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The author says that he has dealt with these vulgar words as "aseptically" as was consistent with clarity and adequacy. This is true. In fact, he uses asterisks in printing some words, with the explanation that it is illegal in England to print the word in full, and that it has heretofore been omitted from all English dictionaries—even from the exhaustive Oxford English Dictionary.

There are a few salty expressions that we might well use. For example, I am only awaiting a moment of Gargantuan hunger to use this:

I could take up the slack of my stomach and wipe my eyes with it. "I am very hungry: a nautical c.p. [catchphrase] frequent on ships where rations are inadequate: late C. 19-20."

The following might commend themselves to you:

Lend us your breath to kill Jumbo! "A proletarian c.p. of 1882—ca. 1910. Ware, 'Protest against the odour of bad breath' (See jumbo and jumboism)."

If a louse misses its footing on one's coat it will break its neck. "To have a very threadbare coat, clothes: proverbial coll. mid-C 14—mid-18. Langland, Palagrave, 'Gnomologia' Fuller. (Apperson.)

It's too bad the English haven't caught on to our universal smalltown expression regarding the village policeman: "He couldn't track an elephant through a ten-foot snow." But they don't have much snow in England.

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