

Bethinking of Olde Orleans

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Old words seldom used

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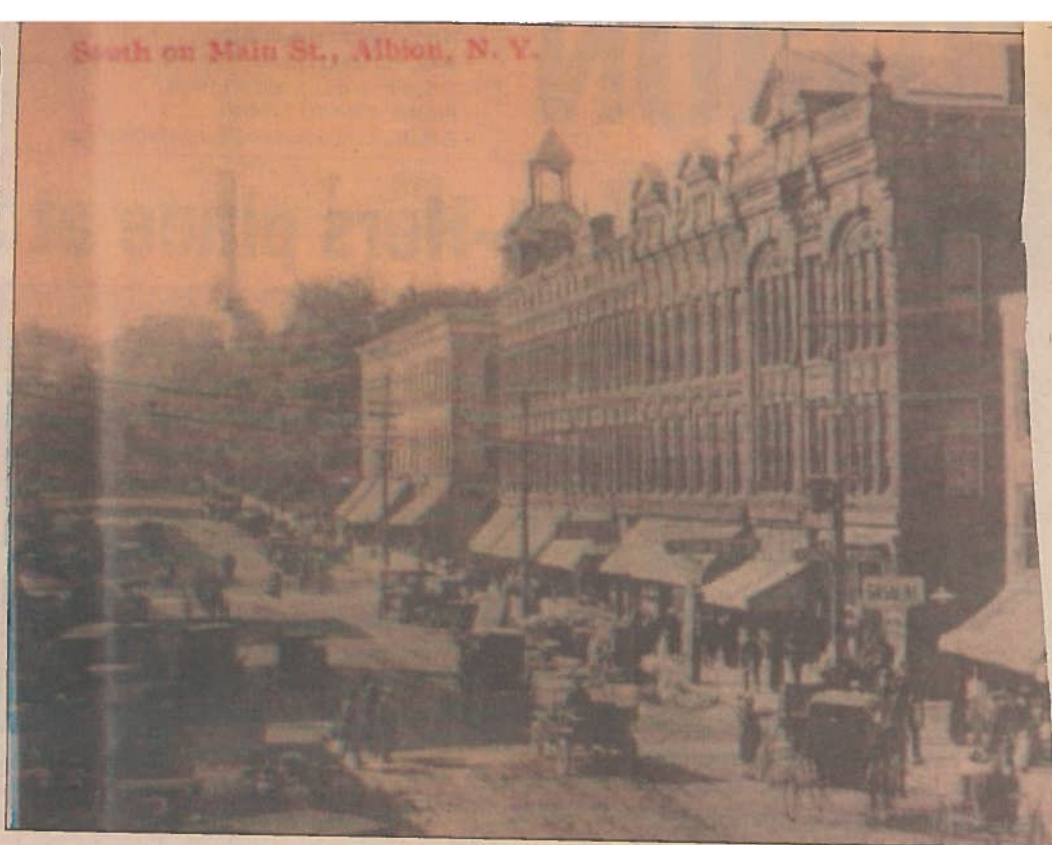
In doing historical research one occasionally finds words that are infrequently used as a part of 21st Century language. If our ancestors were to hear us speaking, I'm sure they would be baffled at some of our terminology in terms of modern technology along with slang. Likewise we can sometimes be as baffled at our ancestors' vocabulary.

Here is a list of infrequently used words compiled from historical sources. See if you can match the words with a number in front of them with the meaning (these words have a letter in front of them).

Answers follow at the end for you to check on yourself.

1. cur
2. malady
3. mountbank
4. dunghill
5. hillock
6. husbandman
7. mattock
8. cudgel
9. booty
10. goatherd
11. gambol
12. shoal
13. succour
14. clog
15. springe
16. rushlight
17. incommode
18. horn-book
19. collier
20. townsman
21. jackdaw
22. blackamoor
23. crane
24. winnow
25. periwig
26. apoplexy
- A. farmer
- B. grackle (blackbird)
- C. loss of consciousness
- D. to remove chaff from grain
- E. illbred dog
- F. a pretender
- G. a large group - crowd
- H. to prance about
- I. to help
- J. nature of a town
- K. negro
- L. disturb
- M. child's reading book
- N. manure pile
- O. prize
- P. a small hill
- Q. a short heavy stick
- R. sickness
- S. a weight to impede an animal
- T. one who tends goats
- U. wig
- V. a candle made from rush dipped in grease
- W. a coal miner
- X. implement for digging
- Y. a snare or trap
- Z. a swinging arm in fireplace for kettles

Answers: 1-E, 2-R, 3-F, 4-N, 5-P, 6-A, 7-X, 8-Q, 9-O, 10-T, 11-H, 12-G, 13-I, 14-S, 15-Y, 16-V, 17-L, 18-M, 19-W, 20-J, 21-B, 22-K, 23-Z, 24-D, 25-U, 26-C



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