. Dustbin.

ash-man n. Dustman.

aside from prep. Apart from.

aside of prep. By the side of.

asphaltician n. Street-sweeper.

assembly n. (1) The second or lower house of the legislature of some States. — (2) Gathering of students and faculty (q. v.) at regular intervals to listen to addresses or music.

assign v. Set work to be done by pupils for the next meeting of the class.

assignment n. Task imposed, esp. in schools and colleges, and in newspaper work.

attaboy interj. Exclamation in praise or encouragement of a player or a team in baseball, etc.

auto n. Motor-car.

auto-jack n. Robber using auto in the pursuit of his crimes.

auto-tramp n. Tramp begging rides from travelers in autos on the highway.

automatic n. Automatic pistol.

automobile n., v. (Ride in a) motor-car.

avenue n. Street, esp. a wide one.

aviate v. Navigate the air.

avigate v. Aviate (q. v.).

avigation n. Operation of aircraft.

avigator n. Airman.

avocado n. Fruit of West-Indian tree.

B

Babbitt n. The average successful Am. businessman; the average Am. citizen, a narrow-minded, chauvinistic, philistine, hustling creature without any cultural background.

Babbittry n. Ideology resulting from the Babbitt (q. v.) attitude.

babe n. Pretty, but stupid, girl.

bach n., v. Bachelor; live in bachelor fashion, cooking and doing housework without feminine help.

back n. Hinder part of anything: *That idea in the back of his head.*

back adv. (1) In the past: *They belong back with the white bone collar-button.* — (2) Behind: *They have engagements back East* (as seen from the West), *Come back here* (i. e., behind some object).

back, in ~ adv. At the back: *There's a man out in back beating a rug.*

back, in ~ of prep. Behind.

back v. (1) Address (letter). — (2) Carry on the back.

back and forth adv. To and fro.

back off v. Withdraw.

back up v. Overflow (of river, etc.).

backcountry n. Non-urbanized parts of the country.

background n. Person's past history and training; his experience and cultural acquirements.

backhouse n. Building in the rear; privy.
back-scratcher n. Flatterer who expects to be flattered in return.
back-seat driver n. Nervous and timid passenger in auto who insists on giving directions to the person at the wheel.
back-talk n. Contradiction, answering back, impudence.
backwater v. Retract, confess.
backyard, see *yard.*
bacon n. Football; **bring home the bacon** v. Secure results.
bad adj. Angry, annoyed: *Don't feel too bad*; **in bad with** adv. In bad standing, in disfavor.
bad-man n. Outlaw, criminal; one who has killed at least one man.
Badger n. Inhabitant of Wisconsin.
badger-game n. Blackmailing by putting a person into a compromising situation.
bag n. Prostitute.
baggage n. Traveller's luggage; **baggage check** n. Voucher given for baggage deposited or sent on by train.
balance n. Remainder, rest.
ball-game n. Game of baseball.
balled up adj. Confused, muddled, embarrassed.
ballyhoo v. Advertise showily and noisily.
bamboo English n. Broken English spoken in Philippine Islands.
ban v. Forbid, interdict (esp. in newspaper headlines).
banana oil n., interj. Senseless talk; nonsense!
bandwagon, on the ~ adv. Among the participators in some noisy movement or undertaking; among the leaders in such movement.
bang-up adj. First-rate; satisfactory.
bank n. Savings-box, esp. as child's toy.
bank-account n. BE. banking-account.
bank-bill n. BE. banknote.
bank-roll n. Sum of money.
bank-teller n. BE. bank-clerk.
banner adj. Champion, leading.
banner headline n. Headline across whole sheet of newspaper.
banns pl. n. Engagement; marriage.
banquette n. Sidewalk (q. v.).
banty adj. Tiny, weak (contempt.).
bar n. Tablet (of chocolate).
barb n. (1) Barber. — (2) Student who is not a member of a fraternity (q. v.) or a sorority (q. v.).
barbecue n. Framework for smoking or broiling meat, esp. whole pig or ox; social gathering where such meat is served; any dish containing meat.
barber v. Act as barber.
barber shop n. Hairdresser's establishment.
barkeep n. Barkeeper.
barn n. Outbuilding; shed; stable; building combining stable, tool-room and hay storeroom.
barnstormer n. Traveling actor in rural districts; inferior actor.
barnyard n. Farmyard.
baron n. Capitalist controlling large business: *Coal baron.*
barrack n. Haybarn.
barrens pl. n. Barren and sandy country.
bartender n. Barman.
baseball n. The national ball-game, played with bat and ball; ball used in this game.
basted adj. Drunk.
bastile n. Jail, prison.
bat n. (1) Blow, hit. — (2) Spree. — (3) Prostitute.
bat the eyes v. Wink.
batch = *bach* (q. v.).
bathhouse n. Small cabin where bathers undress.
bath-robe n. BE. dressing-gown.
batty adj. Crazy, insane.
bawl (out) v. Criticize; condemn; scold violently.
bayou ['baiū] n. Side-channel, gen. marshy, of river.
be yourself! interj. Act naturally!, Say what you really think!
beak n. Nose.
bean n. (1) Head. — (2) One dollar. — See *beans.*
beanery n. Eating-house.
beans pl. n. (1) Money. — (2) **not to know beans** v. Be absolute fool. — (3) **spill the beans** v. Cause plan to miscarry.
Beantown n. Boston.
bear(ish) n., adj., see *bull(ish).*
bear paws pl. n. Snowshoes for walking on snow without sinking in.
bearly n. Rough, camel's hair overcoat.
beat n. Exclusive newspaper story; one published ahead of rival papers.
beat v. (1) **beat all, the band, the cars, hell.** Be remarkable, or exceptional. — (2) **beat it.** Go, get out; retreat, run away. — (3) **can**

you beat it! The insolence of it!— (4) **it beats me.** It overwhelms me with astonishment. — (5) **beat up.** Administer a severe beating.

beautician n. Hairdresser, esp. woman; beauty specialist.

beauty-parlor n. Cosmetic establishment.

bedbug n. BE. bug.

bee n. (1) Gathering of neighbors for combined work or other activity. — (2) Foolish notion.

bee's knees pl. n. = *cat's pajamas* (q. v.).

beef v. Complain loudly, find fault.

begin to do, not to ~ v. Not to possess the rudiments of: *You don't begin to play football, The King of England does not begin to have the power of the President.*

bellboy, bellhop n. Page in a hotel, BE. buttons.

bellyache v. Complain, find fault.

belong v. Be accepted member of a group or class: *He ardently wanted to belong.*

belt n. Strip or region of country.

bender n. Spree.

benny n. (1) Overcoat. — (2) Hat.

berries pl. n., see *raspberries.*

berry n. Dollar.

best of n. Larger part.

bet v. (1) **you bet.** Yes; certainly; **you bet your life.** Most certainly. — (2) Betted.

bevo n. Kind of non-alcoholic grain beverage.

bid n. Invitation.

biff n., v. A blow; to strike.

bighead n. Vain and egotistical person.

big idea n. Leading, outstanding, idea or motive.

big stick n. Policy of intimidating foreign states by threat of war.

biggie n. Important person, celebrity.

bike n. Translation, crib.

bilk n., v. Swindler; cheat, evade payment,

bill n. Banknote.

billboard n. Hoarding for posting bills.

bill-book, ~ **fold** n. Small case for banknotes.

billion n. A thousand millions.

billy n. Policeman's club.

bimbo n. Person (man or woman).

bindle n. (1) Bed-roll, or pack. — (2) Small packet of drugs.

bindle-stiff n. Special type of tramp.

bing-room n. Room where drug-addicts (q. v.) meet.

bird n. (1) Strangely peculiar person. — (2) Girl. — (3) Desirable or admirable thing.

biscuit n. Small round cake of freshly made white bread, often served hot.

bit n. $12^1/_2$ cents: *two bits* = 25 cents, etc.; *a short bit* = 10 cents, *a long bit* = 15 cents.

bitter-ender n. Person who refuses to compromise, esp. on the program of his party.

bitty adj. Tiny.

biz(ny) n. Business.

blaa n., see *blah.*

blackjack n. Small leather-covered club, weighted at the top and having elastic shaft.

blacksnake n. Long braided leather whip.

blah n. Fraudulent, insincere, or nonsensical talk; bombastic or meaningless speech.

blame adv. Extremely.

blank n. Paper with spaces left to be filled in; blank form.

blanket adj. Covering a wide range or large number of names, conditions, items: *Blanket order, injunction, ballot; blanket tax* = sum covering student's obligations to athletic endeavors, subscription to student publications, and other activities (q. v.).

blanket Indian n. Am. Indian still living in primitive fashion and not wearing ordinary clothes; *to go back to the blanket* = return to primitive ways of life.

blast n., v. Noisy, boastful person; talk noisily.

blaze a trail v. Chip marks (blazes) on bark of trees to mark route; be a pioneer.

bleachers pl. n. Roofless tiers of seats for spectators at outdoor games.

blimp n. Balloon! small dirigible.

blind adj. Drunk.

blind pig n. Low-class illegal saloon (q. v.).

blind-reader n. Post-office clerk who deciphers badly written addresses.

blind tiger n. Place where alcoholic drinks are sold secretly.

bling v. Ring (a bell).

block n. (1) Collection of houses enclosed by streets, usually four; row of houses between two parallel streets. — (2) **business** ~ n. Building occupied by stores (q. v.) and offices. — (3) Head.

blood pudding n. Sausage of blood, suet, etc.; black pudding.
blooey, to go ~ v. Go to pieces, burst.
bloomers pl. n. Woman's drawers.
blouse n. Army undress uniform jacket.
blow v. Brag.
blow in v. Spend recklessly or foolishly.
blow on somebody v. Betray, inform against.
blow out v. Sell out.
blow to a dinner v. Give dinner.
blowhard n. Boaster.
blow-out n. (1) Bursting of auto tire; hole in tire. — (2) Sudden and violent confession. — (3) Feast or celebration.
bluebook n. Directory of prominent persons.
bluecoat n. Policeman.
blue devils pl. n. Period of low spirits; the blues.
blue grass n. Grass highly prized for pasturage (typical of Kentucky).
blue law n. Law enforcing Sunday observance, or regulating conduct in general.
blue-nose n. Self-appointed reformer of public morals.
blue sky n. Unsound investment; faked securities.
blue streak n. Anything traveling with great rapidity.
bluesy adj. Low-spirited, depressed.
bluff n. High (and steep) bank by river or sea.
blurb n. Publisher's advertisement of book, containing overstatement of its value, BE. puff, often on dust-cover; brief summary, analysis, and appreciation preceding magazine story; any announcement containing overstatement or fulsome praise.
bo n. = *hobo* (q. v.).
boat n. Auto (hum.).
bobcat n. Wildcat.
bobolink n. North Am. songbird.
bohink, bohunk n. Bohemian, Czechoslovakian; member of any Slavonic race (Pole, Russian, Servian), or its language.
boiled adj. Extremely drunk.
boiled shirt n. Dress-shirt with starched front.
boiler-plate n. Syndicated (q. v.) matter supplied to newspapers in the form of thin metal plates for insertion into press.
boiling n. Mass or quantity.
boll-weevil n. Beetle destructive to cotton-bolls.
boloney n. Anything that is disliked, esp. other persons' ideas or sentiments; piffle, rubbish, nonsense.
Bolshevik n. Discontented person; one not conforming to common standards.
bolt v. Refuse to support one's party.
bonanza n. Prosperity; successful mine or other enterprise.
bone n. (1) Dollar. — (2) **Bones** pl. n. Dice.
bone v., n. Study hard; serious student.
bone dry adj. Favoring complete abolition of alcohol.
bonehead n. Dull or stupid person; foolish act or conspicuous blunder.
boner n. Mistake, blunder.
boob n. Dull or stupid person, easily taken in; jackass.
boodle n. Money for political bribery.
booklegger n. Seller of forbidden books.
bookrack n. Bookcase.
boost v. (1) Promote, boom, praise (often unduly), conduct violent propaganda. — (2) Increase by boosting propaganda. — (3) Raise prices.
booster n. Indefatigable promoter and propagandist.
boot n. Leather or rubber boot reaching up to knee, BE. high boot; **high** ~ Boot reaching up to hip.
boot v. (1) Kick. — (2) Trade in bootleg (q. v.) liquor.
boot out v. Dismiss, BE. sack.
booter n. Bootlegger (q. v.).
bootician n. Bootlegger (q. v.).
bootleg n., adj. (1) Illicitly obtained alcoholic drink. — (2) Anything obtained or conducted in contravention of the law.
bootlegger n. Person engaged in illegal manufacture or sale of liquor.
booze n. Alcoholic drink.
booze-fight n. Drunken spree.
booze-fighter n. Drunkard.
booze-hoisting n. Hard drinking.
bosiasm n. Bosom (hum.).
boss n., adj., v. (1) Superintendent, overseer, director, manager; leader; to superintend; order about. — (2) Leader of local political organization; political tyrant, directing party machine (q. v.).
bounce n. Discharge from employment.
bounced adj. Failed; suspended.
bouncer n. Chucker-out.
bounty-jumper n. Recruit, in Civil War, deserting after receiving bonus.

bourbon ['bɔ:rbən] n. Mixture of rye and corn (q. v.) whisky.
bower ['bauəʳ] n. Jack (in card game).
Bowery n. New York street formerly known for tawdry display in stores (q. v.); name of district inhabited by criminal population.
box-car n. Enclosed and roofed freight-car.
boy !, oh boy ! interj. Expressing intense feeling.
boy friend n. Male companion or lover.
boyology n. Science of boy psychology.
bozo n. Person, liked or disliked, as the case may be.
brainstorm n. Mental disturbance; (hum.) brilliant idea.
brakeman n. Railroad employee operating brakes.
branch n. (1) Small stream. — (2) Subject taught in the common schools.
brash adj. Hasty; insolent; brittle.
brass tacks pl. n. Fundamentals, real facts or business.
brave n. (Red) Indian warrior.
brawl n. Dance.
bread-and-butter-letter n. BE. roofer.
bread-line n. Queue waiting for distribution of charity.
breadery n. Bakery.
break n. (1) Piece of good or bad luck; chance. — (2) Sudden drop of prices (on stock exchange). — (3) Revelation, betrayal of secret. — (4) Faux pas.
breakdown n. Riotous negro dance or party.
breakfast food n. Any cereal (q. v.).
breed n. (Indian) half-breed.
brickyard n. BE. brick-field.
bridge n. Bridge-party.
brief n. Short notice in newspaper.
brig n. Guardhouse (navy).
broad n. (1) Plump, shapely girl. — (2) Prostitute.
broadcloth n. Durable kind of shirting.
broadgauged adj. Broadminded, liberal.
broiler n. (1) Young chicken (for roasting). — (2) Hot day.
bromide n. Trite, worn-out word or expression.
bronc(h)o n. Native pony of north-western plains, esp. wild one; ~ **buster.** One who breaks in wild horses.
brow ['brau] n. Lowbrow (q. v.).
brown mule n. Chew of tobacco.
brownstone n. Kind of reddish-brown sandstone.
bub n. Familiar form of address to a boy.
buck n. (1) Dollar. — (2) Indian or Negro man. — (3) **pass the** ~ v. Shift responsibility.
buck v. Oppose.
buck the tiger v. Gamble against odds.
buckboard n. Fourwheeled horse vehicle with long elastic board bearing seat.
bucket-shop n. Office for speculative deals, on small scale, in stock, grain, etc.
buckeye n. (1) Horse-chestnut. — (2) Inhabitant of Ohio.
buck-fever n. Hunter's nervousness at approach of game; excitement experienced by novice.
buck-party n. Exclusively male party.
buck-private n. Private in U. S. army.
buckskin n. Cream-white closely woven cloth.
buddy n. Chum, pal, fellow soldier.
buffalo v. Bluff, confuse, deceive; get under control.
bug n. (1) Any insect, esp. beetle. — (2) Germ, bacterium; tubercle. — (3) Madness, craze; **be a** ~ **on** v. Be keen or crazy about. — (4) Vain person; **big** ~ n. Person of high social standing or great wealth; bigwig. —(5) Small auto.
bughouse n., adj. Madhouse; crazy, mad.
bugs adj. Lunatic, mad.
build in v. Create permanent psychologic responses.
bull n., v. (1) Vain, boastful talk; talk boastfully. — (2) See *bullish.* — (3) Policeman.
bulldoze v. Bully, coerce, intimidate.
bullfest n. Informal intimate gathering of men only; meeting with much insincere speechifying.
bullfrog n. Large loud-voiced kind of frog.
bullhead n. Stupid person.
bull-session n. Bullfest (q. v.).
bull-whack n. Ox-whip.
bull-wheel n. Drum on which rope is wound for hauling logs, etc.
bullish adj. Tending to rise in price (stock exchange); the *bulls* seek to raise prices, as opposed to the *bears*, adj. *bearish.*
bully adj. First-rate, excellent.
bum n. Begging vagabond, tramp; idle drunkard, loafer; *on the bum*, out of order; *give one the bum's rush*, eject forcibly.
bum v. Tramp; live off others; drink to excess; beg; steal.
bum adj. Bad, rotten, putrid.
bumbershoot n. Umbrella.

bumbersol n. Umbrella, or parasol.
bumble v. Murmur, mutter, groan.
bummer n. = *bum* (q. v.).
bump off v. Kill.
bumper n. Buffer.
bun, have a ~ on v. Be drunk.
bunch n. Group of people in close social contact; **~ of hot air.** Foolish, pretentious speech.
bunco n., v. Swindling game or scheme, esp. confidence game; to swindle or rob.
buncomb(e) ['bʌŋkəm] n. Insincere political speech-making; humbug, claptrap.
bund n. Association.
bung-starter n. Implement for opening beer-barrel.
bunk n., v. Big talk with nothing behind it; nonsense, rubbish; deceive or humbug; *on the bunk*, out of order, not well.
bunk-house n. Building containing sleeping-berths of workmen.
bunkie n. Chum, comrade.
bunko n. = *bunco* (q. v.).
bunkum, see *buncomb, bunk.*
bunned adj. Drunk.
bunt v. Push, shove, butt.
burean n. (1) Chest of drawers for clothes; dressing-table with drawers. — (2) Government office; central office of large firm or institution.
burg n. Hum. name for town or city.
burn powder v. Shoot, use ammunition.
burro n. Donkey.
bus n. Auto (hum.).
bushwash n. Insincere talk.
bushwhacker n. Guerilla, sharpshooter.
business-suit n. Lounge-suit.
bust v. Break; smash; strike; become bankrupt; break in horse.
butcher shop n. BE. butcher's shop.
butt n. (1) Cigar or cigaret end. — (2) Posterior.
butt in v. Interfere, intrude.
butte ['bjūt] n. Isolated hill or mountain.
butter-nut n. White walnut.
buttinsky v. One who butts in (q. v.).
buy n. Bargain; purchase.
buzz n., v. Social function; entertain.
buzzard n. (1) Kind of vulture; *smell like a buzzard*, smell very offensively. — (2) Unsuccessful or lazy character, esp. one who sponges on vagabonds in their camps and may be considered the lowest of the low. — (3) **little ~** n. Small child.
buzz-saw n. Circular saw.
B. V. D. ['bīvī'dī] n. Combination underwear, reaching down to knees.
by and large adv. In general, generally speaking.
by-law n. Provision attached to constitution of organization.

C

C., Cee n. Cocaine.
cabbage n. Head.
cabbage v. Steal, pilfer, crib.
cabbage-head n. Person who is disliked.
cabin n. Small wooden house, esp. one rudely constructed.
cable-tow n. Binding agreement.
caboodle n. Group, lot, set (of people).
caboose n. Car for use of conductor and brakemen (q. v.), esp. on freight-train.
cackleberry n. Hen's egg (hum.).
cafe, café n. Coffee-house, restaurant, bar-room.
cafeteria [kæfə'tīriə] n. Restaurant where guests serve themselves and pay on leaving.
cager, cagester n. Baseball-player.
cahoots [kə'hūts] pl. n. Partnership.
cake-eater n. Effeminate man; man spending much time in the company of women.
calaboose [kæle'būs] n. Prison.
calcimine n., v. Whitewash.
calculate v. Plan; think, consider, suppose.
calendar n. List of cases awaiting trial.
calico n. Cotton cloth printed with figured patterns.
call (up) v. Summon by telephone.
call down v. Scold, rebuke, censure.
calliope [kə'laiəpi], popularly ['kæliō^{u}p] n. Musical instrument consisting of whistles worked by steam or otherwise; often on wheels accompanying circus parade (q. v.) or other advertising procession.
camembert n. Rubbish, foolishness, rot.
Camp Fire Girls pl. n. Organization of girls on Boy Scout lines, wearing Indian costume in their camps, practising pseudo-Indian dances and ritual, receiving training in patriotism and domestic science.
camp-meeting n. Religious open-air or tent meeting, esp. among the early

settlers in the West, lasting several days, often characterized by wild singing, testifying, and emotional excesses.

campus n. Grounds of school, college, or university; often a very large plot with open spaces, lawns and trees between the buildings; *on the campus*, (present) in college or university.

can n. Tin vessel for preserved fruit, tobacco, etc., BE. tin. — (2) Jail. — (3) w. c.

can v.(1) Preserve fruit, etc., in cans (q. v.). — (2) Dismiss. — (3) Suppress.

candidate (for) n. (Political) nominee.

candy n. (Piece of) confectionery, sweetmeat(s).

cane-brake n. Thicket of sugar-canes.

canned adj. (1) Mechanically preserved for reproduction; *canned music*, gramophone records or music; *canned drama*, cinema films; *canned editorials, etc.*, boiler-plate (q. v.) literature.

cannon-ball n. Message secretly sent by person in jail.

cantalo(u)pe n. Kind of melon.

canuck [kə'nʌk] n. French Canadian.

canvass-back n. Kind of duck famous for the excellent taste of its flesh.

canyon n. Valley (on Pacific coast).

Capitol n. Building where Congress meets; State-house in capital of one of the United States where legislature meets.

capper n. Decoy in gambling.

caption n. Heading or description.

car n. Any railroad vehicle; *the cars*, railroad train; *change cars*, change trains.

card n. Queer character.

carfare n. Railroad fare or passage money (hum.).

carom v. Cannon at billiards; rebound.

carpet-bagger n. Adventurer, esp. Northern politician in Southern States after Civil War.

carry v. (1) Have on one's hands, meet expenses of. — (2) Employ, pay wages to. — (3) Keep in store, have for sale. — (4) Publish regular series (newspaper). — (5) Be successful in election. — (6) Undergo tuition.

carry n. Portage, the transport of goods or its cost.

carry over v. Survive, in spite of general changes of attitude (or ideas).

cartwheel n. Silver dollar (hum.).

cash in v. Settle accounts, reap benefit; die.

cash-and-carry n. System by which goods are sold cheaper because customer pays in cash and carries them away himself.

casket n. Coffin.

casual n. Soldier detached from his unit.

cat's n. Thing or person of supreme excellence, often in combinations such as ~ *pajamas*, ~ *miaow*.

catbird n. Migratory songbird of mocking-bird kind.

catchup n. Spiced tomato sauce used on meats.

cater-corner(ed) adj., adv. Diagonal(ly).

catnip n. Aromatic plant.

catsup, see *catchup*.

catty-cornered adj. = *cater-cornered* (q. v.).

cauliflower n. Prizefighter; any stupid or undesirable person.

caveman n. Violent or tempestuous lover.

cavort [kə'vɔrt] v. Prance, run up and down wildly.

cayuse ['kaiūs] n. Indian pony.

Cee n. = *C* (q. v.).

cement nut n. Extremely stupid person.

Central time n., see *Eastern time*.

century n. 100 dollars.

cereal n. Grain or maize product made, by steaming, rolling, etc., into breakfast food, gen. sold in packets for ready use, and eaten with milk, cream, stewed fruits, etc.

chain n. Aggregation of a number of commercial enterprises of the same type under common management, providing identical goods or service.

chair n. Reserved seat in railroad *chair-car*.

champ n. Champion.

change over v. Transform.

chaparajos [tʃāpə'rāhūs] pl. n. Outer garment of sheepskin or leather worn over the legs of cowboys.

chaparal [tʃæpə'ræl] n. (Thicket of) dwarf evergreen oak.

chapel n. (1) Small church of any denomination. — (2) Assembly of students and faculty (q. v.), not necessarily of a religious kind.

chaps, see *chaparajos*.

chase off v. Run away.

chase oneself v. Go away.

Chatauqua [ʃə'tɔkwə] n. Series of educational entertainments, gen. held in tents by traveling companies.

cheapskate n. Miser; person not contributing to charitable funds; haggler.

cheaters pl. n. Eyeglasses, spectacles.
check n. (1) BE. cheque. — (2) Slip showing amount due, often paid on leaving restaurant, etc. — (3) Voucher for things left in cloakroom, or for baggage sent on by train.
check v. Give, or take, articles or baggage into safe keeping, or to be sent on by train.
check! interj. Agreed!
check against v. Test by comparison.
check back over v. Go over notes, etc., for the purpose of correcting.
check in v. Arrive in hotel to stay.
check out v. (1) Depart from hotel. — (2) Take book from library.
check over v. Examine state of (and repair).
check up v., n. Test accuracy or liability; investigation, search.
check up on v. Watch or examine critically.
check with v. Agree, correspond.
checkers pl. n. Game of draughts.
checking account n. Current account.
cheer leader n. Leader and trainer in systematic cheering by the supporters of athletic teams.
cheese, the big ~ n. Great man; **a big** ~ n. Fool.
cheese-cloth n. Kind of muslin.
cheesy adj. Rotten, bad.
chesty adj. Overbearing; egotistical.
chew the rag v. Argue excitedly; indulge in conversation; complain; talk aimlessly.
chickadee n. Black-capped titmouse.
chickaree n. Kind of red squirrel.
chicken n. (1) Girl. — (2) **catch it where the** ~ **got it** v. Suffer heavy blow; be killed.
chicken-feed n. Small change.
chicken-yard n. Fowl-run.
chicle n. Substance used for making chewing-gum.
chicory n. Endive (salad).
chigger n. = *jigger* (q. v.).
chin v., n. Talk, chatter, scold, quarrel; talking, quarreling; **chin music** n. Silly talk.
chinch n. (Bed)bug.
chink n. (1) Money. — (2) Chinaman.
chinkapin, chinquapin n. Dwarf chestnut.
chip in v. Contribute to fund; cooperate.
chipmunk n. Striped ground-squirrel.
chipped beef n. Beef cut in very thin slices and dried.
chipper adj. Lively, energetic.
chippy n. (1) English sparrow. — (2) Prostitute.
chips, pass in one's ~ v. Die.
chiro, see *chiropractor.*
chiropractic n. Pseudo-medical method of treating diseases by adjusting patient's spinal column.
chiropractor n. Practiser of chiropractic (q. v.).
chirotonsor n. Male barber.
chocolate(-drop) n. Negro.
chocolate-malted n. Drink of malted milk (q. v.) flavored with chocolate.
choke-cherry n. Astringent cherry.
choose to do v. Wish, desire, want, think, propose to.
choosy adj. Particular, difficult to please.
chop(s) pl. n. Cheek(s).
chop sooey, suey ['sūi] n. Pseudo-Chinese stew of vegetables, meats, and condiments; eating-house.
chore n., v. Odd job; daily light work of household or farm; perform chores.
chow [au] n. (1) Food. — (2) Chinaman.
chow-chow [au] n. Mixed pickles in mustard-sauce.
chowder [au] n. Stew of fresh fish or clams, with pork, onions, biscuit, etc.
chow-mein ['tʃau-mē^{i}n] n. Chinese dish containing vegetables, meats, and condiments.
Christer [ai] n. Narrow-minded, sanctimonious person.
chromo n. Any bad picture.
chuck n. (1) Food, grub. — (2) Woodchuck.
chuck-will's widow n. Large goatsucker.
chug n., v. Sound made by escaping steam or exhaust gases; make such noises, move making such noises.
chump n. Fool.
chunk n. Strong, thickset person or horse.
chunky adj. Strong, thickset.
cinch n. (1) Saddle girth. — (2) Tight hold or grip. — (3) Easy job. — (4) Foregone conclusion, certainty.
cinch v. Secure; get sure hold on.
cinder-man n. Person going in for track-athletics (q. v.).
cinder-track n. Place where track-athletics (q. v.) are practised.
circuit-rider n. Itinerant preacher, esp. Methodist.
circus parade n. Procession, with

music, of performers and animals in a circus through the streets for advertisement; gaudy or noisy display.

cit n. citizen.

citizen's clothes pl. n. Civilian dress.

citrus [i] n. Common name for orange, lemon, lime, grapefruit, etc.

cits, in ~ adv. In mufti.

city n. Any larger town.

city desk n. Desk of city editor (q. v.).

city editor n. Chief reporter on newspaper.

city hall n. Municipal building, BE. town hall.

city manager n. Paid official administering town in place of mayor.

