OLD FAMILIAR SAYINGS. AN INVESTIGATOR TELLS HOW THEY ORIGINATED.

Of Repeated Phrases and Words Have Interesting Stories, Connected with Their Origin-Where and How They

"Do you know who Mother Carey is?" asked the man who delights in investigating all sorts of odd things and who is never so happy as when following up some unusual line of thought.

"She's a chicken fancier, I imagine," replied the man who takes things as they come without question. "At any rate she's seldom mentioned except in connection with her chickens."

"Mother Carey," said the investigator, and he took another look at the book he held in his hand as if to guard against the possibility of mistake, "is the Virgin Mary. The name comes from the Latin 'Mater cara,' meaning 'Mother dear,' and her chickens are the stormy petrels which the sailors formerly believed were sent

from India and stands for rupees, annas and pice, representing the money of that country. The expression is almost an exact equivalent to that other, More Than 67,000 Tons Decline in Tonnage equally common. 'I don't care a cent.' Now, I suppose if some one should ask simply nursery characters."

"I certainly should."

who wins his title by his achievements in the world of science or the arts, or, in fact, anywhere except in battle. He may be really more deserving of the title than any of those who won it by the sword.

"You must put in most of your time with dictionaries and cyclopedias?" suggested the man who takes things

suggested the man who takes things as they come. "Not at all. I am simply sufficient-ly interested to look up these odd ex-pressions when I run across them to see what they really mean, and whe-ther we use them properly. Do you know why the patrons of the top gal-lery of a theatre are called the gods?" "Never even gave the subject a "Never even gave the subject

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PRINCESS STEPHANIE.

When idolized in her girlhood by her father's subjects, the terms of endearmeant by which Princess Stephanie,

second daughter of the King and Queen of the Belgians was known were "Our Little Moss Rose," and "Our Dear Princess." She was a winsome little lady, blue-eyed, fair-haired and inquisitive to a degree, her smile winning all

hearts. Not that she was ever beautiful; yet none could honestly deny her prepossessing appearance. Her dissolute

these things i" asked the man who takes things as they come. "Oh, yes," replied the man of an in-vestigating turn of mind. "When you get into the habit of looking into the origin of the expressions you run across, you do it as an amusement at odd times. Now, yesterday it suddenly occurred to me that I didn't know why it is that we 'rob Peter to pay Paul." "Did you find out?" "Certainly. In 1550 several estates belonging to Westminster Abbey were granted to St. Paul's Cathedral for re-pairs and maintenance, and Westmins-ter Abbey happens to be dedicated to St. Peter. There is an interesting story connected with 'buying a pig in husband, the late Crown Prince Ru-

the sailors formerly believed were sent to warn them of approaching storms. I tell you, my boy, there's a great deal that's interesting in these odd expressions and words if one takes the trouble to look it up. 'Now, there is the saying. 'Don't care a rap.' How would you interpret that? What does rap mean?'' ''As an off-hand guess, I should say that it was a substitute for a word that tegins with 'd' and which is not supposed to be used in polite society.'' ''You would be wrong,'' asserted the man with the book, '''Rap' is derived from 'R. A. P.,' which in turn comes from India and stands for rupees,

was wont to visit her, post-prandially,

in her own apartments, and conduct her to entertainments public and private.

To what extent the crushed spirit you about 'Jack and Gill,' who 'went since the repeal of the British naviga- tyrant's tragic death may never be ap a hill,' you would say they were tion laws, the tonnage of the British publicly known. Stephanie is of no mercantile marine shows a decline. A confiding spirit, and in her reticence Board of Trade return has just been her pride precludes the enquiring sym-"And you would be wrong again. published dealing with British and pathy of condoling friends. In her Jack' was the name of a pitcher made foreign shipping, which shows that at patriarchal father-in-law, the Emof waxed leather, and 'Gill' was and is a measure of small capacity. That is how they happened to go after water. Somebody was doubtless carrying them and carelessly dropped them." MIND YOUR THOUGHTLESS WORDS "When you can 'Dr Linge P Langes P La of waxed leather, and 'Gill' was and the end of last year the United King- peror, she found in her bereavement Somebody was doubtless carrying them and carelessly dropped them." MIND YOUR THOUGHTLESS WORDS "When you say 'By Jingo'I Isuppose you don't mean anything except that you are excited or angry." "That's all." "Nevertheless, you are literally swearing by the evil one, for the word is from 'Jenco,' which means 'devil' in the Basque language. I suppose, also, that you regard 'carpet knight' as a term of reproach." "Yet Henry Irving is a carpet knight; so was Tennyson, and so are and were, many others of whom Eing-and were, many others of whom Eing-and were, many others of whom Eing-and were, many others of whom Eing-in fact, anywhere except in battle. He may be really more deserving of the may be really mo

