

Church of England are often described disrespectfully as being *high and dry*. Those of the Evangelical Church are per contra dubbed "low and slow." (American), a simile borrowed from any article left on the beach by a retreating tide. To be left without resources, to be quite abandoned and helpless.

They ate like brave men, long and well;  
they gobbled there and then,  
Till the abdomens grew rotund of those  
gallant Fremont men,  
A beef a day to every man was but a small  
supply;  
Soon conquered they Vallejo's ranch—they  
ate him *high and dry*.

—*Political Song of 1850.*

**High-boy**, a High Tory and Churchman, supposed to favour Jacobitism (O. Davis).

**High faluting** (American), high-flown, extravagant, bombastic language, a gay, impudent sort of fellow, a vulgar coxcomb. "There can be little doubt," says Mr. Bartlett, "of its derivation from high 'fighting.'" As for its coming, as Hotten absolutely asserts, as if it were an established fact, from the Dutch *verlooten* (which word he does not translate), it is enough to say that *verlooten* means "to cast lots." It is very remarkable that there exists in yiddish the word *hifelufolem*, meaning extravagant language or nonsense.

*Hifelufolem* is Narret hei, Possen, Schwank, Ränk.—*Der Herried ene Laub-frosch.*

The remarkable resemblance, as regards both sound and meaning, existing between these words cannot fail to strike the reader. Of late years, terms known more or less to all Jews, especially of the commoner class, have begun to work far more freely into American slang than is generally supposed. By associating *hifelufolem* with "high fighting," *high faluten* would be speedily evolved. It may be observed that in rapid conversation, the Hebrew or yiddish word becomes *hifelufem* or *hifelufen*, which is a materially nearer approach to the well-known American term.

The phrase is now common in England.

A paper in Cincinnati was very much given to *high falutin'* on the subject of "this great country," until a rival paper somewhat modified its continual bounce with the following burlesque: "This is a glorious country! It has longer rivers and more of them, and they are muddier and deeper, and run faster, and rise higher, and make more noise, and fall lower, and do more damage than anybody else's rivers."—*Tit Bits.*

**High fly**, on the (mendicants), begging on the high "toby" or high road, and tramping over the country. Also operating as a begging-letter impostor.

**Highflyer** (common), an incredible or extravagant story.

**High go** (American University), a merry drinking-bout or frolic. "To get high" is to become tipsy and intoxicated.