

Probably from the old word *alfen*, hence *aleft*, lifted.

Embroider (common), to exaggerate, romance. In French, *broder*.

Tom tried to make himself appear to be a hero too, and succeeded to some extent, but then he always had a way of *embroidering*.—*Mississippi Pilot*.

Emperor (common), "drunk as an emperor." The quintessence of intoxication. Ten times "as drunk as a lord." The French say "saoul comme trente mille hommes." (Thieves), hence a drunken man.

A pinch for an *emperor's* slang. He was in his altitudes, and we pinched his thimble, slang and onions.—*On the Trail*.

Empty bottle (Univ. Cantab), a pensioner. Bristed, in his "Five Years in an English University," says, "They are popularly denominated *empty bottles*, the first word of the appellation being an adjective, though were it taken as a verb there would be no untruth in it."

End (American), "to be all on *end*," to be very angry or irritated. From rising up, or jumping up in a rage. Also applied to a state of excitement, especially of anticipation. "They were all on *end* to see the President go by."

Endacott, to (journalistic), to act like a constable of that name who arrested a woman whom he thought to be a prostitute.

Constable Endacott. . . . Though he might base a claim to a pension on literary grounds, as having enriched the English language with a new word (*to Endacott*, V.A.), it is not probable that an economical Government would value this addition to the dictionary very highly.—*Evening News*.

The expression lived "ce que vivent les roses, l'espace d'un matin," probably on account of certain facts proved in the course of a subsequent investigation, and which showed that the constable's name ought not to go down to posterity as that of an oppressor of womankind.

Ends, at loose (familiar). When a business is neglected, or its finances are in a precarious condition, it is said to be *at loose ends*.

Enemy (common), used in the quaint but not slangy phrase, "How goes the *enemy*?" *i.e.*, what is the time?

Ensign bearer (military), a man with a red and blotchy face arising from tipping.

Enthuse (American), to excite enthusiasm, to be enthusiastic. A favourite word with "gushing" clergymen. "An object large enough to *enthuse* an angel's soul." *Enthused*, excited with liquor.

Entire figure, the (American), to the fullest extent. A simile naturally derived from expressing sums of money by numerals or "figures." Also the "big figure," the "whole figure."