

SCHOTT'S ORIGINAL MISCELLANY

A vocab test of uncommon knowledge, compiled exclusively for Weekend by **Ben Schott**

NINETEENTH CENTURY PUBLIC SCHOOL SLANG

ATRAMENTARIUS (*Stonyhurst*)

The ink-pot boy: an office once in vogue, the holder of it being responsible for the cleanliness, &c, of the ink-pots in the classroom.

COACHING (*Rugby*)

A flogging.

BAG (*Westminster*)

Milk.

BARTER (*Winchester*)

A half volley bowled at cricket.

BEAK (*general*)

A form master.

BESWAXERS (*Winchester*)

Thick boots for football.

BILL (*Eton*)

The list of boys who go to the headmaster at 12 o'clock.

BLEED (*Tonbridge*)

One who is remarkably good at anything.

BONER (*general*)

A sharp blow on the spine.

BRASER (*general*)

A bully.

BUG & TICK (*The Leys*)

The Natural History Society.

BUNNY-GRUB (*Cheltenham*)

Green vegetables.

BUTTER (*Stonyhurst*)

A boy known often to miss a catch.

CARGO (*Winchester*)

A hamper from home.

CLIBE (*general*)

To tell tales.

CRUGGY (*Christ's Hospital*)

Hungry.

DREEB (*Royal High School*)

A curiously dressed person.

EGGOTTY (*Felsted*)

Used as follows:
a boy seen carrying an egg or eggs, if addressed by another as "eggotty", might, must in fact, almost in honour, throw an egg at him. If the egg-owner was a good shot he would invite his friend to "call me eggotty".

FESTIVE (*Charterhouse*)

Said of a boy who has not learnt his duty to his superiors and seniors.

FINJY (*Winchester*)

An exclamation excusing one from participation in an unpleasant or unacceptable task, which he who says the word last has to undertake.

FUNKSTER (*Winchester*)

A coward.

GRINDER (*General*)

A private tutor.

JIMMY (*Cambridge*)

All nonsense.

JOSSOP (*general*)

Syrup; juice; gravy; sauce.



LEGION OF HONOUR (*Cambridge*)

The last 12 in the mathematical tripos.

LOUT (*Rugby*)

Any one of the poorer classes; not necessarily an awkward, lubberly individual.

MOB (*Charterhouse*)

To hustle.

NIGSHIUOS (*Christ's Hospital*)

Ingenious.

OILER (*University*)

A cad.

PALMER (*Durham*)

A sly fellow.

PLEB (*Westminster*)

A tradesman's son.

POON (*Winchester*)

To prop up a piece of furniture with a wedge under the leg.

RABBITER (*Winchester*)

A blow, delivered by the side of the hand, on the back of the neck.

SCUTTLE (*Christ's Hospital*)

To cry out under oppression with a view to attracting the notice of one who is in authority.

SHIP (*Sherborne*)

To turn a boy out of bed with his mattress on top of him.

SLIME (*Durham*)

To attempt to cut games.

SNORING DORMITORY

(*Stonyhurst*) · A special dormitory reserved for troublesome sleepers.

SPANGE

(*Royal Military Academy*)
New; elegant; smart.

SQUISH (*general*)

Marmalade.

SWANK (*general*)

To work hard.

TALKER (*Harrow*)

One who cannot sing in time.

THOKER (*Winchester*)

A thick slice of bread soaked in water and then baked.

TOKE (*The Leys*)

To be lazy.

TONK (*Durham*)

To hit; a cricket term.

TONKABOUT (*Charterhouse*)

The hitting up of catches at cricket.

TWEAKER (*Felsted*)

A catapult.

WATCH (*Westminster*)

A junior who has to remain in College during play-hours to answer enquiries, receive messages, and so forth, performing, in fact, the duties of a servant.

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