

THE OZARK DIALECT

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PREFACE

On a haphazard holiday ten years I had the rare pleasure of meeting the "native Ozarker." With no thought of reproducing his volubility I listened to his individual conversation with unlimited delight. I heard from him new words, new phrases; and even his intonations differed from those we had known at home farther north. This piqued my curiosity. At the suggestion of my kindly mentor, Miss Josephine Burnham, I have tried to capture here the elusive and fleeting conversation of the mountain folk of the Ozarks.

At first I was completely "at sea." No one seemed ever to have heard of such a thing as an Ozark dialect. As I went on, however, I gleaned many interesting and enlightening facts about southwestern Missouri and northeastern Arkansas. To various literary workers and scholars I am most deeply indebted, and I wish to thank them for their help: The Reverend Mark Gross, S.J., Mr. Alanson Mason Haswell, Miss Rose Wilder Lane, The Reverend J.G. Woerner, Mrs. May K. McCord, Mr. O.G. Harmon, Dr. Vance Randolph, and Sir William Craigie.

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I

A TYPICAL OZARK CONVERSATION
 Selected from Dialect Notes 1926 Vol.V
 Part IX pages 197-199 "Snake
 County Talk" by Jay L.B.
 Taylor

Las' summer's a year ago, me an' Spike Randolph we was a-settin' out yander on the gallory a-smokin' an' a-jawin' one another, an' d'reckly Spike he h'isted his heels up on the railin' an' rared his choer back ag'in the wall an' 'en he retch fer his ol' pipe an' commenced a-fillin' hit 'ith some o' my long green. Atter he got lit up an' taken a puff 'r two he says, "Taylor," says he, "how long you-all been hyar 'n Snake County, anyways?"

"Well," says I, "le's see. Pap an' Mam they brung me hyar f'm Newbrasky when I's 'bout ten year ol'. I'm right at forty now, so I 'low I must 'a' been hyar 'bout thirty year, off an' on. Why?"

Spike he sortuh scrooched futher down in his choer so's he c'd lay on his shoulder blades an' 'en he jist sot that a-lookin' off up Bresh Creek like he was studyin' right hard 'bout suthin; 'peared like he hadn't give no min't whut I says an' I b' gun't figger he didn't aim on answerin' me a-tall. But purty soon he scrooched down a leetle futher an' says, "Well," says he, "I 'low you ortuh be right handy 'ith Snake County talk, then."

"Yeah," says I, "'Low I am. Why?"

"Hit's changed a right smart sence you-all come hyar, I s'pose."

"Well, I sortuh mulled that over an' dad-blame' 'f he wasn't right! Hit shore has changed. W'y, I rickollect when Pap an' Mam fust come in hyar they mighty nigh like t' died a-laughin' at whut they hyeard,--but they haint no call fer a-gorn on about that.

Me an' Spike we sot thar an' sich words ortuh be sounded an' whut they meant an' 'en him a-tellin' me whur they come frum an' all sich's that, an'd' reckly Spiko he says, "'Pears like some feller ortuh git up a word list fer this neck o' bresh."

"A whut?" says I.

"Word list," says he. "All the quair words you-uns has got. W'y, I been a-hyearin' words sence I come hyar 't they don't nobody else on airth ever use. No, sir! Not no one! Reckon y' caint make up sich a list?"

"Well," says I, bein' sortuh riled at them remarks, "I don't reckon hit'd be sech a all-fired long un at that. We-all aint s' dad-blame' ign'r'nt back hyar 'n the hills 's you-uns mought 'a' hyeard tell we was."

"Aw, now," says he, easy like, "keep y'r shirt on an' ca'm down. You shorely got sense enough t' see hit'd be a favor t' the world fer you t' make up a list. Prob'ly thirty year ago you-all's had words hyar 't you don't never hyear no more. Haint I right?"

He shore was, an' atter I studied about waut he said I tol' him so.

"Yes," he says, "an' hit'll jost keep a-gorn that-away till d'reckly you Southwest Missourians' talk'll be a doad language, so's hit ortuh be ree-corded an' pree-served whilst hit kin be. Reckon how many o' you-all's words they air, anyways?"

"Oh, prob'ly twenty-thirty," says I, "Mebbe forty, but they shore aint fifty, an' I know plumb good an' well they haint nothin' like no hunderd er so."

But he kep' at me till I fin'ly tol' him I would try an' git up a list, so's I come back hyar'n the house an' b' gun writin' down the ones I c'd rickollect, an' dad-blame my hide 'f I didn't git better'n a hundred right off! An' the next evenin' atter I got done a-weedin' the ingern patch, w'y I written down suthin' like fifty more--'poered like ever' time I pulled up a week I ketched a new word. Next day I thunk up a lot more, an' the day atter that I dug out some more till d'reckly I gethered me up a hull dan'

passel o' the dad-burn things, and hit shore did seem like Spike was right whenever'n he said we-alls had a language of our own, a home-made language, he says.

But if he's right an' the world ralely does want suthin' done about keepin' track o' how we-alls talk, w'y hyar 's the list.

I'd be mighty proud to fix up a rule er two fer usein' sich words as You an' you-all and You-uns an' We-all an' We an' We-alls an' We-uns, but they haint no way o' doin' that less'n I jest written down all the ways I ever hyeard 'em used, an' they haint nary man on airth kin do that atter he's been a-sayin' an' a-hyearin' 'em fer thirty years.

Nother trouble is 't right hyar lately we been a-havin' a right smart better schools 'n we did back yander 'bout the time I kin first rickollect. Futher-more all them ol' fellers 't come in hyar f'm Tennessee an' Car'liney an' them places has mos'ly died off an' don't talk no more, so' they's sev'r'l o' the ol' time words 't haint never used no more much. An' 'en b'sides all that these touristars keep a-fotchin' in new words so's 'ith-out a chance they's sev'r'l o' our words plumb petered out an' gone an' give way fer new-uns.

But I've done sot down all the rale Snake County

words I've met up with so fer. O' course a feller mought
hyear some of 'em somewhurs else, like down in Arkansaw
er over yander 'n the Territory (hit's Oklahomey, now)
but he'll shore-hyhear mighty nigh ever' one of 'em if he
stops in these parts long.

I'm right sorrow I caint show jest how they ortuh
be called ever time--seems like they haint no letters
fitten fer a-spellin' 'em like they sound--but Spike he
says he knows a lot o' leetle marks t' put up over some
o' the letters so's the editor kin make out whut I'm a-
tryin' to show him an' I 'low that ortuh be good enough.

An' let me say in partin' that if they's anyone a-
aimin' on awritin' ary other novel about us hill billies
down hyar in the Ozarks an' haint shore 't he kin make
his book people talk like we-all do, w'y I'll be proud
t' he'p him out, for I rickollect readin' a book oncet
about a feller a-herdin sheep down this side o' Springfield--
sortuh preacher, he 'peared like--an' the feller 't writ-
ten that book made him git off talk 't never was hyeard
'n these parts, an' if it had 'a' been, hit'd a' shore
a-started a fight, so's I remain,

Yores Resp'y,

II

THE GRAMMAR OF THE OZARK DIALECT

The chief differences between the Ozark dialect and the standard conversational language used in the United States in general are matters of pronunciation and vocabulary rather than of grammar. An adequate study of the Ozark pronunciation is still to be written, but fairly comprehensive word-lists have been made by Carr,¹ Crumb,² Taylor,³ and Randolph,⁴ and have been published in Dialect Notes. These I have assembled, and I have noted that they add to my observations of the daily speech of the Ozark mountaineer, which is practically unknown and foreign to the majority of people.

One of the most striking grammatical peculiarities of the Ozark speech is concerned with the tense forms of the verbs. Sometimes the hill man seems to have a perverse preference for the weak conjugation, and rejoices in such uncouth preterites as blowed, ketched,

¹ Carr, Joseph William, "Words from Northwest Arkansas," Dialect Notes, Vol. II, part 6, Vol. III part I, part 2, part 5.

² Crumb, D.A., "The Dialect of Southeastern Missouri," Dialect Notes, Vol. V, part 5.

³ Taylor, J.L.B., "Snake County Talk" Dialect Notes Vol. V part 6.

⁴ Randolph, Vance, "A Word List From the Ozarks," Dialect Notes, Vol. V Part 9.

drawed, drinked, knoved, seed and throwed. In other cases, however, we find a transfer from the weak conjugation to the strong, which gives us such preterites as clum, div, drug, het, snuck, skun, and so on. The past participles of words like take and write are nearly always substituted for the past tense forms, so that the sentences I taken a drink and she written a letter are perfectly good Ozark dialect. The substitution often works the other way round, too, the preterite being regularly used in place of the past participle, so that the hillman says I have tuck a drink, and she has wrote a letter.

The following paradigm shows this tendency in the verb to take:⁵

Indicative

Present	I take	Past Perfect	I had
Present Perfect	I have tuck		tuck
Past	I taken	Future	I will
			take

Subjunctive

Present	Ef I take	Past Perfect	Ef I had
Past	Ef I taken		of tuck

The past tense of to take is always taken, as indicated above, except in a few peculiar idioms. For example, the hill man usually says: Paw he tuck down 'ith pneumony fever.

⁵Randolph, Vance, "The Grammar of the Ozark Dialect", American Speech, 1927.

In general, however, the tendency is to break down all distinctions between the preterite and past participle forms in nearly all irregular verbs, and when the two are different they are often used interchangeably. This trend is illustrated by the principal parts of some common Ozark verbs:

Present	Preterite	Past Participle
bear	beared	beared
bring	brang, brung	brung
buy	boughten	boughten
ketch	cotch, ketched	ketched
climb	clim, clum, clom	clum
dive	div, dove	dove
do	done	done
break	broke	broke
dream	dremp	dremp
drink	drinked, drunk	drinked, drank, drunk
eat	et, eat	et, eat, ate
give	give, giv	give, gave
hear	heard, heern	heard, heern
heat	het	het
heave	hove	hove
help	holp	holp
lean	lent	lent
pick	puck	puck

rake	ruck	ruck
ride	rid	rid
rise	riz	riz
set	sot	sot
skin	skun	skun
sneak	snuck	snuck
squeal	squole	squole
swim	swum	swum
think	thunk	thunk
throw	throwed	throwed
write	writ, written	writ, wrote

There are many peculiar combinations of tense forms, as in the following sentences: Lee Gifford's done dead--
Th' chores done ben done--She's done went t' Bentonville.
 An a sound is regularly prefixed to the present participle in the progressive tense forms--a-runnin', a-drinkin', a-fightin', a-lovin' and so on.

The hill man's use of the auxiliary verbs is very remarkable. He says I did plow or I done plowed rather than use the simpler form I plowed. The negative I never did see is regularly preferred to the less emphatic I never saw. Most Ozarkers frequently use been instead of the past was --- I ben so puny I couldn't of eat nothin' nohow. The hill man generally prefers the future progressive form to the simple future tense; he does not say I'll

hunt roun' but I'll be a-huntin' round' thar. The subjunctive of to be is very seldom used in the Ozarks; one always hears of I was you, never if I were you. Were is not used with the second person, either--the hill man says: You wasn't wet, was you? Some of the older people use war instead of was in some situations. Will is invariably substituted for shall, even in the imperative, but the negative form sha'n't is heard occasionally. The auxiliary should is sometimes used in indirect discourse to indicate a certain degree of doubt,⁶ as in this sentence: "Cordin' t' Bill, Sam sh'd a said I was a liar." One very rarely hears should; it has given way before ought to. The auxiliary may is not used at all except in the combination mebbe, and here it has lost its verbal significance and means no more than possibly or perhaps. Might is used in the ordinary sense, but is often pronounced so as to rhyme with out. Doesn't is never heard, don't being substituted in almost every case, third person singular and all. Ain't does duty for am not, is not and are not; has not and have not are usually rendered haint, although the simple ain't is quite respectable even here. Could have and might have are sometimes pronounced in three syllables, something like could-a-of

⁶ Taylor, J.L.B., "Snake County Talk", Dialect-Notes Vol.V, Part 6, p.217.

might-a-of, but would have is usually contracted to would-a.

Many of the most effective Ozark verbs are crudely fashioned from nouns, as in the following sentences.

"Don't fault th' young-un jos' fer boin' pun." "They done churched ol' Mis' Price fer cyard playin'!" "Thet 'ar shote'll meat th' hull fambly a month, easy." "We-uns caint muscle no sich a rock as thet'ar noway." "Th' ol' cow she fell down, but we-uns finely made out t' tail her up agin." "I aim t' go a-fishin' soon's I dung out this hyar barn." "Him he figgers on a-vealin' thet ar calf."

A number of good verbs are coined from adjectives, too. ⁷For example: Lem he got drunk an' plum bonastled hisse'f.--I shore didn't aim t' contrary thet ol' heifer fr'm Hell Holler.--You-all caint green thet air Howard gal noway. (To green is to tease or ridicule.) The adjective sultry is frequently turned into a verb meaning to smother or suffocate--I mighty nigh sultered down in thet 'ar holler.

A few nouns like post, nest, beast, and vest take, from our point of view, a superfluous vowel in the plural, reviving such ancient forms as postes, nestes, beastes, and vestes. The word folk is never heard in the Ozark country, but folks and folkses are both common, and seem

⁷Randolph, Vance, "Grammar of the Ozark Dialect" (Manuscript)
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to be used interchangeably.

A few singular nouns are always used as if they were plural: How many molasses hev you-uns got?--These hyar license aint wuth a dam' in Oklahomy. Maw shore did git a good scald on them cheese. --Th' ol' mare th'owed Sally right down in them gravel, and so on. Some forms are made to serve as both singular and plural, and we often hear such phrases as seven year back, twenty rod off, six foot high, and the like. On the state highway north of Neosho, Missouri, there is a large sign which reads, "Joplin, Seven Mile From Here." Most natives use mile for both singular and plural, but some of the old-timers use the plural form mild. Such words as bushel, pound, dozen, head, rick, cord, pair and kind seldom have any plural form--never when preceded by a numeral word. The same thing is true of many animal names--singular forms like, coon, skunk, mink, fawn, wolf, fox, bar and panter are regularly used as plurals. In some other cases the plural form is invariably used; it is almost impossible to get a hill man to say tomato, for example--he always avoids the singular by saying one o' them termaters.

Some of the best Ozark nouns are really converted verbs, as in the following examples: Did you-uns hyear

the give-out at the church-house? give-out meaning announcements. Wal, I reckon hit don't make no differ.

Adjectives are sometimes employed in the same way: Them Pea Ridge folks is all hateful, an' if they're a-lookin' fer trouble they'll shore git a lavish of it. Occasionally we find adverbs doing duty as nouns, as in the following: Ef I hed m' rathers I shore wouldn't be a-sottin' in this hyar jail-house. This usage is almost universal, though sometimes the word is pronounced ruthers, or even druthers. Combinations like tooth-dentist, sick-patient, grape-vineyard are also in common use.

The hill man handles his personal pronouns with a magnificent disregard for the case distinctions that is truly Elizabethan. One of his commonest idioms involves the use of the objective forms where the nominatives are required in Standard English, as in the following examples: Hit shore is me.--Us fellers caint git out o' this hyar jail-house.--Me an' her was a-sparkin'--No sir, not me.--Him an' his woman they fit scan'lous.

The absolute form of the possessive is often marked by a final n sound, instead of the s which distinguishes this form in Standard English. Thus we have yourn, hisn, hern, ourn, and theirn in common although not exclusive use. The final n perhaps represents the old adjective termination which is concealed in mine and thine.

The plural forms you-all and we-all are very common and generally thought to be plural, though occasionally you-all is employed as singular. You-uns is nearly always plural in the Ozark country. The related pronouns us-uns, although rare, is not altogether unknown to the hill people. Some of these peculiar combinations have possessive forms also, and the general situation is summarized in the following:

First Person

	Singular	Plural
Nom.	I	we-all, we-uns
Poss.	my, mine	ourn, we-all's
Obj.	me	us, us-uns

Second Person

Nom.	you-all	you-all, you-alls, you-uns
Poss.	yourn, you-all's	yourn, you-all's, your all's
Obj.	you-all	you-all, you-uns

Third Person

Nom.	he, she, hit	they, they-all
Poss.	hisn, hern, hit's	theirn, they-all's
Obj.	him, her, hit	them

Sometimes the Ozark pronoun agrees with its antecedent in number, but frequently it does not. Anybody'd be gravelled t' ketch their woman a-talkin' t' that feller and each gal better git their own basket are both correct sentences in the Ozarks. In the intensive forms the moun-

tain man always says hisse'f rather than himself, and frequently adds emphasis by interpolating the word own--
he done it his own se'f.

The relative pronouns, who, which, what and that are used very much as in Standard English, but whose is not common, and whom is never heard in the Ozarks at all. That is very generally substituted for whom, as in th' feller that I shot. What is often used in place of that--
Them's the kind o' gals whut I like. The hyphenated pronouns who-all and what-all are common, particularly in interrogative sentences, as who-all was at th' frolic? and whut-all did them folks hev t' eat? The possessive form of who-all is also frequently heard--Who all's is this hyar chippin' -axe?

The demonstrative pronouns this and that are frequently turned into this hyar, that thar, and thet 'ar, the adverb being used to emphasize the proximity or remoteness of the object referred to. The plural form these hyar is sometimes heard, but those is rather rare, and is never combined with the adverbs here and there. The personal pronoun them is also used as a plural demonstrative, sometimes alone and sometimes in connection with the adverb as them thar. Two other common demonstratives are best rendered this'n and that'n--evidently degenerate contractions

of this one and that one. Some of these principles are illustrated in the following sentences. What's this hyar dingus fer?--Thet 'ar licker aint fitten t' drink.--These hyar city gals is all skinny laigs.--Them's th' best britches we-uns has got.--Them fellers aint no good.--They's bars in them 'ar mountains, gal.--This'n ain't no good, an' thet'n cain't be ketched noway. The word it is sometimes used almost as a demonstrative. Looking first at his rifle and then at that of Dr. Randolph, a hill man once said, How'd you-all swap hit fer hit?

Adverbs are regularly replaced by adjective forms in the Ozarks. The hill man always says I ketched him easy, she hollered turrible, he was shore hurt bad, and so on. It is only in cases where there is an obvious difference in meaning between the adverb and the adjective that this confusion disappears. In the sentence I caint hardly see no more the adverb is always used; nobody would say that he couldn't hard see. The same thing is true of such words as lately, scarcely, really and generally. The adverb up is used to intensify the meaning of a verb, it seems to me, much more frequently than in Standard English. Such combinations as meet up, rick up, love up, hook up are very common.

Frequently a number of prepositions and adverbs are

strung together--Ab he lives away back in upon Sugar Creek. The preposition to is often used superfluously in an infinitive after have or had, as in the sentence: Ol' Stan Lee hed three shotes t' die on him las' week. The peculiar use of at in where does th' revenue live at? is almost universal in the Ozarks. At is regularly substituted for to in such sentences as jes' listen at th' dam' fool ahollerin'. The preposition on is sometimes used instead of of--he's th' dangdest fool I ever heerd tell on. Something of the same sort occurs in out'n and off'n--she run out'n th' house and drug Ike off'n his horse. Of replaces with in the sentence whut's th' matter of you. and is used superfluously in such statements as I don't remember of it.

Occasionally a number of superfluous adverbs are used in a sentence--I most generly allus rocks them 'tarnal dogs off'n th' place.

Taylor⁸ says that the adverb plum means complotely, and may be used to modify adjectives. It certainly means complotely or quite in such sentences as Dave he jes' plum gin out and I aint plum shore 'bout thet 'ar preacher-man. But in other cases it seems to mean very, as in the sentence he'll git hyar plum soon. The word plum has still an-

⁸ Taylor, Jay L.B., "Snake County Talk," Dialect Notes, Vol.V Part 6.

other meaning in such a sentence as she up an' slapped me right plum in the mouth.

The word which some dialect writers⁹ render nare is simply a rustic pronunciation of never, and is equivalent to the old form ne'er, used in many of the old English ballads which the hill man knows in some degenerate version or other. Ary and nary are derived from e're a and ne'er a, but the common use of ary another shows how much of the original significance has been lost. The form not ary is sometimes substituted for nary, but the latter seems to be somehow more emphatic. More forcible still is the double negative not nary, as in the expression not nary one o' them fellers.

The double negative, as in I never done nothin', is the rule rather than the exception. Often the word nohow is added for greater emphasis, and we have a triple negative. Even the quadruple form--I aint never done nothin' nohow--is not at all uncommon. A peculiar negative form is sometimes employed for emphasis, so that the phrase I wonder ef he don't really means he certainly does.

Simple adjectives, except for their confusion with the adverbial forms, are usually managed very well. In their comparison, however, the hill man constantly uses the

⁹Randolph, Vance, "Grammar of the Ozark Dialect", (Manuscript) page 7.

er and est terminations, often producing such superlatives as beautifullest and perfectest. Sometimes he fancies both the more and the er ending, and we hear more better, more harder, more higher, and the like. To return for a moment to the adverb: the comparative form of far is sometimes used in a peculiar sense; all the farther means "as far as" in such sentences as two miles was all th' farther he could run. The word is usually pronounced further or fu'ther, however, and even furder is heard occasionally.

Some very striking adjectives are participial forms, as the word thoughted in this sentence: Bill he tried t'eddicare fer a doctor, but pears like he war'nt thoughted enough. The word thoughted is also used to mean thoughtful, or considerate of other people's feelings. The verb last, meaning to endure, has a derivative adjective them's th' lastiest overhauls I ever seed. Sometimes a noun is regularly used as an adjective, as in the sentence they's too dang many fool laws in th' settlement. In the following sentence, the word master is made to function in the same way--my boy's th' masterest fiddler in these parts.

Compound adjectives like dog-bit are very frequently heard; a horse-throwed man, for instance, rolled down the mountain and died in a tangle of wind-blowed trees. The

peculiar form onliest is very common, thet 'ar is th' on-
liest axo we-all has got. A final n sound is sometimes
added to certain adjective forms--the mountaineer's eyes
are always blood-shotten rather than blood-shot. When pre-
sent participles are used attributively they are compared
like any other adjectives--Lucy is a lovin' er gal as
Dolly, but Mary is th' lovin' est gal I ever seed. Super-
latives of this type are very common--fightin'est, dancin'
est, shootin'est, grewed-uppest, tore-downdest, and so on.
Often a number of similar adjectives are strung together--
he's jest a common, ord'n'ry, everyday feller, or I seed
a leettle, small, puny-lookin' bar a-settin' under a bush.

III

PRONUNCIATION IN THE OZARK DIALECT

The most striking characteristic of the Ozark dialect is the vocabulary, of course, but the pronunciation is easily second in importance. The only adequate way of preserving the data of pronunciation is by means of phonographic records, but this method is not practicable in the Ozark Mountains at present. The Weaver Brothers have composed and presented on the vaudeville stage, a very lively and enjoyable act, which is the only popular reproduction of Ozark dialect that I have ever heard. The material gathered here, I find, is representative of eight counties: McDonald, Barry, Stone, and Taney counties in Missouri, and Benton, Washington, Carroll, and Boone counties in Arkansas.

Many of my friends who have made their homes in the Ozarks, Dr. Vance Randolph of Pineville, Mr. Oliver McBride of Camp Leale Taneycomo, Mr. Price Overbeck of a neighboring resort, have told me that one of the most striking features of the Ozark pronunciation is the disconcerting fashion in which the vowels are shifted about. The vowel in care, share, and scarce, is pronounced almost exactly as though the words were spelled keer, sheer, and skeerce. Calm and balmy are regularly pronounced cam and bammy. The word gargle, too, is invariably turned into gaggle---the a being pronounced

precisely as in hat. In narrow, arrow, barrel, and the like, the accented vowel has exactly the same sound as the a in father; such words are often reduced to monosyllables--narr', arr', bar'l, and so on. When tramp and stamp are used substantively they are correctly pronounced as in Standard English, but the corresponding verbs are always tromp and stomp. The verb dare is usually dar, but in the negative form the vowel sound is shortened and the r replaced by s--I dass'nt do no fishin' of a Sunday. The a in what is usually replaced by the vowel of but; far is pronounced like fur, and rather is nearly always turned into ruther.

The short a of have is frequently pronounced like short e, so that the word sounds pretty much like hev, while the same sound in hasn't and haven't becomes a as in state, providing us with the negative form haint. The proper name Rafe, which is the Ozark form of Ralph, is always given the long a sound. The short a in catch and gather is replaced by short e, so that these words are written ketch and gether. The word drain is usually pronounced dreen, while the preterite of eat is nearly always et, and naked is invariably turned into neckid. In words like any and many the a sounds much like short i, and the nape of the neck is always made to rhyme with cap. The a in paltry is frequently given the sound of long o, so that the word sounds like poultry. One very rarely hears almanac and tabernacle

pronounced as they are in Standard English--they usually sound like almanick and tabornickle.

The final unstressed a is often turned into short y, particularly in proper names: Clara becomes Clary, Laura is pronounced Laury, and Ida is turned into Idy. The word alfalfa is pronounced alfalfy, extra is nearly always extry, and soda is invariably turned into sody. Idea becomes either idy or idee, the latter form being the more emphatic of the two. Something of the same sort occurs in words like pneumonia and malaria, which are nearly always pronounced neumony and malary.

