

# THE PEOPLE IN SLANGUAGE

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Long before Elijah McCoy invented the lubricating device which gave us the expression **the real McCoy**, long before **Kilroy was here**, names crept into common speech and formed an interesting aspect of slang. How many of the following catch phrases, all containing names, can you explain? What do people mean when they say these?

1. Not tonight, Josephine
2. My name is Walker
3. I've been to see Captain Bates
4. After you, Alphonse
5. Bob's your uncle
6. Absolutely, Mr. Gallagher (Positively, Mr. Sheen)
7. When Paddy Doyle gets paid...
8. You're not Robinson Crusoe
9. Ned Kelly was hanged for less
10. I don't see the Joe Miller of it
11. Old Newton got him
12. Queer as Dick's hatband
13. In like Flynn
14. Don't make a Judy (Fitzsimmons) of yourself
15. Even Blind Freddie can see that
16. Do as (David) Garrick did
17. It's all Sir Garnet
18. I would that I had Kemp's shoes to throw after you
19. All dressed up like Mrs. Astor's pet horse
20. He doesn't know if he's Arthur or Martha
21. Let 'er go, Gallagher!
22. Alderman Lushington is concerned
23. Dr. Livingstone, I presume
24. Like MacArthur (I shall return)
25. Too short for Richard
26. Who do you think I am, Rockefeller?
27. Queen Anne's dead
28. Murphy's Law
29. Up goes M'Ginty's goat
30. Elementary, my dear Watson
31. Do a Brody
32. Slip him a Mickey Finn
33. Do a Garbo
34. Enter like Loretta Young
35. I'm Simpson, not Samson