City of Brotherly Love n. Philadelphia.

city-ordinance n. BE. bye-law.

city-planning n. BE. town-planning.

claim n. Piece of ground staked out by, or allotted to, pioneer miner or farmer.

claim-jumper n. Appropriator of another's claim (q. v.).

clam n. (1) Edible shellfish of mussel kind. — (2) Untalkative person.

clapboard n. Narrow board for covering outside of wooden houses.

class n. Group of students passing through college together; *the ~ of 1920*, e. g., is composed of all those who graduated (q. v.) from a certain institution in that year; BE. form (in school).

class-book n. Souvenir volume published by students at graduation (q. v.).

class-day n. Day of display by graduating class (q. v.).

claw-hammer n. Long-tailed dress-coat.

clean up v. (1) Earn, make a profit. — (2) Defeat.

clean-up n. Profit.

cleaning n. Defeat.

clergyman n. Minister of any Protestant denomination.

clerk [ɘr] n. (1) Salesman or saleswoman. — (2) Postal official.

clerk v. Be salesman, or saleswoman, in retail business.

clever adj. Good-natured, amiable.

climb in v. Get one's share.

clip v., n. (1) Move quickly; gait or pace. — (2) To strike; a blow.

clipping n. Cutting from newspaper, etc.

close call n. Narrow escape.

close-up ['klōusʌp] n. Film-picture of single actor's, or two actors', face, or faces, to show play of features; very close examination.

closet n. Cupboard.

club breakfast n. Consisting of a fixed sequence of courses of which several are offered on menu of hotels or dining-cars.

club-widow n. Woman whose husband spends much time at his club.

coal-oil n. Kerosene, BE. paraffin.

Coast n., **the** ~. The Pacific coast, see *Shore; from coast to coast*, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

coast v., n. Slide downhill on toboggan; such sliding.

coat-shirt n. Shirt put on and buttoned in front like a coat.

cob n. Stalk of maize-ear.

coca-cola n. Trade-name of non-alcoholic supposedly invigorating beverage.

cock-eyed adj. (1) Squinting, one-sided. — (2) Drunk. — (3) **I'll tell the ~ world.** Most certainly.

cocktail n. (1) Strong alcoholic mixed drink, gen. containing bitters, and iced. — (2) Kinds of cold mixed dishes: *fruit, sea-food* (q. v.), *lobster cocktail.*

coco n. Human head.

cod(fish) v. Jest; deceive.

co-ed ['kōu-ed] adj., n. Co-educational; girl student at co-educational institution.

coke n. Cocaine; coca-cola (q. v.).

cold feet, have ~ v. Be afraid (to fight); **get** ~ v. Become discouraged.

cold snap n. Period of cold weather.

coldslaw, coleslaw n. Salad of sliced cabbage.

collar-button n. BE. collar-stud.

college n. (1) Small university, usually with restricted curriculum covering the first four years of academic study leading up to the bachelor's degree: *to go to college*, be university student. — (2) Subdivision of university, doing the work of ordinary college. — (3) Subdivision or school of university for higher and professional training, usually leading up to doctor's degree: *college of medicine, dentistry, law, engineering; graduate college*, organization for instruction of post-graduate students.

college adj. Of or concerning university life: *college student, clothes, speech.*

college ice n. Ice-cream with fresh fruit.
college widow n. Girl flirting with students.
collegian n. University student.
collegiate adj. Typical of university student.
cologne n. Eau de Cologne.
colonial adj. Belonging to pre-Revolution times; ~ **architecture**. Georgian style prevailing in America in late 18th and early 19th centuries.
colored adj. Of Negro origin; *colored people, man, woman*, expressions preferred by Negroes as being free from emotional and other connotations.
colyumist n. Hum. rendering of vulgar pronunciation of *columnist*, one who regularly conducts or writes a certain column for newspaper or magazine.
combination salad n. Mixed vegetable salad with oil, vinegar, mayonnaise.
combine n. Machine that cuts, threshes, and cleans wheat in one operation.
come v. Foal, calve.
come across v. Pay what one owes, hand over.
come back v. Reply effectively.
come through v. (1) Pay up. — (2) Achieve ecstatic fit at revival meeting.
comeback n. (1) Recovery, renewed effort. — (2) Witty or effective retort.
come-uppance n. Merited punishment.
comer n. Person with a future.
coming, have something ~ to one v. Deserve.
comfort-stall, ~ -station n. Public convenience, toilet, w. c.
comfortable, comforter n. Stuffed or quilted bed-cover.
comic strip n. Serial comic picture telling a story in newspaper.
comics pl. n. Comic section of newspaper.
comma hound n. Teacher of English composition (hum.).
commencement n. Graduation day or ceremony at the end of the year's course in schools and universities.
common carrier n. Person or company authorized to conduct transportation business, esp. on railroads.
common school n. Elementary school.
commonwealth n. Individual state of U. S.
community chest, fund n. Fund for relief of the poor.
commutation ticket n. Season-ticket.
commute v. Buy and use season-ticket.
commuter n. Holder of season-ticket.
compact ['kampækt] n. Small receptacle with powder-puff and mirror; *double compact*, containing rouge in addition.
companionate marriage n. Form of marriage entered upon on the understanding that there will be no children.
company n. Loosely used for private business: *He owns an ice company.*
company buster n. Professional strike-breaker.
compromit v. Compromise person.
Comstock n. Self-appointed guardian of public morality.
con n. (1) Conductor. — (2) Confidence. — (3) Consumption. — (4) Convict.
con v. Bluff; deceive; cheat; swindle.
condition n. Student's deficiency in studies.
condition v. (1) Require further examination of student before advancement. — (2) Produce habits by action of surroundings.
conductor n. Guard in charge of railroad train.
cone, ice-cream ~ n. Cone-shaped receptacle of wafer material to hold small portion of ice-cream.
confab n., v. (Hold) conversation.
Confederate Memorial Day n. Earlier than, and identical with Decoration Day (q. v.) whose place it takes in the South.
conference n., **in ~** (of business head). Engaged.
congressman n. Member of House of Representatives.
conniption n. Fit of hysteria, rage, or vexation.
conscious adj. (with preceding noun). Feeling the importance and desirability of: *Make the Am. people two-car conscious, air-conscious.*
consolidation n. Chain (q. v.) of stores, etc.
contact n. Acquaintanceship.
contact with v. Be introduced to.
container n. Any kind of box or receptacle.
continent n. Europe, with or without Great Britain and Ireland.
continental adj. Of the 13 confederated colonies during the Revolution.

convention n. Assembly for transaction of business, often political.
cook-book n. BE. cookery-book.
cooked adj. (1) Drunk. — (2) **his goose is** ~. He is ruined.
cookie, -y n. Small, flat, gen. sweetened cake.
cooler n. (1) Vessel containing ice-cooled drinking-water. — (2) Jail, prison; cell.
coolie = *coulee* (q. v.).
coon n. (1) Raccoon. — (2) Negro. — (3) ~ **'s age.** Very long time. — (4) Fellow, child. — (5) **gone** ~. In hopeless case.
coon-skin n. Rough fur-coat, originally of backwoods farmers; later symbol of collegian (q. v.): *The coon-skinned brigade,* college students.
coop n. Rendering of vulgar pronunciation of *coupé* (q. v.).
coot n. Stupid fellow, simpleton.
cootie n. Body louse.
cop n. Policeman; *traffic cop, speed cop,* enforcing speed-laws.
copperhead n. (1) Venemous snake. — (2) Northern sympathizer with Confederacy.
copy-cat n. Person imitating another, or showing lack of originality.
corduroy road n. Road made of tree-trunks over swamp, etc.
cordwood n. Firewood.
corker n. Remarkable person or thing.
corking adj. Remarkable; magnificent.
corn n. (1) Maize. — (2) Maize whisky.
corn(ed) beef n. Salted beef.
corn-belt n. Section where maize is grown (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Nebraska), supposed backward in culture and refinement.
corn-cob n. (Center of) ear of maize.
corn-crib n. Outbuilding for storing maize.
corn-dodger n. Fried cake of maize-flour.
corn-fed adj., n. (Animal) fattened on maize; person from corn-belt (q. v.), yokel.
corn-flakes pl. n. Cereal (q. v.) made of maize.
corn-husking n. Removing of maize-ears from stem.
corn-juice n. Maize whisky.
corn-meal n. Coarsely ground maize.
corn-pone n. Maize bread, esp. when made without milk or eggs.
corn-starch n. Fine maize-flour used for puddings.
corned adj. Drunk.
Cornopolis n. Chicago.
corporal's guard n. Any small group of people (derisively).
corporation n. Joint, stock, or limited liability company.
corral n., v. (1) (Put, or drive, or keep in) pen or enclosure for cattle, or for capture of wild animals. — (2) Form wagons into defensive circle. — (3) Get hold of, grab. — (4) Surround, encircle.
cosmetician n. Beauty specialist.
cot n. Apricot.
cottage n. Residence at pleasure-resort.
cotton-batting n. Cotton prepared in sheets for quilting, upholstering, etc.
cotton-belt n. Section of South where cotton is chief crop (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas).
cotton-wood n. Kind of poplar.
cottonocracy n. The southern planters before Civil War.
cough up v. Pay over money; give; utter, disclose.
coulee ['kūli, -ēi] n. Deep, dry ravine.
counselor n. BE. barrister.
county n. Largest division for local government in all States except Louisiana (see *parish*).
county-farm n. Poorhouse.
county-seat n. Capital of county (q. v.).
coupe, -é [ku'pēi], vulgar ['kūp] n. Small closed auto, seating one passenger beside driver.
coupla ['kʌplə] n. Couple of (q. v.).
couple of n. Two; two or three, a few.
coupon n. Any kind of form entitling holder to consideration in trains (stuck to passenger's seat in exchange for ticket), theaters, political meetings, etc.
court house n. Building in county-seat (q. v.) housing offices of county officials, including judiciary.
cover v. (1) Meet expense of. — (2) Watch case or events to report on in newspaper.
covered wagon n. Heavy canvas-roofed vehicle used by pioneers (q. v.) in the West.
cow n. Cow-juice (q. v.).
cow adj. Rural, backward; *cow town, college; cow country,* the West.
cowbird n. Parasitic blackbird.
cowboy n. Man in charge of grazing

cattle (on ranch), supposed expert in horsemanship.
cow-catcher n. Apron of locomotive throwing off obstructions, pilot (q. v.).
cow-hand n. Man in charge of cattle.
cowhide v. Whip.
cow-juice n. Milk or cream (hum.).
cow-puncher n. Cattle herder, cowboy (q. v.).
cowl-light n. BE. sidelight (auto).
coyote [kai'ō^{u}ti] n. Prairie wolf.
crab n., v. One who withdraws; uncongenial, unsociable, or discontented person; find fault with, withdraw from agreement, back out.
crack a book v. Study.
crack up v. Praise (immoderately).
crack wise v. Speak knowingly.
crackajack, crackerjack n., adj. Person of unusual ability, thing of supreme value; excellent, superior, esp. in sport.
cracker n. (1) BE. biscuit (white, brittle and unsweetened). — (2) Lowclass white of Southern States, poor white.
crackling n. Residue of fat after lard has been tried out.
cradle-robber, ~ -snatcher n. Woman making love to (much) younger man.
crap n., v. Nonsense; excrement; evacuate (excrements), also *take a crap*.
crap game n. Game of hazard.
craps, shoot ~ v. Play at dice.
crash n. Coarse, heavy linen cloth, used for summer wear, towels, etc.
crash v. (1) Force entrance without payment or illegally: *crash the gates*. — (2) Admit illegally.
crasher n. One who crashes (q. v.).
crate n. (1) Worn-out cheap (Ford) auto. — (2) Prison.
crawfish n., v. BE. crayfish; back out, retreat; one who does this.
crawl n. (1) Method of swimming with alternate right and left overarm strokes. — (2) Dance.
crawl v. Retreat, back out.
crazy-bone n. BE. funny-bone.
crazy-quilt n. Quilt made of irregular pieces of silk, etc., of various colors.
cream v. Maltreat, administer violent beating.
credit n. Appraisal of student's work, BE. mark.
creek [ī], popularly [i] n. Small river, brook; tributary; *up the creek*, out of luck.
Creole n. Descendant of French or Spanish settlers in Louisiana; French-speaking inhabitant of Louisiana.
crepehanger n. Melancholy person, esp. one making pessimistic remarks in gay society; kill-joy.
Crescent City n. New Orleans.
crevasse n. Breach in levee (q. v.).
crib n. Bin for maize, salt, etc.
crick n. (1) Creek (q. v.). — (2) Muscular cramp.
critter n. Creature; used esp. of horses or cattle.
croaked adj. Killed, dead.
croaker n. Physician.
crook n. Dishonest person, criminal.
crooked adj. (1) Dishonest, tricky. — (2) Hilariously drunk.
cross-lots adv. Across the fields; by a short cut.
cross-tie n. BE. sleeper (railroad).
crow [ō^{u}] n., **eat ~**. Accept what one has fought against; submit.
crowberry [ō^{u}] n. Large cranberry.
crowd n. Company, party, set, lot, gang.
crowd v. Urge unduly.
cruller n. Kind of roll, made without yeast, twisted in shape.
crummy adj. Poor, inferior, cheap.
crush n., v. Flirtation; to flirt: *have a crush on*, be in love with, esp. where passion is one-sided.
crusher n. (1) Flirtatious person. — (2) Crushing argument or statement.
crust n. Audacity, impudence.
crusted up adj. Impudent; angry; violent.
crystal n. Watch-glass.
cub(-reporter) n. Beginner in newspaper-reporting.
cubby-hole n. Snug or hidden place, to play in, or for storage.
cubes pl. n. Dice.
cuckoo n., adj. Fool, simpleton; mad, crazy: *cuckoo humor*, wildly exaggerated or elaborately nonsensical humor.
cuke n. Cucumber.
cultivate v. Plow between rows of maize, etc.
cultivator n. Machine for cultivating (q. v.).
culturine adj. Pretending to be cultured (hum.).
cunning adj. Amusing, attractive.
curb n. BE kerb.
curb-market n. Private and inofficial stock-exchange.
curlicue n. Something curled or spiral.

curves pl. n. Parenthesis marks.
cuspidor n. Spittoon.
cuss n. Creature, chap.
cuss v. Curse.
custom-made adj. Made to order.
customable n. Liable to customs duty.
cut n. Absence from lecture or class.
cut v. Mix liquor, wine, with ingredients.
cut-off n. Shorter path; new and shorter channel of river.
cut out v. Quit, cease, stop.
cut up v. Play pranks, indulge in antics.
cute adj. Attractive, amusing, pleasing.
cutter n. Light sleigh.
Cy n. Nickname for agricultural laborer, BE. Hodge.

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dabster n. Dabbler, in game, or in art or literature.
dada ['dādā] n. Lunatic.
daffy adj. Crazy, imbecile.
dago n. Spaniard, Portuguese, Italian; any South European.
dairy lunch-room n. Restaurant for men, with armchairs with tablets attached on which plates, etc., are placed.
daisy adj. Very good, supremely excellent.
dame n. Girl or woman.
damfino interj. Damned if I know.
damp n., adj. Moderate prohibitionist, in favor of admission of light wines and beer; see *wet, dry.*
damper n. Unleavened bread baked in wood ashes.
damphool n. Damn(ed) fool.
D. and D. adj. Drunk and disorderly.
dandy adj., n. Very good, superior; such person or thing.
darb n. (1) Foolish or stupid person. — (2) Good-looking woman. — (3) Person or thing of excellent merits.
dark brown taste n. Feeling on awakening after intoxication.
darkey, -y n. Negro (hum.).
darning-needle n. BE. dragon-fly.
dashboard n. Mud-shield; part of auto in front of driver.
dast v. Dare; **dasn't** dares not.
date n. (1) Appointment, esp. between flirting couple: *heavy date,* when more than flirtation is implied *blind date,* meeting arranged by third person for couple not yet acquainted. — (2) Girl accompanying man to party, partner.
date (up) v. Make or promote date (q.v.).
davenport n. Kind of couch or settee.
day-coach n. Ordinary passengers coach without sleeping accomodation.
daylight time n. BE. daylight-saving time.
deadbeat n. Unprincipled sponger; one who fails to pay for what he gets.
dead-end street n. BE. blind alley.
deadline n. (1) Line, round prison, etc., that may not be crossed. — (2) Any limit of space or time, esp. last moment when copy may be received before going to press in newspaper office.
deadwood n. Rubbish, anything not in active use, obsolete, or worthless; dead stock, unsalable goods; *have the deadwood on,* have in one's control.
dean n. Head of college (or school) within university; ~ **of men.** Member of the faculty (q. v.) charged with advising men students and maintaining discipline, also called *dean of student life or affairs*; ~ **of women.** Woman member of the faculty with similar functions regarding women students.
deathly adj. Deadly.
debunk [di'bʌŋk] v. Take the bunk (q. v.) out of; remove or disprove false statements and rhetorical bombast.
debut ['dēibū] v. Make first appearance or attempt.
decision v. Make award, esp. in prize-fighting.
deck n. Pack of playing-cards.
Decoration Day n. May 30th, or other day, as holiday to commemorate dead of the Northern forces in Civil War.
deed v. Convey or transfer by deed.
deferred cable(gram) n. Message by cable sent at cheaper rate after business hours.
defy n. Challenge.
delicatessen [delikə'tesn] n. Table delicacies; delicatessen store, shop where such and other articles of food are sold.

deliver v., see *goods*.
delouse v. Sterilize clothes, to destroy body-lice.
demoded adj. Out of date or style.
demote v. Reduce to lower grade.
den up v. Retire for hibernation.
dent n. (1) Dentistry student. — (2) Hole in one's money.
dent v. Make hole in money.
Department of State n. U. S. Foreign Office.
department-store n. Store selling many different kinds of goods, BE. stores.
depot ['dīpō^{u}] n. Railroad station for passengers and freight (of building only).
deputize v. Depute; be deputy.
deputy(-sheriff) n. Aid of sheriff (q. v.); plain-clothes policeman in small towns and rural districts; special constable.
derby [ə^{r}] n. BE. bowler (hat).
dermitonsor n. Barber.
dessert n. Course of pastry, pudding, etc., ending dinner.
detour ['dītū^{r}] n., v. Roundabout way to avoid obstruction in road; make detour.
devastator n. Modern writer accused of giving unflattering picture of Am. civilization considered harmful to the country's reputation.
dextrose n. Corn (q. v.) sugar.
dial(phone) n., v. (Speak by) self-connecting telephone.
diamond n. Infield in baseball; playing-field.
diaper n. Baby wrap, swaddling cloth.
dicer n. (Stiff) hat.
dick n. (1) Policeman, detective. — (2) Statement made to police-officer by arrested person. — (3) Riding whip.
dicker n., v. Bargain, deal; to haggle, barter.
didder v. Tremble.
dido n. Prank, antic.
die with one's boots on v. BE. die in harness.
dig n., v. Serious student; study hard.
dig up v. Pay.
diggings pl. n. (1) Mine(s). — (2) Lodging; place.
dime n. Tenth of dollar, ten-cent silver coin.
dime-novel n. Cheap, trashy novel.
dimmer n. Dime (q. v.).
diner n. Railroad train or car in which meals are served.
dinero n. [di'nē^{i}rō^{u}] n. Money.
ding v. (1) Beg. — (2) Nag.
dingbat n. Itinerant beggar.
dinge n. Negro (hum.).
dinger [-ηə^{r}] n. Humdinger (q. v.).
dingus ['diηəs] n. BE. what-d'ye-call-it.
dinky adj. Small, insignificant, inferior.
dinner-pail n. Receptacle in which workman takes his lunch to place of work; **the full ~**. Symbol of prosperity and high wages.
dinner-ring n. Very elaborate, gen. diamond, ring.
dip n. (1) Liquid sauce, for pudding, etc. — (2) Hat. — (3) Pickpocket.
dipper n. (1) Great Bear constellation. — (2) Small swimming-tank.
dippy adj. Foolish, crazy, insane.
dirt n. (1) Soil. — (2) Money.
dirt farmer n. Practical farmer (not absentee landlord).
dirt road n. Unpaved road.
discard n. Rubbish heap; **go (be kicked) into (the) ~**. Be rejected.
disgusticulous adj. Disgusting and ridiculous.
dish out v. Serve out food.
dish-rag n. Cloth for washing up plates, etc.
dish-washer n. Person employed in washing up plates, etc.
dishes pl. n. Plates, cups, and dishes; dinner-, tea-things.
district n. Subdivision of county (q. v.).
district-school n. School with one teacher serving rural district.
ditch v. (1) Throw into ditch. — (2) Ruin, throw over. — (3) Hide, put aside.
ditch, under the ~ adv. Under irrigation.
dive n. Low resort; cheap restaurant.
divide n. BE. watershed.
division n. (1) Administrative section of railroad. — (2) **lower ~**. Freshmen and sophomores (qq. v.), **higher ~**. Juniors and seniors (qq. v.).
divvy n., v. Dividend, division, share; divide profits.
Dixie('s Land) n. The Southern States a song.
do (up) brown v. Treat, or deceive, thoroughly.
do tell! interj. My word!, is that so? you don't say!
dobbin n. Horse or mule.
doby n. Adobe (q. v.).
doc n. Doctor.
dock n. Landing-place.
docket n. Calendar of matters for action.
dodger n. (1) Corn-dodger (q. v.). — (2) Small handbill.

dodo n. Person disliked.
dog n. (1) Pretentious display; side. — (2) **dogs** pl. n. (a) Shoes. — (b) Feet.
doggery n. Low drinking-place.
doggone(d) interj. Damn(ed).
doggy adj. Smart, stylish.
doghouse n. Bass-viol.
dogwood n. Shrub with pink and white blossoms in the South.
doll (up) v. Dress (oneself) up.
dollar-a-year man n. Wealthy business man in government service during world war, receiving nominal pay.
dome n. Head; **ivory** ~ adj. Dull, stupid.
donate v. Make donation; give.
Donkey n. Symbol of Democratic Party.
doodad n. Small thing for show only; gadget (q. v.).
doodle n. Simpleton.
doojigger n. Any mechanical contrivance.
doormat n. Submissive person.
dooryard n. Enclosure round house.
dope n. (1) Information about probable outcome of race, athletic contest, etc.; information, esp. when illegally procured; correct idea about something. — (2) Drug, esp. opium; addict (q. v.); *poor dope*, stupid. — (3) Sweet sauce put over dish of ice-cream.
dope v. (1) Map out, forecast, judge, guess. — (2) Stupefy or exhilarate by administering drug; take narcotics.
dopester n. One who prophesies outcome of race, etc.
dopy adj. Slow, sluggish.
do-re-mi n. Money.
dorine n. Double compact (q. v.).
dorm(itory) n. BE. hostel.
double-cross v. Betray a person with whom one has an agreement to cheat someone else; sell to both sides.
dough n. Money.
doughboy n. Infantry-man in U. S. army; any soldier.
doughface n. Easy victim.
doughnut n. Small sweetened cake fried in deep fat.
Douglas fir n. Kind of tall fir.
dove v. Past tense of to dive.
down-and-out adj. Utterly ruined; destitute.
down-east adv., n. (Towards the borders of) New England, Maine, and the adjacent regions; the East as seen from the West.
down-easter n. New Englander, esp. inhabitant of Maine.
down-south adv., n. (In the direction of) the South; the lower South; in California: South California and Los Angeles.
down-stream adj. Stylish, fashionable.
down-style n. Use of as few capital letters as possible (type-setting).
down-town adj., n. (Towards the) center of town or city; business section.
draft v. Elect person to office without his previous consent.
draftee n. Person drafted (q. v.).
drag n. (1) Advantage or special favor, pull. — (2) **main** ~. Principal street. — (3) Blind date (q. v.). — (4) Puff of smoke. — (5) (Slow) freight train. — (6) Dance arranged by students.
drag v. (1) Smoke. — (2) ~ **a doll around.** Pay court to a girl. — (3) ~ **down.** Earn, make (money).
draggy adj. Slow, not animated (of business).
drapes pl. n. Draperies.
draw n. Movable part of draw-bridge.
draw down v. Earn, make (money).
drawing-room n. Private room in Pullman (q. v.).
drive n. Organized intensive campaign for raising money, or other purpose.
driveaway n. Place where autos are stored before leaving factory; taking of autos to dealers; procession of such autos.
driver n. Whip.
drool v. Drivel.
drop-letter n. Letter delivered from office where it is posted.
drouth n. BE. drought.
drug v. Past tense of to drag.
drug-store n. Shop for sale of medicines, drugs, perfumes, toilet articles, chewing-gum; often also gramophone records, electric appliances, books, magazines, newspapers; often provided with a soda-fountain (q. v.).
druggist n. BE. chemist.
drum-major n. Leader of band or drum-corps.
drummer n. Commercial traveler.
dry adj., n. (Person) in favor of prohibition.
dry-farmer n. Farmer attempting to raise crops without irrigation in arid country.
dry-goods n. BE. drapery, mercery.
dub n. Awkward, unskillful person.
ducats pl. n. Money.

duck (out) v. Leave, escape.
duck pass n. Duck passage.
duck's quack n. Cat's pajamas (q. v.).
dude ['dūd] n. Dandy, fop; in the West: summer-boarder, enjoying primitive life on ranch; ~ **wrangler.** Owner of boarding-house, or guide for dudes.
dudine [dū'dīn] n. Female dude (q. v.).
due to prep. Owing to, because of: *Due to his bashfulness he stumbled.*
due-bill n. I O U.
duff n. Decayed vegetable matter (covering ground of forest).
dumb adj. Dull, stupid; ~ **Dora** n. Stupid girl.
dumb-bell n. Stupid person.
dumbhead n. Objectionable person.
dumbwaiter n. Elevator for dishes.
dump n. Contemptuous name for building, town, or other place.
duplex house n. BE. semi-detached house.
dust n. (1) Money. — (2) Quarrel, fight.
dust v. (1) Hurry away. — (2) Thrash.
duster n. Dust-coat.
Dutch, in ~ adv. In disfavor.
Dutch concert n. Noisy party: *it beats the Dutch*, i. e., the devil.
Dutch treat n. Treat in which each pays his own way: *to go Dutch.*
Dutchman n. German.

E

eagle n. Gold coin worth 10 dollars.
earful n. A sufficiency, more than is agreeable.
ear-greaser n. Flatterer.
ear-muffs pl. n. Contrivance to keep ears warm in cold weather.
earwig n. Small centipede.
East n., **the** ~ The states of the Atlantic seaboard, gen. exclusive of the Southern States.
Eastern time n. The U. S. is divided into four time belts of 15 degrees each: *E. time* prevails on the Atlantic seaboard and west to Toledo, Ohio, and points further north and south; west of this *Central time*, approximately to the Rocky Mountains, where *Mountain time* is used; further west, *Pacific time* is used. The difference from belt to belt is one hour.
easy mark n. One easily fooled.
easy street n. Condition of prosperity.
eat v. (1) Have a meal: *Where do we eat?, Don't forget, you are coming to eat with us next time.* — (2) Feed others.
eat dirt v. Eat one's words.
eat in v. Take one's meals at home (and not at restaurant).
eats pl. n. Food.
ed n. Male student, as differentiated from co-ed (q. v.).
edge n., **have the** ~ **over.** Have advantage.
editorial n. BE. leader.
eel-grass n. Aquatic plant (in shallow water).
egg n. Fellow.
either [ī] adv. Used to emphasize negation: *That fire's so slow tonight. — It isn't, either.*
el n. Elevated railway.
elective adj. Optional (of course of study or subject).
electragist n. Copyrighted name for combined electrical dealer and contractor.
elephant n. (1) Symbol of Republican Party. —(2) **see the** ~. See the sights.
elevated n. Elevated railway.
elevated a. Drunk.
elevator n. (1) BE. lift. — (2) Warehouse for storing grain.
elk n. Member of the Society of Elks.
elocute v. Speak well, or in public.
Elsie books pl. n. Goody-goody books for children, of 19th century.
em n. Morphine.
emergency brake n. BE. hand-brake (auto).
employe n., frequent spelling for employee, -é.
emporium n. Pretentious name for shop.
end n. Part, department; phase of process: *The sales (or producing) end of industry.*
end-man n. Man at either end of row of musicians playing castanets, tambourine, etc., sometimes contributing comic effects.
engage v. BE. book (a seat, etc.).
engineer n. (1) BE. engine-driver. — (2) Successful exponent: *Bible engineer.*
engineering n. Successful management: *Sales, social, engineering.*
enlisted man n. BE. private.
ensign ['ensain] n. Badge, flag; ~

['ensin] n. Lowest commissioned officer in navy.
eraser, -or [s] n. Indiarubber; instrument for cleaning blackboard.
erector n. Workman employed in erecting steel constructions.
escrow n. Deed, bond.
Eskimo pie n. Block of ice-cream encased in hard chocolate coating.
esthete n., spelling for BE. aesthete.
European plan n. Arrangement by which guests pay by the item (for meals); see *American plan.*
evangel n., v. Evangelist; evangelize.
evangelist n. (1) Revivalist. — (2) Patriarch of Mormon Church.
evening n. Period from last meal (gen. at 6 o'clock) till bedtime; in the South: afternoon, beginning at noon.
eventuate v. Happen, come to pass.
every place adv. Everywhere.
every which way adv. In every direction.
evolutionize v. Improve animals or plants by crossing.
ex n. Examination.
excelsior n. Wood-shavings for packing, etc.
ex-con n. Former convict.
excoriate v. Attack bitterly or libelously.
executive n. (1) Governor of State; the President. — (2) Person in leading position in business firm.
exercises pl. n. Formal program of events: *Graduation* (q. v.) *exercises.*
exhorter n. Preaching layman, evangelist.
exit v. Go away; die.
expense v. Charge with expenses.
expose n. Exposure, unmasking.
express n. (1) Fast goods train. — (2) Company transporting goods, parcels, money, affiliated with the railroad companies; also calling for and delivering goods, packages, etc. — (3) Agent of express company.
express v. Send by express train (q. v.).
ex-pug n. Former pugilist.
extra-curricular adj., — **-um** n. (Pertaining to) the social, literary, or athletic activities of undergraduates as contrasted with academic studies; student activities (q. v.).
eye n., **in your** ~ adv. Expressing doubt or disbelief: *I've got a fiver. — Yes, you have in your eye.*
eye(s)! n., **my** ~**!** interj. Exclamation of surprise.
eyeful n. (1) Enough, too much of. — — (2) Thing a person was not supposed to see.
eye-opener n. Cordial.
Eyetalian [ai'tæljən] n. Rendering of vulgar pronunciation of Italian.
eyewash n. Eye-lotion.

