

The "Chestnut"

ONE OF MANY EXPLANATIONS OF THE SLANG WORD.

The application of the word "chestnut" to an old-timer has become so general and is accepted so unquestioningly by a broad public that few stop to inquire the origin of the term as in that connection it came about in this wise:

Two or three years ago a party of young folks of this city were enjoying themselves at a Halloween party of the orthodox way, with apples, nuts and jokes. One young man who had probably been reading up an almanac or a volume of Joe Miller for the occasion, fairly deluged his companions with anecdotes. Some were good, some were bad, but all were unmistakably aged. The young man worked industriously at his anecdote mill and ground out his stories at the rate of six an hour for several hours. His listeners good-naturedly laughed at his venerable witings until the hour of midnight approached. Then a fun-loving young damsel devised a plan to stop his flow of talk.

"Have a chestnut, Mr. Smith," she said, when the young man commenced another story.

"Thank you," he replied. "As I was saying, when I was the—"

"Chestnut, did you say?" put in one of his hearers.

"No but—"

"Try a few chestnuts," said another.

"I have some," replied the unhappy young man; "but as I was saying, when I was the—"

"Chestnuts!" said the original conspirator.

It was no use. The young man gave up his story-telling and the name "Chestnut" has clung to him ever since.

The joke on the young man was retailed in every direction until an actor at the opera house heard it.

He thought the word "chestnut" very expressive, and used it in the course of conversation with the follow-the-spans in its slang sense. It was instantly caught up by his companions, for if there is anything your through-going actor dearly loves it is a new slang word, and within three months the word "chestnut" to designate a stale joke, rang through the dressing-room of every theatre from New York to Frisco. Pittsburg is acknowledged to be a live progressive city, with its natural gas, typhoid fever and city bell rings but everybody knows that it was the birthplace of one of the most successful slang words of the century.

The history of its origin has never appeared in print before and no one can therefore say that this is a "chestnut."—Pittsburg paper.

A Telephone Girl's Tale

She stood beside the telephone and turned the little crank, exasperation in her tone and rage in every "yank."

"Hi, there, when will you resurrect, you irresponsible knave? Will some old fossil please connect this business with the grave?"

"Now, then, old corpse, just hold your breath, while time the chance affords. I've nearly tired myself to death and snuffed my vocal chords."

"Please give me doctor 'Liverpool'—Oh, doctor is that you? My little boy is feeling bad; please tell me what to do."

"He ate cucumbers, apples, too, a most uncommon lot, and now he's turned a bilious hue, and doubled in a knot."

"Beside— Just then the central feed switched to another wire, and when the bell that intervened filled all her mind with ire.

It must have been some barrel man, with leaking casks to mend; here's what she heard as he began upon the other end.

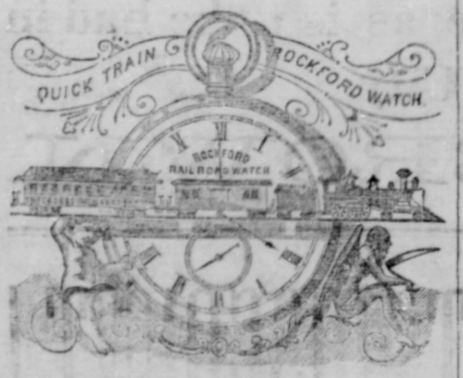
"Hammer the head until its tight; lighten the middle band; water will swell it up all right if it is left to stand."

"Apply a coat of pitch without, and then it starts to swell, you needn't have the slightest doubt but 'twill do very well."

You should have seen the doctor when the wires once more ran right and madam got her wits again and tiddled him with spite.

"You nasty, nasty, horrid beast! Paint Johnny up with pitch! You're either mad or tight, at least; I cannot tell you which."

He stood aguish and wondered said: "Don't you ever, now! A woman is the blindest thing that's living, anyhow."—Louisville Courier Journal.



E. W. TAYLOR, CAMERON BLOCK, Agent, Nov. 20, 1886 - 1 w

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Oct. 23—law 11 sale sat

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