

Formerly used in the form "by golly" in England.

Why then, *by golly*, I will tell you! I hate you, and I can't abide you.—*Fielding: An Old Man taught Wisdom.*

G.O.M. (general), *i.e.*, grand old man, a nickname of Mr. W. E. Gladstone. It was first used by Mr. Bradlaugh in a speech at Northampton. Since then it has become exceedingly popular, being used derisively by the right honourable gentleman's political opponents, and respectfully, though familiarly, by those who look upon him as a leader. It is now used facetiously in reference to any one.

Each guest has p'raps already guessed the gentleman I mean,
For all these qualities unite in but one man, I ween:

I sing that real *G.O.M.*—the chairman
of our green—

Who here this evening may be seen pre-
siding o'er this scene.

—*St. Helen's Lantern.*

Gomers (Winchester College), an abbreviation of "go homers," the clothes college "men" wear when going home instead of gowns. In the old days "*gomers* and hats" was a "peal" similar to "boots and leathers." (*Gomer* means also a pewter dish.

Gone (American), but also used in England to signify loss, ruin, or total injury. "*Gone up*" and "*gone down*" are in this meaning synonymous. One may also hear that it or he is a "*gone case*," a "*gone goose*," a "*gone coon*," "*gone bird*," or "*a goner*."

"It is all *gone-day* with him" is also a common idiom, meaning that his day or time is lost or over. A "*goner*" also naturally refers to anything or anybody who has escaped or died.

I knew, in the language of the States,
that I was a *gone coon*.—*Moonshine.*

Gone for (theatrical), criticised, run down. Borrowed from the Americans.

The "*Circassian*," at the Criterion, is drawing better houses than might have been expected, seeing how the piece was *gone for* by the body critical. And in spite of its ultra-extravagance and strained fun, it makes the people laugh.—*Bird o' Freedom.*

Gone off one's chump (popular), crazy.

I'm frantic—still I wander about,
I am nearly *gone off my chump*,
My wife, my wife, my cruel wife,
For me don't care a dump.

—*Song.*

Gone on (society), in love. Also "sweet on," "mashed on."

The swells who go there for their lunch
every day,
Are *gone on* the duchess—at least so they
say,
But I fancy they'd be in a very bad way,
If they knew for my dinner I've nothing
to-day.

—*Song.*

Goner (popular), a dying person.

They had some conversation, which resulted in their going to the Three Arrows public-house, where he drugged him. "I gave him more than I intended, and when I saw he was a *goner*, I put him in the cab and got away."—*Daily Telegraph.*

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