F

faced cloth n. BE. broadcloth.
facial n. Facial massage.
factor n. Event, occurrence: *Punctures are usual factors of long auto trips.*
faculty n. Teaching staff.
fade-away n. Picture in movie disappearing gradually.
fair adj., **for** ~ adv. Finally, definitely.
fairy n. Type of sodomite.
fakealoo n. Fictitious story; yarn introduced to deceive.
faker, -ir n. Street pedlar; impostor.
fall n. Autumn.
fall down (on) v. Fail (in).
fall for v. Believe in; be deceived by, be tricked into accepting; favor, fall in love with.
fall-guy n. Easy victim; loser.
false alarm n. Divorced woman.
falseface n. Plain-looking woman.
fan n. Enthusiast about sport, games, the theater, etc., either actively: *golf, bridge fan,* or as mere spectator: *baseball, movie fan.*
fan-mail n. Letters received by movie-star from admirers.
fancy cake n. Sweet biscuit.
fancy lady n. Woman of loose morals.
Far West n. Pacific coast and Rocky Mountains region.
farmerette n. Woman who farms; farmer's wife.
Farther West n. Far West (q. v.).
fast freight n. Freight sent by express (q. v.).
fat adj. Resinous.
fat chance n. No chance.
fat nerve n. Presumption, audacity.
Father n. One of the framers of the Constitution.
Father of Waters n. Mississippi river.
faucet n. Water tap.

favorite son n. Politician with following in his own state only.
faze v. Disturb, worry.
feature n. (1) Most important and sensational item in newspaper. — (2) Principal film in movie theater program. — (3) Anything that is given special prominence.
feature v. Give special prominence to.
feaze v. Be worried.
federal adj. Belonging to government of the Union, national (q. v.).
feeder n. Head of prairie-reared cattle sold to corn-belt (q. v.) farmer for fattening.
feel, ~ bad, ~ good v. Feel ill, well.
feisty, see *fisty.*
fender n. Mudguard (auto).
Ferris wheel n. Amusement device, consisting of upright power-driven giant wheel carrying balanced passenger cars.
F. F. V. n. Member of one of the First Families of Virginia; aristocrat.
fiddled adj. Drunk.
field-house n. Huge structure sheltering athletic field for track-running, etc., often also containing a gymnasium and swimming-pool, in universities, etc.
fiend n. (1) Person addicted to harmful practice: *drug, coke* (q. v.) *fiend.* — (2) Person unduly devoted to some theory or occupation: *kissing, movie fiend.* — (3) Superior student.
fierce adj. Very bad.
fifty-fifty adj., adv. Half and half, by equal shares.
figure on ['figjuʳ, -jəʳ], vulgar ['figəʳ] v. Plan; expect; consider.
figure out v. Discover; understand.
file n. Artful, designing person.
filibuster n., v. Person holding up business of legislature by talking against time; such action; act as filibuster.
fill out v. BE. fill up, in.
fill the bill v. Do all that is required, suffice; succeed.
filling-station n. BE. petrol station.
film n. Photograph.
filthy with money adj. Wealthy.
fin n. Five-dollar note.
fink n. BE. blackleg.
finniff n. Five dollars.
fire v. Dismiss from employment.
fire-bug n. (1) Incendiary. — (2) Firefly.
fire-department n. BE. fire-brigade.
fire-sign n. Advertisement consisting of electric lamps.
fire-warden n. Officer protecting forests against fire.
first idea, notion n. Faintest idea (in negative sentences).
fish n. (1) Dollar. — (2) Jail-house recruit or newcomer. — (3) **poor, big ~.** Stupid fellow.
fish-ball n. Cake of shredded fish, mashed potatoes, etc.
fish-story n. Extravagant or incredible tale; exaggerated report.
fisty [ai] adj. (1) Bustling but inefficient. — (2) Angry, pestiferous, teasing. — (3) Peevish, touchy. — (4) Lively. — (5) Stubborn.
five n. Five-dollar note.
five and ten n. Store (q. v.) that specializes in articles selling for five or ten cents.
five-case note n. Five-dollar note.
fiver n. Five-dollar note.
five-spot n. Five dollar note.
fix v. (1) Get the better of. — (2) Bribe (official). — (3) Repair. — (4) Prepare a meal, or food. — (5) Set right, arrange.
fixed, well- ~ adj. Rich, prosperous.
fixer n. One who arranges matters with officials, juries, etc., for the benefit of bootleggers (q. v.), and other law-breakers.
fixings pl. n. (1) Equipment. — (2) Trimming and furnishing; accessories of a meal, ingredients.
flaming youth n. Set of young people bent on unrestrained self-indulgence.
flannel-mouthed adj. Timidly concealing or suppressive.
flap n. Flapper (q. v.).
flapjack n., v. Pancake fried in grease; make flapjack; camp out.
flapper n. Young girl, esp. one lacking modesty.
flash n. (1) Extraordinary player, esp. in football. — (2) Vulgar slang.
flash adj. Alert.
flat n. Living-quarters of inferior quality; apartment (q. v.) in building having no lift or hall-service.
flat-boat n. Flat-bottomed boat.
flat-car n. Railroad car without sides or roof.
flat-foot n. Policeman on his rounds.
flat-footed adj. Determined, blunt, uncompromising: *Come out flat-footed for,* declare definitely for.
flat-house n. Building containing flats (q. v.).

flat-tire n. (1) Auto-tire from which air has escaped. — (2) Dull, uninteresting, or inefficient person; unattractive or unresponsive girl.
flatware n. Articles for the table, silverware.
fleece n. Meat, esp. that near hide.
flicker n. (1) Golden-winged woodpecker. — (2) Motion picture.
flier n. Leaflet for public distribution.
flim-flam n. Humbug.
flip adj. Flippant.
flip-flop n. Twaddle.
flivver n., v. (1) Cheap (Ford) auto; drive a flivver. — (2) Anything regarded as inferior. — (3) Failure; fail.
floater n. (1) Person who sells his vote, or who votes illegally. — (2) Tramp, hobo (q. v.).
floating-island n. Sweet dish of custard and white of egg.
flooey, go ~ v. Fail.
floor n. (1) Storey, including BE. ground-floor as first floor. — (2) **take the** ~. Speak in debate; **have the** ~. Be speaking.
floor-walker n. BE. shop-walker.
flop n., v. (1) Place to sleep; throw oneself down, lie down, go to bed, sleep. — (2) Failure, defeat; fail, change one's mind.
flop-house n. Cheapest kind of lodging-house where many men sleep on cots in the same room.
flossy adj. Fashionable, elegant, dressy.
fluff n. Foolish talk.
fluke v. Prove no good, fail.
flume n. Natural or artificial channel (ravine) in which water flows rapidly.
flunk n., v. Failure in studies, esp. in examination; fail; plough (student).
fly off the handle v. Lose self-control.
fly-by-night, fly-up-the-creek n. Person escaping from creditors by night; idler, gadabout.
fly-time n. Spring; time when flies are troublesome.
folksy adj. Amiable, sociable.
folkway n. Local custom, tradition.
foney = *phoney* (q. v.).
fool adj. Foolish.
footwork n. Walking.
force n. Gang of laborers.
forehanded adj. Thrifty.
fork n. Branch of a river.
form-letter n. Letter sent in duplicate to many.
formal n. (1) Formal dance. — (2) Evening gown.
Forties pl. n. Center of New York's gay life, formed approximatively by the streets numbered 41 to 49, at their intersection with Broadway: *The roaring* (i. e. very lively) *Forties.*
fourflush(er) n. Bluffer.
four-in-hand n. Kind of necktie.
four-minute-man n. Orator haranguing workers, etc., during lunch-hour, to stimulate patriotism during the world war.
foxed adj. Drunk.
fox-hole n. Small pit to shelter one or two men from artillery-fire.
frail n. Girl.
frame up v. Predetermine outcome of event; plan in secret; conspire; fake.
frame-church, -house n. Wooden church, house, etc.
frame-up n. Conspiracy.
frankfort(er) n. Kind of highly seasoned small sausage.
frat n. Fraternity (q. v.).
fraternal order n. BE. friendly society.
fraternity n. College or school society of men students; most fraternities belong to national (q. v.) associations, a *local fraternity* being one existing in isolation.
fraternity pin n. Badge of a fraternity (q. v.).
frazzle n. Worn or exhausted state.
free-for-all n. Free fight; noisy quarrel.
freezer n. Machine for freezing ice-cream.
freight n. (1) Ordinary transportation of goods on railroad as opposed to express (q. v.). — (2) Freight-train.
freight-agent n. BE. goods manager.
freight-car n. BE. railway truck.
fresh adj. Impertinent, forward: *Get fresh,* take liberties.
freshman n. Student in his or her first year.
freshwater town n. Tank town (q. v.).
fried adj. Drunk.
frier n. Chicken for frying.
frighten v. Be easily frightened.
frijole n. Bean used for food.
frill n. Girl.
frisk v. Search person.
Frisko n. San Francisco.
fritz, on the ~ adv. In dilapidated condition; ruined.
frog n. (1) Frenchman. — (2) Boy whose voice is changing.

frogskins pl. n. Banknotes.
front-money n. Payment made at door or entrance; any down payment.
front-yard n. Piece of ground in front of house.
frontier [frʌn'tɪr] n. Westward shifting border region between civilization and the wilds in the history of the Am. settlement.
frosh sing., pl. n. Freshman, freshmen.
frozen-assets pl. n. Assets that cannot be realized.
full adj. Satisfied with food; drunk.
full v. Be, or become, full (moon).
full blast adv. At full force, at top speed.
fundamentalist n., adj. (Member of Protestant sect) maintaining, in opposition to modernists, inerrancy of Scripture, with special emphasis on separate creation of man, as opposed to the theory of evolution.
funeral n. Loss, concern, lookout: *That's his funeral, That's not my funeral.*
funeral director n. BE. undertaker.
funfest n. Carnival.
funnies pl. n. Comic strips in newspaper.
fur, make the ~ fly v. Raise commotion; administer severe beating.
furnace n. Closed fireplace in basement for heating building.
fuss v. Court a woman.
fussed up adj. (1) Embarrassed. — (2) Dressed up.
fusser n. Ladies' man; one who seeks the company of women.

G

gab v., n. Talk, chatter; *gift of gab*, BE. gift of the gab.
gabby adj. Talkative.
gabfest n. Protracted and loquacious gathering.
gadder n. Person aimlessly roving about.
gadget n. Dingus (q. v.); any mechanical contrivance.
gaff n. Noisy talk, chaffing, insulting remarks, boasting.
gag n. (1) Joke, hoax; subterfuge. — (2) Witticism.
gag v. Achieve bon-mot.
gall n. (1) Patch of barren soil. — (2) Assurance, impudence, cheek.
gallery n. Porch (q. v.).
galley-west adv. Into disorder, or destruction.
gallows, galluses pl. n. Suspenders (q. v.).
galoot n. Fellow; worthless person.
game n. Business, vocation.
gang up v. Form into gang(s).
gangling adj. Walking with swinging gait.
garbage n. Refuse: *garbage can*, dustbin, *garbage man*, dustman.
garden-sass, -truck n. BE. garden-stuff.
garter n. Sock-suspender; *arm-, sleeve-garter*, elastic band to keep up shirt-sleeve.
gas n. (1) Gasolene (q. v.): *gas-station*, service station (q. v.); *step on the gas*, accelerate auto, speed up. — (2) Wood-alcohol; ether.
gas v. Provide with gasolene (q. v.).
gasket n. BE. washer (auto).
gasolene, -ine n. BE. petrol.
gassy adj. Boastful, empty, insincere (talk).
gat n. Revolver, pistol.
gat up adj. Hold up with firearms.
gate-crasher n. One who forces his way in without payment.
gate-keeper n. Official inspecting tickets at railroad station gate.
gavel n. Auctioneer's or chairman's hammer.
gay adj. Insolent.
gazinkus, gazook n. Person strongly disliked, or very objectionable.
gee v. Get along with; harmonize.
gee (whiz) interj. Expressing discovery, surprise, delight.
geezer n. Old (and queer) person.
geld, -t n. Money.
general delivery n. Poste restante.
generator n. BE. dynamo (auto).
gent n. Man of ability, or high social standing.
gents' furnishing store n. Outfitter's establishment.
George n. Nickname for Pullman (q. v.) porter.
gerund-grinder n. Pedantic pedagogue; **gerund-grinding** n. Such teaching; **gerund-grindery** n. School.
gesture n. Generous or fine action, beau geste.
get v. (1) Overcome, defeat, punish: *Don't let them get you, kick them in the face, My emotion almost got me,*

I'm going to get those guys. — (2) Exhaust: *Dancing at this rate soon gets me; it gets me,* passes my understanding. — (3) Convince: *Didn't I get them?* — (4) Understand: *He tried in vain to get my argument, Do you get me?* — (5) Go away quickly; see *git.*

get a rise out of v. Defeat, get the better of.

get across v. Make oneself understood, succeed in purpose.

get away with v. Succeed, be equal to situation, escape detection or punishment.

get back at v. Take revenge.

get behind v. Support.

get by (with) v. Fool people into accepting something worthless or wrong.

get down to cases, turnips v. Get at the heart of the matter.

get hep to v. Find out, learn about.

get in bad (in Dutch, in wrong) with v. Make bad impression, get into trouble, become disliked.

get it in the neck v. Be badly beaten or defeated.

get jerry v. Understand.

get left v. Be disappointed; fail.

get off, tell somebody where he gets off v. Point out person's limitations; put him in his place; tell him where he stands.

get on the ball v. Work hard, study with determination.

get on the job v. Start work.

get one's hooks on v. Seize.

get out from under v. Finish a present task, get rid of obligation.

get over v. Get across (q. v.).

get person's goat, nanny v. Irritate, annoy.

get religion v. Be converted.

get that stuff, where do you ~? v. You don't know what you are talking about; confound your impudence.

get that way, how did they ~? v. What is the matter with them?

get the bulge on v. Get an advantage over.

get the drop on v. Get one's gun ready before one's opponent.

get to v. Make conquest of.

get to doing v. Start.

get together v. Assemble, gather to talk over plans, discuss united action.

get under somebody's skin v. Make effective appeal to person's sympathy.

get wise to v. Find out about.

get-away n. (Means of) escape.

get-out, all ~ adv. To an extraordinary degree.

get-up-and-go n. Energy.

getting no better fast adj. Making slow or no progress.

ghosting n. Writing of imaginary interview to which public man signs his name.

giant power n. Electricity.

Gideon Bible n. Bible placed in hotel-room by Gideon Society.

giggle water n. Strong liquor.

gill [g] n. Girl; sweetheart.

gin n. (1) Factory or machine for separating cotton from seeds. — (2) Any strong liquor: *gin-fizz,* strong liquor mixed with soda-water; *gin-mill,* saloon (q. v.); *gin-miller,* saloon-keeper.

gink [g] n. Fellow.

ginned adj. (Slightly) drunk.

ginney [g] n. Italian.

giraffe n. Person who necks (q. v.).

Girl Scouts pl. n. BE. girl guides.

git v. Get; esp. get out.

git, git-up-and-go n. Pep (q. v.).

give the air to v. Throw out.

give-away n. Unconscious betrayal, unintentional disclosure.

given, be ~ the raspberry v. Be high-hatted (q. v.), thrown out.

given name n. First or Christian name.

glad hand n., v. (Accord) welcome, cordial reception.

glad rags pl. n. Sunday or dress clothes.

glim n. Lamp, light; eye.

glomm v. Grasp (greedily).

glowing adj. Slightly drunk.

glue-foot n. Slowcoach.

glumpy adj. Glum.

gnat's heel n. Fine point, minute detail.

gnat's whistle n. Cat's pajamas (q. v.).

go n. (1) Prize-fight. — (2) Accepted thing: *That's a go.* — (3) Successful enterprise. — (4) Energy, vim.

go (followed by gerund) v. Begin to do: *Don't go getting fresh* (q. v.) *with me.*

go (followed by plain infinitive) v. Go to do: *I'll go see her.*

go across v. Be successful, accepted.

go after v. Try to get.

go back on v. Turn against (former friends).

go cuckoo v. Die.

go finish v. Die.

go for v. Apply to, hold good of.

go frat v. Join fraternity (q. v.).

go glimmering v. Vanish.

go haywire v. Go all wrong.
go into high, low v. Change to high, low, gear (auto).
go it blind v. Act without sufficient information or intelligent direction.
go on the air v. Broadcast.
go out for v. Be intent on.
go over (big) v. Be accepted, take effect.
go put on v. Be crazy about.
go some v. Act with energy, make great effort.
go the limit, the whole figure v. Go the whole hog.
go to the mat v. Open, or hold, any game, contest, or discussion.
go-by, give the ~ v. Elude, neglect.
go-getter n. Person determined to succeed; one who succeeds in getting what he sets out for, esp. one who gets results in business.
go-to-meeting adj. Sunday best.
goat n. Foolish person; the victim; butt of joke; *he gets my goat*, he makes me angry, upsets my equanimity.
gob n. (1) Sailor; seaman in Navy. — (2) Mass; lump; sum.
gobble v. Catch or take eagerly.
God's Green Footstool n. Country regarded as pleasant; America.
God's (Own) Country n. Place or region that appears agreeable; the country (as opposed to the city).
gol-darn adv., adj. God-damn.
gold-brick n. Anything that proves of little value; swindler's lure.
gold-digger n. Girl who encourages men to make love to her but who is only interested in getting material profits.
goober n. Peanut; **hang a** ~ v. Kiss.
good and adv. Very, agreeably: *Good and cold; good and plenty*, very much.
good lands interj. Good Lord!
good night interj. Is it possible?, Isn't that terrible!, Incredible!
good time n. Pleasant party; agreeable experience.
goods pl. n. That which is necessary to achieve desired results; incriminating evidence; **deliver the** ~ v. Do what is expected of one.
gooey adj. Sticky.
goofy adj. Foolish, crazy; simple-minded.
goo-goo adj. Foolishly displaying love.
gook n. Slimy food.
goose egg n. Zero score.
goose-stepper n. Uncritical imitator.
G. O. P. n. Grand Old, i. e., Republican Party.
gopher n., v. Kind of burrowing rodent; to burrow.
gospel pusher n. Minister of religion.
gossamer n. Thin waterproof garment.
Gotham n. New York City.
gotten, past participle of to get.
gouge n. Groove.
gouge v. Cheat.
goulash ['gūlā∫] n. Ragout of steak and vegetables highly seasoned.
government n. BE. civics.
government card n. Postcard with printed stamp.
governor n. Executive head of each of the United States.
grab-all n. (1) Avaricious person. — (2) Lottery in which lots are drawn from bag, etc.
grad n. Graduate.
grade n. (1) One of the four classes or forms of the primary school: *grade school, the grades*, primary school. — (2) Student's mark. — (3) Quality of goods. — (4) Gradient, slope: *grade crossing*, BE. level crossing.
grade v. Assign grade (q. v.) to.
graduate n. Person who has completed a course of study at a school, college, or university; ~ **school** n. Department of university for post-graduate work.
graduate v. (1) Take, or admit to, academic degree. — (2) Move from one position into higher one.
graft n., v. (1) (Employ) unfair or illegal methods to obtain profits, esp. in connection with party politics; profits thus obtained. — (2) Work, occupation; easy task.
grain n. BE. corn.
grammar school n. School between primary and high school (q. v.), ages 11—14.
grand n. 1000 dollars.
Grand Old Party n. See *G. O. P.*
grandstand n., v. (Perform) act intended to draw applause.
grange n. Local branch of agricultural association.
granger n. Person settling on land on Western range (q. v.) without authorization.
grapefruit n. Citrous fruit larger than orange.
grass-widow n. Wife whose husband is away, or divorced.
gravy n. (1) Any sauce that is not sweet. — (2) Money.

gray matter n. Intelligence.
graystone house n. Modern apartment-house (q. v.) in New York City.
greaser [z] n. Native Mexican or Latin-American.
Great Open Spaces pl. n. The West; the prairie states.
Great White Father n. Indians' name for the President.
great white way n. Broadway in New York City, because of its brilliant illumination by fire-signs (q. v.); any similarly illuminated street.
Greatheart n. President Lincoln.
Greek n. Member of Greek letter society (q. v.); *Greeks*, such societies, or their members collectively.
Greek letter society n. Fraternity or sorority (qq. v.).
green (cap) n. Green freshman's (q.v.) cap.
green-back n. U. S. bank-note.
greener, green-hand, green-horn n. Novice, simpleton.
grid n. Gridiron (q. v.).
gridder, gridman, gridster n. Football player.
gridiron n. Football field.
gridiron system n. Method of laying out towns providing for streets intersecting at right angles.
griffin n. Mulatto.
grill v. Subject criminal, etc., to searching and protracted examination with the intention of obtaining a confession.
grind n., v. Serious, hard-working student; study hard: *greasy grind* unsociable, too hard-working student.
gringo n. Name for foreigner in Mexico, esp. American or Englishman.
gripe n. Peevishness.
gripsack n. Handbag.
grit v. Annoy.
Grit n. Member of Liberal party in Canada.
groce(r)teria n. Grocer's shop.
grocery n. Grocer's shop.
grouch n., v. Peevish state of mind, fit of ill-humor; peevish person; grumble.
grouchy adj. Peevish, grumbling.
ground v. BE. earth.
ground-grippers pl. n. Trade-name of kind of strong shoes.
ground-hog n. Kind of marmot.
grout n. Waste granite produced in quarrying.
growler n. Large beer-mug.
grub n., v. Serious student; study hard.
grubbery n. Eating-house.
grubstake n., v. (Provide prospector with) the means of living, by advance loan or otherwise, in exchange for share in findings.
grunt n. Person complaining too much; habitual fault-finder.
guardsman n. Soldier of National Guard (q. v.).
gubernatorial adj. Belonging or relating to governor (q. v.).
guess, I ~ v. I know, suppose, expect; intend; mean; *I guess so*, BE. of course, I know, am sure.
guff n. Empty talk, humbug.
guffy adj. Talkative; raising groundless objections.
guinea n. Ginney (q. v.).
gulch n. Ravine, esp. with gold deposit.
gum boots pl. n. Rubber boots, BE. galoshes.
gum the works v. Spoil everything; upset plans.
gumbo n. (1) Silty soil that becomes very sticky when wet, in western states. — (2) The okra plant, the pods of which are used to make a rich soup, also called gumbo. — (3) French as spoken by Creoles (q. v.) in Louisiana.
gump n. (1) Dunce, foolish person. — (2) Chicken.
gums pl. n. Gum boots (q. v.).
gun n. Revolver, pistol.
gun v. Hunt (in general sense): *She's always gunning for bargains.*
gun-man n. Armed criminal.
guntzel n. Green and inexperienced youth.
gut n. (1) Sausage. — (2) Course of study requiring little thought or time.
guy n. Boy, man, fellow.
gyp n., v. Swindler; swindle, cheat.
gypo n., adj. Piecework; being paid on piecework basis.

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haberdasher n. Keeper of men's furnishing shop.
haberteria n. Men's furnishing shop.
habit n. Addiction to drugs.
hackmatack n. Kind of larch.
hain't v. Have, has not.
half after ten, etc. adv. BE. half-past ten.
half breed n., adj. Of mixed race; esp. offspring of white father and Indian mother.
half-cocked adv. Not thoroughly; half-heartedly.
half-staff adv. BE. half-mast.
halitosis n., **halitoxic** adv. (Of) foul breath.
hall n. Large building belonging to university or college.
hall-man n. Doorman.
hall-tree n. Umbrella-stand, hat-rack, and looking-glass combined.
hall-way n. Large corridor.
halter-wise adj. Broken to the halter.
ham n. Bad actor; one who rants and raves; poor performer in any line of endeavor; amateur radio broadcaster.
ham-style n. Extravagant or sentimental manner of speaking or writing.
hamburg(er) n. Fried cake of chopped meat, rissole.
hammer and tongs adv. Forcefully, violently, fiercely.
hand v. (1) Concede, acknowledge superiority: *I'll hand it to Mary that she isn't ordinary.* — (2) Give, present with, treat to: *The judge handed down a prison sentence. Hand the cold-boiled stare,* stare out of countenance.
handcar n. Small handworked car on railroad line used by workers on permanent way.
hand-me-down n., adj. Ready-made garment; one passed on from elder to younger child; worn clothing; poor, cheap, trashy (clothing).
hand-out n. (1) Meal or food in paper-bag given to beggar; anything given to beggar. — (2) Prepared statement given to the press by officials or prominent persons.
hand-shaker n. Excessively affable person (in derogatory sense).
hang around v. BE. hang out.
hang out v. Reside; loaf; be in certain place.
hang out a shingle v. Open office for business, esp. as lawyer.
hang-bird n. Baltimore oriole.
hang-choice n. Choice of evils.
hang-out n. Place of dwelling, or loafing.
hangover n. Survival; antiquated thing or custom; old-fashioned person.
happen in v. Meet incidentally, or by chance.
happenstance n. Happy circumstance.
happify v. Make happy.
happy dust n. Morphine.
happy-hunting-grounds pl. n. Heaven; the future life.
hard hat n. BE. bowler.
hard liquor n. Strong spirituous liquor.
hard-boiled adj. Hard-hearted, severe, rough, overbearing; sensation-proof, and utterly indifferent to what may happen to others; shrewd, keen, neither giving nor expecting sympathy; sophisticated, blasé.
hard-head n. Boulder.
hardpan n. Subsoil beneath fertile soil; *come down to hardpan,* be at end of profitable operation.
hard-shell adj. Ultra-conservative, ultra-orthodox; unyielding, uncompromising.
hardware-merchant, ~-store n. BE. ironmonger('s shop).
harrier n. Cross-country runner.
has-been n. Person who has had his day; back-number.
hash n. (1) Gossip. — (2) Food.
hash-house n. Cheap restaurant; boarding-house.
hasher n. Waiter.
hasty-pudding n. Porridge of maize-meal.
hatchet-carpenter n. Awkward or inefficient workman.
haul v. Transport on vehicle.
haunt n. Ghost.
have somebody do something v. Cause to do: *He said he would have one of the porters carry his bag.*
haw and gee v. Pass from one thing to another; be unstable or irresolute; lead by the nose.
haymaker n. Knock-out (blow).
hayrack n. Haystack.
hayseed n. Farmer; rustic person of uncouth dress and manner.
haze v. Subject to horseplay; bully; initiate to students' or other society by rough treatment.
he adj. Ultra-masculine: *In the wilds where men are 100% he; he-man,* masterful or virile man; *he-togs,* clothes for men.

head n. Headline.
head v. Be head of.
head for, to, toward v. Move in direction of.
head off v. Ward off.
headcheese n. Portion of the head (and feet) of pigs cut up, seasoned, boiled, and pressed into cheese-like mass.
heap n. Auto ; any machine.
hear to v. Allow, tolerate, approve of: *The Republicans won't hear to any change in policy.*
heart balm n. Alimony.
heavies pl. n. (1) Heavy underwear. — (2) Heavy prize-fighters.
heavyweight n. Person of ability or standing.
heck, by heckelum, -elorum interj. Expressing annoyance, or impatience.
hectic adj. Trying, difficult.
heel v. Support an activity (q. v.).
heeled adj. Supplied with money.
heeler n. Hanger-on of political boss (q. v.).
heft n., v. (Lift to judge the) weight; greater part.
hefty adj. Weighty, valuable, sturdy, strong, powerful.
Heini [ai] n. German.
hell n. Drunken debauch.
hell to pay adv. Denoting a fix or difficult situation of some sort.
hellbender n. (Participant in) drunken debauch.
hell-bent adj. Mad on.
hell-roaring adj. Depraved; furious.
heller n. Dissipated person.
hellion n. Utterly immoral, satanic person.
hello interj. Expressing surprise, calling attention ; familiar form of greeting = how do you do?
helluva n. Hell of a.
help n. Domestic servants, farm-workers ; any other kind of workers or employees.
hemlock(-spruce) n. Conifer yielding timber and tan-bark.
hen n. Old woman; woman in gen.: *hen-college*, women's college ; *hen medic*, woman student of medicine ; *hen party*, gathering of women only.
hennery n. Women's dormitory (q. v.).
hep adj. Informed, aware.
herder n., see *sheep-herder.*
hermit cake n. Kind of cookie (q. v.).
Hessian n. Military or political hireling.
het adj. Heated ; *het-up*, excited; drunk.
hex n. Witch.
Hi [ai] n. High school (q. v.).
hick n., adj. Simple countryman ; a rustic, provincial, farmer ; rustic, low-class; not up-to-date; low-brow (q. v.), ignorant; *hick-town*, one lacking in urban characteristics.
hickory n. (Wood of) tree of walnut kind.
High n. High school (q. v.).
high adj. Drunk.
high hat adj., v. Snobbish, supercilious ; snub, treat patronizingly.
high school n. Secondary school above grammar school (ages 15– 18).
highball n. Drink of whisky and soda.
highbinder n. Ruffian ; esp. one hired to commit a crime.
highboy n. Chest of drawers on legs.
highbrow n., adj. (Of) person of detached intellectual views on politics, art, etc. ; one who assumes an attitude of intellectual superiority ; one who does not condescend to make himself understood by the masses ; any member of the intellectual class; indicating a snobbish desire to appear superior in education ; catering for persons with such desires : *Highbrow drama, music, lectures, magazines.*
highmuckamuck n. Important person; bigwig.
highroller n. Leader of fashion, swell.
high-toned adj. Refined, aristocratic (often facetiously).
highwater adj. Too short for wearer (of trousers).
highway v. Commit highway or any other kind of robbery.
high-yellow(-yaller) n. Mulatto.
hijack v. Commit highway robbery ; rob bootlegger (q. v.) of his supplies.
hijacker n. (1) One who hijacks (q. v.). — (2) One who takes another's girl.
hike n., v. Excursion on foot, stroll ; to walk or tramp for pleasure.
hiker n. One who journeys on foot for pleasure.
hill-billy n. Illiterate white of the mountainous districts of the South.
hindsight n. Knowledge based upon past experience ; knowledge gained too late to be of practical value (opposite to foresight).
hip pocket flask n. Flat liquor receptacle (in metal case) carried to parties, restaurants, etc., in hip pocket ; *liquor on the hip*, carried thus.
hipped on adj. Fanatic, crazy about.
hippo n. Auto.
hire v. Engage (servant, worker, auto,

etc.), rent (farm); *you couldn't hire me to do,* I am determined not to do.

hired adj. Employed for wages; *hired girl,* (domestic) servant; *hired man,* farm laborer, employee.

hit v. (1) Strike person's fancy, meet with approval: *We'll go see that picture, it hits me.* — (2) Go to and touch a place; *hit the hay,* lie down to sleep; *hit the mat,* be knocked down; *hit (the) town,* arrive; *hit the road, hit the pike,* set out, take to the road.

hit and run v. Knock down person with auto and drive off quickly without troubling about victim.

hit for v. Aim at: *I'm going to hit for a rise* (q. v.).

hit it up v. Hurry; drive at furious pace; go the pace.

hit or miss n. Method of trial and error.

hitch v. (1) Agree. — (2) Be married (of couple).

hitch n. Begged auto-ride.

hitch horses v. Act together, combine for united action.

hitch-hiker n. Tramp begging rides in autos.

hitching-post n. Post in street, etc., for tying up horses.

hizzoner n. His Honor (title of mayor or magistrate).

hobo n. Professional tramp, or wandering workman, stealing rides on trains.

hock v. Pawn, pledge.

hoe-cake n. Cake of maize-meal.

hog n. (1) Full-grown pig. — (2) One who hogs (q. v.); *seat-hog,* one who ousts others from seat; *road hog,* one who does not consider the rights of other motorists. — (3) Engine.

hog v. Appropriate greedily; take more than one is entitled to; crib or plagiarize.

hog for v. Be greedy.

hog-calling n. Method of calling pigs from pasture to sty by the use of persuasive musical sounds.

hog's head cheese n. Large sausage containing heads and feet of pigs.

hog-wallows pl. n. Wavy formation produced on prairie by consecutive rains and droughts.

hoggish adj. Greedy, grasping.

hokum n. Exaggeration, deception, bunk (q. v.).

hold down v. Have or fill a position; exploit an office.

hold the bag v. Be loser in venture.

hold up v. Terrorize with firearms, or by other methods, with intention to rob; *hold-up,* such action, one who holds up.

holdover n. Characteristic or habit acquired under former conditions and inappropriately retained.

hole up v. Hibernate; retire or isolate oneself.

