### Glossary of Slang

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<td>graybacks</td>
<td>lice</td>
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<td>hame</td>
<td>a sidepiece of a horse's harness</td>
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<td>handy</td>
<td>good with the hands, specifically with reference to fighting</td>
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<td>hoosegow</td>
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<td>a mechanical hay fork</td>
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<td>jail baits</td>
<td>underage women</td>
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<td>jungle-up</td>
<td>to camp outside</td>
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<td>kewpie doll lamp</td>
<td>a lamp with a base made from a children's toy</td>
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<td>liniment</td>
<td>a soothing or pain-killing liquid used on sore body parts</td>
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<td>looloo</td>
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**“An’ I bet he's eatin' raw eggs and writin' to the patent medicine houses” (36)**

A reference to common aphrodisiacs of the time; George sarcastically expresses his disgust at Curley’s ostentatious sex life.

**"S'pose he took a powder" (78)**

"Suppose he got fed up and left"

**"two shots of corn" (87)**

two glasses of corn whiskey

**"You're yella as a frog belly" (68)**

"You're a coward."

**alfalfa**

a wheat-like plant used for animal feed

**bindle**

a load carried on one's back, a bundle

**candy wagon**

a bus or truck

**cuckoo**

insane person

**dugs**

teats or udders, used in reference to animals

**euchre**

a card game

**flop**

sexual intercourse

**gingham**

a durable cotton material used for aprons

**Golden Gloves**

boxing tournament
pitchers
"pictures," or movies
rassel
"wrestle," or haul
ringer
in horseshoes, a throw that "rings" (or encircles) the target

San Quentin
a state prison located north of San Francisco

skinner, or muleskinner
a worker who drives mules with a whip

slang
gave birth to

slough
to skin

snooker
a type of billiards

swamper
a helper, so named because he mops the floors

twict
a jab

welter
welterweight, a boxing category