

GLOSSARY

ANDERSEN'S LIBRARY. Hans Christian Andersen. Danish poet and writer, best known for his fairy tales.

BANBURYS. Small baked pastries filled with mincemeat, originally made at Banbury in Oxfordshire.

BARING. The London banking house of Baring Brothers, founded by Sir Francis Baring in the late 18th century.

BELGRAVE SQUARE. Fashionable area in the West End of London, named in honor of the Duke of Westminster.

BOMBAZINE. A twilled fabric, usually black, made of silk and worsted and used for the gowns worn by law court officials.

CANAILLE. Rabble or riff-raff.

CAPTAIN SHAW. Captain Eyre Massey Shaw (1830-1908) was the highly popular Chief of the London Fire Brigade. An inveterate first-nighter, he was present at the opening of "Iolanthe."

COMMON COUNCILMEN. The Court of Common Council is the civic body of the City of London.

CONTRADICENTE (LAT.) Contradicting. With "nobody at all contradicente" a bill is carried without dissent.

DIVISION. The method by which a vote is taken in Parliament.

"DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW YOU'RE..." The word bitten off by Phyllis is "out". A catch-phrase of the period; a retort implying incredulity, especially of some very ingenious remark.

DOLCE FAR NIENTE. An Italian term signifying a state of pleasurable idleness.

EQUITY DRAUGHTSMAN. In jurisprudence, the rules of equity law prevail in cases of conflict with the rules of common law.

FESTINA LENTE. A latin phrase meaning "make haste slowly," i.e. Look before you leap.

FRIDAY NIGHTS. Friday is traditionally, "early closing day" . . . a day which members' private business is taken up. The peers are therefore free to exercise their "cherished rights" to get away early for the weekend.

GRENADIER GUARDS. A regiment of the British Brigade of Guards, raised in 1656 during the Commonwealth and given to Charles II in 1660.

HARWICH. A small seaport on the coast of Essex.

'IN FOR A PENNY, IN FOR A POUND' Taken from the Spanish saying "Preso per uno, preso per cento" (Imprisoned for one, imprisoned for a hundred.).

MARAVEDI. Small value Spanish copper coin of the 11th and 12th centuries.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER. A parliamentary bill and a bone of contention for over 50 years, to make valid the marriage of a widower and his sister-in-law. It was finally enacted in 1907.

OVIDIUS NASO. Refers to Ovid, the famous Latin amatory poet, whose works include "The Art of Love."

PARLIAMENTARY PICKFORD. Refers to Pickford, a well-known firm of London parcel carriers whose slogan was "We carry everything."

PERI. A supernatural being in Persian mythology, endowed with grace and beauty; thus, in the widest sense, a fairy.

PIPES AND TABORS. A tabor is a small drum akin to the tamborine and used to supply the basic rythm of a coutry dance, the reed-pipe providing the melody.

SEVEN DIALS. Seven narrow streets converging on St. Martin's Lane, near Charing Cross. At the time a notorious slum.