Holland adj. Dutch.

holler, -o(w), -oa, -a v. Shout.

holy gee interj. Holy Jesus!

hombre ['ambri] n. Man, fellow; esp. as jovial hail.

home adj. Belonging to one's native town or place of residence: *The old home town.*

home guard n. Native; one remaining in the same place year after year.

home stretch n. Last lap; final part (of race or work).

home-making n. Domestic science (as school-subject).

homestead n., v. Lot of 160acres of public land granted to settlers under Homestead Act of 1862; settle on a homestead.

hominy n. Ground maize boiled in water or milk.

hon [hʌn] n. (1) Term of endearment, BE. dear; see *honey* (q. v.). — (2) [an] Short for honorable (q. v.).

hone v. Pine for, hanker after.

honest-to-goodness adj. Sincere.

honey n. (1) Sweetheart, darling. — (2) Nice girl.

Honor n. Honorary title of mayor or magistrate: *His Honor, your Honor.*

honor system n. Method of selling newspapers, sweets, etc., by leaving the goods unattended, customers being expected to put the purchase money in a tray.

Honorable n. Title given to members of Congress or State legislature, to judges, justices, and holders of high executive offices.

hooch n. Alcoholic drink, esp. if made and sold illegally; bad whisky.

hoochfest n. Drunken carousal.

hood n. BE. bonnet (auto).

hoodlum n. Rowdy.

hoodoo n., v. (Persons or things believed to) bring bad luck.

hooey n. Insincere talk; nonsense; BE. tosh.

hoof v. Go by foot; *to hoof it,* dance.

hoof n., **on the** ~ adv. Not slaughtered (of cattle).

hoof and mouth disease n. BE. foot and mouth disease.

hoofer n. Dancer.
hook n. Headland.
hook v. Catch; deceive.
hook on v. Connect items in broadcasting program.
hook up v. Connect, bring together; marry.
hookup n. Relaying of broadcasting item to a number of stations for simultaneous transmission.
hookworm n. Intestinal parasite (sometimes associated with the Southern poor white); *hookworm belt*, South Carolina.
hooky n. Truancy at school.
hoop n. Finger-ring.
hoopla n. Empty talk.
hooptedoodle n. BE. fiddlededee.
hoosegow ['hūsgau] n. Prison.
hoosier [-3ə^{r}] n., adj. Native of Indiana.
hootch n., see *hooch*.
hooverize v. Economize, esp. in use of food.
hop n. (1) Narcotic, drug: *hopped up*, under the influence of a strong drug; *hop-head*, drug addict (q. v.). — (2) Dance. — (3) Part of distance to be covered; *on the last hop*, of flight or journey. — (4) Trip by airplane.
hop v. (1) Jump on to (moving) vehicle: *To hop a train; to hop a rattler*, jump on to tram-car. — (2) Travel by airplane.
hop off v. Take off (in airplane).
hoppy adj. Smelling of drugs or alcohol.
horn in v. Butt in, intrude (rudely).
hornswoggle v. Cheat, deceive.
horse n. Literal translation, crib.
horse v. Play trick upon, fool.
horse (on somebody) n. Joke at somebody's expense.
horse and horse adv. On even terms.
horse round v. Engage in horseplay.
horseback riding n. Sitting on and being carried by horse.
horsefeathers n. Applesauce (q. v.).
horseshoe tournament n. Game of pitching horseshoes at a mark.
horsey adj. Awkward.
hoss n. Horse.
hot adj. (1) Excellent, exciting; *not so hot*, not so good. — (2) Stolen.
hot air n. Foolish, pretentious talk.
hot dog (1) interj. of intense approval. — (2) n. Small red sausage served hot, often with sauerkraut; wiener wurst; *hot dog kennel*, wayside refreshment stand where hot dogs are served.
hot mamma n. Extremely lively girl.
hot stuff n. (1) Interesting news. — (2) Stolen articles. — (3) Coffee.
hotcake n. Pancake, eaten with butter and molasses or maple syrup.
hound n., v. Person intensely pursuing some activity, gen. with derogatory sense; seek earnestly; *grade-hound*, student over-anxious to secure good marks; *smut-hound*, prurient person in search of pornographic literature to suppress.
house n. (1) House of Representatives, i. e., the lower chamber of the U. S. legislature; the lower house of any State legislature; *the House chamber*, hall where House meets at (State) Capitol. — (2) Hotel; restaurant. — (3) Brothel.
house-organ n. Magazine issued by large firm for its employees to promote business and increase sales.
houseworker n. Domestic servant.
Hub (of the Universe) n. Boston.
huckleberry n. (Fruit of) various shrubs.
hula n. Hawaian ritual girl dancer.
hullo interj., see *hello*.
hum n. Humbug.
human n. Human being (male or female).
humdinger [-ηə^{r}]n. Excellent or superior person.
hummer n. Person or thing exhibiting great energy.
hump v. Hurry, exert oneself.
hump n. Cigaret (of the Camel brand).
hunch n. Suspicion, presentiment, intuitive apprehension.
hundred n. Subdivision of county (q. v.) in Delaware.
hundred percenter n. Person measuring up to standard; one thoroughly patriotic, whose Americanism cannot be questioned.
hundredweight n. 100 pounds.
hung jury n. Jury that fails to agree on a verdict.
hunky n. Bohunk (q. v.).
hunky adj. All right, in satisfactory condition; even or square.
hunky-dory adj. All right.
hunt v. Shoot game; *hunting dog*, one used with game.
husk n. Burly fellow.
husky n. Eskimo; Eskimo dog.
husky adj. Strong, muscular.

hustle v. Be energetically and ceaselessly active and enterprising.
hustle n. Energetic and ceaseless activity.
hustler n. (1) One who hustles (q. v.). — (2) One who lives by his wits and criminally.
hwa pollwa n. Pseudo-French pronunciation of hoi polloi, the masses, the rabble.
hyphenate n. Hyphenated Am. citizen, whose allegiance and patriotism are questioned because he is suspected of sympathizing with the country of his origin: *German-American*, etc.
hypo n. (1) Hypodermic injection. — (2) Drug addict (q. v.).

I

i [ai] n. Idea: *That's the i.*
ice n. Frozen confection containing no cream; water-ice.
ice-cream n. Frozen confection containing cream; *ice-cream cone*, see *cone; ice-cream soda*, mixture of soda-water, flavoring, cream and ice-cream.
iceman n. Man who brings daily supply of ice.
igloo n. Eskimo's snow-dwelling; any small building.
incommunicado, hold ~ v. Keep person in jail without allowing him to send or receive messages.
inc., incorporated adj. Formed into limited liability company; *to incorporate*, form such company.
Independence Day n. Holiday on July 4, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
Indian ['indin], formally ['indjən] n. Native of America.
Indian giver n. One who takes back a gift.
Indian meal n. Ground maize.
Indian summer n. Calm dry period in late autumn in northern U. S.
inheritance tax n. BE. death duties.
initiate v. Begin, open.
inject v. Introduce element into discussion, etc.
ink-slinger n. Scribbler, journalist.
in-law n. Relative by marriage.
inside-track n. Advantage.
instalment plan n. BE. hire-purchase system.
instructor n. Lower rank of university teacher, below assistant professor; any university teacher.
insurge v. Stir up insurrection; rise up, revolt.
intake n. Takings.
intelligentsia, -tzia n. The intellectual class; often satirically for highbrows (q. v.).
inter-collegiate adj. Of activities in which several colleges or universities take part, esp. of athletic contests.
intern(e) n. Assistant physician or surgeon, gen. student or recent graduate, residing in hospital.
internal revenue n. BE. inland revenue.
intersection n. Point where two roads cross.
intersectional adj. Existing, carried on, between different regions of a country.
interurban n. Railway connecting neighbouring towns.
Irish potato n. Ordinary, as distinct from sweet potato.
iron man n. (Silver) dollar.
it, It n. (1) Egotistical person. — (2) *The* thing. — (3) Striking example; big success. — (4) Sex-appeal, esp. in connection with movies.
itemize v. List item by item.

J

jack n. Money.
jack up v. Incite, spur to more vigorous effort.
jackie n. Sailor in U. S. navy.
jag n. (1) Small load. — (2) Drunkenness, spree; uninterrupted round of amusements.
jagged adj. Drunk.
jake adj. All right.
jake n. (1) Jamaica ginger. — (2) Countryman; unsophisticated person.
jamboree n. Celebration, merrymaking; spree.
jane n. Girl.
janitor n. Caretaker of a building.
jape n. Joke.
jar, on the ~ adv. Ajar.
jawsmith n. Talkative person.

jawy adj. Talkative.
jay n. Simple and stupid person; rustic.
jayhawker n. (1) Resident of Kansas. — (2) Pillaging ruffian engaged in guerilla warfare.
jaywalker n. Pedestrian crossing street in irregular manner and in contravention of traffic regulations.
jazz n. Syncopated music and dancing; noisy and eccentric proceedings, speech, or writing.
jazz adj. Discordant, loud in color; rude; burlesque.
jazz up v. Excite, urge, stir up; *jazz it up*, make things lively.
jean n. Twilled cotton cloth; kind of fustian; *jeans* pl. n., clothing, esp. trousers.
jelly-bean n. (1) Small bean-shaped candy (q. v.). — (2) Effeminate man; cake-eater (q. v.); male flapper (q. v.).
jelly-fish n. Person lacking decision and force.
jenny n. Any machine; army airplane.
jerk v. Cure beef by drying in long slices in the sun.
jerkwater adj. Small and insignificant: *Jerkwater town.*
jerry adj. Flimsy.
jesse, -ie n. Severe beating or scolding.
jew down v. Bargain; insist on a reduction of price.
Jewish flag n. One-dollar note.
jibe v. Agree.
jig n. Joke, prank; *the jig is up*, the game is over, we are done for.
jigger n. (1) Small flea. — (2) Gadget (q. v.).
jigger v. (1) Jerk. — (2) Imprison. — (3) Warn of danger.
jiggered, I'll be ~ interj. Mild oath.
jigmarig n. Gadget (q. v.).
jigsaw n. Machine for cutting wood.
Jim Crow n., adj. Negro (as discriminated against by whites): *Jim Crow car*, railroad car set apart for negroes.
jim-jam(s) n. Delirium tremens.
jimmy n., v. Burglar's tool; pick a lock.
jinx n. Person or thing believed to bring bad luck.
jinx, high ~ pl. n. Boisterous conduct.
jip v. Cheat.
jist adj., adv. Just.
jit n. (1) Five-cent piece. -- (2) Cheap auto.
jitneur n. Driver of motor-bus.
jitney n. (1) Five-cent piece. — (2) Cheap auto. — (3) Motor-bus carrying passengers for five cents, or other fare.
jitney v. Travel by motor-bus.
jobholder n. Office holder (q. v.).
jog n. Irregularity of line or surface.
John Hancock n. (Large and clear) signature.
John Law n. Any law-enforcement officer.
Johnny cake n. Maize bread.
joiner n. Sociable person.
joint n. (1) Illegal drinking-den. — (2) Place of low resort; criminals' meeting-place. — (3) Person's rooms; any kind of establishment.
joke-smith n. Habitual maker of jokes.
joker n. Something with which to gain one's object, or to play a trick; stultifying clause in legislative bill, or contract.
jolly (along) v. Deceive; ridicule; encourage insincerely.
jolly-up n. Informal dance.
jolt n. Jail sentence.
Jonah n., v. Person (or thing) thought to be cause of misfortune; cause bad luck by one's presence.
jornada n. Day's journey; long stretch of desert country.
josh n., v. Hoax, joke; make fun of, tease.
josher n. One who joshes (q. v.).
journalist n. Writer for journals (monthlies or weeklies).
jug n., v. (Send to) prison.
jug-bitten adj. Drunk.
jugged adj. Drunk.
juice n. (1) Blood. — (2) Electric current. — (3) Petrol; *step on the juice*, accelerate (auto, etc.).
juicer n. Electrician.
julep n. Iced sweet drink containing mint leaves and rye whisky, served in tall glass.
jumbo n., adj. Unusually large (thing or person).
jump v. (1) Leap aboard (train, etc.). — (2) Depart illegally: *Jump bail, a job, one's rent.*
jump story, head n. Story continued on another page; the continuation is under a *jump head*, i. e., headline.
jumper seat n. Rumble seat (q. v.).
jumping-off place n. Place where one gets off train, etc.; also place where one gets off (see *get off*).

June-bug n. Beetle appearing in swarms in June.
jungle n. Tramps' camping-place.
junior n. (1) Student or high school pupil in third year. — (2) Person's son.
junior college n. New type of school including the two last grades of high school and the two first of college (ages 17—20).
junior high school n. New type of school including the last two grades of grammar school and the first grade of high school (ages 13—15).
junk n. (1) Scrap metal; rubbish; odds and ends. — (2) Old Ford auto. — (3) Anything disliked.
junk v. Reject; throw on rubbish-heap.
just adv. Quite: *I was just sure you would come;* very well: *I just know it's going to rain.*

K

kale n. Money.
katzenjammer [-dʒ-] n. Blues after alcoholic excess.
kayo v. see *K. O.*
Keely cure n. Cure against alcoholism.
keen adj. Excellent, desirable: *A keen day, game, girl, show.*
keener n. One who drives a sharp bargain; cheat.
keep on tap v. Have available.
keep one's shirt on v. Restrain oneself; remain calm.
keep shady v. Stay in concealment; be reticent.
keep tab (on) v. Keep record.
keep up with the Joneses v. Try to have the same, or better and more things than one's neighbour, esp. as to modern contrivances, as autos, etc.
keeps, for ~ adv. In permanence.
keester n. Suit-case.
kelly n. Hat.
ker-, intensifying prefix denoting noisiness: *Ker-bang,* etc.
kermis n. Indoor entertainment, gen. for charity.
kerosene n. BE. paraffin.
ketchup, see *catchup.*
kewpie n. Small, elf-like creature, the recent invention of a poet and artist; *kewpie doll,* doll in the form of these imaginary creatures.
key n. Mark of distinction in scholarship, shaped like watch-key.
key down v. Moderate.
keynote n. Speech laying down general policy of party, esp. at national conventions.
keynoter n. One who outlines policy (of a campaign), see *keynote.*
kibitz v. Offer unsolicited advice as bystander: *kibitzee,* person thus advised.
kibitzer n. One who kibitzes (q. v.).
kibosh ['kai'baʃ] n. Nonsense; *put the kibosh on,* dispose of, make inefficient, spoil the chances of.
kick n. (1) Vim, resilience. — (2) Enjoyment, excitement. — (3) Alcoholic content of beverage. — (4) Objection, protest, complaint.
kick v. (1) Object, rebel. — (2) Dismiss, reject, jilt. — (3) Beg, dun. — (4) Die.
kick in v. Pay one's share.
kick the bucket v. Die.
kick the clouds v. Be hanged.
kick-off n. Beginning.
kick-up n. Row, disturbance.
kicker n. (1) Army sergeant. — (2) Grumbler.
kicks pl. n. Shoes.
kid n. Child; boy, youth
kid v. Make fun of, hoax, humbug.
kike n. (1) Jew. — (2) Low type of merchant.
killer n. (1) Steer for slaughtering. — (2) Murderer.
killing n. (1) Great success. — (2) Murder.
kilter n. Order, good condition: *In, out of, kilter.*
kind of adv. Rather, somewhat: *I kind of lost my way, He looks kind of pale.*
kingpin n. Most important person, leader.
Kingsbury clubs pl. n. Königsberger Klops.
kissing-bug n. Large blood-sucking insect.
kitchen-police n. Soldiers assigned to kitchen duty.
kitchenette n. Small kitchen; alcove or closet fitted with conveniences for cooking.
kite n., v. Worthless or questionable check, etc.; get money or credit by worthless securities.

kitty n. (1) Common fund to which all contribute. — (2) Money collection.
kitty-cornered, see *cater-cornered.*
Kiwanis pl. n. Name of a service-club.
klavern n. Local branch of Ku Klux Klan.
kleagle n. High official of Ku Klux Klan.
klexology n. Doxology of Ku Klux Klan.
knickerbocker n. New Yorker, esp. one of Dutch descent; *Father Knickerbocker,* New York City.
knife v. Try to defeat or ruin by secret or underhand methods.
Knights of Columbus pl. n. Roman Catholic organization of masonic type.
Knights of Pythias pl. n. Organization of masonic type.
knock v. Find fault with, run down, criticize habitually (opposite to to boost [q. v.]).
knock over v. Die.
knockdown n. (Personal) introduction.
knocked up adj. (1) Exhausted. — (2) Pregnant.
knocker n. One who knocks (q. v.).
knockout n. The very best; paragon.
knockout drops pl. n. Drugs used by criminal to stupefy victim.
know one's onions, stuff, etc. v. Know one's subject, be well informed.
knuckle down v. Apply oneself.
knuckle to v. Yield, submit.
K. O. n., adj. Knockout (in prize-fighting); supremely excellent.
kraut [au], see *sauerkraut.*
kraze for K n. Custom of substituting *k* for *c* to give unusual (originally considered more masculine) effect: *Klassy Kollege Klothes, Kozy Kabin* (restaurant).
Kriss Kringle n. Father Christmas, Santa Claus.
Ku Klux Klan n. Secret society, chiefly in the South, hostile to Negroes, Roman Catholics, Jews, and foreigners, accused of terrorism and atrocities.
kuter n. Quarter dollar.
kybosh n., see *kibosh.*

L

L n. Elevated railway.
Labor Day n. First Monday in September as holiday in honor of the working classes.
laborer n. BE. navvy.
lady-bug n. BE. lady-bird.
lady-dust n. Ladies' face-powder as found on gentlemen's coats after dance.
lady-finger n. Finger-shaped cake.
lagniappe ['lænjæp] n. Tip.
lam(b) v. Strike, beat; *lam it,* go away.
lambaste v. Hit, beat; take to task violently.
lame duck n. Defeated politician who is given an office by the party machine (q. v.); politician or official not (re-)elected; *lame-duck Congress,* old Congress after election before meeting of new Congress.
lamp n., v. Eye; see, look at.
land n. Often used in place of BE. country: *Holland and other lands.*
land v. Win, secure by artful effort.
land(s), my land, land sakes interj. Expressing mild surprise.
landslide n. (1) BE. landslip. — (2) Overwhelming victory in election. — (3) Catastrophic change in public opinion. — (4) Large mass or number.
lap-robe n. Traveling rug, esp. as used in auto.
lap-supper n. Informal supper with guests holding their plates.
lariat n. Rope, lasso.
larrup v. Whip, thrash.
lawn-fete [ē i] n. BE. garden-party.
laws, lawsee, lawks, law sakes interj. Expressing astonishment.
lawyer n. BE. solicitor.
lay v. Often used in place of to lie.
lay down (on) v. Fail in one's duty; loaf.
lay for v. Plan, prepare, scheme.
lay off v. (1) Let alone; give up, stop. — (2) Cease to employ. — (3) Cease work.
layout n. (1) Detailed arrangements or plans. — (2) Outfit of apparatus or tools. — (3) Spread of food; display of clothes.
laze n., v. Idleness; be lazy, loaf.
lead n. Opening paragraph of news-story containing summary of contents.
learn v. Sometimes used in place of to teach.
leather n. Purse.
leather-neck n. Soldier of Marine Corps.
leery adj. Doubtful in mind.
leeway n. Margin, freedom, elbow-room.

leg n. (1) Section of a journey. — (2) **shake a** ~ v. Hurry; dance: *shake a nasty leg*, dance well.
leg it v. Walk.
legal holiday n. BE. bank-holiday.
legger n. Bootlegger (q. v.).
leggings pl. n. Trousers.
Legion, American ~ n. Society of veterans of the world war.
legman n. Newspaper reporter.
legs pl. n. Speed, endurance (of autos, etc.).
legume n. Dried peas, beans, lentils.
lemon n. Unattractive woman; any person or thing that is disliked.
lemon-sucker n. Effeminate man.
less v. Let us.
let v. Relax.
let on v. Pretend; divulge.
let out v. (1) Tell. — (2) Aim blows. — (3) Dismiss (school, etc.).
let slide v. Cease to care for.
let the daylight into v. Shoot or stab person.
let up v. Cease, relax (persecution).
let-off n. Display; festivity.
let's v. Let us; ~ **don't**. Let us not.
let-up n. Abatement, relaxation.
letter-box n. Private or public box for letters.
letter-carrier n. Postman.
letter-case n. Small case for letters, papers, etc., BE. pocket-book.
letter-head n. (Sheet of paper with) engraved or printed heading.
lettuce n. Banknotes.
levee n. (1) Gathering of visitors, esp. President's reception. — (2) Embankment to prevent overflow of river; landing-place; Negro quarter.
level, on the ~ adv. Honestly, above board.
liable adj. Likely.
lib, libe n. Library.
liberty n., adj. Replacing *German* as description of many articles during the world war: *liberty cabbage*, sauerkraut.
liberty bond n. Bond issued by the government during the world war.
lick n. Effort, spell of work.
lickety-cut, -split adv. Very rapidly or violently.
lid n. (1) Hat. — (2) **put the** ~ **on** v. Repress (exuberance of feelings, etc.); **the** ~ **is off** v. All restraint is gone.
lie down (on) v. Shirk one's work; fail.
life-guard n. Expert swimmer employed on bathing-beach to save drowning bathers.
lifer n. Convict sentenced to imprisonment for life.
light adj. BE. fair (of hair and complexion).
light bread n. Baker's bread (in South).
light into v. Attack, set upon.
light out v. Depart in haste.
lightning bug n. BE. firefly.
lights pl. n. Eyes; lungs.
lightweight n. Unimportant or dull person.
like adj. Likely: *Specialization is like to become narrower.*
like conj. As: *Food like mother makes;* as if: *Flies hang around me here like I was a molasses barrel.*
likell adv. Like hell.
likely adj. Good-looking.
lil adj. Little.
lily n. Person easily duped, esp. one who buys worthless securities.
lily-cup n. Trade-name for special make of paper-cup.
limber-neck n. Disease of poultry.
limey n. English sailor; Englishman.
limited train n. Fast, long-distance train, gen. made up of the same number and the same type of cars on each trip.
lindy v. Travel by airplane.
line n. (1) Infantry, cavalry, artillery and engineers of the regular army. — (2) Department of business; activity. — (3) Assortment of goods for sale. — (4) Smooth talk.
line-up n. (1) List, array; organization. — (2) Status of affairs.
lines pl. n. Driving reins.
lippy adj. Talkative, verbose.
liquor-up v. Take a drink of some alcoholic beverage; *liquored-up*, drunk.
listen v. Sound; *it listens good*, sounds plausible or promising.
listen in v. Overhear, eavesdrop; listen to radio broadcast.
lit n. Students' literary magazine.
lit(-up) adj. Drunk.
little adj. Few: *A little shoes, persons.*
little red schoolhouse n. Typical country schoolhouse, with red roof, gen. in isolated position serving the farms scattered around.
live adj. Full of alertness and vigor.
live oak n. Kind of evergreen tree.
live-wire n. Active and energetic person; free spender.
lizzie n. (1) Effeminate man. — (2) Small

and cheap (Ford) auto, also called *tin-lizzie*.
Lo n. Am. Indian.
loaded adj. Drunk.
loan v. Lend.
loan-office n. Pawn-shop.
lobby n. (1) Hotel lounge, entrance hall. — (2) Persons or organizations trying to influence legislators by underhand methods; hence *to lobby*, *lobbyist*.
lobster n. Awkward person, duffer.
lobster palace n. (High-toned, fashionable or gay) restaurant.
locals pl. n. (1) News-items referring to local affairs. — (2) Local trains. — (3) Local (baseball) teams.
locate v. (1) Take up one's residence. — (2) Establish (house, office) in a particular place. — (3) Be situated.
location n. Situation (of building, etc.).
lockstep n., v. Step forced upon prisoners when exercising in common; any mechanical form of acting or thinking; force to move or think thus.
loco adj., v. Mad, crazy; make insane, drive mad; *locoed*, mad, *loco-weed*, plant that mads horses, etc.
Locofoco n., adj. (Of) politicians in opposition to their party.
lodge n. Indian's tent or wigwam.
log v. Fell and transport timber.
log-rolling n. Mutual assistance by questionable methods, mutual puffery; combination for mutual profit.
logger n. One who logs (q. v.).
logy adj. Dull, physically tired and mentally depressed.
long green n. Money, bank-notes.
long on adj. (1) Well provided or overstocked with. — (2) Keen on.
long price n. BE. steep price.
long shot n. Photograph taken from distance.
long-distance n. BE. trunk-call.
long-horn n. Native or inhabitant of Texas.
longies pl. n. Long trousers (as worn by small boy).
looey n. Lieutenant.
look after one's fences v. Nurse one's constituency.
look high and low v. Search everywhere.
look lively v. Be alert.
look out for v. Take care of, look after.
look over v. Inspect (and repair); view.
look sharp v. Be careful or heedful.
look to, toward v. Work for, towards.
look-in n. Share; chance.
looka here, see *lookit*.
looker n. Good-looking person.
lookit (here) interj. Listen (to me)!
looksie n. Look (at thing).
looky here, see *lookit*.
loop n. (1) Business center of Chicago. — (2) League (baseball, etc.) — (3) **knocked for a ~** adj. Hit hard.
loose n. Freedom, relaxation; spree.
loosen up v. Spend money.
lose, v., you can't ~ me. You can't get rid of me.
lose out (on) v. Lose (game, etc.).
lot n. Building site; vacant plot.
lot on v. (1) Plan, intend. — (2) Count on.
lounge-lizard n. Man who spends much time in the company of women.
lousy with money adj. Wealthy.
love-feast n. Agreement to bury differences in political party effected before election at a banquet or meeting.
lovey-dovey n. Courting, spooning.
lowboy n. Chest of drawers on short legs.
low-brow n., adj. (Of) person of low quality, esp. of low intelligence and vulgar taste; opposite to *high-brow* (q. v.).
low-down (on) n. Inside information; the real facts (about).
low-downer n. Poor white (q. v.).
lower n. Lower berth in sleeping-car.
lugs pl. n. Fancy clothes; elaborate dress.
lulu n. Extraordinary, extremely fine fellow.
lumberjack n. (1) Member of logging (q. v.) crew. — (2) Jersey-like knitted garment with collar and buttoned in front.
lummox n. Awkward, clumsy, or stupid person.
lump n. Food handed out in paper-bag to beggar or tramp.
lunch n. (1) Light irregular meal. — (2) Restaurant.
lunch-pail n. Workman's receptacle to carry his midday meal in.
luncheon n. Large and formal midday meal.
lunge, see *muskalunge*.
lunger n. Consumptive.
lungy adj. Consumptive.
lush v. (1) Drink alcoholic beverages to excess. — (2) Rob sleeping drunk; also *roll a lush*.
lush n. Drunken person.
lushed adj. Drunk.