A replaces the long e sound in the verb rear, which is always pronounced rare or rar, and is substituted for e in such words as yollow and celery--yaller and salory. The word certain is nearly always sartain. Thresh and wrestle have been converted into thrash and wrassle and mesh is usually pronounced mash, while in other cases the e is lengthened to something like long a as in after, so that egg and leg sound very much like aig and laig. The e in the proper name Eva is usually short in the Ozarks, for some reason or other. Such words as perit and perch are usually rendered peert and peerch. Deaf is invariably given the long e sound--deef, and slesk becomes slick. Such words as kettle, chest and get are almost universally

pronounced kittle, chist and git. Set is very often turned into sot, and terrible is generally turrible.

Such words as fire, iron, wire, and hire have a vowel much like the a in far; little, itch, inch, idiot, and oblige, have the sound of ee, while such words as bitch, hitch and pitch keep the standard vowel. The noun is pronounced whip, but the verb is turned into something between whup and whoop. The i sound is sometimes replaced by e, as when stint and bin are pronounced stent and ben, while the verb hinder usually sounds like hender. Spirit and pith fall into the same category; the Ozarker always says sperrit and peth. Might and fight are sometimes made to rhyme with out.

The sound of o is lost when close becomes clus and crop is turned into crap. In such words as cover the vowel is given a short i sound--kiver. The final o in potato always becomes er, so that the word sounds like potater, and not infrequently the first o is modified in the same way, so that the form pertater is often heard. The same principle applies in words like tomato and tobacco, which are nearly always pronounced termater and terbacker. The final o sound represented by ow is very often replaced by er in an unaccented final syllable, giving us such words

as holler, beller, feller, swaller, widder and windor.

The word on is usually pronounced on, but in the combination upon the last syllable is sometimes rhymed with gun. In a few words, yonder for example, the o is turned into a as in man--yander. Two and too are pronounced as in Standard English, but the o in to is often elided, or given a sound pretty much like ter. The proper name Jordan, which is rather common in the hill country, is always pronounced Jerdan or Jurdan.

The sound of the vowel of but, too, is replaced by other vowels in a number of common Ozark words. Brush is always bresh, such becomes sich, judge is usually pronounced like jedge. Sure is invariably turned into shore. In such words as until, unwell, unhook and the like u assumes an o sound, so that these terms become ontil, onwell, and onhook. The long u sound in ewe has been lost entirely, and no hillman would think of calling a female sheep anything but a yo. The u in pure is always turned into long o, and preceded by a y sound, so that the word must be spelled pyore or puore. The noun gum, meaning the flesh about the teeth, is invariably pronounced goom.

A shifting of vowel sounds makes sauce, saucy, haunt, gaunt and jaundice become: sass, sassy, hant, gant, and jan-ders. The vowel of aunt is usually pronounced like short

a, but many of the older people give it something like a long a sound, so that the word can hardly be distinguished from aint. In a few words--audacious, for example--au is pronounced like the ow in plow. The verb wash nearly always sounds like woish, and douche is invariably made to rhyme with couch. AI becomes ee in chair, but the reverse exchange occurs in queer, which is nearly always turned into quair or quar.

The word earth is usually sounded something like airth, but sometimes one hears an initial y sound--yairth. The ea in teat is always turned into short i, and we have the word used everywhere as tit. Touch becomes tetch, while the word snout, oddly enough, is nearly always pronounced snoot. The ou in your sounds exactly like the oo in poor--both are reduced to long o. In such words as spoil, hoist, poison, oil, boil, roil, and join the oi takes the sound of long i--spile, sile, hist, pizen, ile, bile, rile, and jine.

Among consonants the letter t is always bobbing up in unexpected places. Vermin is pronounced varmint, sudden is always suddint, wish becomes wisht, and trough is regularly turned into trawft. The final excrement t is found in many other words--once, close, cliff and chance become

onct, clost, slift and chanct--the vowel sounds being unchanged. Such nouns as post and nest drop the t in the singular, but in the plural form the t is pronounced distinctly and an unaccented syllable added--nestes and postes. T replaces the final d in words like salad, ballad, killed, errand; salat, ballat, kilt, errant. Occasionally the final t is replaced by a k sound, as when vomit is turned into vomick.

The f in after is usually elided, so that atter is the standard pronunciation all through the Ozark country. The Ozarker nearly always pronounces the t in often, but in such words as slept, crept, kept and wept the t is invariably dropped. Let us or let's is always pronounced less. The word cloths is not used, since most Ozarkers say raggs. Ask, asks and asked are usually cut to ast, although the forms ax and axt are heard on occasions. The d sound is very frequently dropped from the word used, particularly in the combination used to--which is pronounced use ter, while in such words as handle the d is practically always elided.

Further is pronounced futher or furder, nearer becomes nearder, partner, is turned into pardner, and the t sound in brittle is replaced by ck. Any one who listens to the preachers of the hill country will sooner or later hear some reference to the brickle bread o' life. A th sound replaces

the final t in height, and some of the older people change the vowel sound too, so that the word is pronounced like haith--the ai as in rain. The initial d of dubious has become j, and the word sounds pretty much like juberous. Something of the same sort occurs in the case of tedious, which is nearly always pronounced teejous. The sk sound in such words as muskrat, muskmelon and tusk is usually softened to sh as in rush. In other words a medial th is replaced by t--thus panther is nearly always pronounced panter or painter.

Heathen, for some reason or other, is almost invariably pronounced heathern, and the intrusive r is heard in several other words of the same type. In a few cases l is replaced by r, as when walnut is turned into warnut. In his article on the Snake County Talk Jay L.B. Taylor says that the natives of southwest Missouri introduce r into the participial form of go, as in the sentence I seed that feller a-gorn down th' road. The present writer, however, agrees with Rose Wilder Lane and Harold Bell Wright, in not hearing the r sound in this word--it sounds like a-goin'. Singe is pronounced swinge, and an interpolated y turns card and garden into cyard and gyardon. Here is generally rendered hyar, but the verb hear preserves the vowel sound unchanged, and the y is much less distinct than in hyar. Ear is invariably pronounced exactly like year. In such words as always the

w is lost, and the word becomes allus. Welt is often pronounced whelt, shrivel is generally transformed into swivel, and coil is nearly always quile. The g in Gerald, which is a rather common name in the Ozarks, is always hard, as in gallop.

Rinse sounds almost like wrench, picture becomes pitchor, and a superfluous b is introduced into words as family and chimney--famby and chimbly. Overalls are invariably called overhauls. A w sound is always heard before the first vowel in singletree, so that the word sounds like swingle tree. In one case, at least, a medial s is replaced by x--the word escape is usually pronounced excape. Corner is frequently turned into cornder, and drowded is the regular past tense of drown. The same interpolated d is found in the popular superlative tore-down-dest. Most writers of dialect seem to imagine that it is always pronounced nit, which is by no means the case, but when unusual emphasis is desired, and at the beginning of a clause, hit is used.

Some consonants, particularly l and r, are frequently shifted about, producing such oddities as interduce, hundord, childern, prespiration, reform, afeerd, brethern and so on. The final r is usually sounded, despite the dialect writers like Monteith who would have the hill man say suh when he means sir. The medial r in such words as curse, burst and

parcel, however, is nearly always dropped, so that the words sound like cuss, bust and passel. The same thing is true of carry, which is often reduced to something very like the last syllable of decay. The word mixture, oddly enough, is nearly always pronounced mixtry.

The ing ending is always pronounced in, with the short i sound very distinct, never turned into an indeterminate or neutral vowel; the Ozarker says sleepin'--never sleep'n, sleepon' or sleepun'. Sometimes the g is dropped from the middle of a word also, as in strength and length, which are nearly always pronounced stren'th and len'th.

In the matter of accent, too, the Ozark dialect is peculiar. The hill man usually places a strong emphasis upon the first syllable of catarrh, parole, guitar, insane, harangue, relapse, police, cement and hurrah. In mountainous and mischievous he accents the penultimate, while in genuine the final syllable is stressed, and pronounced exactly like wine. Some other words are pronounced in a singularly flat, toneless fashion--settlement, government, commandment, pulpit, infidel, implement, libel, and district. The ment ending is always given the short i sound: mint.

The hill man frequently lops off sounds and syllables at a great rate, and it is impossible to record his speech

without an excessive use of the apostrophe. External becomes 'tarnal, tolerable is shortened to tol'able, and ordinary is nearly always reduced to ord'n'ry. This last contraction must not be confused with ornery, which is a different word altogether and means worthless or contemptible. In some cases the Ozarker insists upon adding superfluous syllables, so that tourist is pronounced touristor, musician becomes musicianer, and so on. A final m after l is sometimes lengthened into an extra syllable, which turns elm into ellum, film into fillum, and so forth.

An additional vowel is often used in plurals, too, as in postes, nestes, vestes, and folkse.

IV

MIDDLE ENGLISH SURVIVALS IN THE OZARKS

No other highlands, unless it be those of Scotland, have had as singular and as interesting a history as the Missouri Ozarks. Four hundred years ago Spain and France were eager to possess these mountains. However, the English were the original discoverers, and the name of Sebastian Cabot is linked with the Missouri Territory as early as 1497.¹⁰ John Pontio de Leon, a Spaniard in search for gold, silver and precious stones, found only Osage Indians. France wanted a water route to India, and a similar disappointment awaited one of her first explorers.¹² Romance and adventure have sent many seekers and collectors into this land of El Dorado. Some have returned with spinning wheels, antique furniture, Spanish coins and firearms. But our twentieth century pleasure "seekers", lured by the shrewdly publicized hunting, fishing and scenery, have given scant attention to the unique treasure openly displayed before them. They have talked to the native mountain man and laughed at his "peculiar dialect."¹³ At first perhaps this dialect rude

¹⁰Bradbury, "Early Western Travels", arranged by Thwaite (1904) p. 236.

¹¹Ibid.

¹²Von Natter, F.M., "Highland of the Ozarks" National Republic

¹³Randolph and Sankee, "Dialectal Survivals in the Ozarks" American Speech, Vol.V, No.3.

and amusing, but instead of being a degradation it is in reality a survival, an heirloom of the mother tongue handed down from the days of Middle English and the time of Chaucer.

Nationality and isolation have played the most important part in the preservation of the colonial English. When the people from mountain regions of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and the Carolinas came west, they stepped aside from the avenues of commerce and thought. As a place of human habitation the Ozarks had one characteristic--a lack of communication. The highways were beds of streams, and commerce was dependent largely on horseflesh and saddle-bag. The ancestors of the present natives traveled by ox team from the Ohio valley and the mountains of the Carolinas, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, especially Tennessee.¹⁴ Their nationality was essentially British, and to this day the majority of the family names have a distinctly English flavor. These elemental people "up the creek" with their native and inherited conservatism still cling to old-fashioned ways and customs, and modes of speech and thought.¹⁵ In their log cabins has been preserved a contemporary speech which is almost Saxon. In remote parts of the United States there are still direct and almost pure-

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Van Natter, F.M., "Highland of the Ozarks", National Republic, June 1930.

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Douglas, Archer Wall, "Individuality of the States," Atlantic Monthly. 1923.

blooded descendants of the early settlers of the Appalachian Highlands. Combs¹⁶ says, "Go among them, and you will hear more words from the Shakesperian vocabulary still alive and in common service than in any other place in the world, and more of the loose and brilliant syntax of that time." This is also true of the Ozarks of Missouri. In addition to Shakespearian language, Frost¹⁷ noted a Chaucer vocabulary in use thirty years ago in the Appalachian chain. He selects such words as pack for carry, gorm for mass, and feisty meaning full of life and impertinent to prove his point. One cannot imagine these sturdy people moving from one mountain range to another, leaving their language and favorite poets behind. In this way Shakespeare and Chaucer came to the Ozarks from the Cumberlands.

Etymologists have pursued their science in the Ozark hills, not by wading through dusty tomes, but by examining living speech. Foremost among these investigators is Vance Randolph. Only two years ago, in a most detailed and careful study,¹⁸ he made it most evident that this hilly region is a veritable museum of archaic English, including Eliza-

¹⁶Combs, J.H., "Old, Early and Elizabethan English in the Southern Mountains," Dialect Notes Vol. IV, Part IV, pp. 28 - 297.

¹⁷Frost, W.G., "Our Contemporary Ancestors in the Southern Mountains," Atlantic Monthly, August, 1923.

¹⁸Randolph and Sankee, "Dialectal Survivals in the Ozarks," American Speech, Vol. V, No. 3, February, 1930, pp. 198-208.

bethen and Chaucerian varieties. He makes mention of Shakespeare ten or more times. His examples of Chaucer's vocabulary are dar for dare, ketche for catch, waste-lying, wit, schette for shut, which the Ozarker pronounces shet, and axe for ask.

Chaucer was tremendously popular in his day, and enjoyed royal favor at the court, just as Shakespeare did. Among the colonists were men of education and culture, and doubtless the Carterbury Tales was a favorite with them. How strange that the descendant, the Ozark "hill billy," can and often does "talk" Chaucer without knowing it. The summer tourist should be interested in the fact that the language he hears is not an uncouth manner of speech but very like what his ancestors used from three hundred to six hundred years ago.

The passages which follow illustrate Chaucer's use of words and forms which are now obsolete or rare in Standard English, but which in the Ozarks remain in living use.

A-fered, pp.

afraid, 1379-83 Chaucer TROILUS AND CRISDYDE I, 972

And wostow why I am the lasse a-fered

Of this matere with my nece trete?

Axe, v.

to ask. 1379-83 Chaucer TROILUS AND CRISEYDE II, 894

Men misten axe at seintes if it is eught fair in

heaven. to request, 1386-88 Chaucer KNIGHT'S TALE

A 1826. And they swore his axing fayre and wel.

Baite, v.

bait, feed. 1386-1388 Chaucer TALE OF THE MAN OF

LAW B 466. On many a sory meel now may she bait.

Bitwix, prep.

between. 1385-6 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN 729.

They mighte have been bitwex hem mariage.

Borwe, v.

borrow, 1386-88 Chaucer TALE OF THE MAN OF LAWE B

105. Maugree thyn heed, thou most for indigence

Or stele, or begge, or borwe thy despence!

Bote, n.

advantage, profit. 1369 Chaucer BOOK OF THE DUCH-

ESSE 38. And yet my bote is never the nere.

Brent, v.

burned, 1369 Chaucer ANELIDA AND ARCITE 115.

That she ne shewed hit him, er hit was brent.

Byword, n.

expression, proverb. 1379-83 Chaucer TROILUS AND
CRISEYDE IV, 769. For which ful oft a by-word here

I seye. That, "roteless, mot grene sone deye."

Cause, ad.

because, 1386-1388 Chaucer REVES TALE A 4144.

It mighte be not bet, and cause why,

There was no roumer herberwe in the place.

Chaunce, n.

accident, 1369 Chaucer BOOK OF THE DUCHESS 1285

In alle my youthe, in alle chaunce,

She took me in hir govenance.

Clomb, v.

past tense of climb, 1382-4 Chaucer HOUSE OF FAME

1118. But up I climb with alle pain.

Clout, n.

bit of cloth, 1386-88 Chaucer PARDONER'S TALE 0738.

Ye! for an heyre clout to wrappe me!

Dar, v.

dare, 1386-1388 Chaucer KNIGHT'S TALE A 1151

Or elles artow fals, I dar wel seyn.

For, adv.

far, 1386-88 Chaucer PRIORESSES TALE B 1781.

Til finally she gan so fer espye

That he last seyn was in the Jewerye.

Ferne, adj.

strange, foreign, distant. 1386-88 Chaucer CANTER-
BURY TALES Prologue 14. To ferne halwes, couth in
sondrey londes.

Fithele, n.

violin, 1386-1388 Chaucer PROLOCUE A 296. Than
robes riche, or fithelle, or gay sautrye.

Fresshe, v.

to refresh, Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE 1513.

He thoughte of thilke water shene

To drinke and fresshe him wel withalle.

In-fere, adv.

together, originally in fere, in company, 1386-88
Chaucer TALE OF THE MAN OF LAWE B 328. And when
assembled was this folk in-fere.

She sette hir down, and sayde as ye shal here.

Kin, n.

kindred, Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE 268. Ne she
hath kin noon of hir blood.

Lepe, v.

to leap, 1385-1386 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN
2008. The best achoked, he chel on him lepe,
To sleen him, or they comen more to-hepe.

Libel, n.

written declaration, 1386-1388 Chaucer SOMNOUR'S
PROLOGUE D 1595. May I nat axe a libel, sir
Somnour.

Lofte, n.

upper room, 1385-1386 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN
2708. And at the window leep he from the lofte.

Maister, n.

master, 1386-1388 Chaucer PRIORESS'S PROLOGUE
B 1637. Sir gentil, maister, gentil marineer!

Mast, n.

fruit of forest trees as acorns and beech nuts,
Chaucer MINOR POEMS IX, 7, 37, That noight but
mast or apples is the rinne.

Minde, n. and v.

memory, to remember, 1386-1388 Chaucer SQUIERES
TALE F109. If it so be that I have it in minde.

Shimering, n.

glimmer. 1386-1388 Chaucer REVES TALE A 4297
And saugh a litel shimering of a light.
For at an hole in shoon the mone bright.

Moot, v.

might, 1386-1388 Chaucer MANGIPLE'S PROLOGUE

H 40. Foule moot thee falle!

Name, n.

good name, reputation, 1385-1386 Chaucer LEGEND
OF GOOD WOMEN. 1761. Let men glewe on us the name;
Suffyoeth that we han the fame.

Poke, n.

a bag, 1386-1388 Chaucer MILLERES TALE A 3780
Gerveys answerde, "Certes, were it gold,
Or in a poke nobles alle untold."

Pore, adj.

poor, 1385-1386 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN
Prologue 388. Yit mot he doon bothe right, to
pore and riche.

Rusty, adj.

old, uncouth, unkempt, Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE
159. Ful foul and rusty was she, this.

Shet, v.

shut, Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE 529.
Til that I fond a wicket smal
So shet, that I ne mighte in goon.

Sorry, adj.

miserable, 1386-1388 Chaucer MAUNCIPIE'S PROLOGUE

55. So unweldy so this sorry palled gost.

Spewe, v.

vomit, 1386-1388 Chaucer PERSONES TALE 138.

As doth the hound that returneth to eten his
spewing.

Stout, adj.

strong, 1386-1388 Chaucer CANTERBURY TALES

PROLOGUE 545. The Miller was a stout carl, for
the nones.

Tollen, v.

attract, entice, 1377-1381 Chaucer BOETHIUS Book II

Prose VII 18. But natheles, it may not drawn
or tollen swiche hertes as ben y-bought to the
fulle perfeccioun of vertu.

Yon, adj.

yonder. 1386-1388 Chaucer REVES TALE 4178.

If that I may, yon wenche wil I swyve.

V

HILL TALK IN FICTION AND POETRY

During the last fifty years there are scarcely twenty books in which an Ozark dialect is used. The search for this is very tedious. Only in places dealing with Ozark people and their life does the novelist lapse into the use of the local idiom, not from necessity but more for the sake of "atmosphere." Like most writers of dialect, the novelist exaggerates by using a distorted spelling. His misspellings are neither effective nor defensible. "Eye Dialect" is the new name to cover these distortions which change the looks of the word but not its pronunciation. Here are a few good examples thereof: bin for been, splict for spliced, plum for plumb, cum for come, uv for of, bunyon for bunion, tarnashun for tarnation--all used by Tuck:¹⁹ a-tall for at all, by Ellis;²⁰ yow for you, by Wright;²¹ razin' for rasing, by Case;²² nuthin for nothing, by Kennedy;²³ kurnel for colonel, by Woerner;²⁴ heer for here by Haswell;²⁵ sole for soul, by Dunn;²⁶ k'n for

¹⁹ Tuck, Clyde Edwin, The Bald Knobber.

²⁰ Ellis, John Breckenridge, The Little Fiddler of the Ozarks

²¹ Wright, H.B., Shepherd of the Hills.

²² Case, John Homer, Jean Carroll; a Tale of the Ozark Hills.

²³ Kennedy, Wm. Anthony, The Master of Bonne Terry.

²⁴ Woerner, J.G., The Rebel's Daughter.²⁵ Haswell, Alanson Mason, Daughter of the Ozarks.

²⁶ Dunn, Byron A., The Courier of the Ozarks.

can by Gross.²⁷ Misspellings are not always unwarranted, however. The following words represent clearly the pronunciation intended: scripter, heft, skeered, kentry, kiver, clar used by Haswell;²⁸ dast by Wright;²⁹ seed for saw, spile for spoil, by Gross.³⁰ Someone has suggested that the most accurate dialect is always found in mediocre literary work. But according to Randolph,³¹ "The truth is that all of the Ozark novels are so deficient, both in dialect and in literary qualities that no general conclusion can be drawn from them."

In the earliest of the Ozark stories³² one finds defects common in local color writing: the dropping of the final d in words like and and thousand; the distortion of such unstressed monosyllables as to and for. Parson Brooks has been called "the best Missouri Dialect book",³³ but Randolph says "Monteith made a fine mess of it."³⁴

Randolph, as a scholar, authority, and resident, places

²⁷ Gross, Mark S. Haunted Hollow.

²⁸ Haswell, Alanson Mason, Daughter of the Ozarks.

²⁹ Wright, Harold Bell, Shepherd of the Hills.

³⁰ Gross, Mark S., Haunted Hollow.

³¹ Randolph and Sankee, "Dialectal Survivals in the Ozarks," American Speech, Vol.V, No, 3, February 1930,p.283

³² Monteith, John, Parson Brooks.

³³ Arnold, Chas., Missouri Ozarks as a Filled for Regionalism.

³⁴ Randolph and Sankee, "Dialectal Survivals in the Ozarks" American Speech, Vol.V, No,3, February 1930,p.283.

more faith in Harold Bell Wright's reproduction of the hill man's conversation. He says,³⁵"Nowhere--save possibly in the works of H.B.Wright is there even a suggestion of the familiar vulgate of the Ozark country." Arnold also has a few words of commendation for this author when he says, "Wright drops final d and g and uses legitimate contractions: whar, ketched, git and 'gin. His choice of words, however, is more effective, as in right, smart, plumb."³⁶ Still if one were to turn the attention to Wright solely as the master of accurate dialect a word-list taken from his work alone would be very meagre.

Even the author of one of these novels, Haunted Hollow, makes no claim to being a master of dialect. Mark Gross, regarding his own book, says:³⁷

I am afraid though that the dialect is hardly "orthodox." I wrote it mainly from boyhood memories. As a boy I spent nearly every vacation in the Ozarks, and really knew then how the natives talked. When I wrote "Haunted Hollow", however, I did not go back to those haunts but conceived the whole thing from memory. Hence, I would not undertake to swear to the absolute correctness of the dialect.

³⁵Randolph, Vance, "Ozark Dialect in Fiction," 1927 American Speech Vol.II (1927) p.289.

³⁶Arnold, Charles, Missouri Ozarks as a Field for Regionalism pp.133-134.

³⁷Gross, Mark S. March 8, 1927 Omaha, Nebr. Letter to the writer.

Again Gross³⁸ expresses this same point of view:

I suspect that most of these fellows novelists made the dialect out of their heads. You can never trust a novelist for truth. So long as he approximates the genuine article he is satisfied. I know--I've been there. So long as the illusion is created with a certain amount of verisimilitude, the novelist rubs his hands and chuckles. You see this class of persons--I mean novelists--depend on their imagination. And imagination is notoriously a substitute for hard work.

He states correctly the disposition of the novelist toward faithful reproduction of the sermo vulgaris, particularly of the Ozarks.

Of the stories containing Ozark dialect and having more literary value, one of the best is Hill Billy, by Rose Wilder Lane. However, I agree with Randolph when he says,³⁹ "The dialect is not that of the genuine hill-billy at all."

Miss Lane⁴⁰ writes a very interesting letter from abroad:

I spent my childhood in the Ozarks, from the age of seven to fourteen, and as my parents still live on Rocky Ridge Farm, Mansfield, Missouri, I've frequently returned there during the past twenty years.....You have surely noticed the Ozark dialect during your visits in that country. Thirty years ago the older people spoke distinctly Elizabethan English. Today you will notice the peculiar form of the present participle, and

³⁸Gross, Mark S. April 29, 1927 Omaha, Nebr. Letter to the writer.

³⁹Randolph, Vance, "Ozark Dialect in Fiction". American Speech Vol.II, No.6, March (1927) p.288.

⁴⁰Lane, Rose Wilder, Mar.15,1927 Tirana, Albania, Letter to the writer.

a few other fragments of old usage, such as 'pears like, for it seems, and 'tis for its kindred form of its.

Her book, Hill-Billy, shows her to be fond of the Ozarks, and the Ozark people, and between the lines one sees the beauty of the hills and the interesting life that is found there. In the introduction appears the following strange legend concerning the origin of the mountaineers:⁴¹

The people, long and very long ago, had come over the lonesome sea. There has been a great man, a lord of the old Country, whose name was Walter, Lord Raleigh. He had brought the people far across the sea and put them on an island given him by the Queen of England and left them there saying he would return in the spring. Then winter had come upon the people with cold and hunger, and the Indians would let them have no food, but ringed 'round them on the island like wolves around a weakly woods creature, the people a-knowin' not what way to turn, nor what counsel to follow in a strange wild land. Thar, betwixt the loneliness of the broad seas and the fearsomeness of Indians and forests, many brave men and women perished, till the remainder, in last desperation, resolved no longer to abide Raleigh's commands. Rather would they battle onward, a-perish', it might be, at hand of naked savage, than tamely to endure till death on that thar island. It might be Lord Raleigh returned in the spring, it might be he never; nary one had means to learn the truth of that. In time they come to restin' place, it was on the

⁴¹ Lane, Rose Wilder "Hill-Billy" (1925-26) Introduction.

loftiest peaks where the Indians ceased from molestin' them, and there they abide, that place abein in North Carolina. Amongst thoirselves they bred, arisin up young ones in the wilderness ateachin' them the words of the Book an' the ways' of the woods. From that last time continued anany resumed the journey westward.