Archduke Carl Ludwig, was jealous of ber overwhelming precedence. This Portuguese Princess, Archduchess Maria Theresa, daughter of the de-throned King Dom Miguel of disrepu-table memory, had hoped on the death of Rudolph to precede Stephanie, but to her chagrin discovered that by im-perial edict she figured as fourth in

to her chagrin discovered that by im-perial edict she figured as fourth in precedence. To escape the bickerings and backbitings of her enemies Ste-phanie early in her widowhood absent-ed herself from Vienna during festive celebrations at the Hofburg, nothing being more alien to her breast and more derogatory to her pride than the squabiles in which some of the arch-duchesses are perpetually involved. On the death of the heir-apparent, Carl Ludwig, the Saxon spouse of Otto, the heir presumptive, Archduchess Maria Josepha, stepped into Maria Theresa's shoes, thus involuntarily throwing her Portuguese highness into comparative TRUE AND FALSE CULTURE Portuguese highness into comparative insignificance, seeing that Carl Lud-wig had not been officially recognized as his brother's successor. No sooner had Rudolph's widow come year.

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kaiserstadt the exacting and the purikaiserstadt the exacting and the puri-tanical alike accepted her as the guardian angel of the afflicted and the poor. Her social regime has been a singularly happy one, and now that she is recovering in the atmosphere of the health resort of Gries bei Botzen, in the southern Tyrol, from her re-cent dangerous illness, the Viennese are impatient to have her among them once again.

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cent dangerous illness, the Viennese are impatient to have her among them once again. Stephanie, who is 34 years old, is tall and graceful. She is a gifted wo-man, and besides excelling as an ama-teur photographer, her brush makes a brave show in water colours. Her literary achievements, too, demand attention. The exquisitely illustrated volume she produced on Lacroma, an island in the Adriatic, facing the ancient republic of Ragusa, testifies to her poetic fervor. Stephanie is the protectress of the Austrian Golden Cross Association, and the last social function she attended before her ill-ness at Abbazia on the Adriatic was the opening of an asylum for incap-acitated government employes. During her illness her hair was cut short, which gives her quite a boyish appear-ance. Short hair is now, consequently the rage, and so, too, is the stout brown cane with heavy silver incrustations, with which the widowed crown princess has armed herself in her convalescence.

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such a cold, calculating nature as his, Gertrude-But what makes you think he is so unemotional-so cold and calcu-lating? Miriam-When we were at the picnic yesterday he didn't suggest that we have our tintypes taken.

HOME DECORATION.

Mra Fatpurse-You paint pictures

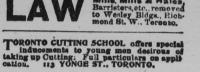
Mrs. Fatpurse-You paint pictures to order, don't you ? Great Artist-Yes, madam. Mrs. Fatpurse-Well I want a land-scape, with lots of deer, and ducks, and quail, and reed birds, and cattle, and sheep, and pigs, and so on, you know; and put a lake and an ocean in-fresh and salt water, you know: and be way to be a set of the set of the set of the set. you y of know; and be sure to have plenty of fish swimming around, because it's for the dining-room.

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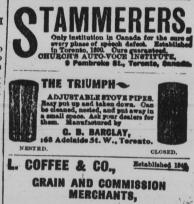


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"Well, they are so described at the Drury Lane Theatre, in London, first, because the ceiling was painted in imi-tation of a blue sky, with cupids and angels flying about. I imagine the term 'hattle royal' converse an idea of

thrilling." "Nevertheless, it was originally no-"Nevertheless, it was originally no-things but a cock-fighting term, and was used to describe a fight in which three, five or seven birds were put into the pit and left until all but one had been defeated. How do you suppose we got the expression, "cock and bull an evening, join in the study, and so $tarret = \frac{1}{2}$ story'

story?" "Give it up." "You ought to investigate these things if you are going to make use of them. A man ought to know some-thing about what he is saying. This comes to us from the time of the Re-formation. The Papal bulls had a cock on the seal, and of course there were a great many people of that day who were inclined to discredit any-thing in the cock and bull line. But the expression that doubtless will inthe expression that doubtless will in-terest you most is, "I don't care a dam

dam." "You what?" "I don't care a dam!-the dam without the 'n.' of course." "What difference does that make?" "All the difference in the world. D-a-m is a coin in India equivalent to an English twopence. If you are caught making that remark in a loud tone some time it may be worth some-thing to you to know that there is such a coin. It will help you to ex-plain matters. Now, where do you suppose the word 'peeler' and 'bobby." meaning policeman, come from?" "Again I give it up." Four For One

"Again I give it up." "From the name of Sir Robert Peel, the founder of the London police force. SHOULD LOOK THEM UP.

"Do you do anything except look up

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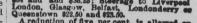
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