M

Maccabee n. Member of the society of Maccabees, of masonic type.
machine n. (1) Auto. — (2) Political party organization (often implying corrupt practices).
mackinac, -aw n. Heavy blanket; short heavy coat; kind of hat; kind of boat.
mad (with, at) adj. Angry (with); enraged, exasperated, hostile; indignant, irritated.
madam n. Title to distinguish elderly mother from daughter-in-law.
mail n., v. The letters delivered at a house, etc., BE. the post; to post.
mail-box n. BE. pillar-box; individual letter-box.
mail-carrier, ~-man n. Postman.
mail-order house n. Large firm supplying almost every imaginable article by mail according to catalog.
mailer n. Piece of news sent to newspaper office by letter (and not by telegraph).
main n. Series of an odd number of cock-fights.
main drag n. Principal street.
main-street n. Principal street, esp. in small town; collectively, the provincial districts of the U. S., esp. of the Middle West; the small town(s).
major n. (1) Serious surgical operation. — (2) Student's principal subject of study.
major (in) v. Have or take for one's principal subject of study.
make v. Succeed in entering a team or society.
make a girl v. Overcome girl's scruples.
make a touch v. Beg money.
make a train, a boat v. Catch.
make good v. Succeed in life.
make it v. Manage, succeed.
make it snappy v. Do quickly, or at once.
make it stick v. Be successful, esp. in effort to convince.
make like v. Pretend.
make meat of v. Kill.
make out v. (1) Extend. — (2) Succeed, manage.
make over v. Change, alter.
make the grade, the riffle v. Succeed.
make tracks v. Go, depart, hurry away.
make whoopee v. Indulge in unrestrained merrymaking (gen. involving alcohol and women).
making(s) n. Materials for rolling a cigaret.
malted milk n. Nourishing drink of milk mixed with malt preparation.
mamma, see *hot mamma.*
mammy n. Negro woman in charge of white children; any old-fashioned Negro woman.
man n. Denoting unusual excellence and vigor: *Man-talk, this man's town.*
manifest destiny n. Belief that the U. S. is destined to go on expanding and rule the whole western hemisphere.
map n. Face.
marathon n. Any kind of contest.
marker n. Sign on street or highway.
market n. Large store for meat, groceries, vegetables, fruit, and other kinds of food.
market-man n. Greengrocer.
marshal n. Court-official; head of police-force or fire-brigade.
martini n. Cocktail (q. v.) made of gin, vermouth, and bitters.
maskalonge, masky n. Large kind of pike.
mason n. Sometimes used for bricklayer.
Mason-Dixon Line n. Line separating the Southern slave-states from the North (q. v.).
maverick n. Unbranded calf; roving person.
maw n. Ma(mma).
mazuma n. Money.
me for it interj. I'm in favor, I'm going to do it.
mean adj. (1) Unkind, selfish; ill-tempered. — (2) Difficult. — (3) Ashamed, uncomfortable. — (4) Skilful. — (5) Worthy of praise.
meat-loaf n. Large fried cake of minced meat mixed with breadcrumbs, etc.
meat-market n. Shop for sale of meat, fresh fish, and poultry.
medicine n. (1) Charm, or any object connected with magic. — (2) Intoxicating beverage. — (3) **bad ~** n. Something deleterious. — (4) **take one's ~** v. Endure, suffer, esp. the consequences of one's actions.
meet (Mr. Blank, etc.) v. Formula for introducing person.

meg n. One-cent coin.
mellow adj. Drunk.
melon n. Profits; distribution of cash, esp. to trustees or directors voting payment to themselves; *cut a melon*, make division of such sums.
melting-pot n. The U. S. considered as a country where different nations and races are becoming fused to form a new nation.
Member of Congress n. Used only of member of the House of Representatives (and not of the Senate).
memorandum-book n. Note-book; small case for papers.
Memorial-Day n. May 30th or other day to commemorate dead of the Civil War.
memorialize v. Commemorate.
merchant n. Shopkeeper.
merger n. Combination of business firms into large concern.
mesa [s] n. Flat table-land or plateau; high terrace.
mesquite bush n. Shrub of bean family.
Metropolis n. New York City.
metropolitan area n. District formed by suburban towns and densely populated areas outside the municipal limits of large cities, forming an urban whole; all such suburban populations within 10 miles of the city limits are officially counted as part of the metropolitan area, or district, unless the density is less than 150 per square mile.
mezzanine n. Floor above ground-floor in large hotel, containing rooms for the general use of guests.
Mick(y) n. Irishman.
Middle America n. The Middle West (q. v.).
middle name, see *name*.
Mid(dle) West n. Geographical term of varying meaningo, gen. used to describe the region between the Ohio river and the Great Lakes (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan).
miff v., n. Irritate, vex; petty quarrel, fit of ill-humor.
miffy adj. Touchy, over-sensitive.
mike n. Microphone.
milage n. (1) Traveling-allowance given to members of legislature, and others. — (2) Book of railroad-tickets each good for one mile.
milk-shake n. Drink of milk mixed with flavoring (and other ingredients).
mill n. One thousandth of a dollar.
mill (around) v. Move about violently, jostle each other (of crowd).
minify v. Diminish.
minor n. Subject of student's study of secondary importance to major (q. v.).
miss out (on) v. Be unsuccessful; miss.
mitt(en) n. Hand; *get the mitten*, be dismissed.
mixer n. (1) Person sociably (*good mixer*), or unsociably *(bad mixer)* inclined. — (2) Social gathering designed to get people acquainted.
Modernist n. Liberally-minded Christian who believes that many of the Bible narratives are not to be accepted as literally true; opposite to Fundamentalist (q. v.).
mog v. Move.
moke n. Negro.
moleskins pl. n. Football player's breeches of a kind of fustian.
mom(ma) n. Mamma.
moneybags n. Person of great wealth.
monicker n. Name; nickname; alias.
monkey n. One of the general public.
monkey money n. Mexican currency.
monkey up the chimney n. Mortgage on house.
monkey with a long tail n. Mortgage.
monkey-business n. Fooling, tricks; mischief, annoyance.
monkey-shines pl. n. Trick, prank.
monkey-wrench n. (1) Hammer-shaped wrench with adjustable jaws. — (2) Anything that upsets plans.
Monumental City n. Baltimore.
mooch v. (1) Move about slowly and aimlessly. — (2) Beg.
moon(shine) n. Illicitly distilled spirits.
moonshiner n. Illicit distiller, spirit smuggler; one engaged in some other illegal practice.
moony adj. Dull.
moose [s] n. (1) North-Am. elk. — (2) Member of a certain masonic society. — (3) Bulky person.
mope v. Take a walk; run away.
moron ['mōran) n. Adult with the capacity of a child of about twelve; a pervert; dull, stupid, imbecile person.
morphadite n. Hermaphrodite.
mortician n. BE. undertaker.
mos(e)y v. Move away, or along, slowly; depart.
mosquito n. BE. gnat.

moss n. Money.
mossback n. Sluggish or old-fashioned person; extreme conservative.
most adv. Almost.
Mother's Day n. Day for honoring motherhood, gen. second Sunday in May.
motor-man n. Driver of electric train or locomotive.
mouch v. Play truant; wander about aimlessly; sneak about; beg, pilfer, steal.
Mountain Time n., see *Eastern time.*
mouthful n. A sufficiency, esp. in complimentary sense: *You have said a mouthful.*
movie n. Motion picture; *the movies, movie parlor,* cinema.
movietone n. Kind of talking film.
much pron. Many: *Much clothes; not much,* ironic negative: *Lend me your car. — Not much.*
much-a-much n. Important person or thing.
muck-rake v. Search for and expose corrupt practices, in politics, business, public morality: *Muck-raker.*
muck-stick n. Shovel.
mucker n. (1) Shoveler, removing soil, stones, or dung; navvy. — (2) Coarse, rough, or base person.
mud-hooks pl. n. (1) Anchor. — (2) Hands or feet.
muff v., n. Fail (to catch ball); clumsy person, duffer.
mug n., v. Mouth or face; make faces; *mug up,* paint one's face.
mugwump n. (1) Person voting independent of political party; one who rejects association with political, esp. Republican, party. — (2) Great man.
mule n. Corn- (q. v.) whisky; *white mule,* raw corn-whisky.
mule-skinner n. Cavalry man.
mules pl. n. Cloth slippers.
mull over v. Think about, ponder.
mulligan n. Meat stew, containing vegetables.
mumblety-peg n. Game played by throwing knife.
murphy n. Irish, i. e., ordinary potato.
murphy bed n. Disappearing bed.
mush n. (1) Porridge, esp. ground maize boiled in water. — (2) Journey across snow with dog-sledge; trip on foot.
mush v. Travel by dog-sledge.
mush-head n. Foolish person.
musher n. Traveler by dog-sledge.
mushing n. Love-making.
mushmelon, see *muskmelon.*
mushrat n. Muskrat.
mushy adj. Sentimental.
muskmelon n. Cantaloupe (q. v.).
music-hall n. Concert hall.
musicale [mjūzi'kāl] n. (Private) musical entertainment.
muslin n. Cotton-cloth of coarse, heavy kind.
muss n. Brawl, quarrel.
muss v. Disarrange, wrinkle.
mutt n. Stupid, or rough, or unpleasant person.
muttonhead n. Stupid or disliked person.
muzzle v. Beat or handle roughly.
myrtle n. Trailing periwinkle.
mythomaniac n. Liar.

N

nab(ber) n. Policeman. — See also *nib.*
nabs, my ~ n. My friend, my good fellow!
nag n. (1) Horse, esp. an old run-down and scrubby one. — (2) Old auto.
nailor n. Type of hard worker: *He makes me work like a nailor.*
name n. *First* or *given name* = Christian name; *middle name* = second of person's three names; *last name* = BE. surname.
nance n., see *fairy.*
nark n., v. Spy.
nary adv. Never a.
nation-planning n. Project for establishing co-operation of agriculture and industry on nation-wide basis.
national adj. Affecting the whole of the U. S.; *national capital,* Washington, D. C.; *National Guard,* militia.
naturalize v. Reclaim denatured alcohol.
near-, prefix. Describing imitation-product, or something that approaches or is intended to be like what the second word suggests; almost: *Near-accident; near-beer,* malt-liquor of very low alcoholic content not prohibited by law; *near-Nordic,* Negro that is fair; *near-silk; near-sacred.*
neck n. (1) Peninsula. — (2) Region: *This neck of the woods.*
neck v. Embrace, make love, cuddle, spoon; practise sexual excitation.

neck and crop (heels) adv. Bodily; completely.
necker n. One who necks (q. v.).
necktie n. BE. tie.
needful n. Money.
needle v. Add alcohol to non-alcoholic drinks, esp. near-beer (q. v.): *Needle-beer.*
negro-spotter n. Negro supposed to be able to discover whether a person is of Negro descent.
negroism n. Expression or idiom peculiar to Negroes.
neighborhood n. Quarter of a town; *neighborhood store* (q. v.), *grocer*, one of local importance only (and not belonging to a chain [q. v.]).
nerve n. Assurance; impudence.
nervy adj. Impudent; bold, courageous.
net n., v. Income, yield, profit; to bring in, yield.
never-wazzer n. One who has never succeeded.
New England n. The States of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island.
news-dealer n. BE. news-agent.
newslet n. Short news item.
newspaper-man n. BE. journalist.
newsreel n. Film showing recent events.
newsy n. Newsboy.
newsy adj. Full of news.
n. g., see *no go.*
nickel n. Five-cent coin.
nickel-nurser n. Miser.
nifty adj. Stylish, elegant; excellent.
nifty n. Smart saying, brilliant remark, poignant reply.
nigger n. Contempt. name for Negro.
nigger in the woodpile, in the fence n. Underlying personal reason for taking an apparently disinterested stand; something vitiating an apparently good thing.
nigger-head n. Boulder.
nigger-heaven n. Highest gallery in theater (reserved for Negroes).
nigger-toe n. Brazil nut.
niggerism, see *negroism.*
night-letter n. Telegram sent at night at reduced rate (usually 50 words at the price of a ten word telegram).
night-rider n. Member of mounted band of terrorists in the South.
nip and tuck adj., adv. Neck and neck, nearly equal, very close.
nit adv. No.
nit n. Insignificant person.
nitsky adv., n. No; no one, nothing.
nitwit n. Ignoramus.
nix(ey), see *nitsky.*
no go n. Failure; hopeless attempt.
no-account adj. Worthless, low.
no-place adv. Nowhere.
nob n. Rich, influential person.
nobody home adj. Brainless, inattentive.
noggin n. Head, mind.
noodle n. Vermicelli or maccaroni.
noon v. Rest and eat at mid-day.
nope adv. No.
normalcy n. Normality; esp. the return to normal political and economic conditions after the world war under President Harding.
North, the ~ n. The Northern States in which slavery did not exist.
norther n. Wind or storm from the north.
nosenheimer [ai] n. One interested in others' affairs.
nos(e)y adj. (1) Odoriferous (of things). — (2) Inquisitive (of persons).
not in it adj. Very poor and inferior; greatly surpassed or outdone.
not on your life adv. Most certainly not.
notch n. Defile, pass.
note-head, see *letter-head.*
notion n. Appliance; small useful article; *notions,* small wares, such as buttons, threads, pins, needles, tape, etc.
novelty appeal n. That which makes consumer desire new types of manufactured goods.
nub n. Central idea, main point, gist.
nubbin n. Small imperfect fruit, esp. maize-ear.
nullification n. Action of individual State to prevent operation of a Federal law.
nullifyer n. One who practises nullification (q. v.).
number, I've got his ~ v. I know him; he can't fool me.
number-plate n. BE. licence-plate (auto).
nup adv. No.
nurse v. Suck, draw milk.
nut n. (1) Head: *off his nut,* crazy. — (2) Blockhead, lunatic.
nuthouse n. Lunatic asylum.
nut, nuts (on) adj. Crazy (about).
nuts n. Agreeable thing: *Dancing is nuts for him; this is the nuts,* the very thing.
nutsy adj. Superbly excellent.
nutty adj. Crazy, insane.

O

o boy interj. Expressing joy or delighted surprise.
oatmeal n. Porridge.
observation car, platform n. Car with large windows, or platform, at rear of railroad train, giving good views.
of [əv] v. Have: *He could of gone.*
office-holder n. Official, BE. civil servant.
oil-pan n. BE. sump (auto).
oil-station, see *service-station.*
oiled adj. Pleasantly drunk.
O. K., okay, okeh, oke adj., v. All right; approve of, give one's consent to.
okra n. Herb producing pods used in soups, etc.
Old Glory n. The Stars and Stripes (q. v.).
old horse n. Familiar address to friend.
old man n. Person's father, husband, employer, superior.
old woman n. Person's mother or wife.
old-timer n. Old resident, person whose experience goes back to old times; old friend.
ole adj. Old.
oleo n. Oleomargarine.
olive-drab adj. Color of U. S. army service uniform.
on prep. (1) BE. at: *On the corner.* — (2) BE. in: *On the street, The best book on the market.* — (3) At the expense of: *The freight is on me, Have a drink on me.* — (4) Against: *Don't get virtuous on me, A time-clock was punched on them, A tire blew out on me, The Indian came in on him.* — (5) *Have (get) something on a person,* (try to) know something discreditable or laughable about a person, often with the threat of using such knowledge against him: *I never threatened him and tried to get things on him, The good joke he had on her, A couple of political friends on whom he had something, She is careful not to let him get anything on her.* — (6) Be superior to: *Paris, France, has nothing on Paris, Illinois, When it comes to make-up, an actress has nothing on the lady-buyer.* — (7) *Let person in on,* let share secret: *Let me in on it.* — (8) *On deck,* on time, on duty, readily available: *A doctor has to be on deck all the time, She is always on deck to every lecture.* — (9) *On hand,* present, close by. — (10) *On the air,* see *air.* — (11) *On time,* punctually.
once-over n. Brief survey, superficial examination.
one pron. Emphatic indefinite article: *He is doing one swell job, It's going to be one great year.*
one n. Joke: *What's this new one you've got on me?, She told us the one she heard in Omaha.*
one-arm driver n. Man steering auto with one arm and necking (q. v.) his girl with the other.
one-horse adj. Small, insignificant.
one-way street n. Street along which vehicles may drive in one direction only.
onery, see *ornery.*
onto prep., **be ~ somebody** v. Understand, know, person's trick.
oodles pl. n. Heaps, an abundance.
oof interj. BE. ugh, expressing disgust or horror.
open shop n. Principle of employing workmen whether they belong to a trade-union or not.
operator n. (1) Anyone working a machine: *Telephone, street-car, operator.* — (2) Owner of large industrial or commercial enterprise.
optometrist n. Oculist.
orangeade n. Cool drink containing orange-juice.
orchestra n. BE. stalls (theater).
order (followed by past participle) v. Command to be: *They ordered the trees cut down, The policeman was ordered fired* (q. v.).
order n. Portion of food ordered at restaurant.
organized adj. Drunk.
orie-eyed adj. Drunk.
oriole n. Bird with black and yellow plumage.
ornery adj. Bad, mean, disreputable, incorrigible.
ossified adj. Drunk.
osteopathy n. Pseudo-medical treatment of diseases without drugs or knife, by manipulation of bones, cartilage, ligament or muscle.
out prep. (1) Out of: *He looked out the window.* — (2) **Be ~ something** v. Have lost something: *They are only out a little time.* — (3) **~ ... way** prep. In the direction of. — (4) **~ front** prep. Opposite entrance (to building). — (5) **~ loud** adv. Aloud.

out-doors, out-of-doors n. The world out of doors, the open, nature (as opposed to urban conditions): *He loved the out-doors and the water, I came back from a bleak December's out-of-doors.*
outch interj. Expressing annoyance or pain.
outfit n. Gang of workmen; group of soldiers (company, etc.); any group of people, esp. of criminals; a ranch with its inhabitants.
outlander n. Foreigner.
outlaw n. Horse difficult to ride.
outlet n. Socket to receive plug of electric appliance.
outs pl. n. Disadvantages; *at outs*, at odds.
outside (1) prep. Except: *There was no one present outside my immediate family.* — (2) adv. More than: *She won't be away outside one month.* — (3) adv. Out of jail.
outstate adv., adj. Out in the State, away from the principal city or speaker's residence; in the country districts: *Hoover was beaten outstate, Many outstate people come here to see the capitol.*
over (1) ~ **town** adv. In town. — (2) ~ **the nation** adv. Throughout the nation. — (3) ~ **the top** adj. Oversubscribed.
overly adv. Very, extremely, overmuch.
owl-car n. Tram-car run after midnight.
ox-bow [ō^{u}] n. Horseshoe-shaped river bend.
oxfords pl. n. (Low) shoes.

P

Pacific Time n., see *Eastern Time.*
pack v. (1) Carry. — (2) Strike (a blow).
package n. BE. parcel.
pad n., v. Highway robbery; to tramp.
paddle v. Spank, esp. at students' initiation ceremony.
padlock v. Close, by affixing official padlock, establishment where bootleg (q. v.) liquor has been discovered by prohibition agents.
page v. Get hotel page to call for person by shouting his name in the lobby, etc.; *page Mr. Blank!*, draw his attention!
paint n. Playing-cards, esp. the picture cards.
pajamas pl. n. BE. pyjamas.
palisade n. Bluff or steep bank on river; *the Palisades*, bluffs on Hudson river opposite New York City.
Palm Beach suit n. Suit of very light material for summer wear.
pan n. Physiognomy.
pan v. Find fault with, criticize severely.
pan out v. Turn out, yield.
panhandle n. Long strip of territory jutting out from the main body of a State, etc.: *The Idaho, Texas panhandle.*
panhandler n. Street beggar.
pants pl. n. Trousers.
pap n. (1) Fees or support derived from public office. — (2) Obviously deceptive talk.
paper n. Money.
paper-carrier n. BE. newsboy.
papoose [pə′pūs] n. Indian child.
parcel-room n. BE. left-luggage room.
pard(ner) n. Partner, companion.
pardon me interj. Excuse me.
parish n. Division of the State of Louisiana, corresponding to county (q. v.).
park v. (1) Leave auto in a place of rest. — (2) Leave any object for a time in a certain place. — (3) Settle down in certain place: *Many students park in the cafés, He parked in one of the front seats.*
parlor n. (1) Best room; sitting-room. — (2) Well-appointed room(s) devoted to some business purpose: *Ice-cream parlor; funeral parlor*, undertaker's establishment; *tonsorial parlor*, hairdresser's shop; *beauty parlor*, cosmetic establishment.
parlor guest n. Boarder supposed landlady's favorite.
parlor-car n. BE. saloon-car.
parlor-lizard, -snake n. Man fond of the society of women.
parquette n. Ground-floor of theater auditorium, esp. part beneath gallery.
party-line, -wire n. Telephone connecting two or more subscribers on one circuit.
pass n. (1) Narrow channel. — (2) Passport.
pass (for white) v. Be difficult to distinguish from white people (of persons with Negro blood).

pass on v. Die.
pass out v. (1) Lose consciousness; *passed out*, drunk. — (2) Hand out, pay.
pass the buck v. Evade duties or responsibility, esp. by putting them on others.
pass up v. Give up, abandon, reject, leave unused.
paste v. Hit, strike.
pasteboard n. Ticket; playing or visiting card.
pastorium n. Parsonage.
patchy adj. Cross; foolish.
pathy ['pæei] n. Any method of treating diseases.
Patland n. Ireland.
patrioteer n. Person aggressively patriotic; one not shrinking from distorting his country's history to fit his chauvinistic theories.
patrol-man n. Policeman.
patrol-wagon n. Police van.
patroon n. Owner of large estate with manorial rights (abolished about 1850) in New York and New Jersey.
pave v. Provide road with hard surface, gen. concrete.
pavement n. BE. roadway.
paw n. Pa, father.
pawpaw n. Kind of tree bearing edible fruit.
pawpaw adj. Naughty, indecent.
pay-dirt, -rock n. Earth or rock containing enough gold to make exploitation pay; any profitable venture.
pay-roll n. List of firm's recipients of salaries and wages; sum of money (to be) paid out to employees.
pazaza n. Money.
p. d. q. adv. Pretty damn quick.
peach n. Exceedingly beautiful or attractive person or thing.
peacherino n. Variant of peach (q. v.).
peachy adj. Fine, excellent, delightful.
peanut politics pl. n. Low or base tactics or methods.
pecan [pi'kān, 'pīkæn] n. Kind of tree, and its nut.
peckish adj. Hungry.
peculiar institution n. Euphemism for slavery in the South.
peel v. Undress.
peeled adj. Open (of eyes).
peer n. One who excels all others.
peeve v. Vex, annoy.
peeve n. Subject about which person is habitually disgruntled.
peeved adj. Irritated, sulky, discontented.
pegs, on on one's last ~ adv. BE. on one's last legs.
pelican n. Woman student.
pelt v. Rush, hurry.
pen n. Penitentiary (q. v.).
penitentiary n. State prison.
penitentiary adj. Punishable by prison term.
pennant n. Small flag as trophy of championship.
penny n. One-cent coin; any coin of small value.
peon ['pīən, 'pjūn] n. One who works on the land, or for debt, in Latin-Am. countries, esp. Mexico; one of the Mexican laboring class.
peonage n. Serf-labor (of enslaved debtor), esp. in Mexico.
pep n. Vigor, enterprise, enthusiasm, liveliness; *pep-meeting*, assembly in support af a cause, rally.
pep up v. Inspire or promote enthusiasm in person or crowd.
peppy adj. Full of pep (q. v.).
per pron. Each: *Neckties two dollars per.*
perk n. Something on the side; pickings of official position.
permanent n. Permanent wave (hairdressing).
permanent straight n. (Specific for producing) straight condition of Negro's curly hair.
permit (followed by past participle) v. Permit something to be done: *He refused to permit his name entered.*
personals pl. n. Newspaper section relating to persons; society news.
perty adj. Pretty.
pesky adj. Vexatious, annoying.
pet v. Embrace, cuddle: *Petting-party.*
Pete, for ~**'s sake** interj. For Heaven's sake.
pharmacist n. One who makes up prescriptions; BE. chemist.
phaze, see *faze.*
Phi Beta Kappa n. Name of national honorary society bestowing formal honor, symbolized by a gold (watch-) key, on the basis of high marks in academic examination.
phoebe n. Kind of fly-catching bird.
phoney adj. Bogus, not genuine, faked; puzzling.
photophone n. Kind of talking movie.
picayune [pikə'jūn] n., adj. Small coin, esp. five-cent piece or Spanish half-real; a trifle; petty, mean, despicable.

picayunish adj. Small in concept and execution.
pick on v. Treat unfairly; scold or criticize without reason; single out for annoyance.
pick over v. Pick and choose.
pickins pl. n. Spoils or loot (of the day).
pickled adj. Drunk.
picnic n. Easy task, undertaking, or occupation.
picture v. Make into moving-picture.
pie n. BE. tart; *pie à la mode*, tart with ice-cream on it.
pie-eyed adj. Drunk.
pie-face n. Ugly, large-mouthed person.
pie-plant n. Garden rhubarb.
piece n. Short distance; short while.
piedmont ['pīdmənt] n. Hilly upland region between the coastal plain (see *tidewater*) and the mountains in the southern States.
piffled, pifflicated adj. Drunk.
pigskin n. Football; football player.
pike n. (1) Turnpike, highroad; street, road. — (2) Incapable farmer.
pike v. (1) Go quickly. — (2) Make small bets; play cautiously.
piker n. (1) Tramp. — (2) Small or timid gambler. — (3) Small speculator; one who makes a living by going about selling bonds, etc.
pile in, off, out v. Move quickly into, away, out.
Pilgrim n. One of the original Puritan settlers in Massachusetts, or one of their descendants.
pill n. (1) Unpleasant or uninteresting person. — (2) Physician. — (3) Cigaret. — (4) Bullet; billiard-ball.
pilot n. Pointed and sloping fender in front of locomotive.
pin-head n. Foolish, imbecile person.
pinch-hitter n. One put in place of a poor hitter at a critical moment in baseball game; emergency man.
pine-knot n. Knot in pine-wood that makes bright and hot fire.
pink n. Socialist of moderate views; see *red*.
pinkster n. Whitsuntide; *pinkster flower*, pink azalea.
pinoc(h)le n. Card-game for two or four.
pinto n. Piebald pony.
pioneer n. One of the first settlers in the West.
pipe v. (1) Provide building with water or gas pipes. — (2) Conduct (water, oil) by pipes. — (3) Look at, watch.
pipe adj. Easy: *A pipe course (of study)*.
pipe down v. (1) Order to be quiet. — (2) Stop talking, keep quiet.
pipe-dream n. Vain imaginings, reverie.
pirty adj. Pretty.
pit n. (1) Stone of peach, plum, or cherry. — (2) Part of exchange devoted to special business: *Wheat pit*.
pitcher n. Deep vessel for liquids with handle and spout, BE. jug.
places pl. n. Places of amusement; *to go places*, visit such: *These girls always wanted to go places, see and do things, and drag you along*.
Plains, the ~ pl. n. The Middle West (q. v.); the Prairie States.
plant v. (1) Sow seeds. — (2) Hide (stolen goods).
plant n. Hiding-place for stolen or contraband goods.
planter n. (1) Owner of plantation worked by slaves. — (2) Machine for sowing wheat, etc.
plastered adj. Drunk.
platter n. (1) Large flat dish, sometimes with cover. — (2) Gramophone record.
play dumb v. Pretend stupidity.
play hooky v. Play truant.
play the devil v. Fail.
plaza [ā] n. Public square.
plebe n. Member of lowest class at the Naval or Military Academy.
pled v., past participle of to plead.
plenty, a ~ n. Enough.
plew n. Beaverskin.
plow, spelling for BE. plough.
plug v. (1) Shoot, send bullet through; *plugged coin*, with a hole, worthless. — (2) Hit with fist. — (3) Study hard.
plug n. (1) Old, decrepit horse; anything deteriorated; slow-selling book. — (2) Translation, crib.
plug for v. Root for (q. v.).
plug-hat n. Silk hat.
plug-ugly adj. Disorderly, rowdy.
plugger n. Hard-working student.
plum(b) adv. (1) Completely. — (2) Exactly.
plunder n. Household goods; luggage.
plunk n., v. (1) Throw or fall heavily or abruptly. — (2) Dull, hard blow. — (3) Dollar.
plush adj. Stylish; *dressed like a plush horse*, extravagantly over-dressed.

