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2. (*Chem.*) A metallic element mostly obtained by reduction from cinnabar, one of its ores. It is a heavy, opaque, glistening liquid (commonly called *quicksilver*), and is used in barometers, thermometers, etc. Specific gravity 13.6. Symbol Hg (*Hydrargyrum*). Atomic weight 199.8. Mercury has a molecule which consists of only one atom. It was named by the alchemists after the god Mercury, and designated by his symbol, ☿.

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4. A carrier of tidings; a newsboy; a messenger; hence, also, a newspaper. *Sir J. Stephen.* “The monthly *Mercuries.*” *Macaulay.*

5. Sprightly or mercurial quality; spirit; mutability; fickleness. [*Obs.*]

He was so full of *mercury* that he could not fix long in any friendship, or to any design. *Bp. Burnet.*

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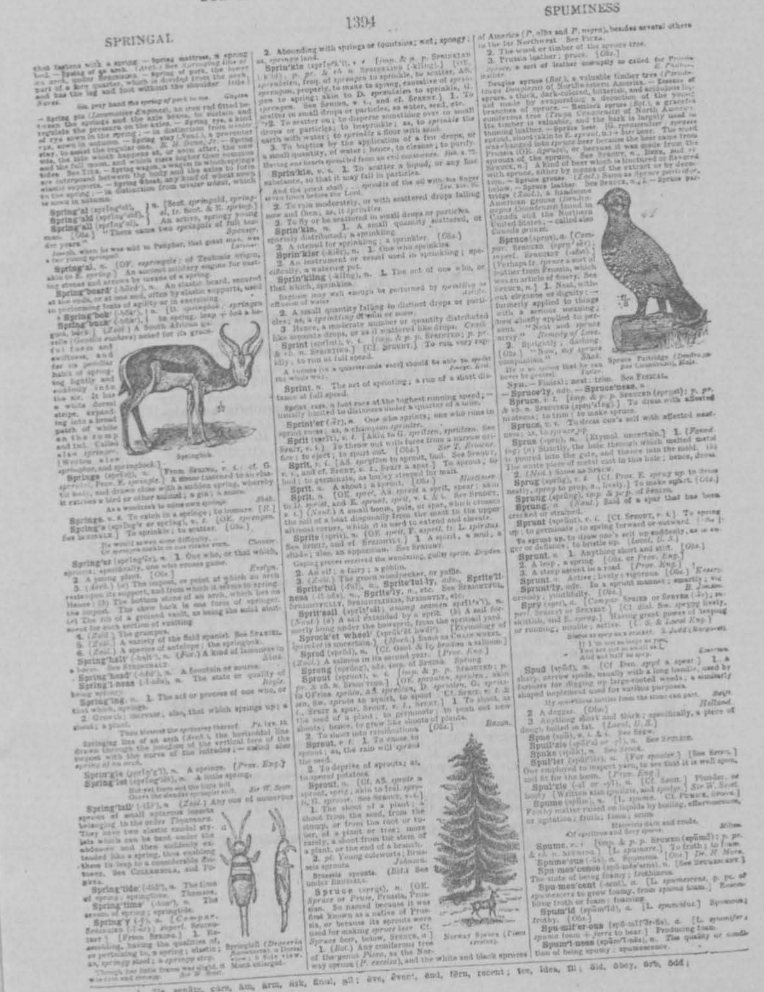

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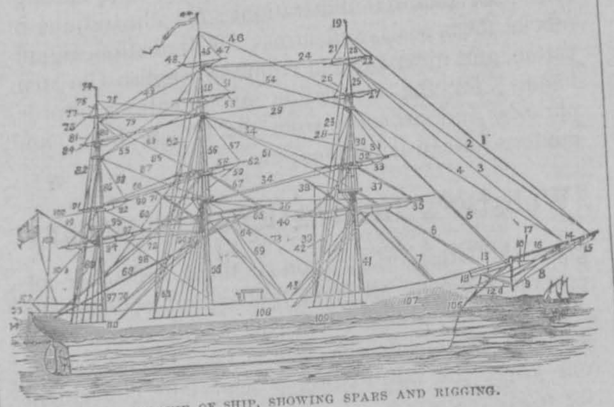

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sier; *b* Form sometimes used by archbishops.

Cross (krŏs; 115), *n.* [OE. *crois, croys, cros;* the former fr. OF. *crois, croiz,* F. *croix,* fr. L. *crux;* the second is perh. directly fr. Prov. *cros, crotz,* fr. the same L. *crux;* cf. Icel. *kross.* Cf. CRUCIAL, CRUSADE, CRUISE, CRUX.]

1. A gibbet, consisting of two pieces of timber placed transversely upon one another, in various forms, as a T, or +, with the horizontal piece below the upper end of the upright, or as an X. It was anciently used in the execution of criminals.

Nailed to the *cross*
By his own nation. *Milton.*

2. The sign or mark of the cross, made with the finger, or in ink, etc., or actually represented in some material; the symbol of Christ's death; the ensign and chosen symbol of Christianity, of a Christian people, and of Christendom.

The custom of making the sign of the *cross* with the hand or finger, as a means of conferring blessing or preserving from evil, is very old. *Schaff-Herzog Encyc.*

Before the *cross* has waned the crescent's ray. *Sir W. Scott.*
'Tis where the *cross* is preached. *Cowper.*

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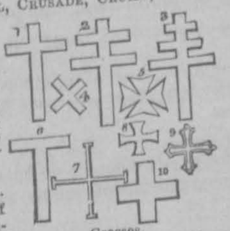
Heaven prepares a good man with *crosses.* *B. Jonson.*



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2 Double cross; carried before cardinals and archbishops; (*Her.*) the patriarchal cross.