If one could believe this fanciful story, the presence of Elizabethan English among the hill folk would not seem surprising.

Woerner in The Rebel's Daughter renders a fair reproduction of what he hears. This is very remarkable considering that he was born in Germany. He is somewhat skeptical of the existence of an Ozark dialect, though he admits a "southern Missouri" form of speech. He says in a letter from Arcadia College:⁴²

As far as I know there is not a distinct Ozark dialect. The ordinary southern Missouri form of speaking is used by the people living in the Ozarks, as in every southern state, some of those people have a good ordinary education, are intelligent, progressive, others again are regular "hill billies," who never rode on the R.R.train. These people are bigoted and believe everything they see in print.

Haswell, both in his novels and in his poetry, writes very good dialect, considering the fact that he was born in Burma and never saw the Ozarks until he was twenty-one years of age. He has a very singular explanation⁴³ of one of his terms,

⁴² Woerner, L.C. Mar.18, 1927 Arcadia, Missouri. Letter to the writer.

⁴³ Haswell, Alanson Mason, Apr.27, 1927 Mansfield, Missouri. Letter to the writer.

ginsang, which, by the way, Randolph calls sang root.

From the novels of Haswell it is but a step to his poetry. From his Wayside Verses I have been able to select just two as containing any definite dialect. I transcribe them here:

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Southwestern Host

Want to git to stay, do yo?
Well, I reckon, jist light,
We kin fix it up some way
To keep ye one night,
Ef you can make out with our fare;
Ef yo'r tired I 'low ye won't care.

You John, come along now;
Turn this horse in the lot;
Don't give him no water
Awhiles he's so hot.
Jist a tic of blade fodder and oats,
Mind now, shet the gate on them shoats.

Yes, sir; it's frosty tonight,
And this fire feels right;
Beats a stove, that it do;
A heap better'n a flue.
Kind you fellers favors in town;
Don't blaze up like that, I'll be bound!

Come now, supper is ready,
Jist pull up that cheer;
We don't hev no style
And I hope ye don't keor;
Help yerself now, yo set handy by,
Ye'll find something to eat ef ye try.

These molasses is new
But they tastes pretty good;
Take some spare rib and sassidge,
I sure wish ye would;
And a piece of this sweet tater pie,
Ye'll wish that ye had bime'by.

Well its gittin' right late,
 And the old woman said,
 When ye want to fly up
 Why that there is the bed;
 And I 'low to git out afore day,
 Ye know that's an old farmer's way.

Sally Smallwood's Trip to Town⁴⁵

Me and Pap and Mam and Bud, we'se done been to town;
 Pap went arter barr'l salt, and Mam a cal'ker gown.
 Fust off Pap 'lowed Bud and me better stay to homo,
 Tell Mam, she jist tuk up fer us, and then you bet we come!

So Bud he driv the oxens up and yoked in Froad and Perry,
 And Pap he forded Big North Ford ferment Jim Larkins' ferry;
 Mam she got her coat tail wet, water were so deep,
 Pap should hev driv the upper ford, its shallorer that a hoap.

Up in Williams' Holler nigh front linch pin bust,
 Wheel run off, and down we come! Lawsy how Pap cussed!
 Pullin' up of Finley hill cattle right give out,
 Skeered pap pow'ful that did, kase he 'lowed they mought.

Wal we got to town at last; sech another place!
 Fust I 'lowed that all the folks was running' of a race!
 Hyar they went, and thar they went, and the doggondest clatter,
 Skeered me pow'ful till I seen as nothin' wantt the matter.

So Pap he brought his barr'l of salt, and Mam she got her gown,
 And me and Pap and Mam and Bud sot out to see the town.
 We seen the electric hoss keers a slidin' on a wire,
 And ev'ry time them sheels went round they shot a streak of fire.

We seen the steam keers smokin', and I reckon shore's yore born,
 That snortin' engine thing could haul a hundred barr'l of corn!
 We seen a box nailed on the wall, and a feller talkin in it,
 To 'nuther feller ten mile off! Didn't fool me ary minute!

⁴⁵Haswell, A.M. Wayside Verses (1910) pp. 140-144

Then Pap he got some whiskey, and him and Bud they said
 They 'lowed to show them city dudes how Tancy paints things red!
 Took all Mam's ginsang money to pay the old man's fine;
 And 'gainst I had Bud clar of it, it took plumb all of mine!

Quarter 'bove what Cowskin jines with Punccheon creek,
 That's a bit of bottom land, as lays as flat and slick;
 Thar's nary rock up n it, and it grows the masterest corn
 That any body ever seen sence ever they was born.

Up in the fur corner thar's a cabin stands,
 Pap built it forty year ago, when these was gov'ment lands,
 Stranger, I'll bet ten ooon skins, and plank the peltry down,
 I wouldn't give that cabin thar, for ary house in town!

O.G.Harmon, another poet, the writer of Ozark Ballads, uses
 no dialect. In these words⁴⁶ he gives his appreciation of
 Haswell:

I have traveled many thousands of miles and been
 in several different homes here, and read the major
 part of all Ozark writings and can truly say that
 Mr. Haswell's books Drama of the Hills and
Daughter of the Ozarks come nearer portraying the
 real Ozark characters than anything I have ever read.
 Knowing the Ozarks as I do, I know you have a real
 job to write of the Ozark dialect.

The scarcity of dialect poems is on a par with that of
 Ozark short stories. May K. McCord is the only one I have
 found who has attempted that field. In her Buryin' in the
Ozarks⁴⁷ she describes a native funeral very forcefully, though
 the conversation contains little dialect. Another of her
 storied deals amusingly with the coming of the railroad.⁴⁸

⁴⁶ Harmon, O.G. March 30, 1927 Mountain Grove, Missouri, Letter
to the writer.

⁴⁷ McCord, May K., "Buryin' in the Ozarks," Sample Case, Dec. 1925.

⁴⁸ McCord, May K., "Coming of the Great Iron Horse", Sample Case,
 Jan. 1925.

She has sympathy with the Ozarker, and interest in him, but she fails to get him to talk naturally and at great length.

The best and most accurate reproduction of the Ozark dialect has been produced by the collectors for American Speech and Dialect Notes: Crumb, Carr, Taylor and Randolph.

GLOSSARY

1. AGRICULTURAL WORDS & FARM IMPLEMENTS

Armstrong,n.

a grain cradle, applicable also to any primitive form of tool used by hand. 1923 Jay L. B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Betsey,n.

this term is applied to various tools & utensils, but chiefly to the big mallet used in driving fence-posts. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial. Notes. I'll take ol' betsey an jos' bust hell out o' thot 'ar fellar!

Biler,n.

boiler. 1926 May K.Mc Cord A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec. p.19 Sample Case. I never seed sich a set anyway. Right there I've been sence eight o'clock last night an they aint even made a biler o' coffee.

Bull tongue,n.

the simplest form of plow, or the steel point for such an implement. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Bust out middles, v. phr.

to plow out the space between rows of growing crops. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Calf tongue, n.

a narrow, steel plow-shovel or point, much narrower, thinner and lighter but similar in shape to a bull tongue. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Cant hook, n.

a tool used for rolling logs. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Chore, v.

to do small jobs of routine work, such as milking, cutting wood, feeding stock etc. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Circle saw,n.

circular saw. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Clair,v.and adj.

to clear, as land for cultivation, clear. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
204 Dial. Notes.

Crap,n.

crop. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,10
The boys raises a lectle garding stuff an' wo
always make a crap o' cawn of a summah. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
204 Dial. Notes.n.or v. Crap(to pitch),v.phr.
to plant and cultivate a crop. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204
Dial. Notes.

Crapper,n.

agriculturist. Restricted usually to a tenant
grain raiser. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Double shovel,n.

a primitive form of one-horse cultivator carrying two shovels or plows. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Ex,n.

axle, specifically, of a wagon. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Frame,n.

A rack on which to haul hay, a hay frame. Or a slatted cover to confine hogs in a wagon, or a 'hog frame.' 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Go-devil,n.

an implement used in laying off several rows across a field at one time. Also a primitive form of sled made from the crotch or 'forks' of a tree. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Grape-vine, n.

a grain cradle with a peculiarly twisted snath. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Hack, n.

a light spring wagon. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Helves, n.

handle. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 39. What fur does yo all foller the mowls 'twixt the plough helves all day threw the hot sun till agin sundown.

Jagger, n.

any small, sharp-pointed object or implement. Applicable chiefly to thorns or briars. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Jobber, n.

anything that may be used for 'jobbing' or jabbing. A pointed steel bar used in punching holes in the ground for posts, or a 'post hole jobber'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Kag or kaig,n.

keg. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Kivor(to cut an'),v.phr.

to operate a turning plow in such a manner
that a ridge of unbroken ground is covered
over with loose dirt, a custom frequently
resorted to when the plowman is working hur-
riedly. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Lay by,v.phr.

to complete the cultivation of a crop. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213
Dial. Notes.

Lay off, v.phr.

to plow furrows in which grain is to be planted
by hand. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Leever,n.

lever. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Now groun',n.

a recently cleared tract of land. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
215 Dial. Notes.

Prize polo,n.

a lever. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Reapin'-hock,n.

sickle. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes.

Rimmin',n.

the fellocs of a wheel, 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Ruk,v.

raked. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Scoop boardâ,n.

a broad board used to facilitate the unloading
of grain from a wagon. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Sheers,n.

shares. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,11

We rent the land on sheers as a mattah of coase.

Shoor crapper,n.

a tenant farmer who pays rent with a certain share of his products. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Stoople,n.

staple. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stillyerd,n.

steelyard, a balance. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.
(The term is applied to any primitive device for estimating weight).

Swingle tree,n.

singletree or whiffletree. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Take out,v.phr.

to quit work. Literally, to take the team out of the field. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Twister,n.

a steel plow shovel equipped with a wing at
one side. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Work out a crop,v.phr.

to cultivate or weed or otherwise care for it.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

2. ANIMAL LIFE

Animals, Fish, Birds, Fowls, Bugs, Reptile

Bar, v.

bear. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,

53. I caint bar tew lose 'em m'gaerl.

Bird wire, n.

a four-foot piece of thin wire, with a weight at one end. Cast into a covey of quails or other birds this primitive weapon is quite effective, and is widely used among the boys in the Ozarks.

1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.

Brewts, n.

brutes. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 65

He saves his life, an the lifes of his brewts.

Bull, v.

said of a cow desirous of mating, also to breed a cow. Neither term is used in mixed company.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. That cow's a-bullin.
That cow ortuh be bulled.

Cheench,n.

bed bug. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Civvy-cat,n. :

a civet, a little striped skunk. 1927 Vanco
Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X
473 Dial. Notes.

Cluck,adj.

said of a brooding hen. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.
That ol' hen's cluck(i.e.setting, or with chickens)

Coon,n.

raccoon. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES, 140
Stranger, I'll bet ten coon skins, and plank the
peltry down.

Cow brute,n.

any member of the ox family, but specifically a
bull. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Cow critter,n.

specifically, a bull, though the term may refer to
any other member of the ox family. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Cow stock,n.

cattle. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Craw dad,n.

Cray fish,(also Craw dab,Craw pappy, Crow dab,
Crow pappy). 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Cribbor,n.

an animal, specifically a horse, addicted to the
habit of gnawing or sucking at the manger or at
trees or stumps. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Critter,n.

usually applied to any male animal, especially a
bull, which is kept exclusively for breeding
purposes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes. Critters,n.
creatures. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,18
Fust time I ever heerdo one o them critters behavin'
that away.

Crower,n.

a rooster, a cock. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Emmet,n.

a big black ant. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes.

Feelark,n.

meadowlark. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.(Probably
a contraction of field-lark. These birds are also
known as medlars.)

Frier,n.

a chicken of frying size. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Gig,n.and v.

a fish spear, to spear a fish, to prod with a pole,
to annoy with suggestive remarks or practical
jokes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Granny cat,n.

a kind of square-nosed catfish, that is yellow.
1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

Gray back,n.

a body louse. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Hodge-bird,adj.

the Southern shrike, or butcherbird. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
400 Dial. Notes.

Hog molly,n.

a species of fish, a kind of sucker. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210
Dial. Notes.

Horse stock,n.

horses or mules of any age or sex. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial.
Notes.

Hoss,n.

horse. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
VIII,76. I wouldn't mind killin' a hoss neither,
if I was t'git what you do at th' end o' the ride.

Hosses,n. horses. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW
I,8. On a crow-fly bout five miles; but liker ten
behind hosses.

Houn dawg,n.

hound. 1926 May K.McCord A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS
Dec. p.19 Sample Case.

Joree-bird,n.

the chewink or ground robin. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial.
Notes.

Line-sider,n.

the large mouthed blackbass. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial.
Notes. (Until recently this was the commonest term
in the Ozarks, but now one often hears bass and
government fish--since many streams have been stocked
by the state hatcheries.)

Male,n.

any male animal kept for breeding purposes. Bull,
boar, stallion and jack are not used in mixed
company, although buck(a male sheep or goat)
and corwer (rooster) are not considered objection-
able. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Medlar,n.

the meadow lark. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.

Mountain boomer,n.

a large collared lizard, which the hillmen believe to be very poisonous. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes.

Mush rat,n.

musk rat. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Noodle,v.

to catch fish with the bare hand or with a long-handled barbed hook. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Painter,n.

panther. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Panters,n.

panthers, 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,17
But them panters an catamounts is killin' 'em off.

Peckerwood,n.

woodpecker. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.

Peerch,n.

a perch, also a species of fish. Also used in verb form. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Peltry,n.

pelts. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140.
Stranger, I'll bet ten coon skins, and plank the peltry down.

Pinnywinkle,n.

a snail, a periwinkle. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.
(The term is usually applied to the little black water-snail so common in the Ozarks, but sometimes refers to the big land snail found along the limestone ledges.

Santy fay,n.

centipede, 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Shell duck,n.

the shoveller, or spoonbill duck. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.

Sow bug,n.

cock roach. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Squinch owl,n.

screech owl. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.

Stingin' lizard,n.

scorpion. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Thistle-bird,n.

the goldfinch, a small yellow bird which feeds
upon the seeds of thistles. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial.
Notes.

Toad-frog,n.

toad. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. (The word frog is
used with reference to both frogs and toads).

Trantler,n.

tarantula, a big hairy spider. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial.
Notes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Tree dog,n.

any dog that barks when his quarry has been brought to bay.1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Turks,n.

turkeys. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,10 Leastways, a city feller down here two years ago said he wouldn't never shoot turks that-a-way.

Woodchuck,n.

woodpecker. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 479 Dial. Notes.(The animal which the New Englander calls a woodchuck is always a ground-hog in the Ozarks.)

Wood-hen,n.

the great pileated woodpecker. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 405 Dial. Notes.

Woods colt,n.

not regularly bred, or an illegitimate child. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY Int.12. I don't guess that thar's any wood's colt.

Yank,n.

a little creeping Benton,Washington,Carroll
blue-black bird & Boone Co., Arkansas, called
the nuthatch. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 405 Dial. Notes.

Yoe,n.

a ewe, 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 225 Dial. Notes.

3. ARTICLES OF CLOTHING

Britchin's, n.

diapers. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes.

Calker, adj.

calico. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Pap
went arter bar'l salt, and Mam a calker gown.

Clout, n.

sometimes used to mean diaper. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial.
Notes.

Corset-waist, n.

corset cover. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. (These garments
are still worn by elderly women in the mountains)

Didy, n.

diaper. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Gallus, n.

a suspender. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Galluses, n.

suspenders. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY III, 71 I'll reckon you'll want a new pair
of galluses.

Gover'ment socks, n.

the bare legs (i.e. no socks at all). 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 209 Dial.
Notes.

Gown, n.

dress. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES, 140
Pa went arter barl salt, and Mam a calker gown.

Hoe, n.

the singular form of hose. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 475 Dial.
Notes. A good slick hoe shore does purty up a gal's
laig.

Newby, nooby, n.

a long knit scarf or muffler, usually wrapped twice
around the neck. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.

Overhauls, n.

overalls. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Store clothes, n.

clothes purchased in a store, not homespun. 1926
May K. McCord A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec. p.19
Sample Case. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY Int.8. That thar gun aint fittin' with yore
store clothes.

Zephyr, n.

a woman's wrap. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 479 Dial. Notes.
(Usually a knitted or crocheted diamond-shaped
thing worn over the head and shoulders. A similar
but more modern garment is known as a fascinator.)

4. EXCLAMATIONS

By jerps,inter.

a common expression of astonishment. 1927

Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS

Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.

By juckies,inter.

an exclamation denoting surprise or excitement.

1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS

Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.

Consarn,exclam.

? 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,7. Here!

You, Tige! You, Spot! Consarn the lot o ye!

Dad blame,int.

used as exclamation. Also Dad burn, Dad blast,

Dad damn, Dad durn, Dad gone, Dad swizzle, or

any of these forms with the prefix Dad. All

forms frequently end in 'ed'. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial.

Notes.

Dad-burned,exclam.

? 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,17. Been so

dad-burned long sence I been down this way I'm

most forgittin'.

Dad-durmed, exclam.

? 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,17. But them
dod-durmed banterers an catamounts is killin' 'em
off.

Gol darn ye, exclam.

? 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,10. Geo-dan,
gol darn ye!

Hoorah, int.

hurry, shouted encouragement to hunting dogs, also
excited confusion. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes. Hoorah! boys!
Hoorah! Whut's all the hoorah about?

Howdy, ex.

how do you do? 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

How's all, exclam.

how's everybody. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I,7. Wal, I see yo've arriv' at laist, how's all?

Hullo, exclam.

hello. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,5.
Hullo thar! Whar's the dog at?

Jeem's river, ex.

an exclamation indicating great surprise. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial.
Notes.

Jesus Christ, ex.

an expletive or exclamation common to both men and women and considered by neither as in any way profane. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jumpin' Jesus, ex.

an exclamation of great surprise. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Lawsy, exclam.

? 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Lawsy how Pap cussed.

Poot! inter.

a common exclamation of disgust. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. (Also used as a noun) She aint worth a poot!

Wal, exclam.

well. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Wal we got to town at last. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 8. Leasteays, I'm agoin' to, cause--waal, taint no business o' mine why y'all's a-goin' thar, is it? 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 7 Wal, I see yo've arriv' at laist, how's all?

5. EXPRESSIONS USED IN COURTSHIP

Bussy, n.

sweetheart. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. (Not common. Clapin reports from the Tennessee mts. the Ozarkers who use it may be transplanted Tennesseans.)

Love, v.

to fondle or caress. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. Jim's a-lovin' his ol' 'oman.

Set up, v.

to woo, to court. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes. Jake he' a-settin' up t' agal over on Hawk Mountain.

Spark, v.

to court. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Squirin', v.

courting. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY III, 83. Who all are you a squirin'?

Talk to, v.

to court, to woo. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE

WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial.

Notes. Th' ol' fool was a-talkin' to a widder-

woman afore his wife was cold, scarcely.

6. FAMILY TIES

Children, Relatives

Chap,n.

child. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. My least chap's
ben right puny all summer.

Darter,n.

daughter. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 20
This yere's my darter, she packs watah from the
spring.

Fore-parents,n.

ancestors, forebears. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial.
Notes.

Gaerl,n.

girl. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 15
The oldest gaerl was married, but was obleeged
tew git shet of her ole man.

Gal,n.

girl. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. Good ol' gal
(familiar reference to a likeable woman, ir-
respective of her actual age.)

Gal, v. to seek feminine society. 1927 Vance
Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part
X 474 Dial. Notes. The boys allus goes a-galin'
of a Sunday. (Galín' is somewhat more respectable
than tom-cattin but considerably less so than
sparkin', which latter term frequently implies
serious matrimonial intentions.)

Gentlemens, n.

gentlemen. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Gran'maws, n.

grandmothers. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
XIII, 85. The gran'maws and aints wants 'em tew
cairy thar names.

Kin, v.

can. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 17. An whut
they caint ketch the wolves kin. Kin, adj. and n.
or v. related to, can. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. Is he
kin t' you-all? Kin we come in? Kin folks, n.
relatives. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Mam,n.

mother. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
I,17. Pap and Mam they come from Tennessee. 1910
A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES,140. Me and Pap and
Bud, we'se done been to town. Mam,n. used in
speaking to or of mother. Also used in addressing
a woman, or in indicating that what she has said
has not been understood. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. Tell Mam
t' come hyar. Mam? Yes, Mam.

Mammy,n.

mother. Applicable also to the lower animals. Also
'Mommy.' 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Maw,n.

mother. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV,30
I wudn't min' cemin' ef maw's willin'.

Mistress,n.

formal pronunciation of Mrs. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial.
Notes. (In ordinary conversation the Ozarker says
Mis' or Miz, but on ceremonious occasions he pro-
nounces Mistress very distinctly. The word is
never used in a disparaging sense.)

Orphant,n.

orphan. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Pap,n.

father. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
I,17. Pap and Mam they come from Tennessee. 1910
A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Me and Pap and
Bud, we'se done been to town. Pap,n. Also Pappy
and Poppy. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Shoot,n.

a person nearly mature, sometimes used for shot.
1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes. Polly's agittin'
t' be a right smart shoot of a gal. I heerd th'
shoot, but I never seen nobody arunnin'.

Wee one,n.

child. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY III
83. He had known them since he was a wee one.

Widder,n.

widow. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Widderman,n.

widower. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Woman,n.

wife. Frequently 'oman.' 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Young-un,n.

a youngster, a child. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 225 Dial. Notes.

7. GOVERNMENT AND LAW

Halybi, n.

alibi. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 14
Thars a feller swore old Nick uz down Windy
Mountain way jes when the murder was committed.
Halybi, hit wuz.

Jedge, n. or v.

judge, also a droll person. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.
He shore is a jedge (or clown). I made a jedge
o' m' se'f (i.e. made a fool of myself).

Jug, n. and v.

a jail or other prison, to imprison. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212
Dial. Notes.

Law, v. and n.

to enter into litigation, also an exclamation,
an officer. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. They're a-
lawin' over the will. Yander comes the law.

License, n.

used as if plural in form. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.
Them license aint no good fer they aint signed up.

Lie-bill,n.

libel. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. He signed a lie-
bill(i.e.made a written retraction and confessed
therein that his previous statement was false).

Paw-pawer,n.

an outlaw, a fugitive from justice. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
401 Dial. Notes.

Petty jury,n.

petit jury. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Revenue,n.

revenue agent. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF
THE HILLS, VII,69. He's just some revenue.

Riding,v.

living as an outlaw, a fugitive from justice.
1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. My pappy he minds
when th' James boys was a-ridin' an' many's th'
time Jesse slep' right in this hyar cabin. (Often
used in reference to felons--bank robbers etc.)

Squire, n.

justice of the peace. 1927 Vance Randolph

MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477

Dial. Notes. Th' squire has went a-fishin', but

he'll git back afore night.

Writin's, n.

legal documents, a written agreement. 1923 Jay

L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

224 Dial. Notes. Put that in writin's. I've

done got writin's on him.

8. HOUSEHOLD TERMS

Board,n.

a shingle split out with a fro and made by hand.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Cabin,n.

small house. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8

In yon cabin.

Cheer,n.

chair. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV,32

Step in. Hev a cheer. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE

COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Shakespeare Hamlet III 2,229. An anchor's cheer

in prison be my scope.

Chimbly,n.

chimney. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Chimbly corner laws,n.phr.

customs that have been transmitted from generation to generation until they finally assume the nature of unwritten laws. The same term applies also to unprofessional and usually erroneous interpretation of the statutes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Clab-board, n.

a shingle split out with a fro and made by hand.

1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
204 Dial. Notes.

Cornish, or carnish, n.

cornice. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Coverlid, n.

counterpane. 1925 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. (Carr
found this word common in the country districts
around Fayetteville, Arkansas.)

Dog iron, n.

andiron. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Door stone, n.

door step. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY II, 47. He a lyin' before his door stone.

Faar, n.

fire. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III, 25
I was a-thinkin' ez I riz in the night tew fix
the faar.

(To) fly up, v. phr.

to retire for the night. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Front room, n.

the main room of a dwelling. 1925 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Gallery, n.

porch. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Heading, n.

pillor. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. Corn-
cobs is all right in their place, but they shore
make a mighty sorry headin'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Host, v.

to entertain guests. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial.
Notes. We-all ben a-havin' too dam' much comp'ny--
th' ol' woman's jes' hosted plum t' death.

Jam rock,n.

one of the side stones in the fire-place. 1927
Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part X 475 Dial. Notes. Jeff he sets up t' thet 'ar
gal like a sick kitten t' a jam rock.

Kiver,n.or v.

cover. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. Kivers,n. covers
1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV,33. We spreads
the kivers on the flo'.

Kivers,n.

bed clothing. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Lay down,v.phr.

to retire for sleep. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Loft,n.

the upper story of a house or barn. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial.
Notes.