plute n. Rich man.
pocket-book n. Purse.
pocket-gopher n. Rodent with large cheek-pouches.
podiatrist n. Corn doctor.
Podunk [pə′dʌŋk] n. Any small or insignificant town.
pogey n. Poorhouse.
pointer n. Hint; tip, secret information.
poison-ivy n. Kind of sumac poisonous to many persons by touch.
poison-pen n. Blackmail(er).
poke n. (1) Animal's yoke. — (2) Slow, lazy, or dull person. — (3) Pocket, wallet, purse.
poker-face n. Face not betraying emotion; composed or unruffled manner.
polack n. Pole; Polish Jew.
police v. Clean up, put in order.
polish apples v. Curry favor in conversation.
Polyanna n. Invincibly optimistic person.
pone, see *corn-pone.*
pony n. (1) Translation, crib. — (2) Chorus girl.
pony up v. Pay money that is due.
pool n. (1) Swimming-bath. — (2) Kind of billiard-game.
pool-room, -hall n. Public hall for playing billiards.
poor boot n. Lean person deserving of pity.
poor cheese n. Idiot.
poor fish n. Stupid or foolish person; weakling.
poor soak n. Drunkard.
poor sport n. Selfish and unfair person.
poor white n. White person of inferior social standing in the South; *poor white trash,* collectively for poor whites.
poor-farm, -house n. Establishment where paupers are cared for.
pop n. (1) Father. — (2) Pistol. — (3) Populist (q. v.).
pop cakes v. Vomit.
pop off v. Die.
pop-corn n. Maize burst by roasting.
poppa n. Father.
poppycock n. Nonsense.
populist n. Member of a political party, formed in 1892, advocating public control of railroads, graduated income tax, etc.
porch n. BE. veranda.
pork(-barrel) n. Congressional grant of money for local public works; public fund used for obtaining political support rather than for public benefit; spoils of political office.
portage n. Transport of goods, or its cost; carrying necessary between two navigable waters; transfer of goods from one means of transportation to another; scene of portage.
portage v. Move goods by portage (q. v.).
porter n. (Colored) attendant in Pullman car.
porter-house n. Tavern; *porter-house steak,* choice cut of beef.
possum n. Oppossum; *play possum,* feign illness or death, lie low.
post n. Local branch of Am. Legion (q. v.).
post-card n. Non-official (private) mailing-card.
postal (card) n. Plain post-card printed and sold by the government.
pot-hunter n. Person killing game for sale.
pot-luck n. Food contributed by guest.
potato n. Often used for sweet potato, esp. in the South; see *Irish.*
potlatch n. (Indian) celebration.
potted adj. Drunk.
pound n. Five dollars.
pound the books v. Study hard.
pound the box v. Play the piano.
power n. Quantity, large amount.
pow-wow n. Meeting of Indians for conference; any conference or discussion (hum.).
prairie-oyster n. Raw egg swallowed whole.
prairie-schooner n. Large covered wagon (q. v.) used by early settlers in the West.
prayer-bones pl. n. Knees.
pre-school n. Kindergarten.
precinct n. Smallest division for administrative and election purposes; police-district.
present (with double accusative) v. Present with: *The Chinese presented the general an umbrella.*
presently adv. BE. at present.
preserved adj. Drunk.
president n. Executive head of the U. S., or of a college or university; chairman, managing director of company, bank, or other large firm.
press-agent n. Employee attending to firm's advertising.
pretzel n. Cake formed as figure eight.
prex(y) n. President.

primary n. Meeting or balloting of voters of a party for choosing delegates to convention, or (*direct primary*) nominating candidate for office.
primed adj. Drunk.
private hospital n. BE. nursing-home.
pro n. (1) Professional (player). — (2) Professor.
probate v. Prove a will.
probe n. Investigation.
probeesh n. Prohibition.
prof n. Professor.
program v. Arrange in certain order; plan definitely.
progressive n. Member of political party desiring to develop the power of government for social reform.
prom n. Formal dance.
pronghorn n. Ruminant resembling antelope.
pronto adv. At once.
propaganda n. Doctrine: *Their propaganda was believed by the crowd.*
prospect n. Possible customer or purchaser.
prosperity n. Flourishing condition of business implying mass-production of goods and their rapid sale to a population in receipt of high wages.
protection n. System by which bribed police condones illegal practices.
protest (with direct object) v. Protest against: *The Russian government protests its exclusion from the conference.*
Protestant Episcopal adj. Of the Am. branch of the Anglican Church.
prowler n. Thief specializing in the ransacking of hotel rooms.
prune-picker n. Californian.
public comfort station n. Public lavatory.
public relations counsel n. Employee of large firm directing propaganda.
public utility n. (Company providing public with) electricity, gas, etc.
public-school n. Free primary, grammar (q. v.), or high (q. v.) school.
publicity n. Advertising, propaganda; notoriety.
publicize v. Give publicity (q. v.) to.
pudgy adj. Short and fat.
pug n. Prize-fighter.
pulchritude n. Personal beauty, esp. of the conventional and advertised kind.
pull v. (1) Bring off, execute: *He doesn't know where raids are to be pulled.* — (2) Bring results, take effect: *Can he write business letters that will pull?*
pull n. Illicit or backstair influence; unfair or other advantage.
pull a boner v. Make a mistake.
pull a gun on v. Draw firearm to shoot person.
pull a raw one v. Tell risqué story, make improper remark.
pull down n. Receive as salary, earn.
pull foot v. Depart.
pull in v. Arrest.
pull off v. Carry out.
pull one's freight v. Depart.
pull out v. Leave railroad station (of train or travelers).
pull . . . stuff (on) v. Profess certain principles; preach at: *He started to pull that brotherhood of man stuff on me; pull raw stuff,* overstep the bounds of propriety.
pull the wool over some one's eyes v. Deceive.
pull up stakes v. Leave, depart.
Pullman car n. Railroad saloon- or sleeping-carriage.
pumpkin n. Kind of gourd used in pies and as cattle food.
punch n. Power, energy, ability, force.
punk n. Rotten wood; drivel.
punk adj. No good, worthless; seedy, poorly.
punk-stick n. Chinese incense.
punkie n. Small biting fly.
punkin, see *pumpkin.*
puny adj. Sickly, poorly.
pup(py) n. Small-sized hot dog (q. v.).
pup-tent n. Sleeping-shelter for two soldiers.
purty adj. Pretty.
push n. Group, set.
puss n. Grimace; face.
pussyfoot n. (1) One who moves warily, with implication of prying into other people's business. — (2) Advocate of prohibition.
pussyfoot v. (1) Tread softly so as to conceal one's plans. — (2) Try to make a date (q. v.).
put across v. Accomplish one's purpose; make one's views accepted.
put in a hole v. Embarrass.
put on lugs v. Adopt attitude of superiority.
put out v. (1) Lay out money. — (2) Put on the market.

put over v. Succeed in any attempt or venture; make accepted; deceive into accepting.
put up v. Pay down or stake money.
put wise v. Disabuse or enlighten.
putter v. BE. potter about.
pyramid v. Build up a merger (q. v.) of firms.

Q

quahog [kwə'hag] n. Edible round clam of the Atlantic coast.
quake n. Earthquake.
quaker n. Dummy gun.
Quaker City n. Philadelphia.
quarter n. (1) Twenty-five-cent silver coin. — (2) Quarter of hundredweight or 25 pounds.
quarter of (nine) n. A quarter to (nine).
quarter-day n. Day on which payments are due: January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1.
queen n. Attractive or flirtatious girl.
queen v. Associate with women.
queen-bee n. Woman leading or shining in a group.
queer n. Counterfeit money.
queer adj. (1) False, fictitious. — (2) Degenerate, abnormal.
queer v. (1) Spoil undertaking; cause to miscarry. — (2) Puzzle.
quick-lunch n. Restaurant.
quince n. Person or thing disliked.
quirt n., v. (Lash with) braided leatherwhip.
quitter n. Coward, shirker; person lacking in determination or strength of will.
quiz v. (1) Question, interrogate closely. — (2) Examine or teach by questions, orally or in writing.
quiz n. (1) One who quizzes (q. v.). — (2) Examination.
quota n. Number of aliens of any given nationality to be admitted during month or year under the immigration law.

R

racket n. (1) Noisy drunken party. — (2) Any illegitimate enterprise. — (3) Plan for projected crime. — (4) Method of making a living by fraud or robbery.
racketeer n. Blackmailer extorting regular tribute from tradesmen by terrorism.
radical n. Politician desiring radical reforms, esp. for equalizing social conditions; revolutionary.
raft n. Large number; miscellaneous group.
ragbag n. Miscellaneous collection.
rah-rah interj. Typical refrain of students' yell (q. v.).
rah-rah adj. Typical of the college student, implying exaggeration: *Rah-rah clothes, movies.*
rail n. Railroad man (q. v.).
railroad n. BE. railway; *railroad man,* BE. railway servant.
railroad v. (1) Transport or travel by railroad. — (2) Put through (bill, appointment, conviction) with great speed, often implying questionable methods.
rails pl. n. Railroad line.
railway n. Railway with light rails; also used in place of *railroad* (q. v.).
rain, it ~s pitchforks v. Rains violently.
rainstorm n. Shower; see *storm.*
raise n. Increase in wages; promotion; BE. rise.
raise v. (1) Scalp. — (2) Steal. — (3) Forge check by making original sum greater.
raise Ned, the mischief v. Raise hell.
rake-off n. Percentage taken by house or banker in gambling; share of proceeds of illegal enterprise.
rambunctious adj. Cantankerous, unruly.
ranch n. Large farm, esp. for cattle-raising; farm of any size or sort; any place or property such as a dwelling-house or place of business.
rancher, ranchman n. Farmer.
range n. Grazing grounds; natural growth of vegetation.
rangy adj. Long, slender.
rank v. Betray partner in criminal enterprise, often inadvertently.
rank n. Defeat.
rap n. (1) Betrayal; indiscretion. — (2) Jail sentence.
rap v. Greet.
rapid transit n. Methods or system for transporting passengers rapidly from one part of a city to another,

rare adj. BE. underdone.
raring to do adj. Eager for.
raspberry ['ræzberi] n. Empty talk, rubbish; *hand the raspberry*, make fun of. — See *razzberries*.
rastabout, see *roustabout*.
rat n. Informer.
rate v. Rate highly: *She rates!*
rathskeller n. Restaurant and beer-saloon.
rattle v. Disconcert; *rattled*, confused, disturbed, embarrassed.
rattler n. (1) Rattlesnake. — (2) Train; freight-car; tram-car.
ratty adj. Shabby, worn.
raw deal n. Unfair treatment; objectionable action.
rawhide v. Whip, thrash.
rayon ['rēi an] n. Artificial silk.
razor-back n. Kind of half-wild pig.
razor-neck n. Aristocratic student.
razz v. Kid, hoax, ridicule; **get the** ~ v. Be severely rebuked or ridiculed; **give the** ~ v. Rebuke severely.
razzberries interj. Expressing disappointment or exasperation.
reaction n. Response (to impressions, etc.).
ready up v. Get ready.
real adv. Very: *He isn't feeling real well.*
realtor ['rīəltəʳ] n. Dealer in real estate.
rebel n. Southerner.
Rebellion n. Civil War (1861—65).
recall n. Removal of public official from office before expiration of his term by popular vote.
recitation n. Repetition of, or examination in, materials set for home study.
reckon v. Think, suppose.
rector n. Episcopal clergyman in charge of parish.
red n. (1) One-cent coin. — (2) Bolshevik, communist; any person suspected of radical views. — (3) **in the** ~ adv. Among the losses.
red v., see *rid*.
red cap n. Negro railroad porter.
red lead [e] n. Catsup (q. v.).
red light district n. City's section of disorderly houses.
Red Men pl. n. Members of a certain masonic society.
red schoolhouse, see *little r. s.*
red triangle n. Emblem of Y. M. C. A.
red-eye n. Rye whisky.
red-hot mamma n. Girl inordinately fond of promiscuous necking (q. v.).
reduce v. Reduce one's own or other person's weight.
reference n. Testimonial.
reform-school n. BE. reformatory.
regent n. Member of governing body of some universities.
regional planning n. Concerted scheme for planning highway, sewerage, park, etc., systems in region comprising more than one self-governing municipality.
register n. Cash-register.
register v. Express emotion by bodily movements or facial expression.
regular fellow, guy n. All-round good chap.
reminisce v. Recall, recount from memory.
rench v. Rinse.
rendition n. Translation; act of rendering or performing.
renege, renig v. Revoke; deny, disown; renounce.
rent v. Let, or hire, for rent; BE. let.
rep n. Reputation.
repair shop n. BE. garage (for the repairing and refitting of autos).
repeater n. (1) Elector voting twice. — (2) Criminal repeating offence.
representative n. Member of the lower house of the U. S. Congress or a State legislature: *House of Representatives*.
reputed adj. Reported.
required adj. Compulsory (of subject or course of study).
reservation n. (1) Tract reserved for Indian tribes. — (2) **make** ~ v. Engage beforehand (seat, berth in Pullman car, etc.).
reserve library n. Collection of books in reading-room, or special *reserve-room*, kept from general circulation for the reading of students.
residenter n. Resident.
resolute v. Resolve, pass resolution.
respond v. Be answerable or liable to make payment.
rest-room n. (Public) lavatory.
retiring-room n. Lavatory.
Revolution n. Am. revolution leading to separation of U. S. from England (1775—83).
Rhine wine n. BE. hock.
rhino n. Money.
rice Christian n. Chinese or Japanese who has embraced Christianity solely for the educational advantages or daily rice portion provided by missions.

rid (up) v. Make tidy.
ride n. Journey in train, auto, airplane; trip in boat, canoe, etc.
ride v. (1) Travel by train, auto, etc. — (2) Drive an auto. — (3) Drive person in auto.
ride the blind, the rods v. Steal rides on a train; see *rods*.
ride the cushions v. Travel in regular passenger-car and pay regular fare, as opposed to stealing rides.
ride the goat v. Undergo initiation ceremony to students' society, etc.
rider n. Passenger.
riff-raff n. Miscellaneous rubbish.
riffle n. Small rapid; place where current flows swiftly over submerged rocks, sand-bars, etc.
rifle n. Scythe-sharpener, whetstone.
rig n. (1) Carriage and horses. — (2) Costume.
rigamajig n. Gadget (q. v.).
right adv. Immediately: *He'll be right down; right now; right away, off*, at once.
right along adv. Continuously; habitually; persistently.
right smart adj. Large.
right with adj. In favor with.
rile, see *roil*.
ring a person v. Ring up on telephone.
ring down (on) v. Close, bring to conclusion.
ring in v. Foist upon; introduce fraudulently or surreptitiously.
ring off v. Stop, cease.
ring the bell v. Succeed, win, make high mark.
ring up v. Rouse, summon; open an action, a meeting, or a performance.
riot n. Success (esp. of shows, dances, etc.).
ripsnorter n. Intensive of *snorter* (q. v.).
ripsnorting adj. Supremely excellent.
ripterror n. Extremely terrifying person.
risk n. Applicant for insurance.
ritz v. Snub.
ritzy adj. Superior (sarcastically); priggish.
riz v. Preterite and past participle of to rise.
riz-raz n. Utter confusion or distruction.
road n. (1) Railroad. — (2) Highway; *paved* or *hard-surface road*, gen. of concrete; *paved* and *gravel roads* are *all-the-year-round roads* as opposed to *dirt* (q. v.) *roads* which are impracticable during the rainy season.
road-bed n. BE. permanent way.
road-house n. Highway inn.
road-louse n. Small auto.
road-repairer n. BE. road-mender.
road-runner n. Ground-cuckoo.
road-wise adj. Acquainted with the ways of tramps by experience.
roadability n. Fitness for use on the roads (of auto).
roadeteria n. Roadside restaurant.
roadster n. Auto seating two persons.
roast v., n. Banter, chaff, criticize; criticism.
robe n. (1) Dressed skin of buffalo, etc., used as rug or garment. — (2) BE. dressing-gown.
robin n. Kind of thrush with reddish-brown breast.
rock n. Pebble, stone: *The boys threw rocks through the window.*
rock oil n. Mineral oil.
rock pile n. Stones to be broken by convict in jail.
rocker n. Rocking-chair.
rocks pl. n. Diamonds; money.
rocky adj. Not well, seedy.
rod n. Firearm.
rods pl. n. Under parts of freight car.
rodeo [rō^{u}′dē^{i} ō^{u}] n. Round-up of cattle for branding; (fair with) exhibition of cowboys' skill at riding, lassoing, etc.
roil v. Render water turbid; annoy, irritate.
roll n. Roll of banknotes; sum of money.
roll a lush, see *lush*.
roll in v. Go to bed.
roll one's stockings v. Wear stockings rolled beneath knees so as to leave the latter exposed.
roll up v. Drive up; arrive.
roll your own! v. (imperative). Do it yourself!
roll-call n. Parliamentary division.
roller-coaster n. BE. switchback railway.
rookie n. Army recruit.
room v. Occupy room(s), or share room(s) with.
roomer n. Lodger.
roomie, room-mate n. Person with whom room is shared.
rooming-house n. BE. lodging-house.
rooster n. Domestic cock.
root (for) v. Support athletic team, etc., by applause, cheering, yelling.
root-beer n. Kind of non-intoxicating drink.
rooter n. Supporter; one who roots (q. v.).

rope v. Catch with lasso.
rope in(to) v. Deceive, entice.
roscoe n. Firearm.
roster n. List of names.
rot-gut n. Bad liquor.
Rotarian n. Member of Rotary (q. v.) Club.
Rotary n. Spirit or principles of the *Rotary Club*, a society with branches for international service (q. v.), holding weekly lunch-meetings for speech-making; *Rotaryann*, hum. coinage to describe wife of a Rotarian.
rough-house n., v. (Indulge in) horse-play, (make a) row.
roughage n. Indigestible matter in foodstuffs.
roughneck n. Unmannerly person, rowdy; coarse, vulgar person.
round trip n. Journey ending where it began; *round trip ticket*, return ticket.
rounder n. (1) Habitual loafer or drunkard; tough often caught in misdemeanors. — (2) Round of applause.
roundhouse n. Circular building for housing locomotives, gen. built round a turn-table, BE. engine-shed.
roundsman n. Police-officer below sergeant with duties of inspection.
roustabout n. Laborer on river-craft; man doing odd jobs of common labor and moving frequently.
row-crops pl. n. Crops planted in rows, e. g., corn (q. v.), sugar canes, etc.
rowdydow n. Disturbance.
rubber n. Rubber overshoe.
rubber(neck) v. Stare impertinently.
rubberneck n. (1) Excursion-bus, BE. charabanc: *Rubberneck-wagon*. — (2) Inquisitive person.
rube n. Farmer; rustic; unsophisticated person; outsider; easy victim.
rug n. Carpet.
rugged [-əd] adj. Vigorous, robust.
rum n. Any intoxicating liquor.
rum-dumb adj. (1) Abominable. — (2) Hopelessly drunk.
rum-row n. Line of ships off the Atlantic coast outside territorial waters from which liquor is smuggled into the U. S.
rum-runner n. Bootlegger (q. v.), esp. one on a large scale.
rumble-seat n. Hind part of auto arranged as extra seat.
rummed(-up) adj. Drunk.
run n. Small stream, watercourse.
run for v. Be candidate in election: *Run for President, etc.*
run into, on to v. Meet (person).
run into the ground v. Overdo.
run slow v. Slow down.
run-in n. Quarrel.
runner n. (1) Traveling salesman; agent; messenger. — (2) Smuggler.
running-board n. Footboard, esp. along side of locomotive or auto.
runt n. Animal unusually small of its kind; undersized person.
rural n. Yokel.
rural free delivery n. Delivery at addressee's home in country districts.
rural population n. Population in places with fewer than 2500 inhabitants.
ruralite n. Farmer; yokel.
rush n. Mass contest between two groups of students, gen. for temporary possession of a flag.
rush v. Entertain as candidate for election to fraternity or sorority (qq. v.); pledge as a member.
rush a girl v. Keep steady company.
rush the show v. Force entrance without payment.
rushee n. Person entertained by fraternity or sorority (qq. v.) as prospective member.
russet shoes pl. n. Brown shoes.
rustle v. (1) Work hard, act energetically, hustle; move or shift things. — (2) Procure wood for camp-fire. — (3) Steal cattle.
rustler n. (1) Active or energetic person. — (2) Cattle thief.
rutabaga n. Swedish turnip.
rye n. Rye whisky.

S

Sabbatical year n. Period of freedom from teaching duties allowed professor for purposes of travel, research, etc.
sachem [æ] n. Indian chief; eminent person.
sack n. Fund used for bribery.
sack-suit n. BE. lounge-suit.
safety n. Safety-razor.
sail into v. Rush into, begin vigorously.
sail-boat n. BE. sailing-boat.

Sal(ly) n. Salvation Army.
salariat n. The salaried classes.
saleratus n. Baking-powder.
saleslady n. Saleswoman (q. v.).
salesman, -woman n. Man, woman, selling goods in retail shop.
salesmanship n. Art of selling goods, often implying that customers are made to buy goods they do not really need: *High pressure salesmanship.*
saloon n. Drinking-bar, BE. public house.
salt (down, away) v. Save, hide, or invest money.
salvage v. Appropriate for one's own use.
salve ['sæv, 'sælv] n. (1) Ointment. — (2) Butter.
Sam Hill n. The devil.
samp n. (Porridge of) coarsely-ground maize.
sanatorium n. Health-resort; institution for invalids, depending chiefly upon altitude or other natural conditions for treatment.
sand n. Courage, firmness, stamina.
sandlot n. Piece of ground or building site, practically bare of vegetation, often used as children's playground.
sanitarium n. Hospital for prophylactic or medical treatment; sanatorium (q. v.).
sanitary (cup, towel) adj. Made of paper and thrown away after use.
Santa (Claus) n. Impersonation of Christmas spirit; personage who brings children presents at Christmas, BE. Father Christmas.
sap, sappo n. Dull, foolish, stupid person.
sap-sucker n. Small woodpecker.
saphead [-ph-] n. Weak-minded person.
sappodil n. Weak-minded or good-natured person easily induced to spend money.
sappy adj. Foolish or sentimental.
sasha, -ay v. Move to and fro.
sass n. (1) Vegetables raised in garden for sale. — (2) Impudent, sharp talk.
sass v. Talk or answer sharply.
sassafrass n. Tree with medicinal bark.
sassy adj. Rude, impudent.
sauce n. (1) Mash of fruit: *Apple, pear, cranberry, rhubarb sauce.* — (2) **long** ~ n. Certain vegetables, as beets, carrots, parsnips; **short** ~ n. Potatoes, turnips, onions, etc.
savvy n., v. Comprehension, intelligence; understand, know.
saw wood v. Keep on working.
sawbuck n. Ten-dollar note.
sawder, soft ~ n. Flattery, cajoling talk.
sawyer n. Uprooted tree floating or stranded in river.
saxo n. Saxophone.
say! interj. BE. I say!
say-so n. Person's mere word, dictum or command; report, rumor.
scads (of) pl. n. Heaps (of).
scairt adj. Scared.
scallawag, scallywag n. Native white in Southern States accepting reconstruction measures imposed by victor after the Civil War; rascal, worthless or undesirable person.
scalp v. (1) Make small quick profit by speculating in tickets, or on the stock exchange. — (2) Oust or remove. — (3) Destroy influence of political opponent.
scalp n. One who scalps (q. v.).
scanties pl. n. Modern female underwear.
scare v. Become scared.
scare up v. Find or procure for use.
scared of adj. Afraid of.
scarehead n. Headline in large type, esp. one of sensational character.
scary adj. (1) Terrifying. — (2) Frightened; timorous.
scat! interj. Get out!
scenario n. Outline of contents, or plot, of film drama.
scenic adj. Strikingly picturesque (of natural scenery).
schedule ['skedjul] n., v. Table or list of details; arrange for, expect: *The meeting is scheduled for eight o'clock; on schedule,* in time; *behind schedule,* late.
school n. College or university; teaching period: *He arrived shortly after school had opened; They hope to be back in school soon.*
schoolma'am n. Schoolmistress.
schooner n. Large beer-glass.
scientific management n. Method for increasing efficiency in the production and distribution of goods, rationalization.
scissor bill n. Working man who does not believe in organizing into labor unions or bettering his condition in society; contemptuous person.
scoop n., v. (Obtain or publish) a piece of news before one's competitors; exclusive news story.

scorcher n. (1) Very hot day. — (2) Stinging remark. — (3) Blow.
score v. Blame, scold.
scout n. Fellow, chap.
scout v. Observe closely the methods used by prospective opponent.
scout for v. Search or seek for.
scrap tobacco n. BE. shag.
scrappy adj. Quarrelsome.
scratch v., n. Write hastily; something written hastily.
scratched ticket, vote a ~ v. Vote against one's party on single issue.
scrawny adj. Lean, scraggy.
scream n. (1) Anything producing excitement or laughter; anything exceptionally fine. — (2) Exclamation mark.
screamer n. Anything regarded as astonishing; anything provoking noisy response.
screen n. (1) Wire-netting cover of window and door openings to prevent entrance of insects. — (2) Moving-picture.
screen v. Make a moving-picture (of).
screen-reporter n. Photographer who takes pictures of current events for the cinema.
screwed adj. Drunk.
scrouch v. Crowd; crouch.
scrub-lady, -woman n. BE. charwoman.
sculch n. Rubbish; leavings of food; unappetizing food.
sculpin n. Spiny large-headed fish.
scunner n. Dislike, aversion.
scup n. (1) Small foodfish of Atlantic coast. — (2) Children's swing.
sea-dust n. Salt.
sea-food n. Any kind of animal food taken from the sea, as fish, oysters, lobsters, shrimps, etc.
seadrome n. Floating platform on which aircraft may land and take off; marine landing field.
search me! interj. I don't know!
Sears-Roebuck n. Name of a well-known mail-order house (q. v.), used as description of any cheap or common article.
secession n. Withdrawal of a State from the Union.
secessionist n. Advocate of, or believer in, secession (q. v.).
seckel n. Small juicy pear.
second n. Additional portion of food ordered in restaurant.
secretary n. (1) Clerk, gen. a woman, working exclusively for the head or some executive (q. v.) of a firm. — (2) **office ~**, see *stenog.* — (3) **~ of State** n. Head of the Department of State (q. v.).
section n. (1) District, region: *The south-central section of the State.* — (2) Quarter of a town: *The business section.* — (3) Definite portion of railroad line, defined for purposes of supervision and repair; *section-hand*, BE. platelayer, *section-gang*, gang of platelayers. — (4) Upper and lower berth as unit in Pullman car.
sectionalism n. Exclusive devotion to interests of a region, particularism.
sedan n. Enclosed auto seating four or more persons.
see v. (1) Perceive as possible: *Chicago sees 200 sites for air-fields.* — (2) Bribe: *You'll have to see the inspector if you want a vacation.*
see the elephant v. See everything.
seed n. Dollar.
seep v., n. Ooze through, leak out; small spring.
seiche ['sēiʃ] n. High and unexpected wave on lake.
selectman n. One of annually-elected board of officers in New England communities.
sell v. (1) Deceive, trick, hoax; *sold again!*, fooled again! — (2) Present thing or idea so persuasively as to induce others to accept it: *A firm must first sell itself to the public.*
sell n. (1) Hoax, trick, joke. — (2) Disappointment: *What a sell!*
sell out v. Betray one's employer for bribe.
sell-outer n. Bribe-taker.
semester n. College or university half-year term.
semi-occasionally adv. Now and then, rarely.
seminary n. Private or endowed school; theological college.
send up v. Sentence to imprisonment.
senior n. Fourth-year student (at college or high school).
sense v. Understand, apprehend.
sequoia [sī'kwɔiə] n. Californian coniferous tree of great height.
serve life v. Be under life-sentence.
service n. Desire of business-man to serve the public rather than to make profits; hence the name *service-club* for the Rotary Club and other organizations: *Service above Self.*
service v. Repair auto, etc., and supply with accessories, fuel, etc.

