







SOME CURIOUS WORDS. Origin of "Gas" Unexplained and "Capricious" Related to the Gas.

One need not search far in the dictionary to find curious words. Most words have an interesting history as to development and change of sense, and the regular processes of formation by compounding different elements into one new vocable are very interesting as a study.

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The egg of the ant is uniform, smooth, tight and bright, without any division.

A shoemaker was fitting a customer with a pair of boots when the buyer observed that he had but one objection to them, which was that the soles were too thick.

After a somewhat learned and very interesting discussion on the "Necessity of Animals to Man" and Mr. Garner's efforts toward developing a monkey language, etc., some one told the following story:

A young lad in a southern family I know had a half grown black monkey sent to him from Borneo.

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While Judge Carpenter was spending a vacation in the country, he had occasion to look at some records, and his attention was directed to a whimsical will.

"I imagine the satisfaction with which Mr. Darling inserted a sting into each bequest, well knowing that before their anger began to rise he would be where even a capias in a suit for damages could never reach him," commented the judge.

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She was visiting at the house of the eminent politician.

"I bear," she said, "that you have a valuable addition to your art collection."

"My art collection?" he repeated. "Yes. I take it for granted that you must have one."

"I have ever striven, madam, to cultivate an appreciation of the beautiful."

"I don't quite follow you, ma'am," said the eminent politician, growing red in the face.

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