Nail tie,n.

the rib to which upright boxing of a building is nailed. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Pallet,n.

a quilt or blanket spread down on the floor. 1923 Jay.L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Pitcher,n.

picture. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW,I,18 When we git to the top 'o that you kin see Hanted Holler clar as a pitcher. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Puncheon floor,n.

floor made of logs. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY II,49. The boots moved apologetically on the puncheon floor.

Rock house,n.

a deep shelter beneath an overhanging cliff. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rubbage, n.

rubbish. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Sarvint, n.

servant. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10
My sarvint, sah, an' whin I left the rivah tew
come aout heah I run agin him and he was a-
ktivortin' aroun' bigger'n his ole maister.

Saw gourds, v.

to snore loudly. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes.

Shack, n.

small house. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 11
Howdy, Tom. Whar ye headin? Hanford's?
Nup. Wilson's ole shack. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Shake, n. and v.

a split shingle. to suffer from ague. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
220 Dial. Notes.

Side room,n.

an additional room built against a cabin.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

To home,n.phr.

at home. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140

Fust off Pap 'lowed Bud and mo better stay to
home.

Winder,n.

window. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Worm fence,n.

a zig-zag fence made of split rails. 1923 Jay

L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

224 Dial. Notes.

9. INSTITUTIONS

Church, School, Social Gatherings, Games, Funerals.

Buryin',n.

funeral. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Air you-all a-gorn t' the buryin'?

Buryin' ground,n.

a cemetery. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. Buryin'

ground,n. cemetery, usually on the owner's

property and not a great distance from the

homestead. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL

BILLY Int.3. He led the procession of neighbors

up the hill through the cow pasture to the

buryin' ground.

Candy breakin',n.

a social gathering where couples are made up

by having them match the broken ends of candy

sticks. Each lady, usually, is given a broken

stick, the opposite end of which is deposited

with others in a suitable receptacle from which

it may be drawn by a man. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Candy pullin',n.

a social gathering where the chief entertain-
ment is the making of mloasses candy or taffy.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Church house,n.

church. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY

III,95. We best be agoin' back to the church house.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Coolin' board,n.

board on the corpse is laid. 1926 May K.McCord

A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec.p.19 Sample Case

Before morning the while kit and bile of ye

may be on the coolin' board.

Doin'ses,n.

doings, any form of social gathering. 1923

Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

205 Dial. Notes. We-all aim on havin' some

doin'ses at our house this evenin'.

Fourth o' July, n. phr.

a social gathering the object of which is to
celebrate Independence Day. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207
Dial. Notes. We're aimin' on havin' a Fourth
o' July down on the creek.

Getherin, v.

gathering. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10
An' I seed the Confidrits getherin aroun'.
Gether, v. to gather. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.
Gethered, v. gathered. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS IX, 66. Whilst I hed ruther lose
all thet I've gethered by the sweat of m' brow-
an then tew hurt the feelin's of erry man.

Give-out, n.

announcement. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes.
Did you-all hear th' give-out at th' church-
house?

Gov'ment,n.

government. 1910 A.M.Haswell, WAYSIDE VERSES
140. Pa built it forty year ago, when those
was gov'ment lands.

He'd-shell,a.

hard-shell. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I,8. "Sometimes they calls me Ha'd-shell Brooks,
sah."

Hull-gull,n.

a social games played with grains of parched
corn. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes.

Infare,n.

a dinner on the day following a wedding, at the
home of the groom's parents. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400
Dial. Notes. (Sometimes pronounced onfair or
onfare.)

Infare days,n.

the period immediately after marriage, the honey-
moon. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. Hit aint right ner
fittin' fer a woman t' grub sprouts endurin' of her
infare days.

Lie a corpse, v. phr.

to lie in state. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial.
Notes. When anybody is a-dyin', or a-layin'
a corpse, th' chickens crows day an' night.

Pen, n.

penitentiary. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Play party, n.

a social gathering where the chief enter-
tainment is the playing of games. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
217 Dial. Notes.

Psa'm, n.

psalm. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Satten up with a corpse, v. phr.

sit up with the dead. 1926 May K. McCord A
BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec. P.19 Sample Case.

Shindig, n.

a carousal, a dance. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Singin',n.

a social gathering where the chief form of entertainment is the singing of hymns. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Singing convention,n.

a competitive meeting of the local singers. Those were formerly called singing matches, but the term convention is regarded as more dignified. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.

Skewls,n.

schools. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII 40. The chillern, gits new ideas in the skewls, an' they don't want no more cawn nor bacon.

To do,n.

a disturbance, a celebration, a public gathering. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Waw,n.

war. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,9 Afo' the waw I was in Eas' Tennessee.

Woddiners,n.

members of the wedding party. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial.
Notes. I heerd th' weddiners a-whoopin' an' a-
hollerin' 'long bout sun-up.

10. LITERATURE AND MUSIC

Almanick, n.

almanac. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Back, v.

to address. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes.
Maw she allus takes an' backs my letters for
me. (Doubtless a heritage from the days when
there were no envelopes, and the address was
written on the back of the sheet, the corners
being waxed together.)

Ballot, n.

the written words of a song. 1923 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472
Dial. Notes. My boy he written out th' ballot
o' thet 'ar song, but I reckon I done los' hit
somers. (The combination song-ballot is also
common)

Cipher, v.

to scheme, to manipulate, as in negotiating a
trade. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Fiddle,n.

a violin, in the verb form to play on the violin. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. Thicker'n fiddlers in hell. (plentiful in great numbers).

Hand write,n.

handwriting. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. I know his hand write.

Hancock,John,n.

signature. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Larn'd,v.

learned. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,9 I'm not larn'd, thet is not overly.

Learn,v.

to teach. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. You caint learn him nothin'.

Learnt,v.

learned. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Lids, n.

the cover or binding of a book. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. No sir, you caint find hit howhar 'twixt th' lids o' th' Book. (The word Book in the Ozarks, means the King James version of the Bible.)

Musicker, n.

a musician, one who plays a musical instrument. Muscianer is also heard occasionally. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes.

Scriber, n.

writer. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes. He's a right good scriber. (This means that the handwriting is legible).

Written, v.

wrote. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. I written him a letter.

11. MONEY AND NUMERALS

Four bits,n.

fifty cents. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Seven hundred dollars,adv.phr.

extraordinarily. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. I'm sicker 'n
seven hundred dollars. Hit snowed like seven hundred
dollars.

Six bits,n.

seventy-five cents. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Thousands,adv.

a large size or amount rather than a large number.
1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Them britches is thousands
big, but they aint no ways long 'nuff.

Two bits,n.

twenty-five cents. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

12. PHYSIOLOGICAL TERMS

Obstetrical Sexual, Parts of the Body, Sickness

Ager, n.

ague. 1927 May K. McCord BLACK DIRT Mar. p.14
Sample Case. They let their hide sack full o'
chills an' ager. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Arbuckle, n.

a sore or risin' doubtless a corruption of carbuncle.
1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part X 472 Dial. Notes. This hyar arbukle started
from a santy-fay bite, Doc. (a santy-fay is a
centepede).

Augur-eyed, adj.

sharp eyed, gimlet eyed. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial.
Notes.

Back teeth's a-floatin, v. phr.

to express painful fulness of the bladder. 1923
Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 200
Dial. Notes.

Bile, n, and v.

a boil, an abscess. to boil. Past tense, bilet, pronounced as one syllable. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. Biles, v. boils. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 64. The streams tumbles and biles, an' roars ah.

Boggy, adj.

semi-delirious, as under the influence of drugs. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.

Booger, n.

dried mucous of the nose. Also a louse. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. Sam's got boogers in 'is hair.

Borned, v.

born. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. When was the baby borned?

Bornin', n.

birth, 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane, THE HILL BILLY II, 47. Before the bornin'.

Buck ager, n.

excitement, nervousness induced by a desire to win in a contest of skill or strength. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Buck eye, v.

to poison with buck-eye, cockle-burr or other poisonous plants. Also to make sick with tobacco.

1925 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. That ol' long green shore did buck-eye me.

Bug out, v.

to protrude. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. His eyes bug out (i.e. prominent).

Bung up, v. phr.

to batter, bruise, damage or mutilate. To suffer an accident. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. Bill got all bunged up when he fell over the bluff.

Cagey, adj.

passionate, sensual. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Chaunk, v.

to crush between the teeth. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARK Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. Don't spit them grape seeds out--jos' chaunk 'em.

Chaw, v.

chew. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 40

Hits maouths to chaw that we want.

Chill, v.

to suffer from ague, or to feel chilly. 1923

Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

203 Dial. Notes. I been a-chillin'.

Chill an' fever doctor, n.phr.

depreciatory reference to a doctor, meaning that his professional ability is limited only to treatment of the simplest diseases. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Come aroun', v.phr.

to menstruate. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Completed, adj.

pertaining to the complexion. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

He's red completed.

Cripple, v.

to limp. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. I got so's I caint hardly cripple 'round.

Crimp, v.

to writhe in agony, to collapse. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. Tom shore did crimp up when that 'ar bigges' gal kicked him in th' stummick.

Dauncy, adj.

in poor health. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. Dauncy, adj. lacking appetite, manifesting a dyspeptic fastidiousness about food. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. My ol' woman's got so dauncy like, we-all caint git her to eat nothin' sca'cely.

Dose, n.

venereal affliction. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. Bill got hisse'f a dose.

Drool, v.

to dribble saliva, to slobber. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Dry back of his ears,adj.phr.

maturity. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. He was a-chawin'
long green afore he was dry back o' his ears (i.e.
at a very early age)

Fir,n.and v.

a spasm or convulsion, a sudden attack of anger
past tense of fight. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.
They fit all over the place.

Fitified,adj.

subject to epilepsy. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Flash,n.

flesh. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Fore-top,n.

fore-lock, a long lock of hair on the forehead.
1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

Goom,n.

the gum surrounding the teeth. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208
Dial. Notes.

Goozel,n.

throat. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. Wet yor
goozle oncet with this hyar licker.

Granny,n.and v.

a midwife, a senile man or woman, to perform the
duties of a midwife. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Granny-woman,n.

midwife. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. (Also used
as a contemptuous reference to an irritable and
childish old man.) 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Har,n.

hair. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,10. From the
har on yore hed to th' mud on yore feet.

Hee-cup, n.

hiccough. Verb form the same. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial.

Notes.

Hippoed, adj.

subject to some imaginary ailment. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
400 Dial. Notes. Pore Elly's plum hippoed sense
she got t' readin' them fool doctor-books. (Tucker
says that hypochondria was "vulgarly called the
hypo" in England as early as 1711.)

Hockey, n. and v.

dung, to evacuate the bowels, applicable chiefly
to that action on the part of a child. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210
Dial. Notes.

Hog eyed, adj.

the facial expression resulting from looking
upward and sidewise without turning the head.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Horny, adj.

passionate, sensual, carnal minded. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
211 Dial. Notes.

Janders, n.

jaundice. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes. Yaller janders
(yellow jaundice.)

Maouths, n.

mouths. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 40
Hits maouths to chaw that we want.

Misery, n.

a pain. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. He had a misery
in his side.

Narvish, adj.

nervous. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. Ef he aint
drunk, he's turrible narvish an' tetchous-like.

Morphodite, n.

hermaphrodite. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.

Nursement, n.

milk. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. Th' nursement is a-comin' on fine now (When a young mother says this she means simply that her milk is flowing freely. The word nurse is used in the same sense.) Th' baby done spit up his nursement agin, Doc.

Nuss, v.

to nurse or take care of or amuse a child. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. She nussed the young-un to sleep.

Pieded-like, adj.

in poor health, of an unhealthy complexion, the word really means spotted, or pied. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. Lizzie looks kinder pieded-like lately.

Pooch, v.

to distend or to swell, as an abscess. Generally followed with 'out'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Porely,adv.

in bad health. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. My man's
mighty porely.

Prides,v.

the privates, the reproductive organs. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217
Dial. Notes.

Pukes,n.

nausea, vomiting. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes.
Th' baby hed th' pukes suthin' turrible.

Rim,v.

to be desirous of sexual intercourse, wanting to
be bred. Said especially of sows. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial.
Notes.

Risin',n.

a boil or abscess. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Scurvy,n.

a slight discoloration of the teeth, said to be re-
medied by chewing raw potatoes. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.

Shakes,n.

the aguo. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Spring,v.

to increase in girth as the end of pregnancy
approaches. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Syph,n.

syphilis. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Tags,n.

rough, soiled locks of hair or wool. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Titty,n.

pap. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. Mammy, give that young-un
some titty.(i.e.let it nurse)

Tom cattie,v.

to seek illicit sexual adventure. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OMARCS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial.
Notes. Jeff je's out a-tomcattin' 'roun' som'ers.

Whicker bill,n.

mouth. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. Shot y'r whickar
bill.

Year,n.

ear, earmark, also plural form. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 225
Dial. Notes. I pulled his year. Y've knowed him
forty year. Years,n. ears. 1884 John Montoith
PARSON BROOKS VII,45. I shucks the years an
cairies 'em tew yore bon.

13. RELIGIOUS WORDS

Argyed scripster, v. phr.

argue about the scripture. 1926 May K. McCord
A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec. P.19 Sample Case
Old Brother Richard presided--the most antidiluvian
old hardshell that ever "argyed scripster."

Belief, n.

this word seems to be used only with reference
to religious matters, 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.
My belief (is equivalent to my religion.)

Book, n. and v.

the Bible. to credit, to charge, to enter as a
debit when payment is deferred. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial.
Notes.

Bretheren, n.

brethern. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
III, 96. There's long been contention betwixt two
of our bretheren. Brethering, n. brethern. 1884
John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 63. A heap o' times
my brethering, yo've saw the braunch full aftah
a rain.

Happy,adj.

overcome with religious excitement to the
extent of hysteria. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTRY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial.
Notes.

Heathorn,n.

heathon, non-religious person. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
400 Dial. Notes.

14. BARNYARD EXPRESSIONS

Bed, down, v. phr.

to provide bedding for animals. May refer to the act of putting a child to bed. To 'bed out' plants means to set them in beds rather than in rows. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Brand, n.

bran. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Breachy, adj.

Given to breaking through or throwing down or jumping over fences. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.
That mule's plumb breachy.

Break out, v. phr.

to break or train an animal to work. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. I broke out that colt n' self.

Britch'n', n.

breaching. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. One o' the mules has broke 'is britchin.

Foalded, v.

folded. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. That colt was
foalded las' spring.

Fresh, n. and v.

a freshet or ficed, to freshen, as a cow upon
dropping a calf. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Gee, ex.

a word of direction addressed to a team, mean-
ing "Turn to the right." 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Gee-dap, exclam.

git-up, (encouragement to a beast of burden)
1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 10. Gee-dap,
gol darn ye!

Geahs, n.

harness. 1884 John Montoith PARSON BROOKS V, 39.
What fur does yo' all throw the geahs on tew the
mewls agin sun up?

Gear, n.

harness. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Gear up an animal, v. phr.

to harness it or to hitch it to a vehicle. 1923

Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI

208 Dial. Notes.

Grain, v.

to abraid slightly, as the skin in shaving.

To feed grain, as to stock. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

I aint a-grainin' my cows now.

Haw, ox.

a word of direction to a team meaning 'turn to

the left. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol. V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

H'ist, v.

to hoist, as a word of command to a milch cow

directing her to step back slightly so her udder

may be reached more conveniently. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 210 Dial.

Notes.

Holler horn, n.

a supposed disease of cattle wherein portions of

the bone in the tail are said to rot away. The

customary treatment is to split the skin of the

tail just above the bush and to fill the incision with salt and pepper and turpentine and then bandage the wound tightly. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

In the lead, prep.phr.

the position of the left-hand animal in a two-horse team as observed from the rear, or of the foremost animals in a team of two or more pairs. Also 'ahead of' as the foremost hound in a running pack. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Lights,n.

the lungs of an animal. Also window panes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Melt,n.

the spleen. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.

(In common use in connection with the butchering of hogs & cattle).

Mouth, v.

to examine a horse's teeth in ascertaining its age. Also 'teeth' used as a verb. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Near side, n.

the left side of an animal. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Nicker, n. or v.

whinny. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Off side, n.

the right side of an animal. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Pack, n. and v.

a large number, especially of dogs. A set of playing cards, to carry, especially a firearm. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

He's a-packin' a gun.

Packs, v.

carries. 1894 John Montoith PARSON BROOKS
II, 20. This year's my darter, who packs watah
from the spring.

Picked, adj.

pied, spotted. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SHAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. She's a
pided cow.

Piedy, adj.

spotted. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. I shore
enint abide the 'ar piedy hoss.

(To cut) proud, v. phr.

to castrate improperly so that passion is not
eliminated. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SHAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Rogue, n.

any breachy animal. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SHAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Skin, v.

to drive, as a team. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SHAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. John's
a-skinnin' mules now.

Slink, v.

to abort. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. My cow slunk
her calf.

Springer, n.

an animal about to give birth to young, especially
a heifer. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stable horse, n.

a stallion kept for breeding purposes. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222
Dial. Notes.

Tail up, v. phr.

to lift an animal or to assist it in rising by
seizing it by the tail. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Turn, n.

a grist of grain. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. I shel-
led a turn o' corn. (i.e. enough for one grinding).

Tusk, n.

tusk. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Shakespeare, VENUS & ADONIS 624. No strikes
whate'er is in his way and whom he strikes,
his cruel tushes slay.

Twitch, n.

a small rope to be twisted about a horse's
upper lip to aid in controlling him. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI
223 Dial. Notes.

Unhook, v.

to unhitch a team. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Veal, v.

to butcher a young calf. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.
I'm aimin' on vealin' that calf.

Weathers, n.

an animal's withers. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Wet-weather horn, n.

a horn which turns upward. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 473 Dial.
Notes. The ol' brindle 'ith th' wet-weather horns
she up an' died on me.

Whicker, v.

to neigh softly. 1925 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Yearlin', n.

a child or an animal one year old. A 'long'
or a 'short' yearlin' is one more or less than
a year old, respectively. 1925 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 225 Dial.
Notes.

15. THINGS TO EAT

Bait, n.

a meal usually a light lunch. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
398 Dial. Notes. Afore I lit out I ot me a
lectle bait o' vittles.

Bait can, n.

a dinner pail or lunch basket. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
398 Dial. Notes.

Break bread, v.

eat. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 11
Be neighborly Kunnel, we shell be right pleased
tew hev yo come ovan an' break bread with us.

Cheese, n.

cheese. The term is used, however, as if plural
in form. 1923 Jay W.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes. These cheese air
right good.

Corn pone, n.

corn bread. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY III, 81. Amany's the time I've given him
bit and sip of corn pone and sorghum molasses.

Cracklin's, n.

meat from which lard has been made. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204
Dial. Notes.

Cracklin' bread, n.

corn bread in which cracklings have been mixed.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Dip, n.

sweetened cream eaten with pie, apple dumpling,
cobbler and the like. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

Dip, n. a mixture of powdered tobacco & molasses.
1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. (This is taken on
a chewed twig or "dip-stick" like snuff.)

Dope, n. and v.

1.meat gravy. 2.axle grease. 3.to take medicine.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 205 Dial. Notes. Dope yourse'f 'ith quinine.

Dunk, v.

to dip. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. Them young-
uns is allus a-dunkin' their bread in th' bottom
sop.

East, n.

yeast. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Eat after, v.phr.

used with reference to the preparation of food.
1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. That ol' woman's th' best
cock I ever et after.

Et, v.

ate or eaten. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. I've done et.

Eyes bigger than one's mouth, n.phr.

helping oneself to a greater portion of food than
one can eat. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Fry, n.

fried bacon. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Full as a goat,adj.phr.

in an advanced stage of intoxication. 1923

Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
207 Dial. Notes.

Full as a tick,adj.phr.

having eaten to repletion. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Full up,adv.phr.

satiated, having reached the limit of endurance.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
207 Dial. Notes. I'm full up(with food). I', full
up 'ith y'r cussin'.

Hongry,adj.

hungry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Horn,n.

a measure of liquid. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes.
I shore do need a horn o' right good licker. (The
words dram and snort often are used in the same
sense)

Horn, v.

to gore. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Jag, n.

a small load, seldom expresses intoxication as
in certain other localities. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.
I hauled up a jag o' wood.

Jerp, n.

a small quantity, this is often used with reference
to sweets. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. She shore
does like a leetle jerp o' sugar on her bread.

Keepin, n.

something reserved or saved. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 400 Dial.
Notes. This hyar leetle jug is all th' keepin'
we-all got lef.

Larrupin', adj. n. and v.

exceeding pleasant to taste a severe whipping,
to whip (larrup). 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Lickum,adj.

very palatable.1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Moonshine,n.

liquor made of corn. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane
THE HILL BILLY III,96. The young riders of the
morning were all gone, some to the wilder revels
of the moonshine country.

Pone,n.

corn bread. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Poverty,n.

lack of feed. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. That hog died
f'm poverty.

Snack,n.

lunch. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
Int.8. Got yore snack in your poke? Snackin,n.
a lunch. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. I aint et
nothin' only a leetle snackin' out'n thet 'ar
poke.

Sop,n.

gravy, usually from pork. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477
Dial. Notes. (The upper transparent grease is
called top-sop, while the heavier, opaque part
is known as bottom-sop). Sop,n. a mixture of butter
or grease and molasses. The word sometimes refers
to gravy. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Sow belly,n.

bacon. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Spoon victuals,n.

soft foods, as for a young child or for an in-
valid. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stopper,n.

a drink of whiskey. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes.
Jes' a leetle stopper now'n then aint agoin' t'
hurt nobody.

Tight, adj.

stingy, intoxicated. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Wax, n.

chewing gum. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

White mule, n.

'moonshine' liquor, or illegally manufactured
whiskey. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

16. TIME

After-dinner,n.

afternoon. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial. Notes. Caint
you-all come over this after-dinner?

Come,prep.

by a certain time or date. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.
I'm aimin' on a-gorn come Christmas week.

Da'k o' the mewn,n.phr.

dark of the moon. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I,11. I aim to put the rist in pertaters which must
go in sunc, as the da'k o' the mewn'll be here
directly.

Directly,ad.

soon. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,11.I aim
to put the rist in pertaters which must go in
sunc, as the da'k o' the mewn'll be here directly.

Evening,n.

the period from noon till dark or'can'le light.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Longest,n.

a long time. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. I
haint ben over thar fer th' longest.

Noon mark,n.

a stake to mark the edge of the shadow cast by
the cabin at noon. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.
(The clock, if there is one, is set according
to the noon mark).

Sune,ad.

soon. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,11.
I aim to put the rist in pertaters which must
go in sune, as the da'k o' the mewn'll be heah
directly.

Sun up,n.

dawn. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III,24.
I was heah right smart before sun up.

T'morrow week,n.phr.

a week from tomorrow. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

17. TOPOGRAPHICAL TERMS

Airth,n.

earth. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Antick,n.

a clown, a buffoon. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial.
Notes.

Bar,n.

a long, low, clean stretch of gravel or sand
appearing between a river's edge and the bank
proper. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Big road,n.

a main thoroughfare, a highway. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial.
Notes.

Bluff,n.

cliff. Usually refers to stone only, clay or
slate cliffs being designated as 'banks.' 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
201 Dial. Notes.

Bottom land,n.

valley land adjacent to a stream. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial.
Notes.

Branch,n.

a small stream flowing from a spring. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202
Dial. Notes. Brainch,n. branch. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS VII,55. Ez yo all kin see, I fell
plum intew the brainch.

Chug,n.

a slight depression in the road. 1927 Vance Ran-
dolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X
473 Dial. Notes. Hit rained je's 'nough t' fill
all them leetle chugs full o' water. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203
Dial. Notes.

Cove,n.

a narrow, sheltered valley. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial.
Notes.

Cricks,n.

cricks. 1923 M.S.Gress HAUNTED HOLLOW I,10.

Later on, they'll work down long th' cricks 'n bottoms.

Culbert,n.

culvert. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Forks,n.

the point where a road, trail, tree, stream or plant divides into branches. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Glade,n.

a rocky(timbered or untimbered) slope. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Holler,n.

hollow. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17. Down yonder's Mutton Holler. Holler,n.

hollow. This word is often used to designate, not the hollow or gorge itself, but the stream of water which flows through the hollow. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes.

1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,18. When we git to the top o' that you kin see Hanted Hollor clar as a pitcher. Holler, v.n. and adj. to shout, to protest vehemently, a hollow, a narrow valley, hollow. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Lane, n.

a stretch of road lying between parallel fences. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Lovo-hole, n.

a gully or ditch across the road. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.

Medder, n.

meadow. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,18 Thar's what Foe Fitzgerald owes fur breakin' o' his medder. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Mild, n.

mile. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Narrows,n.

a stretch of narrow road, specifically along a steep slope with a stream below and a cliff or 'bluff' above. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Parts,n.

region or locality. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. My chaps ketches the biggest possum ever saw in these parts.

Piece,n.

a short distance. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. He went down the road a piece.

Riffle,n.and v.

a shallow place in a stream, to shuffle, as a set of playing cards. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rise,n.

a flood or freshet. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. The creek's on a rise.

Shaller,adj.

shallow.1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140

Fap should hev driv the upper ford, its shallerer
thar a heap.

Shim,n.or v.

thin strips or wedges used in filling out or
raising foundation timbers. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220

Dial. Notes.

(to) shim out,v.phr.

to fill out a low place in the face of a timber
with a thin strip. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Shut-in,n.

a practically inaccessible place. 1923 M.S.

Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,14. Thars ony one way
to git into that holler, cause hits a shut-in,
and Nick lives plum in the gap.

Sile,v.or n.

soil. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Spring branch,n.

the stream flowing from a spring. 1923 Jay L.
B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
222 Dial. Notes.

Swale,n.

low, swampy land. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Wet weather spring,n.phr.

one good only in damp rainy weather. 1926-27
Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL, BILLY Int.3. Nary wet
weather spring it was, it anourin' forth in
such wise in the heat of August.

18. TRANSPORTATION

Horse backer,n.

one who travels on horse. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211
Dial. Notes.

Hoss keers,n.

street cars. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES
140. We seen the electric hoss keers a slidin'
on a wire.

(to) hack around,v.

to drive about in a hack, to ramble around.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Rig,n.and v.

a light wagon or carriage, together with a team.
to deride. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Skift,n.

a long, narrow, flat-bottomed boat, a light
fall of snow. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

19. VEGETATIVE LIFE

Nuts, Fruits, Trees, Vegetables, Roots, Plants,
Berrieu, Saps.

Akern,n.

acorn. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Alberty,prop.n.

ELberta (peach). 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Ambeer,n.

tobacco juice. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes. I spit 'is
eye full c' ambeer.

Anny,n.

anise. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial. Notes. Swoggle
yer worms in this hyar sweet-anny ef you ain
to ketch catfish.

Ben,n.

bin. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,45.
Hit plum stated that a third of the crap should
be delivered hin the ben.

Board tree,n.

any straight grained tree that may be split easily. Ordinarily the term has reference only to oak and pine timber. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Brush or brash,n.

brush. When used as a verb the first usually prevails. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Bull horn,n.

a large, pitchy pine knot. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Cymblin,n.

a small, hard, striped gourd. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. (Tucker spells the word "cimlin" and says it is a kind of squash. Bartlett gives the form "cymbling" and "cymbel.")

Ellum,n.

elms, piss elm, a variety that carries a large amount of sap. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Flat,n.

plug tobacco. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. Got any
piece o' flat, Bill?

Garden sass,n.

fresh vegetables or small fruit from the garden.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Gallus hill,n.

one of the hills of corn used as a support for
a shock of fodder. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Garding stuff,n.

vegetables. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I,10. The boys raises a leetle garding stuff an'
we always make a crap o' cawn of a surmah.

Ginsang,n.

ginseng. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140
Took all mam's ginsang money to pay the old man's
fine.

Goober,n.

peanut. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Grabble,v.

to remove potatoes or peanuts from a hill without disturbing the plant. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Grainery,n.

granary. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Granny-knot,n.

a large pine knot that will burn all or most of a night and thus provide light by which a midwife may work. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Haze-nut,n.

hazel nut. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

He-huckleberry,n.

a variety of huckleberry, the fruit of which is twice the size of the ordinary kin. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

Hicker nut,n.

hickory nut. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Hull,adj.

whole. Also the shell or outer husk of a nut, the pod of a bean or pea, or in the verb form to remove these. Also a cartridge, the shell of a turtle, or a dilapidated building. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Ingern,n.

onion. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Kofee,n.

coffee. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,21 What was there left to ask the world for except a little store tricks "terbacky", "kofee".

Long green,n.

home grown tobacco. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Make,v.

to mature, to produce grain or fruit. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. Hit's too dry fer corn t' make.

Mast,n.

acorns and other nuts upon which hogs and cattle feed, but especially applicable to acorns.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

May-pop,n.

the edible fruit of the passion-vine, sometimes called wild apricot. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial.
Notes.

Molasses,n.

molasses. Always spoken of as if plural form. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
215 Dial. Notes. How many molasses did you-all git?

Mush melon,n.

musk melon. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Paitch,n.

patch. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,10. You
all mout let me hev the forty acre paitch over
agin me.

Pa'm,n.

palm. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Pepmint,n.

peppermint. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Pertaters,n.

potatoes. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,11
I aim to put the rist in potatoes.

Peth,n.

pith. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Poke salat,n.

a salad made from the poke weed, Greens. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
217 Dial. Notes.

Pop-paw,n.

papaw. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Possum-grapes,n.

a small variety of wild grapes. 1926 Vance Ran-
dolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
402 Dial. Notes.

Pum-granny, or plum-granny,n.

a small, yellow, gourd-like fruit, occasionally used as food. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. (It is said that the name is somehow derived from pomegranate, which the hillman knows chiefly from Scripture).

Roastin' year,n.

roasting ear, green corn on the cob. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Root cellar,n.

an underground storage room for vegetables. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rosum,n.

resin. Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Salat,n.

salad, greens. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Shakespeare LEAR III,4137. What in the fury of his heart when the foul fiend rages, eats cow dung for sallets?

Sang root,n.

ginseng, a plant which is fairly common in some parts of the Ozarks. The dried roots command a fair price at the country drug stores. 1927

Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.

Sarvice berry,n.

service berry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Snag,n.

a tall old stump of a tree. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial.

Notes.Snag,v. to tear, as on briars or barbed wire. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Sogrums,n.

sorghum. Always used as if plural in form. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Sweet-root,n.

tips of seedling hickory roots, often eaten by children. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes.

Switch cane,n.

a kind of evergreen bamboo, about the size of pipe stems. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. An' all this time th' bar he was a-flouncin' 'roun' in th' switch cane.

Sticks,n.

standing timber. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes. We live in the sticks.

Tanglement,n.

a thicket. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. I shore caint run th'ough no sich a tanglement as that 'ar.

Terbacky,n.

tobacco. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,21. What was there left to ask the world for except a little store tricks, "terbacky", "kofee".

Warnut, n.

walnut. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Weep, v.

to droop, to bend over. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478
Dial. Notes. (Usually applied to trees. An ac-
cumulation of ice and snow makes the cedars
"begin t' weep a leetle.")

Yonkipin, n.

water lily. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 479 Dial. Notes. The
yonkipins is in roastin' ear. (This means that
they are fully developed--the mature pistil
somewhat resembles the ear of the corn.)

20. WEAPONS & FIRE-ARMS

Arkansaw, v.

to kill in an unfair or unsportsmanlike manner.
1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part X 472 Dial. Notes. (When a hunter
shoots a sitting rabbit with a shotgun at close
range, the rabbit is said to be arkansawed.)

Barrel into, v.

to shoot at. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial. Notes.
Th' bar he clum out'n th' shanty mighty hasty,
an th' boys shore did bar'l inter him!

Britch loader, n.

breech loading, as a fire arm. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202
Dial. Notes.

Catridges, n.

cartridges. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
VII, 52. Fetch me the pistils and a few cat-
ridges, right quick!

Citizen-rifle,n.

the muzzle-loading Kentucky rifle. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. (Probably so called to distinguish it from military weapons).

Cornstalk gun,n.

a weapon used by the hill children in hunting small birds. A handful of fine gravel is thrown sling-fashion from the hollow end of a cornstalk. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.

Hawg-leg,n.

a large pistol or revolver. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. I'm agin this hyar packin' hawg-legs, and sich.

Human-rifle,n.

a muzzle-loading rifle of large caliber. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes.

J'int powder,n.

literally, joint powder. Giant powder or dynamite.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Pea rifle,n.

a muzzle-loading rifle of small caliber. 1926
Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part IX 402 Dial. Notes.

Pistils,n.

pistols. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,52
Fetch me the pistils and a few catridges, right
quickl

Pistol-whipping,n.

a beating with the butt of a pistol. 1927 Vance
Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X
476 Dial. Notes. Elmer shore did give thet
stranger a turrible pistol-whippin'--come mighty
nigh a-killin' him.

Pitch a crap,v.phr.

to plant and cultivate a crop. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI Dial. Notes.

Rifle-gun, n.

a muzzle-loading rifle. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402
Dial. Notes.

Scabbard, n.

holster, any leather sheath for a weapon. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
220 Dial. Notes.

Shiver, v.

to propel, to throw, to fire. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477
Dial. Notes. They done shivered four bullets
inter Jim Yancey 'fore he c'd git t' whar his
weepon was at.

Shootin'-fixin's, n.

firearms. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes.

Shootin' irons, n.

guns. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS XV, 98
The shootin' irons is all throwed away, an'
we're level now.

Squirrel-turner,

an expert with the small caliber rifle used
in squirrel shootin. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial.
Notes.

Target,n.

a small caliber rifle. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Weepon,n.

weepon. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

21. WEATHER

Airish, adj.

cool, damp. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 397 Dial. Notes.

Hits a-gettin right airish on them ridges.

Dry drizzle, n.

a light shower of rain. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Fallin' weather, n.

rainy or snowy weather. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474
Dial. Notes. Hit's so cloudy like, I reckon
we'll git fallin' weather 'fore night.

Gully washer, n.

a heavy fall of rain. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial.
Notes.

Mizzle, n.

falling mist, a light rain. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Norther, n.

a period of cold, blustery weather, preceded usually by strong north winds. Also a person from the north. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Snibbling, adj.

dark, cloudy, rainy. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. I caint go nowhar on sich a bad, snibblin' day as this hyar, nohow.

Weather, v.

to storm. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. 'Pears like hits a-goin' t' weather some tonight. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. Hit'll prob'ly weather ag'in mornin'.

22. MISCELLANEONS

A.

Accident, n.

doubt. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 199 Dial. Notes. 'I thout a
accident hit'll rain ag'in mornin'.

Acknowledge the corn, v.phr.

to admit, to confess, especially when caught
in a lie or when accused of exaggeration. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
199 Dial. Notes.

Acrost, ad.

across. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE
HILLS I, 20. Was the river up much when you come
acrost?

Act big, v.phr.

to be truculent or disagreeable, to seek a
quarrel. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 199 Dial. Notes. He got t' actin'
big so I up an' whanged 'im one.

Aerly, ad.

early. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III, 24.
I was afeard that I was a little grain aerly.

Affar, n.

affair. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10.

I was disappointed a heap about the whull affar.

Afo', ad.

before. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 9.

Afo' the way I was in Eas' Tennessee.

Aggor-porvokin', adj.

aggravating, exasperating, annoying, irritating.

1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Agg on, v. phr.

to egg on, to incite, as to encourage a quarrel.

1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Ag'in, prep.

again, by a certain time or date. 1923 Jay L.B.

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Notes. Hit'll rain ag'in mornin'. Agin, prep.

against. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10.

I wudn't mine havin' of hit agin this yeah.

Agin, prep. by. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS

I, I.O. You all mout let me hov the forty acro
naitch over agin me. Agin, prop. upon. 1884
John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, I.O. My sarvint,
sah, an' whin I left the rivan tov come sout
heah I run agin him an' he was a'kivortin'
aroun' bigger'n his ole maister. Agin, prop.
before. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS V, 30.
What fur does yo' all throw the coahs onto
the howls agin sun up? Gin, ad. before. 1907
E.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I, 17
Hit'll be plumb dark 'gin I git homo.

Ahonia', v.

wishing for. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY Int.2. Woll did she recollect the smell
of the dust an' the hazel parched in the sun
and ahonia' for rain.

Aidge, n. and v.

edge. to move along (as on a seat). 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SHANK COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial.
Notes. Aidge over so's I'll have more room.

Aim, v.

intend. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 11.
I aim to put the rist in pertaters. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 200
Dial. Notes. Hit's my aim t' fin' another bee
tree. I aim on gorn. 1925 May K. McCord COMING
OF THE GREAT IRON HORSE Jan. p. 29 Sample Case
I don't aim to have none o' them telly-whopper
poles a straddlin' round over my land.

Ailded, v.

ailed. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.
V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes. Whut ailded him?

Aint done, v. phr.

have not done, (a form of denial commonly used by
children or by facetiously inclined adults.)
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI
200 Dial. Notes.

Air, v.

are. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

A'kivortin', v.

cavorting. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I, 10. My sarvint, sah, an' whin I left the rivah
tew come acut heah I run acin him an' he was a-
kivortin' aroun' bigger'n his ole maister.

All, pron.

(used with who, what, you and we). 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial.
Notes. What-all, you-all, etc.

Allow, v.

to suppose, to assume (usually contracted to 'low)
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 200 Dial. Notes. I don't 'low I'll go.

Allus, ad.

always. 1907 H.B. Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
I, 13. Jim Wilson allus 'lowed thar must be sold
in these here mountains.

Any God's amount, n. phr.

in great quantities. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes. We
shore air a-havin' any god's amount o' rain this
SUMMER.

Aout, ad.

out. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8.
Fur ef he hedn't a' drapped down hintew the
watah, how cawd he ha' came up aout o' the watah?

An', con.

and. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10. An'
we always makes a crap of cawn.

Anent, adv.

opposite, against. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 397 Dial. Notes.
He was a-layin' in th' road down anent th' spring-
house.

Apast, adv.

beyond. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. Mebbe Zeke
never kilt thet feller, but I shore aint a-puttin'
hit apast him.

Aprile, prop, n.

April. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Argy, v.

to argue. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes.

Arriv', v.

arrived. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,7

Wal, I see yo've arriv' at laist, how's all?

A'rs, n.

a'rs. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,41.

Whin she come home she 'peared like she was puttin'
on o' a'rs.

Arter, ad.

after. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Pap

went arter barl salt, and Mam a calker gown.

Ary, adj.

any. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Didn't
fool me for ary minute. Ary, adj. one, any, a. 1923

Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

200 Dial. Notes. You-all got ary knife? 1907 H.B.

Wright SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Int.12. A man jes

naturally wears hisself plumb out awalkin' on a

level 'thout ary down hill to spell him.

Ast, v.

asked. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,7. But

you ast Tom Talon, I lay Tom'll know.

Atter, prep. and adv.

after. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes. I'm a-gorn home
atter dinner.

Augur, v.

to plan, to scheme. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 200 Dial. Notes. To
'augur 'poun' (to investigate surreptitiously).

Ax, v.

ask. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8.
If so, I ax yo're pa'don. Ax, v. to ask. 1379-83
Chaucer TROILUS & CRISEYDE II, 894. Men misten axe
at scintes if it is aught fair in heaven. Ax, v.
to request. 1386-88 Chaucer KNIGHT'S TALE A 1826
And they swore his axing fayre and wel.

B

Baite, v.

bait, food. 1386-1388 Chaucer TALE OF THE MAN OF
LAWE B 466. On many a wory neel now may she bait.

Ba'm, n.

balm. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 200 Dial. Notes. Ba'my, adj. balmy. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
200 Dial. Notes. Hit shore is ba'my weathor now.

Bare naked, adj.

naked. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. He come a-runnin' out jist
plumb bare naked. Bar' neckid, adj. naked. 1926
Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. Them city gals was a-
splashin' 'round plum bar' neckid.

Barl, n.

barrel. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Pap
went arter barl salt, and Mam a calker gown.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Bat, n. and v.

a disreputable woman, and "on a bat" meaning in-
toxicated. to strike quickly and violently (to belt).

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. He batted his eyes, (1.
e. winked suddenly.

Batch, v. and n.

to live alone, or without a cook, an ol' batch,
a bachelor. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Bawl out, v. phr.

to reprimand. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. I shore
bawled 'im out fer sayin' whut he did.

Beard, v. and n.

that act of a man who has a coarse, wirey, stubble
beard in rubbing his cheek or chin forcibly
against another person's. a barb, as on a fish-
hook or a gig (fish spear) or on barbed wire.
Also the barbed husk of certain grains. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201
Dial. Notes.

Beat, adj.

astonished, dumfounded. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.
I was plumb beat.

Beatenest,n.

best. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
Int.12. God jes naturally had t' quit for ho done
his beatenest an' war plumb gin out.

Beat it,v.phr.

to hurry away. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Beholden,part. adj.

obliged or indebted. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 472 Dial. Notes.
We-uns aint beholden t' them Tolivars for nothin',
nor never was.

Belt,v.

to strike. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. I belted him one.

Betwixt,ad.

between. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
III,96. There's long been contention betwixt
two of our bretheren.

Biddable,adj.

tractable, docile, gentle, obedient. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201
Dial. Notes. Thar's the biddablest mule in the
settlement.

Bide, v.

to bear, to endure. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial.
Notes. I caint bide a squallin' young-un.

Bigger'n, ad.

bigger than. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I, 10. My sarvint, sah, an' whin I left the
rivah tew come aout heah I run agin him an'
he was a' kivortin' aroun' bigger'n his ole
maister. bigger'n a skinned mule, adj. phr.
extremely large, as a person. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201
Dial. Notes.

Bite off more'n he kin chaw, v. phr.

to undertake more than can be accomplished.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Bitwix, prep.

between. 1385-86 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN
729. Ther mighte have been bitwin hem mariage.

Blackguard, v. and n.

to talk about obscene matters, or to tell smutty stories. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. Them Simpson gals jes' sets 'roun' an' blackguards all day.

1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. I'm agin this hyar blackguard talk right in th' church-house.

blaggard, a corrupt form of blackguard. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes.

Blanny, n.

cajolery. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. Ab Loe's blanny shore did gravel th' school-marm.

Blate, v. or n.

bleat, frequently pronounced blat, it also means to cry out against, to complain loudly. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial. Notes. I heerd a sheep blate. He let out a blate.

Blemage, n.

blemish. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. She's a
plum purty critter, 'thout nary spot nor blemage.

Blow, v.

to rest from strenuous activity. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 201 Dial.
Notes. Let y'r mules blow (i.e. to let them rest,
or have time to regain their breath).

Blue-gum make, n.

a negro whose gums are bluish instead of red.
It is said that the bite of one of these fellows
is deadly poison. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X Dial. Notes.

Blue hen's chicken, n.phr.

a formidable fighter. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.
You-uns git Hank roused up now, an' he shore is
one o' th' ol' blue hen's chickens. 1925 May K.
McCord COMING OF THE GREAT IRON HORSE Jan. page 29
Sample Case. Old Lige Blunt was one of the blue
hen's chickens, sure as shootin'.

Boot,n.

additional value, usually cash, involved in an exchange or trade. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. I'll give (or swap) my cow an' two dollars t' boot for yours.

Bore,v.

to embarass, to ridicule, to humiliate. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. I shore was bored when I foun' out they was a big hole in my overhauls.

Bored for the simples,v.phr.

a jocular expression referring to a stupid individual. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. W'y th' danged ol' fool! He should orter be bored for th' simples. (The idea is that a hole in the skull might let some of the foolishness out.)

Borry,v.

to borrow. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Borwe, v.

borrow. 1386-88 Chaucer TALE OF THE MAN OF LAWE
B 105. Maugree thyn heed, thou most for indigence
or stele, or begge, or borwe thy despence!

Bote, n.

advantage, profit. 1369 Chaucer BOOK OF THE DUCHESSE
38. And yet my bote is never the nere.

Boughten, adj.

having been bought from a merchant. Frequently
heard as 'store boughten'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.
I got on m' store boughten shirt.

Braish, ad.

bold. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III 26.
Wal like 'nuf, I was a leetle braish; ef so I
ax yore pa'don.

Break it off, v.

to utter a sarcastic retort. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

Brent, v.

burned. 1925 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. The wood's all done brent up.

Brent, v. burned. 1369 Chaucer ANELIDA &
ARCITE 115. That she ne shewed hit him, or
hit was brent.

Brickle, adj.

brittle. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. Ho's plumb work
work brickle (i.e. very energetic) these days.

Bring home the bacon, v. phr.

to accomplish a difficult task. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202
Dial. Notes.

Bug huntin', v. phr.

to subject a man to merciless sarcasm or ridicule,
or to beat or maul him severely. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial.
Notes. To ride a man bug huntin'.

Bush up, v. phr.

to hide in the shrubbery. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 398
Dial. Notes. Tom he went an' bushed up down
back o' th' church-house.

Bust, v.

burst. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140.
Up in Williams' Holler nigh front lynch pin
bust. Bust, v. to burst. Past tense the same,
or busted. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes. Busts, v.
bursts. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX,
64. The brainch springs a leak ah an' busts
on the mountain ah.

(to) bust a hame string, v. phr.

to fail in an undertaking. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 202 Dial. Notes.

By guess and by God, prep. phr.

without measure or pattern. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.
I built that shack b'guess an' b' God.

By-word, n.

a favorite oath or expression. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 203 Dial.
Notes. His by-word is 'Dad-blame.' By-word, n.
expression, proverb. 1379-1383 Chaucer TROILUS
& CRISEYDE IV, 769. For which ful oft a by-word
here I seye. That, "roteless, mot grene sone deye."

C

Cairy, v.

carry. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III
24. I 'lowed tew see if I cud get yo' to
cairy m'specs tew the city an' hev 'em fixed.

Call, n.

reason. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes. They haint no
call fer sech talk. Call, v. to remember, to
recall. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. I dasn't
call his name. (means mention rather than pronounce)

Ca'm, v. or adj.

calm. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Campaignin' aroun', v. phr.

wandering about aimlessly or carelessly. 1923
Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 203 Dial. Notes.

Can, v.

to discharge, as an employee. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial.
Notes. Henry got canned.

Can'le, n., Caint hold a can'le to, v. phr.

unable to compete, compare or keep up with.

1925 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 203 Dial. Notes. Jane caint hol' a

can'le t' Mary fer looks.

Carry, v.

to lead or accompany. 1926 Vance Randolph

WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 398

Dial. Notes. Jack he carried his hull fambly

plum t' Bentonville. (the r is elided, however,

so that the word sounds pretty much like "cayed.")

Carry on, v. phr.

to behave in a rash or boisterous manner. 1926

Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V

Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. I never seen nobody

carry on like them gals fr'm Springfield.

Caud, n.

cord. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 66

And when he's wropped his foine silky caud arond

ye, then yo shell look behind.

'Cause, ad.

because. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 14.

Thars ony one way to git into that hollwe,
cause hits a shut-in, and Nick lives plum in
the gap. Shakespeare MACBETH III 6,21. And
'cause he failed, His presence at the tyrants
feast, I hear Macduff lives in disgrace.

1386-88 Chaucer REVES TALE A 4144. It mighte
be no bet, and cause why, Ther was no roumer
herberwe in the place.

Cawner, n.

corner. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV, 55.
We hev'n't got no beds, ma'am 'contin' this yerc
one in yon cawner.

'Cep, prep.

except. 1925 M.S. Cross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 13.
They wont fight humans 'cep you corner em.

Chance, n.

accident. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. Hit
'd jes' be a chance ef you-all ever see that
feller agin. Chance, n. doubt. 1923 Jay U.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial.
Notes. 'ithwout a chance hit'll be a-rainin'
ag'in mornin'. Chaunce, n. accident. 1369 BOOK

OF THE DUCHESSE 1285. In alle my youthe, in
alle chaunce, She took me in hir governaunce.

Chigger's eye, n. phr.

a very small place. 1926 May K. McCord A BURYIN'
IN THE OZARKS Dec. p.19 Sample Case. Some folks
is so pester'n little you could spit 'em into a
chigger's eye and he wouldn't even bat it.

(the) Chirp o' the cricket, phr.

what is definitely meant. 1925 May K. McCord
COMING OF THE GREAT IRON HORSE Jan. page 29
Sample Case. I'll have none o' them telly whopper
poles a-straddlin' round over my land--that'
the chirp o' the cricket!

Choicey, adj. or adv.

particular, choice. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 203 Dial. Notes.
Don't git too choicey. That meat's right choicey.

(to) chore aroun', v. phr.

to putter about at unimportant work. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
203 Dial. Notes.

Chunk, v.

a stick of wood, a short leg. 1927 Vance
Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part
X 473 Dial. Notes. Jeff he caint shoot nohow loss
'n he restes his rifle-gun on a chunk.

Chunk up, v. phr.

to renew by fire by throwing together the un-
burned ends of sticks of chunks of wood. 1923
Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
204 Dial. Notes.

City dudes, n.

people dressed in street clothes. 1910 A.M.
Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. They 'lowed to show
them city dudes how Taney paints things red.

Clar, adj.

clear. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 18.
Hits all clar when yo git the idee. 1910 A.M.
Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. And gainst I had
Bud clar of it, it took plumb all of mire.
1925 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 18. When we git
to the top o' that you kin see Hanted Holler clar
as a pitcher.

Clatter,n.

all at once. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes. I bust down
two wheels at one clatter.

Clever,adj.

obliging, accommodating, generous. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part
IX 398 Dial. Notes. Lizzie is shore a clever crit-
ter, but she's kinder of a half-wit.

Clew,v.

to strike. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes.
An' then I jes' clewd him side o' th' head.

Clim, clum, clomb,v.

past tense of climb. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.
Clim,v.climbed. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
IX,66. Though some of 'em hez done already clim
up the right way. Clomb,v. past tense of climb.
1382-84. Chaucer HOUSE OF FAME 1118. But up I
clomb with alle pain.

Clout, n.

bit of cloth. 1586-1588 Chaucer PARSONER'S TALE

C 736. Ye! for an heyre clout to wrappe me!

Colonel, n.

a title conferred upon prominent mountain men with no reference to military service. 1926 Vance Randolph WORDS LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 398 Dial. Notes. (Nearly every auctioneer is an honorary colonel, as are many country lawyers and bankers).

Coase, ad.

course. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 11.

We rent the land on sheers as a mattah of coase.

Come by, v. phr.

1. to stop for a brief visit. 2. to inherit. 3. to acquire or to accumulate. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SMALL COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes. Come by an' set a-while. Bill comes by his laziness honest. He's come by a right smart o' property these last few years.

