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THE GROWTH OF SLANG.

The growth of slang means the decay of language; the admission of a non-acceptance which disregards propriety and fixes upon objects irrational and inconsistent names, is at once a nuisance and a vice, and persistence in it means the inevitable debasing of the mother tongue, a course which the scholars of all ages have endeavored to check, while their efforts were strenuously directed to refine, elevate, and improve. There has been a growing tendency to incorporate into our already too barbarous and incongruous language a flood of cant terms, American colloquialisms, Gallisms, sham classicisms, professional idioms, Ultramontanisms, and a general deluge of illiterate slang. All this shows want, not excess, of fertility, and degeneration rather than extension. England being an adaptive nation, learns and finds a home for new-fangled expressions of all sorts, shielding herself when attacked on this point with the excuse that they are not of her own manufacture; but the passer of bad coin is every whit as guilty as the coiner, and England is as ready to endorse the vulgar vocabulary as to invent slang for herself. Slang is of very modern date. There was much homeliness and no little coarseness in some of the sayings of the famous writers, and perhaps more facetiousness and significance amongst our great humorists than will be found now-a-days; but we see little or no tendency to slang. Even in the famous highwayman's opera, Gay, who should have known his subject, gives us nothing in the conversation of his lowest characters which requires a glossary; while Dean Swift, had such a commodity as slang existed, would never have omitted to garnish his words with it for the good of posterity. Dictionaries of slang have been published since his day, and the latest publication, founded on Grose's famous book, has attained to goodly dimensions; for slang is on the increase, and no stand has been made against it, because every body, from the highest to the lowest, cultivates and speaks it. Words which are not to be found in any standard dictionary, and which are unauthorized by grammatical or literary precedent, are slang, and such words are used throughout the length and breadth of the land by all degrees of men indiscriminately. The use of vulgar equivalents distinguishes all Englishmen, and it would weary our readers, were we to treat them to a complete list corrected up to date, of the synonyms for some of the generic words in common use. For money alone there are seventeen equivalents, without counting the slang terms applied to the various species of cows, of the different expressions used to signify the being rich or poor. As might be expected in England, the symptoms for drunkenness are plentiful, amounting to no less than thirty-two; and for one article of drink, fruitful in producing these names, namely "gin," we have ten different equivalents. Man is liable to be called a cove, a chap, a cull, an article, a codger, a buffer, a "party," and according to his grade he has some fifty subdivisions; according to his profession some eighty or more. That we have quoted is a mere drop in the ocean, mere casualties enumerated from memory, and without the least attempt at any exhaustive list; possibly with better knowledge, we might augment the list by double the amount. Slang, however, is not confined here; low language is not alone in its "argot"; fashion has its vulgarity, and a good deal of it too—as unmeaning gibberish as anything that we have given hitherto, the greatest jest of the fashionable slang being that it is made up of constructed French idioms, which in the English garb are sheer nonsense. Witness a wedding "on the tapis," which is rubbish; the decante, which is rigmarole; a chaperon, which is foolishness to say nothing of the meaningless frivolities of such words as four per cent, recherche, and a hundred other words falsely applied. As to fashionable pronunciations which in themselves mean "slang," we take no cognizance of them; they are fleeting material, and change their aspect every day. Criticism has its special slang, which is vastly offensive, as being born of emptiness and ignorance. A few technical terms, constituting the stock in trade of every artisan in England, and fellowship is the key-note of praise or blame. Think through all stations of society runs the lode of slang. Let our readers for a moment conceive the difficulty which presents itself to a foreigner when he encounters a master of slang, what irribulation what uncertainty besets the unhappy stranger. If the object of his inquiry is a politician, he is enlightened to this effect: "My man is a put up thing altogether. Many politics is an out-and-out swindle, and wanted to blarney Dull, who isn't such a flat as he looks; so, dodging the Premier's gambon, he stowed the question; and though he looked green, did the fellow frown on his own dodge—all which should be vastly instructive to the foreign politician. What hope has a resident Frenchman to accomplish the difficulty of our language? While he is mastering one idiom, another and another has appeared to his utter discomfiture, and he finds himself fighting against a strongly running tide of slang, which keeps him in a condition of the most hopeless perplexity. Is there a reason for this? Should this be? Idleness, conceit, the use of a recognized vocabulary, inventing one which is spurious; idleness, double disabill, imitates this; and so, according to the space left by weakness, does the vice gain ground. 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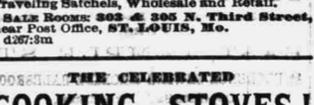
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