R FAMILIAR SAYINGS. INVESTIGATOR TELLS HOW THEY ORIGINATED. AN

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Interesting Stories Connected with Their Origin-Where and How They started. "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.

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"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 investi-gator, and he took another look at the book he held in his hand as if to guard against the possibility of mis-take, "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 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 intarpret that ? What does rap mean ?" "As an off-hand guess, I should say that it was a substitute for a word that begins 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 ture comes from India and stands for rupees, annas and pice, representing the money

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, equally common. 'I don't care a cent.' Now, I'suppose if some one should ask you about 'Jack and Gill,' who 'went up a hill,' you would say they were simply nursery characters."

"I certainly should."

"And you would be wrong again. 'Jack' was the name of a pitcher made

"I should think it ought to be rather thrilling." "Nevertheless, it was originally ne-thing 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 story?" story'?

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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 husband, the late Crown Prince Ru-

dolph of Austria, unquestionably used her ill, and when in his cups his brutality was such that the lords and ladies attached to their court cried "Shame!" and on occasions not a few

the very servants of their Imperial Highnesses hastened to rescue their exalted mistress from the blows and

kicks of her spouse. In her early days of wedlock Stephanie, who but too soon discovered her husband's faults, pried upon his actions in her jealousy, and upbraided him cuttingly, spitefully, tearfully.

Exhibitions such as these only served to madden the Imperial reprobate, and their conjugal relations, with the tender passion at a discount from the very first, became more and more estranged. To breakfast on one bottle of Burgundy, and to lunch off another, with cognac and champagne in constant demand the morning through out, unnerved the Prince, to put it mildly, for a walk or drive with the Princess in the afternoon, and it was under the influence of alcohol that he 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 Last Year. For the first time in fifty years, or of the Princess was affected by her since the repeal of the British naviga- 'tyrant's tragic death may never be 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- ¹ And you would be wrong scale.
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kaiserstadt 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.

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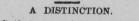
"Give it up." "Give it up." "You ought to investigate these things if you are going to make use of them. A man ought to know some-thing about what he is saying. This comes to us from the time of the Re-formation. The Papal bulls had a cock on the seal, and of course there were a great many people of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

SHOULD LOOK THEM UP. "Do you do anything except look up

will be helpful to her; but if she finds that this will force her to neglect things that would tell upon the home insurantial there are books that will furnish what she needs for the (purpose of mental cultivation, and perhaps her husband could, after he has rested of an evening, join in the study, and, so the two would have the pleasure of a nevening, join in the study, and, so the two would have the pleasure of a popularity in the estimation of the popularity in the assumed dimensions far greater than in her former capacity of Crown Princess. In a word she eclipsed herself. Thus to the adage "pity begets love," the nation raised her to popular fame. They had idolized Rudolph as their future sovereign and he had won all hearts by his ingratiating qualities of affability and condescension. Notivates, and must prove the fact of her economy of time and strength and money. She must not feel herself superior to the most careful planning, nor reject the most trifling means towards accomplishing success in home management, indeed, she should be proud of an ability to make a nickel go as far as possible, and so oil the machinery of service that it seems to run itself.





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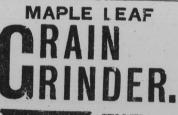


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