Come through, v. phr.

to discharge an obligation. Especially applicable in a case where repudiation has been threatened. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Common, adj.

devoid of snobbishness or conceit, the highest compliment that can be paid to a professional man or a "furriner". 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. Doc Oakley's jes' a nice, common feller.

Confab, n.

an interview, a conversation. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Cood, n.

cud, 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes. She's got a big cood o' wax(chewing gum) in 'er mouth.

'Cose, exclam.

of course. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 13 Arrest him! Cose they rested him.

Counted, v.

reputed. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes.
I allus counted Mary th' fightin'est woman in
th' hull settlement.

Cramp, v.

to turn the front wheels out of line so a
wagon or other vehicle may be backed and turned
about. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Crawl one's hump, v.phr.

to assault. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Green, v.

to lean or fall side-wise. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 473
Dial. Notes. Th' ol' man went a-greenin' 'roun'
all evenin', an' fin'ly he fell righ spang inter
th' hog-waller. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 204 Dial. Notes.

Crope, v.

past tense of creep. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Crowd the mourners, v. phr.

to be in a hurry, premature. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.
Keep ca'm now, an' don't crowd the mourners
(i.e. don't be precipitate.)

Crow-fly, n.

straight line. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 8
South. On a crow-fly, 'bout five miles.

Curious, adj.

queer, eccentric, unusual. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.
He's the curiourest feller I ever seed.
Hit's the curiourest house in the settlement.

Cussed, v.

cursed 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140
Lawsy how Pap cussed.

Cuss fight, n.

a violent quarrel, unaccompanied by any other
form of assault than angry words. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial.
Notes.

Cut a rusty, v. phr.

to do something foolish or improper. 1927

Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS

Vol.V Part X 473 Dial. Notes. I shore did cut

a rusty when I showed th' ol' woman that 'ar

letter.

Cut the mustard, v. phr.

to meet certain requirements or to discharge

certain obligations. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE

COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. He

tried hard enough but he jest couldn't cut the

mustard.

Cymblin-head, n.

a fool, a dunce, squash head. 1926 Vance Randolph

WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial.

Notes.

D

Dar, v.

dare. 1386-1388 Chaucer KNIGHT'S TALE A 1151.
Or elles artow fals, I dar wel seyn.

Darnick, n.

stone. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Dast, v.

dared. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
Int.19. I laid hand on your gun and dast him
to lay finger on me.

Deem, v.

to opine, to judge. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial.
Notes. (Usually used in old ballads, sermons
and set speeches, but very rarely in conversation).

Deestric, n.

district. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Den, v.

to hibernate, to remain indoors during bad weather.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 205 Dial. Notes. We-all denned up when the storm
come on.

Devilin', part.

teasing. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY III, 81. Quit yore devilin'.

Dew, v.

do. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 18.
As a mattah o' coase I dew.

Dianglin', adj.

diagonally. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Dicker, v. and n.

trade, exchange, 'swap'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Dido, n.

prank, caper. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. Bill's a-
cuttin' didoes like a young-un.

Dift, v.

to strike. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. You-all a
séed me dift him one side o' th' head.

Dig out, v. phr.

to leave precipitately, to depart hastily or in
fright. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Dinkus,n.

thing, (also doodinkus, doodad, dinglebob, jigger, thingumbob, gadget) 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Disremember,v.

to forget. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

Div,v.

dived, (also dove). 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Do a thing to,v.phr.

ordinarily used in the negative and meaning severe punishment. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes.

Don't call me a liar er I won't do a thing to you.

Do dirt,v.phr.

to do something contemptible. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. He'll do you dirt.

Do proud,v.phr.

to distinguish oneself in an undertaking. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. He done hisse'f proud in that job.

Done, v.

did. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
Int.12. God jes naturally had t' quit, for he
done his beatenest an' war plumb gin out.

Done, v. used with other vorbs. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial.
Notes. He's done got well. I've done been over
thar. He's done done his do.

Don't guess, v.

don't think. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 205 Dial. Notes. I don't
guess he's a-comin.

Dote, v.

to anticipate with pleasure. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial.
Notes. I shore caint miss th' singin' convention
now-- I jes' been a-dotin' on hit all winter.

Down goes his cob-house, v.phr.

failure to realize one's plans. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.
If I don't have a good crap this year, w'y down
goes my cob-house.

Draggy, adj.

slow, late. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.
Th' job's all right, but the pay's a leetle
draggy a-gittin' hyar, mostly.

Drap, v. or n.

drop. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. Draps, n. drops,
liquid medicine. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.
My woman was ailin' -like, but Doc he give her
some powders an' draps.

Draw an idea, v. phr.

to suspect. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. I draw a'
idee he's harder up 'n he lets on t' be.

Dreen, v. or n.

drain. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Drinked, v.

drank also tasted. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. I got
a-holt o' some likker it drinked right well.

Driv,v.

drove. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140

So Bud he driv the oxens up and yoked in Broad and

Berry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Drug,v.

dragged. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Druthers,n.pl.

rathers (preference). 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE

COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

I caint he'p havin' m' druthers.

Druv,v.

driven. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS XI,81

Ef th' hends jines only in th jowerin' that tuk

plaice in the field, an is druv plum down to this

yere, why heah's m' herd.

Duke,v.

to duck, to dodge. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS

FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

I seen a feller duke in behin' th' barn.

Duke's mixture, n.

a confused mass. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Dumfounded, adj.

dumb. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
II, 47. What with us struck dumfounded, I couldn't
rightly state did she speak or no.

Durgon, n.

an awkward, uncouth hillman, regarded as less polish-
ed & sophisticated than his neighbors. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
399 Dial. Notes.

E

Each an' every, n. phr.

everybody, each and every person. 1926 Vance

Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V

Part IX 399 Dial. Notes. Mar sho run right out
an' tol' each an' ev'ry all 'bout it.

Eetch, v. and n.

to itch. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Eediot, n.

idiot. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Eench, v. or n.

to inch along. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. Eench over,

John, so's I kin sot down.

Ef, conj.

if. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. Fur ef

he hedn't a' drapped down hintew the watah, how

cud he ha' came up aout o' the watah? Ef, prep.

if. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY I, 13

Ef ever Bull Garner teches me onct more I'm

agoin', to--.

Endurin',adj.

during. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Enjoy,v.

to entertain. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes.

We-all tried fer t' enjoy 'em, but the shore was th'
sorrlest comp'ny I ever seen.

Ennominate,p.

to nominate. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Erry,adj.

any. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX,66. Whilst
I hed ruther lose all thet I've gethered by the
sweat of m' brow an then tew hurt the feelin's of
erry man. Erry,adj. every. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS IV,37. Erry one's all the same tew
me now.

Ever,adj.

every. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Ever what, adj.

whatever. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes.

Ever whut you-all want done hyar now, we-uns
shore will tend to hit. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Ever whut you think'll be alright.

Ever-who, pro.

a transposition of "whoever," 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 399
Dial. Notes. He allus give it t' Clary 'r Susy 'r
ever-who I was with.

Ever which, adj.

whichever. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS. Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. Ever which
o' them 'ar saddles you-all want, jes' holler an'
hit's yourn.

Eye of the moon, n. phr.

between the moon and the observer. 1923 M.S.Gross
HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 10. Git 'em (turkeys) in the eye
o' th' moon--hain't no better shot.

Ex, ad.

as. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8.

I mout az well be bold with ye, an tell you who

I be, fur I reckon yo' nevah heerd of me.

F

Faister, ad.

faster. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 55
I lit aout, an run faister 'n a houn'.

Fall, v.

to fell, as a tree. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Fall out, v. phr.

to disagree. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Fast, adj.

dissolute, as a woman of ill repute. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial.
Notes.

Fastly, adv.

firmly, persistently. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial.
Notes. Brethren, you-all got t' stick fastly t'
th' church o' Gawd!

Fault, v.

to blame. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. Don't fault me for
bein' late.

Faunch, v.

to rave, to make an outcry against. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI
206 Dial. Notes.

Favor, v.

to resemble, also to protect. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 206 Dial.
Notes. He favors his pap a right smart. I
favored that foot all I could while hit was sore.

Favorite, adj.

favorite. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Feather into, v. phr.

to shoot, to attack. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 399 Dial. Notes.
Ol' Cap Morgan he out 'ith his weepen an' feathered
inter them fellers. (Kephart traces this expression
back to the days of the long-bow in England.)

Feist, n. and adj.

fice, feisty, meaning irritably facetious or 'snippy'
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part
VI 206 Dial. Notes.

Feller,n.

fellow. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140

We seen a box nailed on the wall, and a feller
talkin' in it. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,14

Thars a feller swore old Nick uz down Windy
Mountain way jes when the murder was committed.

1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17
Preachin' Bill he 'lows hits good for a feller t'bo
down in the back onct in a while. Fellers,n.

fellows. 1925 May K.McCord. COMING OF THE GREAT IRON
HORSE Jan. p.29 Sample Case. Now looka here fellows.

Fer,prep.

for or far. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 206 Dial. Notes. 1907 H.B.Wright
THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Int.12. God jes naturally
had t' quit, for he down his beatenest an' war
plumb gin out. Fer,adv. far. 1386-88 Chaucer PRIOR-
ESSES TALE B 1781 Til finally she gan so fer espye.
That he last seyn was in the Jewerye.

Fer a fac,ad.phr.

for a fact. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,14
He's mighty mysterius--I do know that fer a fac.

Fernent, ad.

beside, against, opposite. 1910 A.M. Haswell
WAYSIDE VERSES 140. And Pap he forded Big North
Fork fernent Jim Larkins' ferry.

1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol. V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. His hat was a-
layin' right fernent th' smoke-house.

Fetch, v.

bring. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 19.
You kin fetch the ole gobbler a-puffin' an spread-
in' his tail. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
IV, 33. The blankets we weaves from the wool the
sheep fetches us. Shakespeare TITUS ANDRONICUS
II, 3, 54. "I'll go fetch thy son to back thy quarrels
whatsoe'er they be." Fetching, adj. this is in very
common use, but means nothing in particular. 1927
Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V
Part X 474 Dial. Notes. Four o' them Tadlock boys
jumped onter him t'once, but Jim he licked ever'
fetchin' one of em. (This is a typical sentence).

Fightin' word, n.

an epithet the use of which ordinarily induces a
fight. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. He called me a fightin' word so's I whanged away an busted him with a rock. (the term applies, usually to a liar and a son-of-a bitch.)

Fill full 'o lead, v. phr.

to kill. 1925 May K. McCord COMING OF THE GREAT IRON HORSE Jan. p.29 Sample Case. I'll fill 'em so full o' cold lead that their own ma won't know 'em--d'ye hear?

Fine haired, adj.

aristocratic, conceited. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. He's a-gittin' right fine haired sence he heired that money.

Finicky, adj.

particular. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV, 34 He's pow'ful finicky 'bout that.

First for'n thing, n. phr.

nothing. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part V 207 Dial. Notes. He don't know the first for'n thing 'bout raisin' hogs.

Fist, v.

to beat with the fists. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474
Dial. Notes. Th' ol' woman she jes fisted him
sumthin' turrible.

Fit shy, v.

avoided. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,9
I have always fit sky o' skewls an' colliges.

Fit a b'ar, v. phr.

fought a bear. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW
I,14. I haint scairt o' nothin' whuts made o' flesh
and blood. I fit a b'ar wunst.

Fithele, n.

violin. 1386-88 Chaucer PROLOGUE A 296. Than
robes riche, or fithеле, or gay sautrye.

Fitten, adj.

fit, suitable. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Fix, v.

to prepare, to get ready. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.
I'm a-fixin' t' go a-huntin!

Fixin',v.

getting ready. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF
THE HILLS I,19. I see'd Sammy a fixin' t' go
over t' the Matthews's.

Fly back,v.phr.

to refuse to pull, as a balky animal. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SHAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207
Dial. Notes.

Foller,v.

follow. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,39.
What fur does yo all foller the mewls 'twixt the
plough helves all day throw the hot sun till agin
sundown. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. What mout
you-all foller for a living? (Used with reference
to one's trade or profession.) 1907 H.B.Wright
THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,20. Just foller the
Old Trail hit'll take you right ther.

Fotch,v.

to fotch, past tense 'fotched'. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SHAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial.
Notes.

Fetch on, v.

bring. 1925 May K. McCord COMING OF THE GREAT IRON HORSE Jan. page 29 Sample Case. You can fetch on all the jack legged lawyers this side o' hell, an' I'll fill 'em so full o' cold lead that their own ma won't know 'em d'ye hear?

Fotch-on, adj.

imported, not made or produced in the neighborhood. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. I caint stummick them fotch-on beans out'n cans.

Fractious, adj.

irritable, contrary. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. He's th' fractiourest ol' feller I ever seed.

Free hearted, adj.

liberal, generous. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Fresshe, v.

to refresh. Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE 1513. He thoughte of thilke water shene To drinke and fresshe him wel withalle;

Frightment,n.

fear, fright. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. Joe ho loved th' young-un war burnt t' death, 'pears t' me like she jes' died fr'm frightment.

Fur,prep.

for. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. I mout ez well be bold with ye, an tell you who I be, fur I reckon yo' nivah heerd of me. Fur,prep. or adv. for or far. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Up in the fur corner thar's a cabin stands.

Furder,adv.

further also 'futher'. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 207 Dial. Notes.

Furriner,n.

stranger. 1927 May K.McCord BLACK DIRT Mar. p.14 Sample Case. That furriner is just another scalowag a-beatin' his debts where he came frum.

Fust,ord.

first. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,13. Fust place, ole Henry Wilson wuz kilt.

Fust off, ad.phr.

at first. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140

Fust off Pap 'lowed Bud and me better stay to
home.

G

Gaily, adj.

in good health. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes.
My chaps is all right peart an' gaily now.

Gainst, ad.

until. 1910 A.M.Haswell. WAYSIDE VERSES 140
Took all mam's ginsang money to pay the old
man's fine; And 'gainst I had Bud clar of it,
it took plumb all of mine. Shakespeare VENUS
& ADONIS 916. 'Gainst venomd sores the only
sovereign plaster.

Gaum, v.

to gum, to smear. Usually followed by 'up'.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 208 Dial. Notes. I've b'iled sogrums
till I'm all gaumed up.

Goyewgaws,n.

1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,40.

They wants geyewgaws, and them's not raised
in the field.

Gin,v.

given. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
Int.12. God jes naturally had t'quit, fer he
done his beatenest an' war plumb gin out.

Ginst,ad.

against. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,14.
I like spunk, I do, but spunk don't count much
ginst hants.

Git a move on,v.phr.

to hurry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Git by,v.phr.

to escape detection, to accomplish a difficult
task. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Git one's feet wet, v. phr.

to take part in anything after much hesitation.

1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Git off on the wrong foot, v. phr.

to blunder. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol. V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Git through one's head, v. phr.

to comprehend. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol. V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Git back at, v. phr.

to retaliate, to get revenge. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Give a cent, v. phr.

used either in the affirmative or negative to

express lack of concern. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 208 Dial.

Notes. I don't give a cent.

Give out, v. phr.

to play out, to become exhausted. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 208 Dial.

Notes. That spring gives out in dry weather.

Give out, v.

to become exhausted. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE
VERSES 140. Pullin' up of Finley hill cattle nigh
give out.

Givey, adj.

unsteady. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes.
Th' big cheer's a-gittin' a leetle givey lately.

Glaises, n.

glasses. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,
16. I've broke one of the glaises in the specs.

Glaum, n. and v.

a snarl, a tangle, a confused mass. to tangle
or to seize or grab all of anything, especially
victuals. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 208 Dial. Notes. Bill glaumed the
whole pie.

Glaze, v.

to strike a glancing blow, or to graze with a
blow. Also, to grow glassy, as the eye of death.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 208 Dial. Notes.

Go a-hellin',v.

to proceed at breakneck speed. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208
Dial. Notes. He shore went a-hellin' when-
ever'n that dog got after 'im.

Go gitter,n.

prompt, expert, hardworking. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208
Dial. Notes. He's a go gitter when hit comes
t' loggin'.

Go over the road,v.phr.

to be sent to jail or prison. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208
Dial. Notes.

Gorn,n.and v.

going (i.e.good traveling), going. 1923 Jay L.
B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 208
Dial. Notes. I'm a-gorn home.

Gorn some,v.phr.

proceeding rapidly, making great progress. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
208 Dial. Notes.

Go up Salt Creek, v. phr.

to suffer defeat, as a candidate for office.

1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Go up in the air, v. phr.

to become indignant. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE

COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Gravel, v.

to embarrass, to humiliate. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Hit shore graveled me when she bawled me out.

Great hand, n.

habituated. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol. V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. He's a

great hand fer cussin'.

Green, v.

to annoy with practical jokes. 1923 Jay L.B.

Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 209

Dial. Notes. The boys was all a-greenin' him

about 'is gal.

Greener, n.

a newcomer, a tenderfoot, one unfamiliar with
the work in which he is engaged. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial.
Notes.

Grip, n.

a suitcase or satchel. Also a firm hold. 1923
Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
209 Dial. Notes.

Gwine, v.

going. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III, 28.
But I must be gwine, I'm proud I've saw ye.

H

Ha',v.

have. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8.
Fur ef he hedn't a' drapped down hintew the
watah, how cud he ha' came up aout o' the watah?

(To)hack ties,v.

to hew them out by hand. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Had by,v.

to have kept. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. I had this
coat by me fer twenty year.

Haint,v.

have not. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. I haint no money.
1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,13. I haint
scairt o' nothin'.

Hand runnin',adj.phr.

in succession. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. I kilt
six squirrels, hand runnin'. Hit's been a-
rainin' now fer three days,hand runnin'.

Hangin' up, v.

waiting. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV,
31. The boys are hangin' up for noon, now I
must be gwine.

Hanker, v.

to crave. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. I been
a-hankerin' for fresh feesh. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS VII,40. Skewls makes the chillern
hanker after noice tricks.

Hankerin', n.

a craving. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. 1926-27
Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY II,46. They
was a feelin' a hankerin' of hunger.

Hankercher, n.

handkerchief. Shakespeare ALL'S WELL THAT
ENDS WELL V,3,322. "Good Tom Deum, lend me a
hankercher.

Hant, n. and v.

a ghost. to haunt, to become accustomed to or
to become habituated to a certain place. Thus
hogs fed continually at one place, 'git hanted

thar.' 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes. 1923 M.S.Gross
HAUNTED HOLLOW I,14. Folks says old Nick's done
sold his soul to his namesake, an bosses all th
hants o' Hanted Holler.

Happen, v.

to suffer, as an accident. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI. 209 Dial.
Notes. Bill happened(usually happent) to a
right bad hurt.

Har', n.

harrow. Verb form the same. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Hard sleddin', v. phr.

living or doing business under difficulties.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Harrycane, n.

hurricane. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Hate, v.

this word is often used in the sense of regret.
1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS

Vol. V Part X 474 Dial. Notes. Oh, my Gawd,
I hate that! (A mountain man, on hearing of his
mother's death might say this).

Have it up and down, v. phr.

to argue heatedly. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 209 Dial. Notes.

Heap, ad.

very much. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY Int. 7. I've studied it a heap. 1907
H.B. Wright. THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I, 18.
Jim knows a heap more 'bout old Dewey's cave
than he lets on. 1884 John Monteith PARSON
BROOKS I, 10. I was disappointed a heap about
the whull affar. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES
140. Pa should hev driv the upper ford, its
shalierer thar a heap. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Heerd, v.

heard. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8.
I mout ez well be bold with ye, an tell you who
I be, fur I reckon' yo' nivah heerd of me.

Hedn't a' drapped, v. phr.

had not have dropped. 1884 John Monteith PARSON
BROOKS I, 8. Fur ef he hedn't a' drapped down
hintew the watah, how cud he ha' came up aout
o' the watah?

Heerd, v.

heard, or embracing the sound of 'y'--hyeard.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. 1923 M.S. Gross
HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 14. I heered em wunst, an twarn't
no panter neither.

Heerdo, v.

heard of doing. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW
I, 18. Fust time I ever heerdo one o' them crit-
ters behavin that away.

Heft, n. and v.

the greater portion, the weight of a thing, to
lift a thing in order to estimate its weight.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part
VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Heftiest, adj.

heaviest. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS XIII,
85. Yo see hit's the heftiest job tew stick names
ontew the gaerls.

Heir, v.

to inherit, 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. He's heired his
pap's farm.

Heller, n.

a thing or person possessing extreme characteris-
tics. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. He's a heller fer work.
That storm was a heller, This ax shore is a heller.

Hender, v.

to hinder. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

He'p, v.

to help. Past tense 'he'pped' or 'holp' also
'holped'. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. 1907 H.B.Wright
THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I, 18. I'll hep you hunt
it if you want me to Mister.

Het, v.

heated. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Hev, v.

have 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES, 140. Pap
should hev driv the upper ford, its shallerer
thar a heap.

Het up, v.

angry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Hick'ry, n.

speed. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. He pulled out at
a right good hick'ry.

Hide out, v.phr.

to disappear hastily, to remain away, to leave
through, fear. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. Them revenuers
made us hide out.

Hiker, v.

to hurry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. He shore did hiker!

Hiket, v.

to hurry. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. Hiket out o' hyar
now.

Hill billy, n.

a resident of the hills in contradistinction to
an inhabitant of the lowlands or valleys. Also
expressive of contempt, or meaning ignorant.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Hin, prep.

in. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 45. Hit
plum stated that a third of the crap should be
delivered hin the ben.

Hintew, prep.

into. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I'm
one of them that believes that Jesus Christ wint
down hintew the watah tew be baptized.

Hip, to have on the, v. phr.

to carry liquor or a concealed weapon. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210
Dial. Notes. Bill's got suthin' on 'is hip that
drinks right well. I'd 'a' busted 'im one but I
was afeerd he mought have suthin' on 'is hip.

Hipped, adj.

disabled or seriously injured. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial.
Notes. (The form hip-shot is also common)

Hippin's, n.

diapers, or cloths fastened around the waist.
1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes.

His'n, pro.

his. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
II, 23. His a plumb shame there ain't more men in
th' world built like old man Matthews and that
thar boy o' his'n.

Hisself, n.

himself. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS V, 39. Parson is afeerd no man not
even the divil hissself. 1907 H.B.Wright THE
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Int.12. A man jes naturally
wear hissself plumb out awalkin' on a level 'thout
ary down hill t'spell him.

Hit, pro.

it, 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
Int, 11. Hit war made that away on purpose.
1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 9. Hit
was this a-way. Hit, n. and v. it, to produce
fruit, to yield. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.
The apples didn't hit this year. 1923 M.S.
Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 14.

Hit the hike, v. phr.

to depart. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 210 Dial. Notes.

Holt, n.

hold. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE
HILLS X, 91. "Well," says Wash, still akeopin'
his holt. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Horn in, v. phr.

to interrupt a conversation. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211
Dial. Notes.

Hove, v.

heaved. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

How come?adv.phr.

how or why? 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes. How come that wagon
broke down? How come you-all aint a-gorn?

Hump, v.

to hurry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes. I'll shore have
t' hump m'se'f if I git that on time.

Hunker down, v.phr.

to squat on the heels. Also 'hunker up'. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
211 Dial. Notes. Bill sot that all hunkered up.
Down on his hunkers (squatted.)

Hwo, n.

woe, 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 63.
Hwo untew yo scribes an' phar'sees, hippercrites.

Hyar, ad.

here. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Hyar
they went, and thar they went, and the doggondest
clatter. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Hyeard, v.

heard. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

Hyearn, v.

heard. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

I

Idee,n.

idea. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,18.

Hits all clar when yo git the idee.

Ill,adj.

vicious, ill tempered. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

He ac's mighty ill.

Ile,n.or v.

oil. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 211 Dial. Notes.

In-fere,adv.

together, Orig, in fere in company. 1386-88

Chaucer TALE OF THE MAN OF LAWE B 328. And when

assembled was this folk in-fere, She sette hir

doun,and sayde as ye shal here.

J

Jar, v.

to wrangle, to quarrel, to argue. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jes, ad.

just. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Int.12. A man he naturally wears hisself plumb out awalkin' on a level 'thout ary down hill t' spell him.

Jim cracks, n.

knick knacks, a collection of small miscellaneous ornaments. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jim dandy, n.

an unusually fine thing. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. That was a jim dandy meal.

Jine, v.

to join. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. Jines, v. joins. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 64. An the streams jines in the big brainch, ah.

Jist or jest, adv.

just. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jist tuk up fer, v.phr.

To stand-by and show loyalty for. 1910 A.M.
Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Tell Mam she jist
tuk up fer us, and you bet we come.

J'ist, n.

joist. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Job, v.

to jab. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jokey, adj.

jocular, fun loving, given to practical jokes.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jower, v. and n.

to argue, to quarrel, to complain, a quarrel. 1927
Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part X 475 Dial. Notes. Him an' her is allus a-

jowerin' 'bout that dang tooth-dentist. (as a noun)

They done had a leetle jower. Jower, v. to wrangle,
to quarrel, to argue. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Jowerin', v. quarreling. 1884 John Monteith PARSON
BROOKS VII, 45. We won't hev no jowerin' 'bout it.

Joberous, adj.

doubtful, fearful. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. I'm juber'us
'bout a-gorn in thar.

Jump out, v. phr.

to take to task, to call to account. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212
Dial. Notes. I jumped 'im out fer talkin' about
me.

June along, v. phr.

to hasten. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. To come a-junin'.

