
Subject: Re: International Help Needed

Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Tue, 31 May 2011 17:02:44 GMT

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On May 31, 1:01 pm, Paolo <pgri...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On May 31, 12:54 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

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>> Paolo writes:

>>> The OED (Oxford English dictionary) says:

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>>> fussock v. Obs. (intr.) to roll about in an unwieldy way

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>>> That fits?

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>>> They also mention

>>> " English regional (midland and southern) fussock (also fussick,

>>> fursick)

>>> to bustle about, make a fuss, to fidget, to rub, to potter over one's

>>> work

>>> (1854 or earlier)"

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>> Well, "to rub" is getting uncomfortably close to

>> Coyote's definition, but I'm pretty sure that's

>> not what the author had in mind. :-(

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>> Any ideas about "yorking". That could be a made-up

>> word, I guess. But if it is, it's a good one.

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> Well that is a bit more speculative but it could be

> a variant spelling of "yerk/yarking" and in the

> definition of yerk/yark

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> "To move (some part of the body) with a jerk or twitch;

> esp. to lash out with (the legs), as a horse."

There's a quotation supporting this theory:

1581 J. Bell tr. W. Haddon & J. Foxe Against Jerome Osorius 158

b,

He [sc. the horse] chaufeth & champeth vpon the bridle,

commeth a loft, yorketh out with his heeles behinde.

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> Ciao,
> Paolo
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>> Cheers,
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>> David
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>> --
>> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
>> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