3 Triple or papal cross; — invented by painters, but never authorized by the church. *O'Brien.*

4 St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's cross; (*Her.*) saltire.
5 Maltese cross.
6 Tau cross, St. Anthony's or Egyptian cross.
7 Cross of Jerusalem; (*Her.*) cross potent.
8 (*Her.*) A cross *patté* or *formé.*
9 (*Her.*) A cross *patonce.*
10 Greek cross.

4. A piece of money stamped with the figure of a cross; also, that side of such a piece on which the cross is stamped; hence, money in general.

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We note what you say regarding the part of "Murray's new English Dictionary" in the second para of your letter.

Yours faithfully
for Higginbotham & Co

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Your memorandum No. 4617. No information is available here about Webster's International Dictionary x pirated editions of Webster's Encyclopaedic dictionary referred to in B. G. No 1408/4-3-92 are being imported.

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Re: Webster's Dictionary.

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NOTE FOR THE C.A. with reference to the Query by the H.M., as to whether Webster's Dictionary is not a perated work.

The publication known generally as Webster's Dictionary is called by the Publishers — Mess^rs Bell & Sons — "×Webster's International Dictionary." The Board of Revenue is *unable to say whether the publication known by this name is a Copyright work. Enquiries were, therefore, made ~~at~~ of Mess^rs Higginbotham & Co & they °report that that it is a Copyright work.

It is, ~~however~~ also, known that the publication in question is an enlarged edition of a previous work for which Copyright was taken. Please see

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~~para~~ the passage marked with blue chalk in ~~pages~~ G.O. No 611 Rev: dy 15.6.92. A

It may also be mentioned that precautions were taken in 1892 for the prevention of the importation of pirated works named after 'Webster'. At the instance of the Secy: of State the Bd. of Rev was ordered to stop the importation of a pirated American work entitled "Webster's Encyclopaedic Dictionary of the English Language". The enquiries set on foot by the Board showed that the work was not being imported into any district in the Presy: In passing orders on the reports of the Board, measures were taken to prevent the importation of ~~the~~ any ~~all~~ pirated work into the Presy:, into Travancore & Cochin & into the French Territories.

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Re: Webster's Dictionary.

No – my refce was to the fact that, as I believe, Webster's Dictionary itself was proved to be pirated in an action at home brought by the publishers (Blackie & Son) of the Imperial Dictionary – I recollect seeing the case reported somewhere.

RS
22/6/98

~~C. 21. 6.98.~~

The Board's ~~reports~~ says that ~~Ne~~ the pirated work called "Websters Encyclopaedic Dictionary" is not being imported.

K.T.P.
14.6.98

C.S.

The Hon'ble Member's note at flag refers, it is thought, to the pirated American Edition of Webster's Dictionary.

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H.M.

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The Librarian will be directed to make further enquiries & look the matter up

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For the C.A.

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C.A.

The information could not be obtained in the Library as no English Reports are received.

The paper was accordingly delayed for the Opening of the High Court where English Reports ~~are~~ may be consulted. On Saturday last the High Court opened and I went over to the Library and examined the Reports. The Consolidated indexes of the Law Reports were examined from the year 1865. The Article "Copyright" in an recent exhaustive work called "Ruling Cases" (over twenty volumes) was ~~along~~ gone through. There are two books in the High Court Library on the Subject of "Copyright": these were also carefully examined. But the information was nowhere to be obtained

It is quite certain that the case referred to by the H.M. ~~does~~ did not appear in any Authorised Law Report since 1865 (the earliest year for which indexes are available). It is therefore presumed that it might have been reported in some Newspaper.

"The Times" is very likely to have reported such an interesting case as one connected with Webster's Dictionary. The indexes to that paper were accordingly examined: but ~~it~~ the case is not found there. ~~but~~ It has to be mentioned however, that "The Times" is being purchased only from August 1896. It is likely the report appeared previous to ~~18~~ August 1896. But the paper is not available anywhere for examination.

In the Connemara Library ~~exists~~ is to be found a

Set of the Weekly edition of the (London) Times from 1880 up to date. The indexes for every year ~~were~~ (excepting 1896 for which; the indexes are missing) were examined. But the required information cannot be found.

Instructions are respectfully requested as to what further search may be ~~laid~~ made.

It is submitted, however, that a professional man is likely to have many more resources than the above noted. It is therefore suggested that the Govt. Solicitor may be asked to find out the case.

Orders are requested.

K.T.P.
18.7.98

C.S.

Subd. for perusal of H.M's note

These papers can be stitched with G.O. R 531 Jud. of 5. 5 94 which gave rise to the question

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The matter ~~[illegible]~~ drop.

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C.S.

Please see draft D.O. to Govt. Solicitor

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No use in face of what is said above. [illegible] 27/7/98

H. M. for information.

Is any further search necessary?

Will H. M. give any further clue if possible

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The matter may be dropped. I am only sorry I gave so much trouble — but I have a distinct recollection of the case — I should say it was about 14 years ago —

H.S.
25/7/98

D.O.

My dear Barclay,

~~Will you please let~~ Do ~~me~~ you know of ~~you can trace~~ any case in the English Law Reports in which an action was brought by ~~the~~ Blackie & Sons, the publishers of the Imperial Dictionary, ~~which~~ to prove that Webster's International Dictionary is a pirated work?

If so, could you kindly let me have a copy of the report.

Yours sincerely

J. Barclay Esq.
Govt. Solicitor

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