

How Trivial and Medieval!

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It is common knowledge among philologists, linguists and some philosophers that the evolution of language in the course of its history reveals remarkable shifts which, themselves, reflect various social and other changes taking place among the people of its origin. This observation is nowhere more true than of its vocabulary. But the process is two-sided. A word, for example, may change its meaning because of changing *mores*