(To taste o' the) kag, v. phr.

to become monotonous. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 212 Dial.
Notes.

Kase, ad.

because. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES
140. Cattle nigh give out skeered pap
pow-ful that did, kase he 'lowed they mought.

Keen, adj.

anxious, enthusiastic, unusually fine. 1923
Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 212 Dial. Notes. I claim that's a
purty keen crap o' corn. I'm keen t' hyear
how th' 'lection went. Bill's plumb keen
about huntin'.

Keern, n. or v.

care. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Ketch, v.

catch. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 19
Dew yo ketch.ontew hit, Kunnel? 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 212 Dial.
Notes. Ketched, v. caught. 1907 H.B. Wright

THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17. I 'lowed you was a stranger in these parts soon's I ketched sight of you.

Kilt,v.

killed. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW, I,14. They knowed Nick Shaggers kilt him.

Kin,n.

kindred. Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE 268. No she hath kin noon of hir blood.

Kinder,ad.

kind of. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III,28. Kinder like that, Kunnel.

Kit and bile, n.phr.

every one. 1926 May K.McCord A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec. p.19 Sample Case. Before morning the whole kit and bile of ye may be on the coolin' board.

Knob, from the, adj.

an expression used for emphasis. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 400 Dial. Notes. That feller shore is a sport from the knob.

(To) knock the tar out of,v.phr.

to beat senseless. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

(To) knock the God out of, v. phr.

to beat senseless. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 212 Dial. Notes.

Knowed, v.

knew. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW, I, 14.

They knowed Nick Shaggers kilt him. Knowed, v.

known, 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
VI, 58. We ought to knowed better.

Knowance, n.

knowledge. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. Wal, hit mout
be so, but I sure aint got no knowance of hit.

Kunnel, n.

colonel. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS, I, 11.

Be neighborly Kunnel, we shell be right pleased tew
hav yo come ovah an' break bread with us.

Lag or laig, n. or v.

lag, to intercede for, to beg or plead for another,
to offer moral support, as to a candidate for office.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
213 Dial. Notes. I broke m' lag. I'll lag for you
(i.e. I'll work for you).

Laist, ad.

last. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS 1,7. Wal, I
see yo've arriv' at laist, how's all?

Land on, v. phr.

to attack, to assault, 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Lashins and lavins, n.

a great quantity. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. Shore
them Hawkinses hov got money--lashins an' lavins of
hit.

Lasty, adj.

durable, substantial, permanent. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Lavish, n.

a large quantity. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.
If them Hommonses is a-lookin' fer trouble, they'll
shore git a lavish of it.

Lay, v.

wager, 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 7. But you
est Tom Talon, I lay Tom'll know.

Lay-bell, v.

to label. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SHAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. I lay-belled all o'
my canned fruit.

Lay out, v.phr.

to plan, to purpose. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. I
shore laid out t' kill me a preacher. to lie idle
or unused. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. I jes' had t'
let th' east forty lay out this year. (a phrase ap-
plied to cleared land not under cultivation.)

Lay out, v.phr.

to remain away intentionally, as from a public
gathering. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Lay way, v.

to waylay, to attack from ambush, 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes.

Least, adj.

diminutive. Also, as a comparative, smaller or anal-
lest. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. All o' my hogs but the least-
uns is a-goin' right well. They's been the least bad
weather this winter't I ever seed. The least mule
o' that span aint fitten fer nothin'.

Leastways, ad.

anyway. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 8. Leastways,
I'm agoin' to, cause--waal, taint no business o' mine
why y'all's a-goin' thar, is it?

Leetle, adj.

little. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS, II, 15.
We'uns is happy on leetle, an' yc'uns is happy on
a heap. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. Leetle uns, n. phr.

Lepe, v.

leaped. Seldom used, 'jumped' being employed instead. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. Lepe, v. to leap. 1385-6 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN 2008. The best achoked, he shal on him lepe, To sleen him, or they comen more to -hepe.

Let on, v. phr.

to pretend, to exhibit any interest or knowledge. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. I jes let on like I wasn't a-keerin' ..I seen 'em a-sneakin' out, but I never let on.

Levellander, n.

a squatter on river bottom land. 1927 May K. McCord BLACK DIRT Mar. p.14 Sample Case. Them levellanders, I don't want no truck with 'em.

Libel, n.

written declaration. 1386-1388 Chaucer SOMNOUR'S PROLOGUE D 1595. May I nat axe a libel, sir Somnour.

Lifes,n.

lives. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX,65.

He saves his life, and the lifes of his browts.

Light,n.v. and v.phr.

daylight. to dismount. to attack by words or blows.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

213 Dial. Notes. Light, stranger, an' come in.

Liker,ad.

likely. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,8. On a

crow-fly bout five miles; but liker ten behind

hosses.

Likkety-whoop,adv.

rapidly and more or less at random, also 'likkety-

hell, likkety-rip, likkety-damn, likkety-scoot.'

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

213 Dial. Notes. He went down the road likkety whoop.

Little grain,n.phr.

a little bit. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III,24.

I was afeard that I was a little grain aerly.

Lofte,n.

upper room. 1385-6 Chaucer LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN 2708

And at the window leep he from the lofte.

Lolliper, n.

something particularly admirable or pleasing.

1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS

Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. Look at thet 'ar

Paisley gall! Aint she a lolliper, now!

Look down one's nose, v. phr.

to look sorrowful, discouraged or ashamed.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI

213 Dial. Notes.

Lope, v.

to gallop. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. Lope, v. leap. 1884

John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 46. Mebbe he thinks

them friends o' his will lope roun.

Lot, n. or v.

a small enclosure. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol.V Part VI 213 Dial. Notes. Lot the cows

tonight. Put your mule in the lot.

Louse around, v. phr.

to loiter about aimlessly. Also 'laze around,'

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Low,adj.

short of stature. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. Ho's a low, fat
feller.

'lowed,v.

allowed (meaning supposed) 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE
VERSES, 140. Fust off Pap 'lowed Bud and me better
tay to home.

M

Make agin, v. phr.

to injure. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. I done quit
a-chawin' terbacker--I seed hit was a-makin agin me.

Make out, v. phr.

to manage, to accomplish, to succeed. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial.
Notes. I fin'ly made out t' git hyar.

Make over, v. phr.

to greet with effusive and demonstrative affection.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
214 Dial. Notes. They shore did make over me when I
driv up.

Make up with, v. phr.

to adjust a quarrel. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Mail rider, n.

a mail carrier. Applicable to one who carries mail
on a horse. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Maister, n.

master. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10.

My sarvint, sah, an' whin I left the rivah tew come
aout heah I run agin him a' he was a' kivortin' acun'
bigger'n his ole maister. 1386-88 Chaucer PRIORESS'S
PROLOGUE B 1627. Sir gentil, maister, gentil marineor!

Mash, n. or v.

mesh. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Mass dark, adj.

absolutely. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol. V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. Hit's jos' plum
mass dark in them 'ar caves-- darker'n whut hit ever
does git top o' th' ground.

Mast, n.

fruit of forest trees as acorns and beech nuts. Chaucer
MINOR POEMS IX, 7, 37. That noight but mast or apples
is therinne.

Master, adj.

expert, superlative. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. He's the masterest
worker in the settlement. Hit shore was a master storm.

Masterest, ad.

finest. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES, 140.

And it grows the masterest corn that any body ever
seen sence ever they was born.

Me, n.

mine, my property, that which belongs to me. 1923

Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI

214 Dial. Notes. Air you-all a-runnin' y'r cattle
on me? Me, pro. I 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES

140. Me and Pap and Mam and Bud, we'se done been to
town.

Mebbe, ad.

maybe. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. Mebbe
yo' all is of them I'm referrin' tew.

Meet up with, v. phr.

to meet, to be introduced, to become acquainted

with. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. Has you-uns ever met up afore?

Met up with, v. phr.

to become acquainted with. 1907 H.B. Wright THE SHEP-

HERD OF THE HILLS IV, 36. You see its been a good while

since we met up with anybody like you, and we count

it a real favor to have you.

Middlin', adj.

tolerable. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial. Notes.

How's, th' ol' woman, Gabe? Oh, she's middlin'--
jes fair t' middlin'. Middlin'n. a side of meat
bacon, 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

Mighty, adv. or adj.

strong, convincing. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

A mighty feller, a mighty sick baby, a mighty
talker.

Mighty nigh, adv.

almost, very near. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

I'm mighty nigh thar.

Miller, v.

to beat, to pummel. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial.
Notes. My boy he ketched thet feller an' jes'
millered him up t' a fair-you-well.

Mill tails o' hell, adv.phr.

swiftly, violently. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes.

The creek's a-runnin' like the mill tails o' hell.

Mind, n. and v.

attention. to remember, to attend to, to remind,
tempted. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 214 Dial. Notes. He wouldn't give
no mind to me. I mind 'im when he was jist a sprout
of a boy. Be shore 'n' mind me o' what I said.

I'm minded t' break y'r neck. Minde, n. and v.

memory, to remember. 1386-88 Chaucer SQUIERES TALE
F 109. If it so be that I have it in minde.

Misput, v.

to misplace, to lose, to mislay. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 475 Dial.
Notes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. I misput that letter.

Mite, n.

a bit. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
IV, 39. But law sirl I ain't a blamin' her a mite
for goin'.

Mix, v.

to quarrel, or to fight. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Mix it, v.

to attack. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. Shet's up, so's he
won't mix it 'ith you.

Mixtry, n.

mixture. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol. V Part X 475 Dial. Notes. This hyer
puddin's jes' a kinder mixtry like.

Moighty, ad.

mighty. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 18.
Them is moighty nice leetle tricks.

Moon shimmer, n.

moon shine. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL
BILLY II, 50. I was a settin' out back of the house
in the lonely moon shimmer.

More 'n Carter had oats, adv. phr.

a very large quantity. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.
I got more grief 'n' Carter hed oats.

Mosey, v.

move. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
X,91. Well, I'll mosey along.

Mother-wit, n.

native intelligence. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.
That 'ar Simpson boy's fine eddicated, but he don't
'pear t' have no mother-wit.

Mought, v.

might. 1910 A.M Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES, 140
Skeered pap pow'ful that did, kase he 'lowed
they mought. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. I mought
be able t' go. Mout, v. might. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS I,8. I mout az well be bold with ye,
an tell you who I be, fur I reckon you nivah heard
of me. Shakespeare THREE HENRY VI, V, 2, 45. "And more
he would have said and more he spoke which sounded
like a clamor in a vault, That mought not be distin-
guished."

Moot, v.

might. 1386-88 Chaucer MANCIPLE'S PROLOGUE H 40.
Foule moot thee falle!

Mought 'a' could, v.

might have been able. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. I
mought 'a' could if I'd a' wanted to.

Mull, v.

to ponder over, to cogitate upon. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial.
Notes. I'll mull the thing over.

Muscle, v.

to more or lift. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.
You-uns kin muscle thet leetle rock easy.

N

Name, n.

self-respect. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. He
wallered me in th' dirt afore my famby, Jedge,
and I los' my name right thar! 1325-6 Chaucer
LEGEND OF GOOD WOMEN 1761. Let men glewe on us the
name; Suffyceth that we han the fame.

Name, v.

to mention. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes. He
shore never named it to me.

Narr', adv.

narrow. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial. Notes.

Nary, adj.

not one. More emphatic than 'ary', and unlike the
later, primarily indicates the negative. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
215 Dial. Notes.

Near adj.

stingy. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Nearder,adv.

nearer. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Neardest,adv.

nearest. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. He come the
nearest drown'din' I ever seed.

Neighbor with,v.phr.

to be neighborly. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.
Him an' me neighbored t'gether.

Neck o' the woods,n.phr.

part of the country. 1923 M.S.Gross, HAUNTED HOLLOW
I,8. Tain't a Cunninham in this neck o' the woods,
son.

Nigh,adv.or adj.

near or nearly. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. Hit's mighty
nigh noon. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8.
I'm proud I've saw ye. Bein' so pow'ful nigh one
anothah I 'loved we'd orter be ecquainted. 1907
H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,18. Jim
knows a heap more 'bout old man Dewey's cave than
he lets on; his place bein' so nigh.

Nigh front, ad.phr.

the one near the front. 1910 A.M.Haswell

WAYSIDE VERSES 140. The nigh front linch pin bust,
wheel run off, and down we come.

Nigh side,n.

the left side or near side. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor

SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Nivahtheliss,ad.

nevertheless. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS;

I,8. Nevahtheliss I'm boun' tew shell down all thar
is in mo while I'm 'bout it.

Noble,adj.

extra fine. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes. This is noble spring
o' water.

No count,adj.

of no account, worthless, lazy, shiftless, not

respectable. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Nohow,ad.

anyhow. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,16.

Let alone m' eyes haint right peart nohow.

Nope, neg.

no. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

I,17. Nope, its a right smart piece to where I
live.

Norate, v.

to make public by word of mouth. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 401 Dial.

Notes. Norate, v. to make public by word of mouth.
Applicable chiefly to the spreading of unpleasant
or depreciatory rumors of a personal nature.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
215 Dial. Notes.

No sich of a damn' thing, ex.

indignant denial. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 215 Dial. Notes.

Novel, n.

novelty, newness. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.

Lem he never swaps nothin' till he gits th' novel
all wore off'n hit.

'Nuf, ad.

enough. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 20.

Likely 'nuf.

Nup, neg.

no. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,8. Nup.

Tain't a Cunninham in this neck o' the woods,
son.

Nurly, adj.

gnarled, twisted, tough, cross-grained, ill
tempered, viciously inclined, irritable. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
215 Dial. Notes.

Obleeged, v.

obliged. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 15.
The oldest gaerl was married, but was obleeged tew
chillern is with us.

Ofter, ad.

after. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 55.
That's just what we'uns is ofter findin' acout.

O'hern, pro.

of hers. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS,
II, 26. When she comes a ridin' up t' the office on
that brown pony o'hern, I'll be dad burnod if she
doesn't pretty nigh fill the whole outdoors.

Olden, adj.

old. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. (Used in several set
phrases as olden times, which means anything more than
two generations back).

Ol' place, or ol' field, n.

one that has changed ownership or been abandoned.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
216 Dial. Notes.

On.prep.

of. also used the same as the prefix 'un'. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
216 Dial. Notes. Heerd on. Oncertain, ontie,
on-done.

On aidge,adj.phr.

irritable, irascible, ill tempered. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Onct,ad.

once. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17.
Preachin' Bill he 'lows hits good for afeller t'be
down in the back onct in a while. 1926-27 Rose Wilder
Lane THE HILL BILLY I,13. Ef ever Bull Garner teches
me onct more I'm agoin to--

Onliest,adj.

only. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 216 Dial. Notes. That's the onliest ax I got.

On the beat,adj.phr.

dishonest. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the county,adj.phr.

dependent on charity. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the borry,adj.phr.

continually borrowing. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the grunt,adj phr.

slightly indisposed, inclined to complain. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial.
Notes.

On the bum,adj.phr.

damages, out of repair, functionless. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the level,adj.phr.

honest, reliable, true. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the lift,adj.phr.

unable to arise because of illness or weakness.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
216 Dial. Notes.

On the mend,adj.phr.

improving, convalescent. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the git,adj.phr.

penurious, stingy, grasping. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the peck,adj.phr.

pugnaciously inclined. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

On the guess, adj.phr.

doubtful, wondering, fearful. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Open,v.

to give tongue, to bay, as a hound. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Open one's eyes,v.phr.

to surprise. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Open one's head,v.phr.

to speak. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Open one's heart,v.phr.

to be generous. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Orn'ry,adj.

worthless, shiftless, lazy. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.
Ornery,adj. bad. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF
THE HILLS IV,39. Her Daddy is a'runnin' with that
ornery Wash Bibbs.

Ort,v.

ought. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Orter,v.

ought to. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8.
I'm proud I've saw ye. Bein' so pow'ful nigh one
anothah I 'lowed we'd orter be ecquainted.
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
216 Dial. Notes.

Out,n.

result. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes. He made a pore out o'
farmin'. Out,v. to cheat, to defraud. 1927 Vance
Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X
476 Dial. Notes. He don't need no pension, nohow--
he's jes' a-tryin' to out th' government.

Out done,adj.

beaten, overcome, humilitated, embarassed. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
216 Dial. Notes.

Out duganed, adj. or v.

circumvented by questionable means. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial.
Notes. I felt plumb out duganed. He jest plumb out
duganed me.

Overly, ad.

much. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,9. I'm not
larn'd, thet is not overly.

Over 'n' above,adj.

in excess of. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes. I made a dollar a day
over 'n' above my expenses.

P

Palin,n.

pailing. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Passel,n.

parcel. Also a large number. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

A passel o' people.

Pass a word or two,v.phr.

to hold a short conversation. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Pass the time o' day,v.phr.

to greet. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 216 Dial. Notes.

Peart,ad.

well. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17.

Pap's down in the back now an' aint right peart.

Peench,v.or n.

pinch. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Peert,adj.

lively, animated, cheerful, well in excellent health, apt, precocious. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. That's aright peert baby. Hit's a-feelin' a right smart peerter now. (If the child is recovering from an illness.)

Peg out,v.phr.

to become exhausted, to die. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Perky,adj.

egotistical, affected. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. He's the perkier man in town.

Personate,v.

to call by name. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. He personated me right out before all them 'ar furriners.

Pesterin,v.

bothering. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY Int.12 He's ben apesterin' me every which way I turn. Pester'n,ad. very. 1926 May K.McCord A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec. p.19 Sample Case. Some folks is so pester'n little you could spit 'em into a chigger's eye and he wouldn't even bat it.

Piddle, v.

to potter about, to be occupied with small tasks of no great consequences. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. Thet 'ar boy'll git hisse'f kilt one o' these days, a-piddlin' 'round th' saw-mill.

Piece of the ways, adj.

a part of the distance. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. Maw she come a piece of the ways with me.

Pile out, v.phr.

to arise early and go to work. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

P'int, n. or v.

point. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Pindlin', adj.

weak, puny. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. The Injun young-uns is all kinder pindlin' like it 'pears.

Pint,n.

point. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS, VII,45.

Don't yo see hits a plum, clar pint? Pints,n.

points. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
XXVI,215. Every hound has hits strong pints, but some
has more of 'em.

Pizen,n.or v.

poison. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Plague,v.

to embarrass, to annoy, to confuse. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Plat,v.

to plait or braid, as the hair or strips of bark. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial.
Notes. Shakespeare ROMEO & JULIET I,5,89. "This is
that very mob that plats the main of horses in the night."

Play whaley, v.phr.

to make a failure. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. He played whaley a-
farmin'.

Plum, ad.

right. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW, I, 14.

Thars ony one way to git into that holler, cause
hits a shut-in, and Nick lives plum in the gap.

Plum, ad.

entirely. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 19.

All the rist of is plum squar'd up. 1910 A.M.Haswell
WAYSIDE VERSES 140. And gainst I had Bud clar of it,
it took plumb all of mine. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. 1907
H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Int.12. A man
jes naturally wears hissself plumb out awalkin' on a
level 'thout ary down hill t'spell him.

Poke, n.

bag. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY Got your
snack in your poke? 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. 1386-88 Chaucer
MILLERES TALE A 3780 Gerveys answerde, "Certos, were
it gold, Or in a poke nobles alle untold.

Pore, v. and adj.

to pour, poor. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. 1385-86 Chaucer LEGEND

OF GOOD WOMEN Prologue 388. Yit mot he doon bothe
right, to pore and riche.

Pore toot, n.

a shiftless, lazy person. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Portly, adj.

large, handsome. The word has no particular reference
to corpulence or dignity. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Power, n.

efficiency, quantity. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes. He's a power of a
talker. They's been a power o' rain lately.

Pow'ful, ad.

powerfully (meaning greatly) 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE
VERSES 1910. Skeered pap pow'ful that did. 1884 John
Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I'm proud I've saw ye.
Bein' so pow'ful nigh one anotheah I 'lowed we'd orter
be ecquainted. 1907 H.B. Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE
HILLS II, 25. I'm powerful hungry, though.

Prank, v.

to experiment, to manipulate. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.
That fool boy'll ruinate hisse'f, a-prankin' with
thet 'ar choppin' axe.

Prepozely, adv.

intentionally, purposely. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Principally, adv.

usually, generally. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes.
Yarbs princip'ly aint no good 'thout a lectle whiskey.

Prize, n. or v.

pry, meaning to lift with a lever. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 217 Dial. Notes.

Pussy, adj.

countrified, awkward. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. She's
th' pussiest ol' woman in th' hull settlement.

R

Rastle, v.

get. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,7. The Missis
might rastle out a bit o' breakfast fer us.

Read after, v.phr.

to read, or to read about. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial.
Notes. My boy he read atter this hyar Bryan. (The
phrase studies atter is used in the same way.)

Reckon, v.

verb. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,19
You know the Matthews's I reckon. Reckin, v. reckon.
1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. I mout ez well
be bold with ye, an tell you who I be, fur I reckon
yo' nivah heerd of me. Reckin, v. reckon (meaning
suppose) 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. I reckon
that snortin' engine thing could haul a hundred
bar'l of corn!

Reverence, v.

to tolerate. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes. Ef a feller done
me like Lem done her, I shore wouldn't reverence him
fer a minute.

Ricollect, v.

recollect. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rid, v.

rode. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Ridge runner, n.

a derisive term for the mountaineer, as contrasted
with the valley farmer. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.
(Implies ignorance or stupidity. The word hill-billy
is used in the same sense.)

Ridiculous, adj. & adv.

shocking, outrageous. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes.

Hit was plum ridic'lus how that feller kilt his pappy.

Right, ad.

very. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 11. We shell
be right pleased tew hev yo come ovah an' break bread
with us. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. I'm a-feelin' right well.

Right peart, ad. phr.

very well. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 16.
Let alone m' eyes haint right peart nohow.

Right smart, ad. phr.

a good bit. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III, 24.
I was heah right smart before sun up. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.
A right smart of rain or of dry weather.

Rightly, adv.

exactly, precisely. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. I caint rightly
say. I don't rightly know.

Rile, v.

to roil, to incite to anger. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

(To get a) rise out of, v. phr.

to incite to vehement to angry protest. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 219 Dial.
Notes.

Rist, n.

rest. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 11. I aim
to put the rist in pertaters.

Riz, v.

arose. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III, 25.

I was a-thinkin' ez I riz in the night tew fix the faar. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. He riz up in bed an' shore rose hell when Doc set 'is arm.

Roar, n. or v.

boisterous protest. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rock, v.

to attack with stones. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. I rocked 'im off o' the place.

Roiled, v.

disturbed. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 41.
The leetle uns was gittin' all roiled up.

Rollix, v.

to carouse, or to philander. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 476 Dial. Notes.
Doc Yancey he jes' lei' his woman at home an' went a-rollixin' 'roun th' country.

Rompa't, n.

rampart. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 66.
But they found F. Brooks on the rampa't with the
trumpit tew his maouth.

Rookus, n.

ruckus, an altercation. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rotine, n.

a series of connected items. 1927 Vance Randolph
MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 476 Dial.
Notes. They's a hull rotine o' thet 'ar ballot, but
I caint sing hit no more. (This merely means that
the song has many verses, but that the speaker has
forgotten them.)

Rue back, v. phr.

to trade back. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol. V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. We done
swapped fa'r an' squa'r, an' now Ed he's a-tryin'
t' rue back on me.

Ruint, v.

ruined. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V
Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. Dry weather like to 'a' ruint me.

Run, n.

a series, a succession. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.
I had a run o' good logs.

Run a sandy over, v. phr.

to mislead by trickery. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Rusty, adj.

old, uncouth, unkempt, shaggy, unshaven. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219
Dial. Notes. Chaucer REMAUNT OF THE ROSE 159. Ful
foul and rusty was she, this.

Ruther, adv.

rather. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS VII, 41. I war ruther agin lettin'
the gaerls go.

S

Saft-skinned, adj.

soft-skinned. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I, 8. I don't keep no comp'ny with them tindah
saft-skinned baptists you all heve in the city.

Sahr'l, adj.

sorrel, 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Sand.

stupid. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes. Don't know enough
to pound sand in a rat hole. 'Don't know enough
to pound akerns in a woodpecker hole.'

Sand, no sand in his craw, v.phr.

nerveless, fearful, cowardly. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 219 Dial. Notes.

Sashay, sashiate, v.

to move briskly about. Used chiefly in calling
dances. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 402 Dial. Notes. (This is
doubtless derived from the French chasse).

Saying,n.

a speech, (the word is also used with reference to proverbs, maxims and quotations. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. He jes' cussed evorbody plum scan'lous. I never hyeerd such a sayin' in my whole life. (the twenty-third Psalm is sometimes described as a "mighty good sayin'.)

Say so,n.

authority. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. I aint got no say so 'bout the deal.

Scairt,v.

scared. 1923 E.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,13. I hain't scairt o' nothin'.

Scald,n.

satisfactory accomplishment. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. I got a good scald on that job.

Scalowag,n.

scoundrel. 1927 May K.McCord BLACK DIRT Mar. p.14 Sample Case. He is just another scalowag a-beatin' his debts where he came frum.

Science,adj.

skillful, proficient, expert. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial.
Notes. Jim shore is a plum science fiddler.
(Sometimes a final d or t is pronounced, and the word
becomes scienced.)

Scoffle,v.

1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V
Part X 477 Dial. Notes. Maggie kep' a-scofflin' at
me--allus a hell raisin' 'bout somethin'.

