

Crockett almanacs a hunter speaks of a bear's *ampersand*. Derived from "and per se and," thus explained by Bartlett:—

"Two generations ago, when Irish schoolmasters were common at the South, this expression, equivalent to the & annexed to the alphabet (meaning & *per se and*, to distinguish it from &c.), was in frequent use."

As the *ampersand* came at the bottom of the alphabet, it came to be at length associated with the breech itself.

But he observed in apology, that it (*z*) was a letter you never wanted hardly, and he thought it had only been put there "to finish off th' alphabet, like, though *ampusena* (&) would ha' done as well," for what he could see.—*George Eliot: Adam Bede*.

A shrivelled, cadaverous, neglected piece of deformity, i' the shape of an ezard or an *empersi-and*, or in short anything.—*Charles Macklin: The Man of the World*.

**Ample form.** Lodge opened by the Grand Master in person, "Due Form" by the deputy, "Form" by other mason or person. Also used colloquially for the "correct thing."

**Amputate your timber, or your mahogany, to** (common), to go away, run off. A variant of "cut your stick," as a person who cuts a walking-stick from a tree or hedge previous to starting on a journey.

**A-muck** (Anglo-Andian), from the Malay *amuk* or *amok*, to run furiously and desperately at any

and every one, to make a furious onset. A word probably derived from the Malay, though there is some reason to ascribe an Indian origin to the term. Malayan scholars say it rarely occurs in any other than the verbal form *mengāmuk*, to make a furious assault. It has passed into general use, and is often applied to any one who sets himself up to defy popular opinions, or the multitude. The word was familiar to Englishmen two centuries ago.

Frontless and satire-proof he scours the streets,  
And runs an Indian *muck* at all he meets.

—*Dryden: The Hind and the Panther*, A.D. 1687.

Satire's my weapon, but I'm too discreet

To run *a-muck*, and tilt at all I meet.

—*Pope: Imitation of Horace*, A.D. 1727—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

To run *amock* is to get drunk with opium . . . to sally forth from the house, kill the person or persons supposed to have injured the *amock*, and any other person that attempts to impede his passage.—*Cook's Voyage*.

**Amusers** (English and American), thieves, who formerly used to throw snuff or pepper in a victim's eyes, while an accomplice robbed him, under pretext of rendering assistance.

**Anabaptist** (obsolete), a thief, caught in the act, and doused in the horse trough or pond.

**Analken** (tinker), to wash.

**Analt** (tinker), to sweep, to broom.