service-brake n. BE. foot-brake (auto).
service-station n. Place where auto may be refitted and supplied with gasoline (q. v.), lubricating oil, etc.
session n. School or university term.
set v. Sit.
set n. Fit (of clothes).
set adj. Ready to go.
set back v. Cost: *How much will it set me back?*
set up v. Place drink, etc., before customer or guest, esp. as treat.
set-down adj. Eating a meal at a table.
set-out n. Meal, esp. free meal obtained by tramp.
set-up n. Treat; special privilege.
setback n. Receding higher story or other feature of building: *The setback skyscraper.*
setting-up exercises pl. n. (1) Gymnastics. — (2) Preliminaries.
sewed-up adj. (1) Hemmed-in, frustrated. — (2) Drunk.
sewerage n. BE. drains.
sexy adj. Full of sex-appeal.
shack n. (1) Rough (wooden) hut or habitation. — (2) Railroad brakeman.
shack v. (1) Move along slowly. — (2) Chase.
shag-bark n. (1) Kind of tree. — (2) Kind of nut.
shake v. (1) Scold. — (2) Gamble. — (3) Steal; beg; obtain by fraud. — (4) Shake hands.
shake n. (1) Earthquake. — (2) Bargain. — (3) Dismissal. — (4) A very short period; *in a shake, in two shakes,* very soon, quickly.
shake a hoof v. Dance.
shake a leg v. Hurry, make haste.
shake down v. Search (and rob) person.
shake hands! v. (imperative). Formula of introduction.
shake up v. Mix by shaking; prepare food.
shakedown n. (1) Act of searching a person. — (2) Boisterous dance.
shaker n. (1) Member of religious celibate sect. — (2) Utensil for shaking up cocktail. — (3) Small pepper or salt pot with perforated top for use at table.
shakes pl. n. (1) Chills and fever. — (2) **no great** ~. Not amounting to much; **no mean** ~. Very good.
shanghaier n. Thief who uses drugs to stupefy his victim.
shanty n. Hut; watchman's house.
shanty-boy n. Member of logging crew, lumber-jack (q. v.).
shark n. (1) Person of unusual ability; brilliant student. — (2) Trickster, swindler: *Loan shark, real estate shark.* — (3) Employment agent.
sharp n. One skilled or crooked at games, sharper.
shavetail n. Second lieutenant.
shay n. Horse-chaise.
sheba n. Boy's girl friend; any girl.
shebang [ʃi'bæŋ] n. Hut; any dwelling, institution, business, shop; *the whole shebang,* the whole business.
Sheenie n. Jew.
sheep-herder n. Attendant on sheep-farm.
sheep-laurel n. Red-flowered shrub poisonous to sheep.
sheep's head n. Marine fish with sheep-like incisor teeth.
sheepskin n. Diploma.
sheepsnose n. Kind of apple.
sheik [ī] n. Male flirt; girl's boy friend; man with sex appeal, esp. in movies; *the Sheik,* Rudolf Valentino, famous cinema star.
shekels pl. n. Money.
sheldrake n. BE. merganser.
shell out v. Expose abuses, etc.
shellbark, see *shag-bark.*
sheriff n. Head of county (q. v.) police.
shicker adj. Drunk.
shill n. Person supposed to belong to the audience but working for the good of the house.
shin n. Hasty effort to borrow money.
shin about, round v. Walk or run; make hasty effort to borrow money.
shindig n. Important social function; celebration, esp. dance.
shine n. (1) Negro. — (2) Subordinate, inferior (among actors). — (3) Moonshine (q. v.). — (4) Noisy row or rumpus. — (5) Liking, fancy: *That girl has taken a shine to you.* — (6) Polish on shoes.
shine v. Polish shoes.
shine up to v. Try to please.
shiner n. Kind of small freshwater fish.
shines pl. n., see *monkey-shines.*
shingle n. Small sign, esp. lawyer's: *hang out (up) one's shingle,* set up for oneself as lawyer, doctor, etc.
shingle v. Beat, punish.
shinn(e)y n. (1) Game resembling hockey; stick used in it. — (2) See *shin*

shinn(e)y v. (1) Play shinney (q. v.). — (2) See *shin about.*
ship n. Airship (q. v.), airplane.
ship v. Send goods by any means of transport.
shipment n. Consignment of goods.
shipper n. Sender (of goods, parcel, etc.).
shirr n., v. Elastic webbing; elastic thread woven into fabric; gathered trimming; to gather (material) with parallel threads run through.
shirred eggs pl. n. BE. scrambled eggs.
shirt-waist n. Blouse.
shirtfront building n. Building of which only the street elevation is given finished architectural treatment, the sides and back being of common brick.
shive n. Knife, razor.
shoat n. Half-grown pig.
shock-absorber n. BE. anti-bounce clip (auto).
shoe n. Shoe reaching below ankle, also *low shoe; high shoe,* reaching above ankle.
shoe-pac(k) n. Heavy felt half-boot worn in winter.
shoe-shine n. BE. boot-polish.
shoe-string n. BE. shoe-lace; **on a ~** adv. For minimum payment or effort; **~ potatoes** pl. n. Potatoes cut in long fine strips and fried, BE. chips.
shoot v. Add alcohol to near-beer (q. v.), etc.
shoot! interj. Go ahead!, say what you have on your mind!, pshaw!
shoot a movie, pictures v. Take photographs for moving picture.
shoot dice v. Play at dice.
shoot Niagara v. Try desperate experiment.
shoot (off) one's face, lip v. Speak; express an opinion.
shoot one's cookies, lunch, the works v. Vomit.
shoot one's mouth off v. Talk boastingly or offensively.
shoot out v. Sell out on leaving business.
shoot up v. Terrorize with rifle-shooting, firing of houses, etc.; rob under threat of shooting; celebrate by means of the reckless firing of firearms.
shooting-iron n. Firearm.
shooting-match n. Any group of persons or things.
shop n. Place where something is made or repaired: *Barber shop, shoe repair shop, machine shop*; certain places for the sale of goods: *Butcher shop, candy shop.*
Shore, the ~ n. The Atlantic coast.
shore-dinner n. Dinner of sea-food (q.v.).
short n., v. (Produce) short circuit.
shortcake n. Rich cake of biscuit dough served with fruit compote and thick cream.
shorthorn n. Newcomer, beginner.
shot n. (1) Act of taking moving picture or other photograph; photographic picture. — (2) Injection of morphine or cocaine.
shot adj. Drunk.
shotgun n. BE. fowling-piece.
shoulder-strap n. Army or Navy officer's badge.
shout, now you are ~ing v. You have said something highly commendable.
shove v. Go (away), get out.
show n. Any dramatic or musical entertainment, e. g., a play, moving-picture, concert, opera.
show me! interj. Prove it!
show-card n. Small business announcement in window, tramcar, or stuck on wall, etc.
showdown n. (1) Act of laying cards face up. — (2) Open disclosure of plans, means, etc.
shower [au] (1) Shower-bath(-room). — (2) Party given to girl about to be married, each guest bringing a present: *kitchen shower,* with presents of kitchen utensils; *linen shower,* etc.
showers, send to the ~ v. Reject man's proposal.
shredded wheat n. Kind of cereal (q. v.).
Shriner n. Member of a masonic society, *the Shriners.*
shuck n., v. (Remove) husk, pod, shell.
shucks! interj. Expressing mild disapproval.
Shuttle n. Short subway (q. v.) line in New York City on which trains run to and fro connecting two main lines.
shy adj. Lacking, short on: *Oregon is girl-shy.*
Shylock v. Take unfair advantage, or revenge.
shyster [ai] n. Person without professional honor, esp. dishonest or tricky lawyer.
sick adj. Ill (also used predicatively):

He is sick and unable to attend his classes; sick at the stomach, disposed to vomit, BE. sick.

sick v. Urge or incite, esp. dog.

side, on the ~ adv. Incidentally: *He earns a good wage and makes more on the side.*

side-door Pullman n. Railroad box-car.

side-kick(er) n. Partner, pal.

side-step v. Avoid.

side-track v. Turn aside; postpone consideration, divert from an issue or purpose; BE. shunt.

side-walk n. Footway at side of road, BE. pavement.

sideburn n. Short side-whisker.

sideswipe, see *sidewipe.*

sidewipe n. Rubbing or scraping of one auto by another in passing.

siding n. Boards forming sides of timber building.

sight n. Opportunity or chance.

sight-seeing car, sightseer n. BE. charabanc.

sign n. Trace or spoor of wild animal.

sign v. Engage, esp. as member of athletic team.

sign-board n. Fence for posting bills, BE. hoarding.

signal-tower n. BE. signal-box.

signature, over one's ~ adv. In writing.

signer n. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

sil adj., n. Silly (person).

silage n., v. Preservation of green fodder in silo; fodder thus stored; to preserve fodder in silo (q. v.).

silk n. Silk-like styles of female flower of maize.

silk-stocking n. Member of exclusive set; idle rich person.

silk-weed n. BE. milk-weed.

silo n. Pit, or round tower-like structure for silage (q. v.).

silver n. Table and domestic utensils of silver, BE. plate.

simp n. Simpleton.

simplification n. Method of mass-production by the assembling of standardized parts.

sin-buster n. Preacher, missionary.

sing n. Social gathering for singing.

singlefoot n. Horse's racking gait.

singletree n. Pivoted bar to whose ends traces of wagon, plough, etc., are attached.

sink n. Low boggy place.

sinker n. Doughnut (q. v.).

sirree [si'rī] n. Intensive vocative of sir.

sis n. Sister, girl, sweetheart; also see *sissy.*

sisal n. Fiber of Am. aloe.

sissy n. Effeminate boy or man; see also *sis.*

sit in (at, on) v. Be member of a party, attend a meeting.

sitting pretty adj. Being in a safe, agreeable, or enviable position.

sizzard n. Period of hot and humid weather.

skate n. (1) Old worn-out horse. — (2) Despicable, worthless, or loathsome person.

skedaddle v. Make off.

skeered adj. Scared.

skeesicks n. Rascal, rogue.

skeeter n. Mosquito (q. v.).

skelter v. Scamper, hurry.

skeptic, spelling of BE. sceptic.

skewgee n. Turn, twist, blunder.

skewgee v. Swerve, distort, squirt.

skewgee adj. Twisted, distorted, unsymmetrical.

skewgee adv. Awry, obliquely.

skibby n. Japanese or Chinese.

skid n., v. Timber track on which logs are drawn or slid; move logs on skid.

skidoo v. Go away (in haste), get out.

skimmer n. Hat.

skimp(y) adv. Scanty, stingy.

skin v. Cheat, swindle, defraud.

skin, no ~ **off my ear** adv. Not my concern.

skin out v. Depart hastily (and in secret), depart abruptly.

skin up v. Hasten up.

skin-game n. Swindle.

skinful n. Fill of food or drink.

skinned, keep one's eyes ~ v. Be watchful; ~ **a mile** adj. Beaten or outbested.

skinner n. (1) Swindler. — (2) Driver or rider of horse or mule.

skipper n. (1) First sergeant of a company in the Army. — (2) Person leaving hotel without paying his bill.

skirt n. Girl, woman.

skitter v. Rustle.

skun v., preterite and past participle of to skin (q. v.).

skunk n. (1) Vile and despicable person. — (2) Defeat of opponent without his scoring.

skunk v. Defeat opponent in game, esp. when the latter is prevented from making any score.

skyrocket v. Raise or rise to unusual height.

skyscraper n. Tall building; anything unusually high.
slam n. Derogatory or sarcastic remark.
slam v. Sneer at; comment in bluntly disapproving manner.
slam-bang adj., adv., v. Boisterous(ly), impetuous(ly), rash(ly); act thus.
slang-whang v. Abuse in slangy language.
slant n. Opinion, view.
slant-eye n. Oriental.
slapstick n. Split flat board making a great noise without hurting the person beaten with it; symbol of boisterous and clownish wit, or of any kind of low comedy.
slash(ing) n. Place in forest where trees have been felled or blown down.
slat n. Rib; thin and angular woman; *the slats*, posterior.
slate n. Preliminary list of candidates; any pre-arranged list.
slate v. Suggest as candidate; arrange for, plan, intend; appoint.
slather v. Spread on thick.
slavocracy n. Slave-owning class in the South.
slaw n. Salad of sliced cabbage.
sleazy adj. Firm in texture.
sledding, hard ~ n. Difficult conditions.
sleeper n. Railroad sleeping-car.
sleeping-room n. Bedroom.
slew n. (1) Marshy ground, shallow stretch of water. — (2) Large number.
slick adj. (1) Sharp, shrewd, clever. — (2) Perfect, desirable.
slick up v. Clean, repair, adjust.
slicker n. (1) Waterproof oilskin raincoat. — (2) City dweller. — (3) Skillful crook (q. v.).
slickness n. Cleverness, competence; shrewdness; unscrupulousness.
sling n. Mixed alcoholic drink.
slip n. Place for vessel to lie between wharves, BE. berth.
slip something over on a person v. Get the better of by deceit.
slip up v. Fail in attempt, commit error.
slipper n. Lady's light shoe without top.
slipperling n. Aristocratic student.
slob n. Contemptuous person.
sloe n. Kind of wild plum.
slogan n. Short simple statement designed to increase sales or to describe political aims: *Milk is your best food — drink more of it!*, *The ideal of Labor: a full-time job for every man.*
slop over v. Make ridiculous display of sentimentality; indulge in exaggeration.
slop-bucket n. Garbage-can (q. v.).
slope v. Go away, get out.
slopped adj. Drunk.
slouch n. Poor performer or specimen; **no** ~ adj. Excellent.
slue, see *slew*.
sluff v. Loaf, fail to do one's duty.
sluffer n. Loafer, shirker.
slug n. (1) Hard random hit. — (2) Bullet. — (3) Imitation coin, counter. — (4) Dollar.
slug v. (1) Hit hard and wildly, BE. slog. — (2) Shoot. — (3) Work doggedly.
slum n. Stew, poor or prison food; ~, ~ **gullion** n. Beef vegetable stew.
slut n. Woman of loose morals; bitch.
smack(er) n. Dollar.
small potatoes pl. n. Persons or things of no account.
smart adj. (1) Impudent. — (2) Large.
smart-aleck n. Conceited or forward person; one who tries to show off his wit or cleverness.
smarty adj., n. Impudent; person who tries to be witty, esp. one whose effort does not succeed.
smash v. Strike, beat.
smoke n. Water mixed with denatured or other bad alcohol.
smoke-eater n. Woman who smokes to excess.
smoke-screen n. Any kind of concealment, disguise, or pretence.
smoke-wagon n. Firearm.
smoker n. (1) Railroad smoking-car. — (2) Men's informal gathering.
smudge n. Outdoor fire with dense smoke to keep off gnats, etc.
smut-hound n. Prurient person in search of passages in books which he may denounce to the censor.
snag n. Unforeseen difficulty, unexpected obstacle.
snake v. Pull, drag, draw.
snake n. Man inordinately fond of female society.
snake's hips, see *cat's*.
snakes pl. n. Delirium tremens: *to see snakes*, suffer from d. t.
snap n. (1) Easy task or course of study. — (2) Force, vitality.
snap into v. Command person to move or act energetically.

snap out (of) v. Wake up; stop doing.
snappy adj. Smart, stylish; clever, sharp, lively; sudden, quick.
snarl n., v. Confusion, tangle; entangle.
sneak v., n. Go away, abscond, get out; *take a sneak*, steal away.
sneakers pl. n. Soft-soled noiseless slippers.
snell n. Short line of gut, etc., fastening fishhook to line.
snide adj. Low, poor, inferior, contemptuous.
snip n. Small or insignificant person or thing.
snipe n. Cigar or cigaret end, esp. when rescued from gutter.
snippy adj. Supercilious, BE. sniffy.
snips pl. n., **to go** ~ v. Share.
snitch v. (1) Tell on, inform against, betray. — (2) Steal, pilfer.
snoop v. Sneak about; pry into other people's affairs.
snoop(er) n. Person who snoops (q. v.).
snoot v. Disdain, scorn.
snoot n. Snout; *make snoots at*, make faces.
snooted adj. Drunk.
snooty adj. (1) Sulky. — (2) Snobbish.
snorter n. Anything considered important, impressive, or unusual.
snot n. Low or disliked person.
snotty adj. Impudent, presumptuous.
snow n. Cocaine (as inhaled dust).
snow-bird, -fiend n. Sniffer of cocaine.
snowed-in adj. Under the influence of cocaine.
snowed-under adj. Defeated overwhelmingly.
snubber n. Device for checking recoil of auto springs.
snuck v., preterite and past participle of to sneak (q. v.).
snugglepup n. Lapdog.
so conj. So that: *I've brought the book so you may read it tonight; so's*, so that.
so's your old man! interj. General exclamation of derision; nonsense!
soak v. (1) Extort from, charge exorbitantly. — (2) Pawn.
soak, poor ~ n. Poor fellow.
soap n. Flattery.
soap-box n., v. Figuratively for platform from which street-corner orator, often of radical views, speaks; speak publicly from informal platform; speak radically on any subject: *Soap-boxer.*
soapy-eyed adj. Drunk.
sob-sister n. Excessively sentimental woman (or man); woman newspaper reporter writing sob-stuff (q. v.).
sob-stuff n. Sadness, pathos, or sentimentality, esp. as expressed in speech or writing.
sober-side n. Supporter of prohibition.
sociable n. Informal reception or social gathering.
society n. Voting members of church congregation.
sock v., n. Strike hard, hit; throw or hurl; a hard hit or blow.
sock adv. Plump, square: *He hit Jim sock in the eye.*
sockdologer; n. Something exceptionally large; answer or blow that settles matter.
socket n. Contrivance to receive plug of electric appliance.
sod-widow n. Woman whose husband is dead, as distinct from grass-widow (q. v.).
soda n. Mixture of soda-water, flavoring, cream, and ice-cream; *soda-fountain*, bar for serving soft drinks (q. v.), ice-cream, etc.; *soda-jerk(er), -squirt*, attendant at soda-fountain.
sodger, see *soldier.*
soft drink n. Non-alcoholic drink.
soft mark n. Easy mark
soft snap n. Easy situation, position yielding large profits for little work.
soft soap n. Flattery, insincere talk; sob-stuff (q. v.) used by thief to gain preliminary information.
soft-pedal v., n. Keep thing quiet, restrain, suppress, hush up: *put on the soft pedal*, restrain oneself.
softy n. Easy victim; amorous, effeminate, cowardly man.
soger, sojer, soldier v., n. Shirk duty, work lazily; shirker.
solicitor n. BE. canvasser.
solid n. One who refuses to betray his accomplices or to confess.
solid adj. (1) Written as one word. — (2) ~ **with** adj. On good terms with; *make (get) oneself solid with*, win the favor of.
solid ivory n. Dull or stupid person.
Solid South n. The Southern States as voting consistently for the Democratic Party.
solon n. Member of Congress, or of any other law-making assembly.
some adj. Of surpassing magnitude or quality: *Some athlete you are!, That is some hat!; some punkins*, persons of consequence, *some feed*, a fine meal, *some smear*, high-class.

some adv. Somewhat; rather; a good deal: *He seemed annoyed some, I shall work some tonight, He liked her some.*
some-place adv. Somewhere.
someways adv. Somehow.
son of a bitch n. Son of a whore.
son of a gun n. Mild substitute for *son of a bitch* (q. v.).
sonk v. Collapse heavily.
sooner n. (1) Fellow; queer specimen; duffer. — (2) Native or inhabitant of Oklahoma.
soph, see *sophomore.*
sophomore n. Second-year student at high-school or college; immature person.
sophomoric adj. Immature, bombastic.
soppy adj. Hard-drinking.
sora n. Bird of rail family.
sore adj. Angry, annoyed, hurt.
sorehead n. Angry or dissatisfied person; one habitually disgruntled.
sorority n. Women students' society corresponding to men's fraternity (q. v.).
sot v., preterite and past participle of sit, set.
soup n. Nitroglycerine, esp. as used for cracking safes.
soup and fish n. Evening dress; dinner jacket.
soup-house n. Inferior restaurant.
sourdough n. One who has spent one or more winters in Alaska.
sourkrout n. German *Sauerkraut.*
souse [s] n. (1) Kind of head-cheese (q. v.). — (2) Drunken person, drunkard; drinking bout; state of intoxication.
soused adj. Drunk.
South, the ~ n. The Southern States; the old Slave States.
southland(s) n. Sentimental name for the South (q. v.).
sox pl. n., facetious spelling for socks.
spaced payments pl. n. Payments by installments.
spaces, the great open ~ pl. n. The West, esp. the Prairie States.
spade v., see *spay(ed).*
span n. Pair of draught animals.
spang adv. Directly; exactly.
spark v., n. Woo, court; lover, suitor.
sparkler n. Diamond (ring).
spat v. Quarrel; slap.
spatterdock n. Yellow water-lily.
spay v. Castrate.
speakeasy n. Illicit bar.
speakies pl. n. Acted plays, as opposed to movies.
special delivery n. Immediate dispatch of letters to addressee by messenger from post-office, paid for by sender by special stamp.
speech n. Elocution, as subject of university teaching, embracing voice-training, vocal expression, acting, etc.: *Speech department.*
speed-ball n. Glass of wine.
speedway n. Course for the fast driving of horses or autos.
spell n. (1) Short time, or distance. — (2) Unpleasant, disturbed period.
spellbinder n. Eloquent political orator; public, esp. political speaker.
spick n. Mexican.
spiel n., v. Talk, speech; make speech, give lecture.
spieler n. One who talks; see *spiel.*
spifflicate v. Bewilder; beat, punish, kill.
spifflicated adj. Drunk.
spiffy adj. Smart, stylish, fine-looking.
spill a loop v. Lasso (cow, etc.).
spill the beans v. Give away secret; spoil plan.
spill the guts v. Tell everything one knows.
spinorty adj. Stylish, fashionable.
spit, v., preterite and past participle of to spit.
spit and image, spitting image n. Exact likeness.
split one's ticket v. Give one's vote to each side or candidate.
split the wind v. Run very fast.
splurge n., v. (Make) ostentatious display of wealth, etc.
splurgy adj. Showy, ostentatious.
spondulicks, -ix pl. n. Money.
sponsor n., v. Supporter (of movement, etc.); to support.
spoof v., n. Deceive, fool, tease; jocular deception, hoaxing.
spook n., v. Ghost, apparition; to haunt.
spookish adj. Spectral; haunted.
spout v., n. To pawn; pawnshop.
spout, up the ~ adj. Gone, used up; done for, bankrupt.
spread oneself v. Make a display, esp. pretensions of generosity.
spread-eagle adj. Boastfully and bombastically patriotic: *Spread-eagle oratory.*
sprouts pl. n. Discipline, training.
squab n. (1) Young bird, esp. pigeon. — (2) Young girl.
squall n. Quarrel, dispute.
square n. Square meal.

squarehead n. Scandinavian (immigrant).
squareshooter n. Honest tradesman.
squash n. Kind of cucumber or vegetable marrow.
squatter n. Person settling on land without title.
squaw n. Indian woman; contempt. name for any woman.
squaw-man n. White man married to Indian woman (and living among the Indians).
squaw-winter n. Period of gray skies and snow flurries preceding Indian summer (q. v.).
squeal v. Confess; betray by confession.
squiffed adj. Drunk.
squirt n. Insignificant or disliked person; see *soda(-squirt)*.
stab n. Effort, trial, attempt.
stable n. Building in which horses or cattle are kept.
stack n. Set of shelves for books in library; *stack-room*, library's bookstore; *stack privilege*, permission to go into stack-room.
stag n., v. Man unaccompanied by lady at social gathering; *stag-party*, for men only; *to stag it*, go unaccompanied by lady.
stage v. Accomplish (victory, etc.).
stall v. (1) Bring or come to a standstill; stop working. — (2) Kill time, wait, procrastinate. — (3) Hold back one's strength for later effort. — (4) Delay person.
stall n. Faked alibi.
stamp, see *stomp*.
stampede n. (1) Rush of horses or cattle or people under sudden impulse, esp. of panic. — (2) Dance.
stamping-ground n. Favorite resort.
stand n. (1) State of the vegetation of crops: *A good stand of corn.* — (2) Building or site for a business.
stand for v. Put up with, endure, permit.
stand off v. (1) Delay, postpone (payment, etc.). — (2) Hold back, control (crowd, enemy, etc.).
stand pat v. Be satisfied with existing conditions.
stand up v. Disappoint, fail to keep appointment with a person.
standee n. Person who has to stand during a performance.
standpatter n. One who opposes changes; politician in favor of strict adherence to party platform, esp. on tariffs.
Stars and Bars pl. n. Flag of the Confederacy.
Stars and Stripes pl. n. Flag of the U. S.
start off v. Set out, start, leave.
start out v. Launch person on a course, etc.
start over v. Begin afresh.
starter n. (1) Person procuring taxis for hotel guests. — (2) Person regulating lift traffic in hotels or other large buildings.
stash n., v. Hiding-place; to hide.
State n. Abbreviation for State College (q. v.), or State University.
State College n. Agricultural and engineering college maintained by a State.
State Department, see *Department of State*.
state-house n. Capitol (q. v.); meeting-place of a State Legislature.
staterights pl. n. Rights and powers not delegated to Federal Government but reserved to individual States.
statewide adj. Affecting a whole state.
station-house n. Police-station.
stay over v. Stay overnight.
stay put v. Stay definitely, or in place.
steal n. (1) Theft, esp. with reference to political corruption. — (2) Stolen goods.
steam n. Person's energy or force.
steam-car n. Railroad carriage; *the steam-cars*, the train.
steam-head n. Kind of trout.
steam-paddy n. Steam shovel or excavator.
steamer-rug n. Traveling-rug.
steerer n. Person guiding customers to bootlegging (q. v.) establishment.
stein [ai] n. Earthenware (beer-)mug.
stenog n. [ste'nag], see *stenographer*.
stenographer n. BE. typist (gen. a woman).
step off v. (1) Make blunder or mistake, commit breach of etiquette. — (2) Get married.
step on it v. Augment, increase, speed up; *step on the gas* (q. v.), *the juice*, give engine more gas to increase speed.
step out v. (1) Indulge in social activities, give parties. — (2) Walk out with a girl.
step-in n. Article of feminine underwear.
stew(-bum) n. Drunkard.

stewed (to the gills) adj. (Completely) drunk.
stick n. (1) Pistol. — (2) Alcohol added to tea or other drink. — (3) Dull or inactive person.
stick v. Cheat.
stick around v. Wait, hang about.
stick in one's crop (gizzard) v. Be offensive.
stick out one's neck v. Commit unpardonable error, lay oneself open to criticism.
sticks pl. n. Backwoods; small town, or rural district.
stiff n. (1) Laboring man. — (2) Odious person; *big stiff*, supremely odious or unsociable person. — (3) Corpse, cadaver. — (4) Losing horse.
still and all adv. Nevertheless; in spite of all; however.
still hunt n. Stealthy stalking of game.
still picture n. Ordinary photograph made of such scenes in movie drama as will have advertising value.
sting v. Defraud; charge; treat unfairly.
stinker n. Mean-spirited, odious person.
stinking adj. Mean.
stinko adj. Drunk.
stinkum stuff n. Perfumery.
stir n. Penitentiary (q. v.).
stocker n. Steer kept for fattening.
stockholder n. BE. shareholder.
stockjobber n. Stockbroker (contempt.).
stockyard n. Place where animals are killed and the meat is canned (q. v.).
stogie [g] n. (1) Kind of heavy boot. — (2) Long slender cigar.
stomp n. Kind of dance.
stomp v. Stamp with foot.
stool n. Informer (to the police).
stoop n. Veranda at house door, approached by means of steps.
stop in v. Enter house, etc., and stay for a while.
stop, look, listen! imperative. Warning posted near railroad-crossings to make motorists stop and make sure that no trains are approaching.
stop off v. Get off a train, etc.; interrupt journey for temporary stay.
stop over v. Interrupt journey to proceed by later train; *stop-over ticket*, giving permission to interrupt trip.
store n. Establishment for retail sale of goods, BE. shop.
storekeeper n. BE. shopkeeper.
storm n. Fall of rain, hail, or snow; see *windstorm*.
storm v. Rain.
storm-window n. Extra outside window as protection against inclement weather.
story n. Piece of news (in journalism).
stove in adj. Drunk.
stovepipe hat n. Tall silk hat.
stover n. Fodder of straw, etc.
straddler n. Politician evading the issue to catch votes from all factions.
straight adj. (1) Exclusively of one type; *a straight picture-show*, with no other attractions, such as stage acts, etc. — (2) Pure, undiluted: *He takes his whisky straight*.
straight n. The correct version or interpretation.
straight ticket n. Program of political party without modification.
straight-arm adj. Straightforward.
strapped adj. Very short of money, penniless.
straw-boss n. Petty foreman.
straw-vote n. Unofficial balloting as test of strength.
streak, yellow ~ n. Element of unreliability or dishonesty.
streak it v. Go in great hurry, travel at high speed.
streak of luck n. Instance, interval, or period of good fortune.
streamer n. Headline across front page of newspaper in tall letters.
Street, the ~ n. Wall Street (q. v.).
street-car n. BE. tramcar.
strides pl. n. Trousers.
strike n. Sudden success at finding gold, petroleum, etc.; profitable venture of any kind.
strike it rich, strike oil v. Make financial success.
string v. Fool, humbug.
string n. (1) Talk, exposition. — (2) Group of horses used by cowboys to round up cattle.
stripe n. Type, trait of character: *He is a youth of the Don Juan stripe*.
strong for adj. Enthusiastic about, heartily in favor of.
stub n. Counterfoil of check or ticket.
stuck adj. Cheated.
stuck on adj. In love with.
stud n. Stud-horse.
stud-poker n. Card-game making heavy gain or loss possible.
stude n. Student.
studio apartment n. Apartment (q. v.) consisting of one large room with small bedroom and kitchen.

stuff n. (1) Dope (q. v.). — (2) Contraband or stolen goods.
stump v. (1) Challenge, dare. — (2) Strike.
stump it v. Run away.
stunt n. Tour de force, special effort, display of concentrated energy; any performance or entertainment; advertising device; *stunt flying*, for entertainment of spectators.
stupe adj. Stupid.
stylebook n. Book with rules to be followed in a particular printing-office.
subdivide v. Divide estate into building-plots.
subdivision n. Building-plot (see *subdivide*).
subtitle n. Caption of film-drama, interpreting the story.
subway n. Underground railway.
succotash n. Beans and maize boiled together.
sucked in adj. Deceived.
sucker n. (1) Kind of fish. — (2) Foolish person; one easily deceived. — (3) Sponging or parasitical person. — (4) Large sweet.
sugar n. Money; *sugar daddy*, man liberal with his money.
sugar v. Make maple sugar.
sugar bush n. Grove of sugar-maples.
suicide v. Commit suicide.
summerite n. Person on summer vacation.
sun parlor n. Glazed veranda.
sundae ['sʌndi] n. Dish of ice-cream served with various combinations of crushed fruit, syrup, nuts, etc.
sunup n. Sunrise.
supe n., v. (Act as) supernumerary.
super n. Superintendent.
supervisor n. Officer of elected board administering township.
sure! interj. Surely!, certainly!
sure-fire, -stuff n. Performance that will be a success under any circumstances.
surface-car n. Tramcar (as distinct from elevated or subway cars, esp. in New York City).
surrey n. Kind of four-wheeled two-seated pleasure carriage or auto.
surrogate n. Judge with jurisdiction over probate of wills, etc.
suspenders pl. n. BE. braces.
suspicion v. Have suspicion (that).
swack v. Strike, beat, throw with force.
swale n. Low place or hollow; marshy depression, esp. in midst of prairie.
swamper n. Helper on auto truck.
swat v. Slap, crush, esp. fly.
swatfest n. Row, free fight.
swatter n. Instrument for crushing flies.
Swede adj. Swedish: *A Swede girl.*
swellhead n. Conceit; conceited person.
swing v. Manage, accomplish.
swing round the circle v. Make complete circuit, shift one's opinion completely.
swing-couch n. Couch suspended from ceiling like a swing.
swipe v. Steal.
swirl n. False hair worn with bobbed hair.
switch n., v. BE. (railway) points; to shunt (train).
switched, I'll be ~ interj. Mild exclamation of surprise.
swizzle-nick n. Hard drinker.
swizzled adj. Drunk.
syndicated adj. Of matter supplied to and printed by large number of newspapers, etc., simultaneously: *Syndicated humor, features* (q. v.).