Scrooch, or scrouch,v.

to crouch. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Scrooge,v.

to squeeze or crowd in. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.
I'll jes' scrooge in hyar 'long side o' th' school-
marm.

Scrunch,v.

to crunch or mash. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Sech,ad.

such. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES, 140.

Wal we got to town at last; sech another place!

1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS II,26.

I've often thought hit didn't look jost fair for
God 'lmighty t' make sech a woman 'thout ary man
t' match her.

Seed,v.

saw. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,20.

Bud Wilson sure seed it. 1884 John Monteith PARSON

BROOKS I,10. An' I seed the Confidrits getherin

aroun'. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Se'f,n.

self. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Sence,ad.

since. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,17. Been

so da-burned long sence I been down this way I'm

most forgittin'. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES

140. That any body ever seen sence ever they was

born. Sence,adv. since. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE

COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Set, v. and n.

to sit, to court, a site as for a mill. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. Bill's a-settin' Mary.

Set a spell, v. phr.

to visit. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. I don't relish them folks none, but I sot a spell with 'em anyways.

Set in, v. phr.

begins. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes. Jim's farm is right hyar an' runs plum t' the creek. (This phrase is used in a peculiar sense with reference to spatial measurements.)

Set stakes to see if he's a-movin', v. phr.

said of a slow, indolent person. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Settlement, n.

neighborhood, locality. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Several,adj.

a large number. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes. They's sever'l fox in them 'ar bluffs (When a hillman says this instead of three or four or ten, he means a great many.)

Shade,n.

a slight degree. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SHAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. Hit's a shade too big.

Shell,v.

shall. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,11. Be neighborly Kunnel, we shell be right pleased tow hev yo come ovah an' break bread with us.

Shell down,v.

to say. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. Nevantheless I'm boun' tew shell down all thar is in me while I'm 'bout it. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS V,39. Get up and shell down, Parson.

Shet,v.

shut. Chaucer ROMAUNT OF THE ROSE 429. Til that I fond a wicket smal, So shet, that I ne mighte in soon.

(To git)shot of, v. phr.

to be rid of. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Shocr, n. or v.

share. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Shield, n.

a sheath. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. His shirt was
tore, an' I seed a cowhide shield 'ith a big knife
into.

Shimring, n.

glimmer. 1386-88 Chaucer REVES TALE A 4297. And saugh
a litel shimmering of a light, For at an hole in shoon
the more bright;

Sho', adj.

sure. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10. I was sho'
the north wud git whupped.

Sho' ez yo're bawn, exclam.

as sure as you're born. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
I, 10. But it'll come yit, sho' ez yo're bawn. 1910 A.
M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. And I reckon shore's you

born that snortin' engine thing could haul a
hundred barl of corn!

Shoe mouth deep, adj. phr.

to a depth equal to the height of an ordinary shoe,
as in mud or snow. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Shoot it into one, v. phr.

to berate, to answer an argument with strong
language. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Shoot one's wad, v. phr.

to express an opinion, to do what is to be done.
1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI
220 Dial. Notes.

Shore, adv. or adj.

sure or surely, shorely. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. 1894
John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III 26. I'm proud hit's
so, shore.

Shot to pieces, v. phr.

dilapidated. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Should, aux. v.

supposedly. (in indirect discourse). 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. 'Cordin' to Bill, Sam sh'd 'a' said I was a liar.

Shuk, v.

shook. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Sich, adv.

such. Also 'sech'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Side, v.

to accompany. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. If he wants a pardner I'll side 'im.

Side an' side, adv. phr.

side by side. Also 'side by each.' 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Sideburns, n.

burnsides. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Side road,n.

a secondary road. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes.

Sight,n.

an unusual occurrence. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

That house shore is a sight. Hit was a plumb sight
t' look at.

Sight unseen,adv.phr.

to trade or exchange commodities without first
seeing what is offered in exchange. Also 'unsight'
'unseen! 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Since the hogs et up m' brother,adv.phr.

a very long time. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Since Heck was a pup,adv.phr.

a very long time. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Skace,adj.

scarce. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Skeer, v. or n.

scare. Past tense 'skeert'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.
Skeered, v. scared. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I don't keep no comp'ny with them tindah saft-skinned baptists yo all have in the city, thet's afeerd of the trewth, thet's skeerd of freezin' weather.

Skelp, v. or n.

scalp. Also 'ske'p'. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.
To skelp weeds, (to cut them off at the surface of the earth.)

Skeered, v.

scared. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140.
Skeered pap powful that did.

Shet, v.

to shut. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 220 Dial. Notes. 1907 H.B. Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS VIII, 74. His jaw shet with a click, like he'd cocked a pistol.

Skinny,adj.

thin. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS VIII,
76. 'Pears like you might o'been agrain warmer about
hit.

Skun,v.

skinned. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.
V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Slam,v.

to strike violently. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Slash,v.and n.

to spill, to splash over, refuse resulting from
logging operations, a jungle. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.
Some o' the water slashed out o' the bucket.

Slattery,adj.

dirty, dilapidated. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes.
Jim's pappy he lives in a ol' slattery shanty.

Slathers,n.

a very large amount. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. Them
fellers has all got slathers o' money.

Sleight,n.

deftness, expertness, a certain manner of manipulation. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Slaunchways,adv.

slanting. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes.

Slump,n.

a large, fleshy, untidy person. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes.

Smidgin,n.

a very small quantity. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes.
That 'ar preacher-man haint got nary a smidgin o' sense.

Smiley,adv.or adj.

smiling. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. He's mighty smiley.
He's a smiley feller.

Snuk, v.

sneaked. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Sock, v.

to thrust into, to strike violently. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial.
Notes. I socked him one.

Sooner, adv.

rather. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. I'd sooner not go.

Slow, v.

to attack, to kill. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. (The
word is pronounced to rhyme with plow, and is perhaps
a corruption of slay.)

Sorrow, adv.

the written form of sorry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Sorrow, adj. sorry, inferior. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial.
Notes. I'm right sorrow I caint holler no louder.
That shore is a sorry meal o' vittles.

Sorry,adj.

of a poor grade. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. He's a sorry farmer. That's a sorry calf. Sorry,adj. miserable 1386-1388 Chaucer MAUNICIPLE'S PROLOGUE 55. So unwelody so this sory palled gost.

Sorter,adv.

sort of. Also 'sortuh'. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. I'm sortuh puny.

Sot,v.

set. 1910 A.M.Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. And me and Pap and Mam and Bud sot out to see the town. Sot,v. past tense of sit or set. Also expressive of stubbornness. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. He's mighty sot in his ways.

Specs,n.

spectacles. 1834 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,16. I've broke one of the glaases in the specs.

Spell,n.and v.

a period of time. Past tense, 'spelt,' to make a ludicrous blunder, to relieve. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Spew, v.

to scatter or spread. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes.

Th' wind blowed th' line down, an' spowed Maw's clo'es all over th' berry-patch. Spowe, v. vomit 1386-88 Chaucer PERSONES TALE 138. As doth the hound that returneth to eten his spewing.

Spile, n.

a small tube made by removing the pith of elder or sumac or similar woods. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes.

Spile, v.

spoil. 1925 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 13. Boys, I hain't wantin' fer to spile yore fun. Sp'il, v. to spoil, Past tense, 'spi'lt,' 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 221 Dial. Notes. Spiled, v. spoiled 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS V, 39. But hits done spiled now. Spilt, v. spilled. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Spit, n.

exact likeness. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 403 Dial. Notes. He's th' spit 'n' image o' his ol' pappy.

Spunky,adj.

belligerent. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

To spunk up,v.phr.

to resent. Also decayed or rotten, as wood. 1925 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial.
Notes.

Squaller,n.

a whistle made from a straw or from the stem of a
pumpkin or squash.

Squamish,adv.

nauseating, Entertaining vague doubt about the propriety
of doing a certain thing. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Squoo-jawed,adj.

crooked, irregular. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. That 'ar
smokehouse is plum squoo-jawed.

Squench,v.

to quench. Also 'squinch,'. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Squinch, v.

to squint, as the eyes. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Squole, v.

squealed. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Squoze, v.

squeezed. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stand-in, n.

in preferred standing. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes. He's got a stand-in 'ith the boss.

Stash, v.

to conceal, to cache. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. Billy he done stashed the jug in th' brush, an' now the damned ol' fool caint find it.

Stay more, v. phr.

used when a guest is preparing to part. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Don't be drug off! Stay more Doc.

Stiddy, adj.

steady. Also 'studdy, '. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stob, n. and v.

a short post or stake, to stab or jab with a stick. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stobber, n.

any sharp-pointed instrument used in punching holes. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stomp, v.

to stamp. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Stooped, adj.

leaning or inclined, often applied to trees extending out over the water. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 477 Dial. Notes. Th' Injun he crope out enter a stooped tree an' giggered him a survigroug red-horse (The red-horse is a common Ozark fish--a kind of sucker.)

Stop in, v. phr.

to stop, in passing, for a short visit. 1923

Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI
222 Dial. Notes.

Store boughten, adj.

that which has been purchased from a merchant. 1923

Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 222
Dial. Notes.

Stout, adj.

in good health, never used to mean corpulent. 1926

Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE CZARKS Vol. V

Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Them stout gals is allus

kinder skinny-like. Stout, adj. strong. 1386-88

Chaucer CANTERBURY TALES PROLOGUE 545. The Miller
was a stout carl, for the nones.

Straddlin', v.

standing. 1925 May K. McCord COMING OF THE GREAT IRON

HORSE Jan. p. 29 Sample Case. I don't aim to have none

of them telly-whopper poles a-straddlin' round over

my land.

Strenth, n.

strength. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Strollopin', adj.

highly satisfactory. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. Jeff shore has made hisse'f some strollopin' good lickor.

Strut, v.

to swell. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. Maw's foot's plum strutted this morning Yes, sir jes' swole plum t' a strut. Strut, v. to distend. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Thet feller's eye-ball war strutted plum to a bladder.

Study, v.

to ponder, to cogitate over a problem. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Studdy, ad.

steady. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV, 23. But them's thets kunverted like they nivah hol's studdy in the hour o' trouble.

Sull, v.

to grow sullen, to refuse to talk. Also to balk, as a draft animal. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Sulter, v.

to smother, to suffocate. 1926 Vance Randolph

WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404

Dial. Notes. I mighty nigh sultered in that 'ar
holler.

Surround, v.

to go around, to detour. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD

LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes.

I surrounded th' house an' snuk in back o' th' barn.

Susy, adj.

ludicrously conceited. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS

FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. I

shore did holler 'n' laugh at that 'ar susy preacher.

1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V

Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. (Usually applied to a woman

whose manner or clothing is inferior.)

Suthin' er other, n.phr.

something or other. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY

TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Suthin' tur'ble, adv.phr.

exceedingly. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK

Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes. Hit gravelod me suthin'

tur'ble.

Swade on, v. phr.

to persuade. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. I didn't want t' go noways, but Elly she jes' swaded on me till I done hit.

Swag, r. and v.

low ground, usually wet, to sag. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Swap, n. or v.

trade, exchange. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Swear'd, v.

damned. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. I'll be swear'd t' Gawd ef I ever hyeerd tell o' sich doin's.

Swiddle, v.

to stir, to dip. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. He kep' s-swiddlin' his finger in th' puddin'.

Swinge, v.

to singe. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Swipt, v.

whipped. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,10.

I was sho' the aberlishernists an' nigger-stonlors
wad all be swipt down tow posterity.

Swivel, v.

to shrivel. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Swoggle, v.

to dip or stick. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Swoggle
yer bread in them sogrums oncet!

Sympathy, v.

to sympathize with. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes. I sympathy him
f'r his troubles.

T

Takon, v.

took. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. I done taken the book home.

Take a fall out of, v.phr.

to convince by force, to defeat, to subdue. 1923
Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223
Dial. Notes.

Take on', v.phr.

to mourn or grieve. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. He tuk on suth'
awful when she died.

Take the studs, v.phr.

to balk or refuse to obey, as an animal. To become
stubborn or obstinate, as a person. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial.
Notes.

Take water, v.phr.

to retreat, to retract a statement. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Teches, v.

touches. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
I, 13. Ef ever Bull Garner teches me onct more I'm
ago in to---

Tell, ad.

until. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140.

Tell Mam, she jist tuk up fer us, and you bot we
come.

Telly-whopper poles, n.

telephone poles. 1925 May K. McCord COMING OF THE
GREAT IRON HORSE Jan. p. 29 Sample Case. I don't
aim to have none o' them telly-whopper poles a-
straddlin' 'round over my land.

Tetchous, adj.

tender, sensitive. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORD
FROM THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 478 Dial. Notes.
Shakespeare TROILUS & CRESSIDA I, 1, 101. "I cannot
come to Cressid but by Pander, And he's as tetchy
to be woo'd to woo." Shakespeare RICHARD III, IV, 4,
168. "A grievous borther was thy birth to me, Tetchy
and wayward was thy infancy.

Tew git shet of, v. phr. .

to get rid of. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 15.
The oldest gaerl was married, but was obleeged tew
git shet of her ole man.

Thar, ad.

there. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
I, 17. Compton Ridge is over thar. 1884 John Monteith
PARSON BROOKS I, 6. Hullo thar! Whar's the doge at?
1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
223 Dial. Notes.

That-away, adv.

that way, in that manner, in that direction. 1923 Jay
L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial.
Notes. Thataway, pro. that way. 1907 H.B.Wright THE
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Int. 11. Hit war made thataway
on purpose.

That, pro.

that. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I'm one
of them that believes that Jesus Christ wint down
hintew the watah tew be baptized.

Thicker than Hammons in hell, adv. phr.

very abundant. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. (Doubt-
less a survival from some forgotten feud.)

Thin, ad.

then. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IV, 33. Thin
the chillern lays down and we draps the kivers ovah
them.

Think a sight of, v. phr.

to esteem highly, to like very much. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V Part VI 223
Dial. Notes.

This a-way, pro. phr.

this way. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 9.
Hit was this a-way. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol. V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

'Thout, prep.

without. 1907 H.B. Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
Int. 12. A man jes naturally wears hisself plumb out
awalkin' on a level 'thout ary down hill t'spell
him.

Through, n.

a series of doses of medicine, particularly applicable
to purgatives. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM
THE OZARKS Vol. V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. I taken a
through o' calomel las' week, an' now Doc's done
fixed me up a turrible through o' physic.

Tie hackin, n.

splitting of ties. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 12.
I'd be keen fer it, I would, only I got some tie-
hackin' north o' town.

Tie whacker, n.

a tie maker. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Till yit, adv.

yet. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. He aint come till yit.

Tindah, adj.

tender. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I
don't keep no comp'ny with them tindah soft-
skinned baptists yo all have in the city.

To be took, v.phr.

to die, to be captured, as a criminal. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial.
Notes.

To feel his lead, v.phr.

to be shot by him. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW
I, 14. Henry Wilson warn't the fust man to feel his
lead.

To git his tail up, n.

to become indignant or angry. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 222 Dial. Notes.

Tol'able,adv.

tolerable, in fair health. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.
I'm a-feelin' jist tol'able.

Tole,v.

to entice. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. Tole up the hogs.
(by feeding or calling them.) Tollen,v. attract,
entice. 1377-81 Chaucer BOETHIUS Book II Prose VII,
18. But natheles, it may not drawen or tollen swiche
hertes as ben y-bought to the fulle perfeccioun
of vertu.

Took on,v.

to mourn. 1926 May K.McCord A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS
Dec. p.19. Sample Case. The listeners were by far
more interested in seeing how those most concerned
"took on" at the buryin'.

Tooth-brush,n.

a chewed twig used in dipping snuff, 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
404 Dial. Notes.

Tooth-jumper,n.

a mountain dentist of the old school. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
404 Dial. Notes. (A toothjumper was one who ex-

tracted teeth by means of a mallet and a slender steel punch.)

Torn downdest, adj.

superlative. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. He's the torn downdest fool on airth.

Tote, v.

to carry. Less frequently used than 'pack.' 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. Totin', v. carrying. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 8. All I got to do is the totin'.

Touchous, adj.

tender, sensitive, fractious. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. My bile's right touchous. That mule shore is touchous.

Tourister, n.

a tourist. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Track, v.

to carry on the shoes, as mud or dust. Applicable also to the action of the rear wheels of a vehicle in following the path of the front ones.

1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V

Part VI 223 Dial. Notes.

Trewps,n.

troops. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,10.

Whin I heerd the Fid'ral govern'ment was raisin'
of trewps.

Tricks,n.

things. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,21.

What was there left to ask the world for except
a little store tricks "terbacky", "kofec".

Trollop,n.and v.

a restless woman, a gadabout. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial.
Notes. I shore wouldn't let no gal o' mine go a-
trollopin' round thataway.

Truck,n.

dealings. 1927 May K.McCord BLACK DIRT Mar.p.14.
Sample Case. Them levellanders, I don't want no
truck with 'em. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. I won't have
no truck 'ith a feller like him.

Try it on, v. phr.

a truculent dare. 1925 Jay L.B. Tarylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. If you think you kin ride me w'y jist try it on oncet.

Tuck, v.

took. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS XI, 80. Ef them names is tuck back the pa'son is willin' tow knock aout the widge an' let the split come together.

Tudy-rose, n.

a peculiar design used in quilts. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. (Someone has suggested that it may be identical with the Rose of the Tudors).

Tunk, v.

to thump, to rap. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. Injuns haint no sense, allus a-tunkin' on drums, or somethin'.

Turble, adj.

terrible, unusual, extraordinary. 1925 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 223 Dial. Notes. He's a turble worker.

Tutor, v.

to pamper, to indulge. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE
WORDS FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes.

She jos' tutored up that young-un till he aint
wuth shucks fer nothin'. Shakespeare TITUS AND-
RONICUS 98. Indeed I was their tutor to instruct
That coddin' spirit had they from their mother.

Twarnt, v. phr.

it was not. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,14.
I heered 'em wunst, an twarn't no panter neither.

'Twixt, prep.

between. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII,39.
What fur does yo all follor the mowls 'twixt the
plough helves all day throw the hot sun till agin
sundown. Shakespeare VENUS & ADONIS 76. 'Twix and
crimson shame and anger ashy pale.

U

Use, v.

to frequent, to loiter. 1926 Vance Randolph
WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404
Dial. Notes. You-all better gin up a-usin'
'roun' my still-house!

W

Wad, v.

to embarrass. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM
THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Thot
'ar joke shore wadded Mav.

Wade into, v. phr.

to attack, to assault violently. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial.
Notes.

Wait on, v. phr.

to wait for, to take care of a sick person, to
court. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. Don't wait on me. Bille's
a-waitin' on Mary.

War, v.

was. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. Skeered
me pow'ful till I seen as nothin' warnt the matter.
Seldom used by the present generation. 1923 Jay
L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial.
Notes.

Warp, v.

to bend. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS FROM THE
OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. Git a-goin'
now, or I'll jes warp this hyar fence-post over yer
head.

Wash-off, n.

a bath. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. (The hillman bathes in a tin wash-tub, in which he stands upright and rubs his body with a wet cloth).

Washing up, v. phr.

the ordinary laving of hands and face. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes.

Watah, n.

water. 1894 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I'm one of them that believes that Jesus Christ wint down hintew the watah tew be baptized.

We-all, n.

we. Also we-alls. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Weanlin, n.

one who has been weaned. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY I, 14. Leave him by his maw's side until he's a weanlin.

Ween, v.

to exhibit fear, to weaken. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes.

Hank he talsk mighty brash, but he'll mostly woen
when th' shootin' sets in.

Went with, v. phr.

became of or happened to. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. What went
'ith that corn?

Were, v.

was. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140. The water
were so deep.

We'se done, v. phr.

we have been. 1910 A.M. Haswell WAYSIDE VERSES 140.
Me and Pap and Mam and Bud, we'se done been to town.

Westerin, adj.

western. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
II, 54. Yore innocence is as plain to be seen as yonder
westerin' moon.

We-uns, n.

we. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part
VI 224 Dial. Notes. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS
II, 15. We'uns is happy on leetle, an' yo'uns is happy
on a heap. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS VII, 55.
That's just what we'uns is ofter findin' aout.

Whang,n.and v.

lace leather, to strike violently. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial.
Notes.

Whar,ad.

where. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,6. Hullo
thar! Whar's the doge at? Whar,ad. where. 1907
H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17. Whar
was you tryin' to git to Mister?

Whonover,adv.

when. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. Whenever I was a gal,
folks kep' ther' clo'eson, an' th' men-folks allus
wore th' britches.

Whonst,ad.

whon. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY Int,8.
Whonst you find yourself among them town lawyers.

Which,interrog.

what. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Which-away,adv.

which way? How? In what direction? 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial.
Notes.

Whin, ad.

when. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10.

Whin I heerd the Fid'ral gover'ment was raisin'
of trowps.

Whittle stick, n.

any piece of wood to be whittled on in idle moments.

1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI
224 Dial. Notes.

Whole hell's slough, n. phr.

in great quantities. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. They's
a whole hell's slough o' persimmons down thur in
the hollar.

Whomper-jawed, adj.

distorted, misshapen. 1927 Vance Randolph MORE WORDS
FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part X 478 Dial. Notes. Anso's
oldes' boy is kinder whomper-jawed. (The term is
sometimes applied to inanimate objects--crooked cabins,
vehicles and articles of furniture.)

Whoopity scoot, adv.

rapidly, and more or less at random. 1923 Jay L.B.
Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial.
Notes.

Whull, adj.

whole. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS III, 25.

I was a-thinkin' that I hedn't did m'whull jewty
when I was declarin' m'principles tew ye.

Whup, v.

to whip. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Whupped, v.

whipped. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10.

I was sho' the north wud git whupped.

Whur, adv.

where. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Whut, pro.

what. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Whuther, conj.

whether. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol. V

Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Wint, v.

went. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 8. I'm one

of them that believes that Jesus Christ wint down

hintew the watah tew be baptized.

Wisht, v.

wish. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS
Vol.V Part IX 404 Dial. Notes. I wisht I was out'n
this hyar jail-house.

Withy, adj.

tough, wiry, vigorous. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE
COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes. He's a
withy feller.

Work brickle, adj.

anxious to work. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Worldly, adj.

sophisticated, cultured, irreligious. 1926 Vance
Randolph WORD LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX
405 Dial. Notes. He was a right worldly-lockin'
feller.

Worritin', n.

worrying. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY Int.
3. Amany's the babe I've nurtured with work and
worritin' until the day when it goes its own way in the
broad world.

Wrench, v.

to rinse. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Write, v.

wrote. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol. V Part VI 224 Dial. Notes.

Wropped, v.

wrapped. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS IX, 66.
And when he's wropped his foine silky caud around
yo, then yo shell look behind.

Wudn't mine, v. phr.

would not mind. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I, 10.
You all mout let me hev the forty acre patch over
agin me, I wouldn't mine havin' of hit agin this year.

Wunst, ad.

once. 1923 M.S. Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I, 14. I heered
'em wunst, an 'twarn't no panter neither.

Y

Yaller,adj.and n.

yellow, the yolk of an egg. 1925 Jay L.B.Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 225 Dial. Notes.

Yan,adj.

yon, that. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI Dial. Notes. Hand me yan ax.

Yan-away,adv.

yonder. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK
Vol.V Part VI 225 Dial. Notes.

Yander,adv.

yonder. 1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V
Part VI 225 Dial. Notes. He went yander right now!
(i.e. disappeared in haste).

Yarmed,v.

to thrust into, to insert. 1926 Vance Randolph WORD
LIST FROM THE OZARKS Vol.V Part IX 405 Dial. Notes.

Yawed,v.

came. 1923 M.S.Gross HAUNTED HOLLOW I,6. At last,
along toward eight o'clock, we yawed into Cedar Knob.

Ye,pro.

you. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. I'm proud
I've saw ye. Bein' so pow'ful nigh one anotheah I
'lowed we'd orter be acquainted. 1926 May K.McCord

A BURYIN' IN THE OZARKS Dec.p.19 Sample Case

Before morning the whole kit and bile of ye may be
on the coolin' board.

Yer,pro.

your. 1907 H.B.Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS I,17.

What might yer name be.

Yere,ad.

here. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II,17. Wal,

I don't run agin no pertic'ler snag in this yere.

Yip,v.

to yelp. Also 'ye'p,'1923 Jay L.B.Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
TALK Vol.V Part VI 225 Dial. Notes.

Yo',pro.

you. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. I mout
ez well be bold with ye, an tell you who I be, fer
I reckon yo' nivah heard of me.

Yo'all,pro.

you. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. Mebber
yo' all is of them I'm referrin' tew.

Yon,ad.

yonder. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS I,8. In yon
cabin. 1386-88 Chaucer REVES TALE 4178. If that I
may, yon wenche wil I swyve.

Yore, pro.

your. 1926-27 Rose Wilder Lane THE HILL BILLY
III, 81. Well I remember yore paw.

You-all, n.

you. Also you-alls and you-uns. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor
SNAKE COUNTY TALK Vol.V Part VI 225 Dial. Notes.

Yo'uns, pro.

you. 1884 John Monteith PARSON BROOKS II, 15. We'uns
is happy on leetle, an' yo'uns is happy on a heap.

Yourn, pro.

yours. 1907 H.B. Wright THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS IV,
36. We aint got much but what we have is yourn.

Yowl, v.

to howl, to cry out. 1923 Jay L.B. Taylor SNAKE COUNTY
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