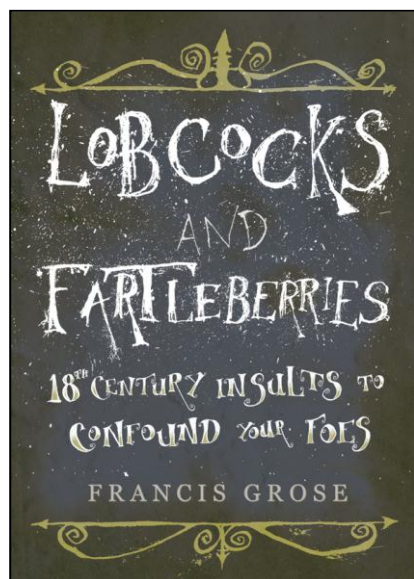


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If somebody called you a beetle-browed bastardly gullion and told you to shut your bone box, would you be offended? If you lived in 1785, you most certainly would! Harking back to a time when insults and rude words were considerably more colourful, this selection from the original slang dictionary *The Vulgar Tongue* includes such gems as:

HEDGE WHORE

An itinerant harlot disposing of her favours on the way-side, under a hedge.

CATCH FART

A footboy; a servant following close behind their master or mistress.

TWIDDLE-POOP

An effeminate-looking fellow.

QUEER MORT

A diseased strumpet.

FLAYBOTTOMIST

A bum-brusher or schoolmaster.

BUTTOCK BROKER

A bawd, or match-maker.

FARTLEBERRY

Excrement hanging about the anus.

LOBCOCK

A large, relaxed penis; also a dull, inanimate fellow.

This collection also includes the origins plus helpful explanations of many nicknames and abusive terms still in use today. Discover the roots of such insults and phrases such as:

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FLUSTERED, BIDDY, NETTLED, TOSS POT, THINGUMBOB, UPSTARTS, WAG, WASP

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