

Know Your Language

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"BUNKUM" and the shorter word "bunk" both derive from Euncombe, the name of a county in North Carolina. During a famous debate in Congress many years ago the representative for the district insisted on making a rambling speech when the House was impatiently waiting for an opportunity to vote. The speaker explained his insistence by saying the people of his district expected it of him; so he was bound "to make a speech for Buncombe."

Do not say, "That is an entirely different matter than the one you have in mind." "Than" indicates a comparison. Distinction or separation is indicated by "from." Say, "That is an entirely different matter "rom the one you have in mind."

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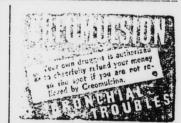
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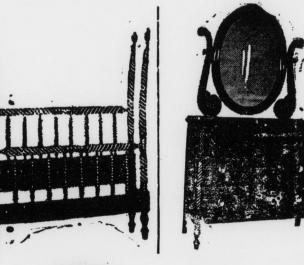
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