T

tab n. (1) Account, check, reckoning: *Mind you keep tab on all your spendings.* — (2) See *tabloid.*
tabby adj. Old-womanish; slovenly.
tabernacle n. Church with large auditorium.
tabloid adj. Concentrated, diminutive.
tabloid n. Newspaper, or other periodical publication, containing news in concentrated form and largely pictorial, appealing to the illiterate masses.
tackle v. Ask (person) for.
tacky adj. Unkempt; dowdy; shabby; undesirable.
tad n. Boy.
taffy n. (1) BE. toffee. — (2) Flattery, insincere speech.
tag n. Name.
tag-day n. Day on which money is raised for cause by sale to passengers of tags or badges to be worn as evidence of having given; BE. flag-day.

tag-money n. Sum paid for registration and licensing of auto.
tail v. Follow, watch closely, spy upon.
tail n. Posterior.
take v. Take fire.
take a fall out of v. Get the better of (person).
take and do v. Start doing.
take out one's first papers v. Formally declare one's intention of becoming a U. S. citizen.
take somebody's dust v. Allow person to get the start or keep ahead (in auto, or figuratively).
take something off a person v. Put up with insult or imposition.
take up v. Begin, start.
take well v. Make good impression.
taky adj. Attractive, pleasing.
talk big v. Be arrogant.
talk turkey v. Talk frankly; talk business.
talk up v. Praise, support.
talkfest n. Party, or meeting, where conversation or speech-making is the principal business.
talkie n. Sound-film.
talky adj. Talkative.
tall grass n. The treeless plains.
tall timber n. The western forest; remote region or isolated places; *take to the tall timber*, flee or escape.
tally-ho n. Large four-in-hand coach.
tamarack n. Kind of larch.
Tammany n. Political organization with Democratic tendencies in New York City, sometimes used as a byword for political and municipal corruption.
tanager n. Kind of finch with brilliant plumage.
tangle-foot n. (1) Whisky. — (2) Trade-name of a fly-paper.
tank n. (1) Natural pool or pond; depression dammed up to hold rain-water for cattle, etc. — (2) Habitual drunkard.
tank up v. Drink to excess.
tank-town n. Jerkwater town (q. v.).
tanked adj. Drunk.
tap v. Mend shoes.
tap, on ~ adj. Available.
taps pl. n. Signal on drum or trumpet for lights to be put out in military or naval quarters.
tar-brush n. Symbol for traces of Negro blood: *Some of the slaveholders' descendants show signs of the tar-brush.*
tardy adj. Late in coming (of person).
Tarheel adj., n. Of, or belonging to, North Carolina; native or resident of N. C.
tarnation n. Damnation (as oath).
tassel n. Flower of maize.
tasty adj. In good taste.
tater n. Potato.
tax n. Tax or municipal rate.
T-bone n. T-shaped bone in steak.
tck! tck! interj. Tut! Tut!
tea-hound n. Effeminate man; man frequenting female company.
teacher n. Generally signifying a woman teacher.
team n. Vehicle and the animals drawing it.
tear [ɛ] n. Spree.
teem v. Be disturbed.
teeter v. Shake, tremble.
t'ell! interj. to hell!
tell, I'll ~ the world; you ~ them interj. I'm very sure of this; you may be very sure.
teller n. Bank-clerk: *Paying teller, receiving teller.*
temblor ['temblɔr, tem'blɔr] n. Earthquake.
ten-gallon hat n. Large cowboy's hat.
ten-strike n. Profitable venture, success.
tend (up) to v. Attend to.
tenderfoot n. New arrival unused to his surroundings, greenhorn; one not yet hardened to conditions of rough living.
tenderloin n. Amusements district of New York or other cities.
tenner n. Ten-dollar note.
tepee ['tepī, 'tīpī, tə'pī] n. Indian tent.
terminal n. BE. terminus.
Territory n. Part of the national territory separately organized but not yet given State rights.
thank-you-ma'am n. Depression in road (which makes occupants in auto bow as 'if acknowledging favor).
Thanksgiving (Day) n. National holiday set apart annually for rendering thanks to God, usually the fourth Thursday in November.
that's that v. That is done, finished, or all that there is.
there adv. All right: *That vase is there.*
thingum(a)bob; thingumarig, -jig n. Substitute for name that has slipped one's memory, what-d'ye-call-it.
think-box n. Head.
thinnen v. Reduce weight.
third degree n. Modern form of torture, making use of intimidation, deprivation of sleep and other forms

of severe treatment to extort an admission or confession; savage beating of a prisoner by the police for the same purpose.

thou n. Thousand; one thousand dollars.

thrasher n. Kind of thrush.

three-decker n. Sandwich made with three slices of bread or toast.

thrifter n. Economical person; one who invests his savings.

through adj. Finished, done with: *They waited till he was through school, China is through with orthodox Christianity, Are you through with the mustard?*

throw a fit v. Go into a rage.

throw a gun on v. Threaten with pistol.

throw a party v. Give a party.

throw down v. Refuse.

throw in v. Drink, gulp down.

throw-rug n. Bed-rug.

throwback n. Reversion to earlier type (biology).

thumb-nail n. Dollar.

thumb-tack n. Drawing-pin.

thunderation! interj. Mild oath.

thusly adv. Thus.

tick, full as a ~ adj. Surfeited.

ticker n. Telegraphic receiver, recording message on paper-strip, esp. stock-exchange quotations.

ticket n. (1) List of party candidates nominated for election. — (2) The right thing, the thing wanted: *That's the ticket.*

ticket-office n. BE. booking-office.

tickle the ivories v. Play the piano.

tickled to death adj. Very pleased.

tickler n. Memorandum pad.

tidewater (region) n. Region on Atlantic coast from Maryland to Georgia stretching as far inland as the tide rises in the rivers, i. e., as far as the foothills; see *Piedmont.*

tie n. BE. railway sleeper.

tie-up n. Strike or lock-out (esp. of railroad men).

ties pl. n. Low shoes fastened with lacings.

tiger n. Yell supplementary to three cheers: *Three cheers and a tiger.* — See also *blind tiger.*

tiger, buck the ~ v. Play against bank; gamble.

tight adj. Stingy.

tightwad n. Stingy person.

timber n. Human material: *They have plenty of good timber for a football team.* — See also *tall timber.*

time, n. (1) **get one's** ~ v. Be discharged from employment. — (2) **come to** ~ v. Yield, be obedient.

time, on ~ adv. Punctually.

time out n. Rest, delay, interim.

tin n. Money.

tin lizzy n. Cheap (Ford) auto.

tin-horn adj. Small, mean, cheap; boastful.

Tin-Pan Alley n. Broadway, in New York City, as the theatrical and amusements center.

tinner n. Tinker.

tip off (to) v. Tell or inform, give hint.

tire, spelling variant of BE. tyre.

toadstool n. Poisonous mushroom.

toasterette n. Slice of toasted bread.

toes pl. n., **up one's** ~ adj. Alert.

toggery n. (1) Clothes. — (2) Shop where clothes are sold.

toilet n. Lavatory, W. C.

toiletries pl. n. Toilet articles.

ton(e)y adj. Stylish, fashionable.

tonguy adj. Talkative.

toot n. (1) Spree. — (2) Fool.

toot v. Boast.

top n. BE. hood (auto).

top-sergeant n. First sergeant.

toplofty adj. Pompous, bombastic.

topnotcher n. Excellent or superior person or thing.

topper n. (1) Top or first sergeant. — (2) Person or thing that excels or is extraordinary. — (3) Cigar end.

toppings pl. n. Sweets, dessert.

tory n. (1) Supporter of British cause during Revolution. — (2) Champion of business interests.

tote v., n. Carry, convey, drag along; a load.

touch v. Beg, borrow, or steal money.

tough adj. Depraved, vicious, criminal.

tourist-camp n. Open space with sleeping and cooking accomodation provided by municipalities for parties touring the country in autos.

toward prep. BE. towards.

tower-man n. Man operating railroad signals from signal-tower.

town-clown n. Constable of small town.

township n. Administrative subdivision of a county (q. v.); tract of land six miles square.

towny adj., n. Townlike; inhabitant of a town.

track n. (1) Line (of rails): *track-walker,* man charged with inspecting and repairing line. — (2) Pre

pared racing path for runners and jumpers; *track-athletics*, running, jumping, putting the weight; *track-meet*, meeting for track-athletics; see also *cinder-track*.

trackster n. Participant in track-athletics (q. v.).

traction n. System of tramways and interurban (q. v.) railways.

trade (away) v. Barter article.

trade in v. Take in (or give up) old furniture, auto, etc., as part payment for new; *trade-in*, auto thus exchanged.

traffic-light n. Light with automatically changing colors (red for *stop*, amber for *prepare for change*, white for *go*) to regulate traffic on large thoroughfares.

trail-blazer, see *blaze*.

train-boy n. Boy selling newspapers, fruit, etc., on train.

trainman n. BE. railway servant.

trainmanship n. Art of running trains.

transfer n. Ticket enabling passenger to change from one route of tramcars, etc., to another.

transient n. Temporary guest or boarder.

transom n. Small window in upper part of door.

transpire v. Happen: *She comprehended all that transpired.*

transportation n. (1) Methods, or means, of conveying goods or passengers. — (2) Traveling expenses; railroad ticket.

trap n. Mouth.

trash, see *poor white trash*.

trash basket n. Waste paper basket.

treasurer n. Officer below Secretary of the Treasury.

tremblor, see *temblor*.

trillion n. A million millions.

trolley(-car) n. Electric tram-car.

trooper n. Member of State police force.

trot n. (1) Translation, crib. — (2) Dance.

trouble shooter n. Man sent out from central office to repair engines, electrical installations, etc.

truck n. Vegetables raised for market.

try out v. Enter as competitor.

tryout n. Competitive test; *tryoutee*, candidate in such test.

tucker v. Tire, weary.

tumbleweed n. Bush of the size of a football in Western plains, that dries up and is rolled long distances by the wind.

tuna n. Large edible seafish, BE. tunny.

tuned adj. Drunk.

tunk n. Blow (on head).

tupelo n. Kind of gum-tree.

turkey n. Coward.

turkey gobbler n. Turkey cock.

turn one's toes v. Die.

turnip n. Watch.

tutee n. Pupil.

tuxedo [tʌk'sīdō^{u}] n. Dinner-jacket.

Twin-Cities pl. n. St. Paul and Minneapolis.

twirp n. Hateful person.

twist n. Woman, girl.

twister n. Tornado.

two-by-four n. Small beam, measuring two by four inches.

two-decker n. Bus carrying passengers inside and on top.

two-for n. Something sold for five cents, esp. cigar.

two-spot n. Two-dollar note.

typewriter n. (1) Writing-machine. — (2) Typist.

U

U n. University.

ugh [ʌ] interj. Expressing disgust, horror, etc.

ugly adj. Ill-natured, quarrelsome.

uh-huh particle. Yes or no, according to intonation.

uke, ukelele [jūkə'lē^{i}li] n. Hawaian four-stringed guitar.

ultimate in v. Result in.

under foot adv. About, near.

underclass n. Freshmen and sophomores (qq. v.).

undercover man n. Secret agent.

underground railway n. Secret transportation of escaped slaves through Northern States to Canada before Civil War.

underpass n. Passage underneath railroad line.

undies pl. n. Underclothes.

union n. (1) Blue field with clusters of white stars in U. S. flag. — (2) Large students' clubhouse.

Union of the Churches n. Alliance of certain Protestant churches for united action.

union station n. Railroad station used by more than one company.
union suit n. Single (under-)garment for body and legs (reaching down to knees), BE. combinations.
unit, be a ~ on v. Be unanimous.
Unitedstatish n. English as spoken in U. S.
up adv. Appended to numerous verbs as intensive: *Connect, cripple, divide, end, finish, fry, meet, polish, rest, settle, think, wait, wash up.*
up against adj. Confronting a hard or impossible task.
up and about adj. Moderately well.
up and coming adj. Energetic and alert.
up and do v. Do something with energy and determination: *I up and told them I wanted that room.*
up in the air adj. Undecided, unsettled; confused.
up on adj. Instructed in.
up-stage adj. Assuming an aloof, stand-offish attitude.
up-state adj., adv. In the interior of a state, remote from its chief center.
uplift n. Elevating influence, edifying effect, moral inspiration; physical, intellectual or moral improvement of community, esp. by concentrated effort.
upper n. Upper berth in sleeping-car.
upper crust n. The wealthy classes.
upperclass n. Juniors and seniors (qq. v.).
upstair(s) n. Upstairs room(s).
uptown adv. Away from the center of town or city.
ush v. Guide, escort; act as usher of theater, etc.
utility n. Industrial undertaking providing service to the public (hence *public utility*), such as railroads, canals, electricity or gas works.

V

V. (**-spot**) n. Five-dollar note.
vacation n. Period of recreation, BE. holidays.
vacation, ~ate, ~ize v. Go on holiday.
vag n. Jobless man without visible means of support.
valedictory n. Oration delivered by *valedictorian*, i. e., highest ranking scholar in class, at graduation (q. v.).
Valentino n. Exceptionally handsome man of Don Juan type; see *sheik.*
vamoose [væ'mūs], **vamose** v. Leave hastily, decamp.
vamp n. Adventuress; flirtatious or dangerously fascinating woman.
vamp v. Allure, beguile, exploit; flirt.
vaquero n. Herdsman, cowboy.
vaudeville n. Variety show or entertainment; *vaudeville theater*, BE. music-hall.
velvet n. Money; *play on velvet*, gamble or speculate on money already won.
vending machine n. Machine for automatic sale of goods.
vest n. BE. waistcoat.
vestibule n. Enclosed platform at end of railroad carriage.
vet n. Veteran.
via prep. By means of.
vicar n. Protestant Episcopal clergyman in charge of a chapel or mission.
vice squad n. Body of police dealing with prostitution.
victrola n. Gramophone.
vigilance committee n. Self-organized body for maintenance of order in unquiet time or place, or for keeping watch over the morals of a district.
vigilante [vidʒi'lænti] n. Member of vigilance committee (q. v.).
villian n., variant of *villain.*
vise [s], spelling for BE. vice (instrument).
visit (**with**) v. Chat, talk with.
visor n. Stiff rounded peak in front of man's cap; such peak held by ribbons worn as protection for the eyes from sunlight.
vitaphone n. Sound-film with gramophone dialogue.
voodoo n., v. Use of or belief in witchcraft prevalent among West-Indian and U. S. Creoles (q. v.) and Negroes; bewitch.

W

wad n. Roll or supply of paper-money, or of other papers, such as letters, circulars, etc.; sum of money; *wad of lettuce*, big roll of dollar-notes.

wade into v. Begin or perform action with force and energy; scold, reprimand.

waffle n. Soft flat cake stamped with honeycomb pattern, made in *waffle-iron*, and eaten with butter, treacle, maple syrup, etc.

waist n. Bodice.

wait on table v. Act as waiter.

walk-away n. Easy victory, walk-over.

walk-out n. Workmen's strike.

walk-up (apartment) n. Apartment (q. v.) having no lift service.

Wall Street n. The New York stock-exchange; the moneyed interest.

wally n. Well-dressed man.

wampum n. Money.

want in, off, out v. Desire to go in, away, out.

want to v. Ought to: *You want to keep your eyes open in Chicago;*

want to know, I (you) ~ interj. Expressing astonishment or delight.

want-ad n. Classified advertisement.

warden n. Prison governor.

warm adj. Passionate.

wash-out n. (1) Washing away of a road, dam, embankment, etc. — (2) Complete failure. — (3) Death by accident. — (4) Worthless person.

washlady, -woman n. BE. washerwoman.

washrag n. Facecloth.

waste basket n. Waste paper basket.

watch after v. Supervise, attend to.

watch one's step v. Be careful, walk warily: *Watch your step!*

watch out v. Be careful or on one's guard.

water-gap n. Passage of stream between hills.

water-rat n. Muskrat.

water-wagon n. Watering-cart; **on the** ~ adv. Temporarily abstaining from alcoholic beverages.

way adv. Away; at a great distance: *They met way out in the country, Way down South.*

way n., **work (earn) one's** ~ v. Support oneself as a student by working for money; pay for one's passage in labor instead of money.

way-station n. Stop intermediate between important stations on railroad.

way-train n. Train stopping at small intermediate stations.

ways, a ~ n. Long or short distance: *Quite a hell of a ways, A little ways further.*

weak-fish n. Marine food-fish offering no resistance when hooked.

weasel adj. Gentle (of words).

weather n. Bad weather, rain: *We're going to have some weather, Don't go out in the weather.*

weather, under the ~ adv. In poor health; in financial straits.

Webster n. Large dictionary of English; *use Webster*, use a dictionary.

weinie, see *wiener.*

weisenheimer ['waiznhaimər] n. Shrewd man; forward, conceited man.

welsher n. Person who evades responsibility in joint undertaking.

wench n. Girl, woman (hum.); negress.

West Point n. (Seat of) military academy.

western n. Story, novel, film-drama of the West, about cowboys, Indians, etc.

wet n. (1) Opponent of prohibition. — (2) Ignorant person.

wet adj. (1) Opposed to prohibition; *wet goods*, alcoholic beverages. — (2) Wrong; extremely bad.

whack n. (1) Portion, share. — (2) Attempt, trial. — (3) **out of** ~ adv. Out of order.

whack v. Divide.

whale n. Famous person, big gun; *young whale*, gifted young person; *a whale of*, tremendous amount of.

whale v. Beat, thrash, whip.

whaler n. Anything of unusually large size, BE. whopper.

wham n. Nonsense, rubbish, balderdash.

wham v. Strike forcibly; land knock-out blow; smash.

wham! interj. Bang!

wheat-cake n. Pancake.

wheel n. Bicycle.

wheel-horse n. Politician without ability for leadership who follows his leader unquestioningly expecting to be rewarded with a job.

wheeler n. Motorcycle policeman.

wheeze n. Joke.

whiffet n. Insignificant person.

whiffle-tree, see *singletree.*

white adj., adv. Honest(ly), honorable(-y).
White House n. Official residence of the U. S. President.
white light district n. Amusements district, esp. Broadway, New York City.
white mule n. Raw, unmatured corn (q. v.) whisky; uncolored illegally distilled whisky.
white way n. Broadway between 34th and 60th streets, the brightly illuminated amusements district of New York City; similarly illuminated streets in other cities.
white wings n. Street-cleaner.
whitewash v. Defeat opponent so that he has zero score.
whittler n. Constable or marshal (q. v.), esp. in small communities.
whiz n. Superior student; expert.
whiz-bang n. Explosive shell; anything making a great noise, or that is a big success.
whole works pl. n. Everything, everybody.
whoop it up for v. Advocate loudly, conduct noisy propaganda for.
whoopee n., v. Noisy meeting or propaganda; make loud noise; *make whoopee*, indulge in noisy fun.
whop v. Flap, turn suddenly.
widget n. Gadget (q. v.).
wiener, wienie n. Sausage, German *Wienerwurst*.
wiggler n. Larva of mosquito or gnat.
wildcat n. Unsound or illegal commercial venture.
willet n. Kind of snipe.
willies pl. n. Nervousness: *That noise gives me the willies.*
willy boy n. Dandy.
win out v. Be successful.
wind-breaker n. Kind of light leather jacket.
wind-jammer n. (1) Bugler. — (2) Great talker, windbag.
windfall n. Tree(s) blown down by wind.
windshield n. BE. windscreen (auto).
windstorm n. Heavy wind.
Windy City n. Chicago.
winery n. Establishment for manufacture or sale of wine.
wing chair n. Armchair.
wire, live ~ n. Energetic, active person.
wire, be on the ~ v. Telephone.
wireless v. Send message by wireless.
wise (up) v. Inform, teach; study; *wised-up*, informed.
wise cracks pl. n. Clever remaks; repartee; back-chat.
wisehead n. Clever person (often contempt.).
wise(n)heimer, see *weisenheimer*.
witness-stand n. BE. witness-box.
wiz n. Clever student; see also *wizard*.
wizard n. Superlatively wise person, expert, in hum. or satirical sense: *Henry Ford, car wizard; J. Blank, wizard* (i. e. professor) *in the English department.*
wob(bly) n. Member of the I. W. W. (Industrial Workers of the World) organization, a group of extreme left-wing radicals.
wolf v. Take away another man's girl.
woodbine n. Ornamental vine, BE. Virginia creeper.
woodchuck n. Kind of marmot.
wooden overcoat n. Coffin.
woodlot n. Small wood, copse.
Woodmen n. Members of a certain masonic society.
woods n. Small wood, wooded pleasure grounds: *They walked through a woods, a park they have there.*
woodsy adj. Pertaining to woods or forests, esp. their sight and smell.
woo(l)ly adj. Uncouth, unkempt; usually in the combination *wild and wooly*, of the early settlers in the West.
woozy adj. Confused; drunk.
wop n. Italian; any foreigner doing menial work.
work-out n. Spell of exercise of athlete, etc.
workhouse n. Public institution for reception of petty offenders.
worm-fence n. Snake-fence.
worry, I should ~ v. It is nothing to me, it doesn't concern me.
worthwhile adj. Worth the trouble; profitable; edifying, uplifting.
wow n. Great success, esp. on the stage; popular girl
wowser n. Narrow-minded censor of public morals; killjoy.
wrangle v. Round up or herd horses.
wrangler n. Herdsman, cowboy.
wrestle v. Throw steer, etc., for branding.
wrinkle n. Style, fashion, fad.
write in v. Send letter to business firm: *A lady writes in that she is charmed with the hose.*
write insurance v. Sell insurance policies.
write-up n. Description or narration in newspaper (gen. laudatory): *He didn't get much of a write-up.*

Y

Y n. The Y. M. C. A. (Young Men's Christian Association).
yall pron. You-all (q. v.).
yam n. Large kind of sweet potato.
yammer v. Complain, whine.
yank v. Pull, jerk.
Yankee n. Native of New England (q. v.); Northerner as distinct from Southerner; in BE. usage, an American; *Yankee Doodle* n. (1) U. S. song. — (2) A Yankee.
yankeeism n. Idiom typical of New England.
yap n., v. (1) Noisy talk, or person indulging in this; talk loudly, rapidly, or noisily. — (2) Helpless newcomer; yokel.
yappy adj. Foolish.
yard n.(1) Open space round house; *front yard*, often with lawn, shade-trees, and flower-beds; *back yard*, often containing a garden, fruit-trees, garage, etc. — (2) One hundred dollars.
yards n. Railroad yard: *The train slowed suddenly as if about to enter a railroad yards.*
yea(h) [ī'ā] particle. Yes.
yearling n. First-year student.
yegg n., v. Traveling thief, safe-blower, robber; to beg or steal.
yell n. Students' concerted cheer.
yellow n. Gold watch.
yellow adj. Cowardly, unsportsmanlike, dishonorable.
yellow boys pl. n. Banknotes.
yellow turnip n. BE. swede.
yellow-back n. Mulatto.
yellow-dog contract n. Contract signed by workman in which he agrees to work under conditions against which his union has called out a strike.
yelp v. Talk in a loud voice, scream.
yen n., v. Craving, infatuation, habit; to yearn.
yen (shee) n. Opium.
yeoman n. Petty officer in charge of stores in Navy.
yep particle. Yes.
yes, sir interj. Common form of asseveration.
yes-and-no-man n. Executive (q. v.); head of firm.
yesman n. Man who readily gives assent to any proposal, and who is without personal convictions.
yew n. Yearning.
yid n. (German) Jew.
yip v. (1) Shout. — (2) Peep.
yippee n. Cowboy's shout; cheer.
yokel n. Rustic, esp. as contrasted with city dweller; the Western farmer.
you-all pron. You, pl., as opposed to you, sg.

Z

Z pronounced [zī].
zip n., v. Energy, vigor; to rush.
zob n. Fool; weakling.
zoning n. Practice of establishing by law the character of a section with respect to its industrial, commercial, or residential use, and the kinds of buildings which may be erected within it.
zoo n. Zoology.
zoom v. Hum.

SUPPLEMENT

A

anoint v. Flog or whip, esp. as part of prison discipline.
attic n. (1) Empty part of a house. — (2) Head. — (3) **Uncle Sam's** ~ n. Alaska.

B

baldy n. Old man.
bale of straw n. Blonde woman.
barrel v. Drink (to excess).
barrel-fever n. Delirium tremens.
be your age! interj. Don't be childish!
bedbug n. Amorous or uxorious man.
bellywash n. Soft drink (q. v.).
bird-seed! interj. Nonsense!
blackstrap n. Kind of thick, crude molasses.
blue n. Very black Negro.
blues pl. n. Negro songs of disappointment in love; kind of sad music composed by Negro musicians.
booboisie n. The American bourgeoisie, as accused of ignorance and narrow-mindedness.
bottle it! interj. Shut up!
Bourbon n. (2) Stubborn conservative.
brung v., past participle of to bring.
busthead n. Illicitly manufactured (inferior) liquor.
butter-and-egg man n. Well-to-do Middle-Westerner in New York, as exploited by vamps and gold-diggers (qq. v.).
buzz-buggy, -wagon n. Auto.

C

case n. Silver dollar.
chile n. Child.
chillun(s) pl. n. Children.
chorine n. Chorus girl.
clay-eater n. Poor white (q. v.).
come clean v. Make full confession.
commute n. Reprieve.
corn-cob (pipe) n. Pipe made by hollowing out a corn-cob (q. v.) and providing it with a cherry-wood stem.
cutie n. Attractive girl.

D

daddy n. Middle-aged man attentive to a gold-digger (q. v.).
dole v., past tense of to deal.

F

face-card n. Picture card (king, queen, or jack).
fade v. Go away, disappear.
fan v. (1) Search a person. — (2) Beat (with a club).
feds pl. n. Federal (q. v.) law-enforcement officers, esp. those charged with suppressing the liquor or drug traffic.
food-burner n. Cook.

G

ga-ga n. Foolish, pretentious talk.
gallinipper n. Large mosquito.
grass roots pl. n. The uncivilized parts of the West; the country districts.

H

ham n. (2) Water-melon.
hash-burner n. Cook.
hash-slinger n. Waitress.
haywire adj. Gone wrong, broken down; inefficient.
hit the grit v. Hurry away, get a move on.
hun n. Variant of *hon* 1 (q. v.).

J

jab n. Hypodermic injection.
jam n. Difficulty, trouble.

K

kink-out n. Permanent straight (q. v.).
kinker n. Acrobat, circus performer.

L

lez v. Let us.
lifeboat n. Pardon, not necessarily from a capital sentence.
line n. (5) Tenderloin (q. v.) or red light (q. v.) district; street containing disorderly houses: *to go down the line,* visit such resorts (habitua ly).

M

meal-ticket n. Card issued by restaurant, etc., good for a certain number of meals; person's wages or salary; person on whom another depends for support; woman supporting a lover or pander.
monkey-chaser n. West Indian Negro; native of Central America.
muscle in(to) v. Force one's way in.

O

ofay n. White person.

P

papa n. Husband or lover.
pearl-diver n. Dish-washer (q. v.).
pine-apple n., v. (To) bomb.
pitch n. Money.
pitchman n. Pedlar of novelties or other small articles working on the street, in empty lots (q. v.), etc.
prushun n. Boy enslaved by older tramp.
pusson n. Person.

R

Rastus n. Nickname for a Negro.
red card n. Membership card in the I. W. W. (Industrial Workers of the World) organization.
redwood n. Sequoia (q. v.).
reefer n. Refrigerator railroad car.
rites pl. n. Funeral service.
rubber check n. Worthless check.
rust-eater n. (1) Platelayer. — (2) Steel worker.

S

sag n., v. Policeman's club; to beat.
schmierkase, see *smear-case.*
slenderize v. Become slender, lose weight.
smear-case n. Kind of soft cheese, German *Schmierkäse.*
smoke n. (2) Negro.
snowflake n. Negro.
sociopath n. Unsocial neurotic: *A sociopath has not a proper notion of his obligations to society.*
sody n. Soda (q. v.).
soup-line n. See *bread-line.*
spot-card n. Playing-card bearing a number, as different from face-card (q. v.).
stack cards v. Arrange a pack of cards secretly for the purpose of cheating.
stink n. Disagreeable exposure.
strawberry blonde n. Red-haired woman.

T

take for a ride v. Take person for auto drive to maltreat him, or to kill him and dispose of the body in an unfrequented place.
tank n. (3) General cage for prisoners. — (4) Hall in which prisoners are allowed to exercise.
Tiger n. (2) Symbol of Tammany (q. v.).
top v. Execute, hang.
trigger man n. Gun-man (q. v.).

U

uppity adj. Haughty, self-assertive, uppish.

W

white line n. Raw alcohol; any inferior liquor.
wings pl. n. Cocaine.
woody adj. Insane; stupid.