

itching sensation in the small of his back, where his fingers cannot reach. It is said that one of the Dukes of Argyle caused posts to be erected in certain parts of his domain, so that all persons troubled with an itching back might relieve their sufferings. This must be taken *cum grano salis*.

Goddess (Anglo- or Malay-Indian), an absurd corruption which used to be applied by our countrymen in the old settlements in the Malay countries to the young women of the land. It is the Malay *gôdis*, a virgin.

And then how strange, at night oppress
By toils, with songs you're lulled to rest,
Of rural *goddesses* the guest.

Delightful!

—*W. Marsden: Mem.*

(Common), a female sitting in the gallery of a theatre.

Each one-shilling *god* within reach of a
nod is,
And plain are the charms of each gallery
goddess.

—*Rejected Addresses.*

Godfathers (American), jurymen. The author of the New York Slang Dictionary explains this by saying that they name the degrees of crime.

Gods (tailors), block patterns, or patterns stored and prized by those unable to produce patterns themselves.

Gods of cloth (tailors), classical tailors.

Go-easter (American), cow-boy slang. A *go*, a valise, so called because the cow-boy seldom owns such an object till he buys one to go to a city, which is generally eastwards (C. Leland Harrison).

Goff, Mrs. (American Universities), a cant phrase to denote any woman.

Go for the gloves. *Vide* GLOVES.

Goings-on (common), proceedings.

The *goings-on* of hundreds of years since are so frequently represented before our latter-day eyes, that in all probability the present generation knows more about its remote ancestors than the worthies did themselves.—*Modern Society.*

Going to pieces (sporting), demoralised, tired out.

Going to pot (popular), to go to ruin. Old metal-work, &c., when too old for use, is *sent to pot*, *i.e.*, melted down for other uses. This is probably the origin of the phrase.

Go into the kitchen, to (popular), to drink one's tea out of the saucer; an allusion to the vulgar method of drinking very common amongst servants.

Go it (popular), once perfectly good English, but now a slang mode of expression used as a term of encouragement, as for example in Artemus Ward's "Go it, my gay and festive