

Charles A. Brush, fresh from the Oakland Co. school institute held at Pontiac, burst into our inner office one day, having made a home run from the train direct to us, and in accents of great confidence of the superiority of mind over matter, harled at us (Why and I) the question: What does "empirical" mean?

"Empirical" answered Mitchell without ruffling a hair, "it's a synonym for Eureka which in English means 'we feel for each other'."

Whitehead bobbed up seriously and, in his Websterian way suggested that it meant "that a bird in the nest was the noblest work of God."

Gum Shutes sitting by the fire thought that it might mean a way of fishing but was not prepared at present to put his opinion in writing.

Just then the Cooper farm bill rang and Will C. Jenks, the wide awake and competent manager of that celebrated stock farm, whispered to us that he'd had his small change that it was some new fangled device for developing Spartans trotters.

The Pearson caught the fever and word (by infection) and shouted so the clock stopped and three lamps went out on closing the door either, that it was something of the school-marm, carried around with them to be written the fall when they were tipped out of cutters.

Double A Rust of Franklin mildly intimated that it was something good to spread on the farm and on the garden.

Charles Murphy of Southfield, with "bated breath and bulging eyes, said they had one in their village and used it for a trout spricker."

Tracy Randall volunteered the information that it was a species of these new second handies, but John Hanna knocked that in the dirt because he has one and knows all about 'em.

John Rainey said it was a base ball term applied to a young man when he makes more than four errors in one inning.

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