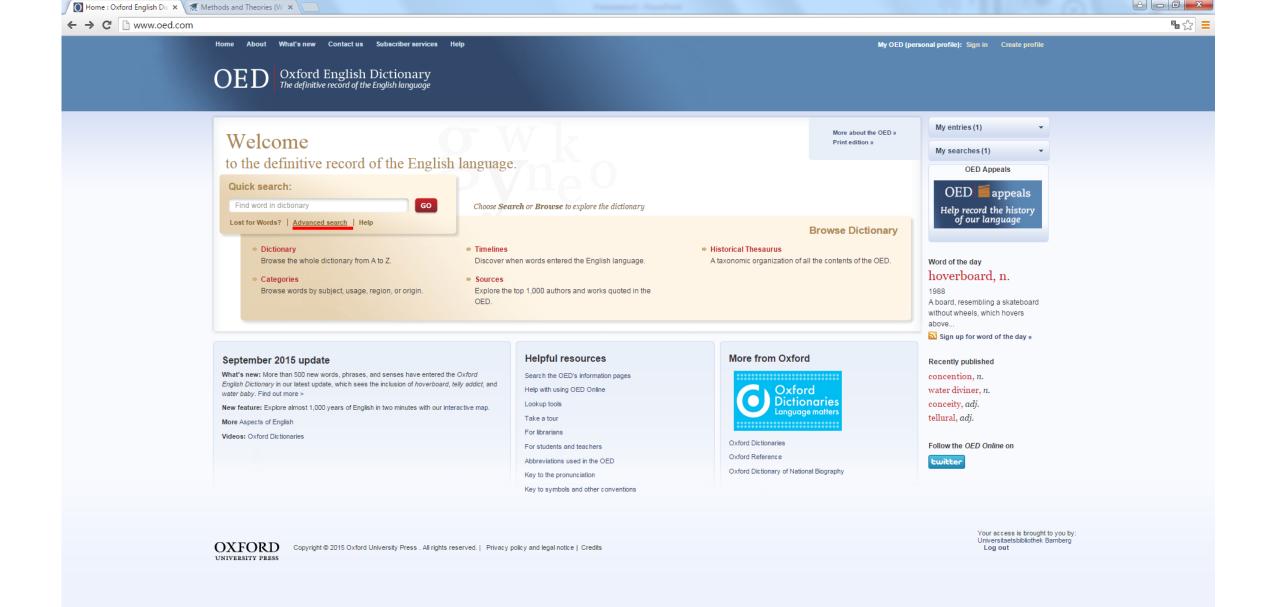
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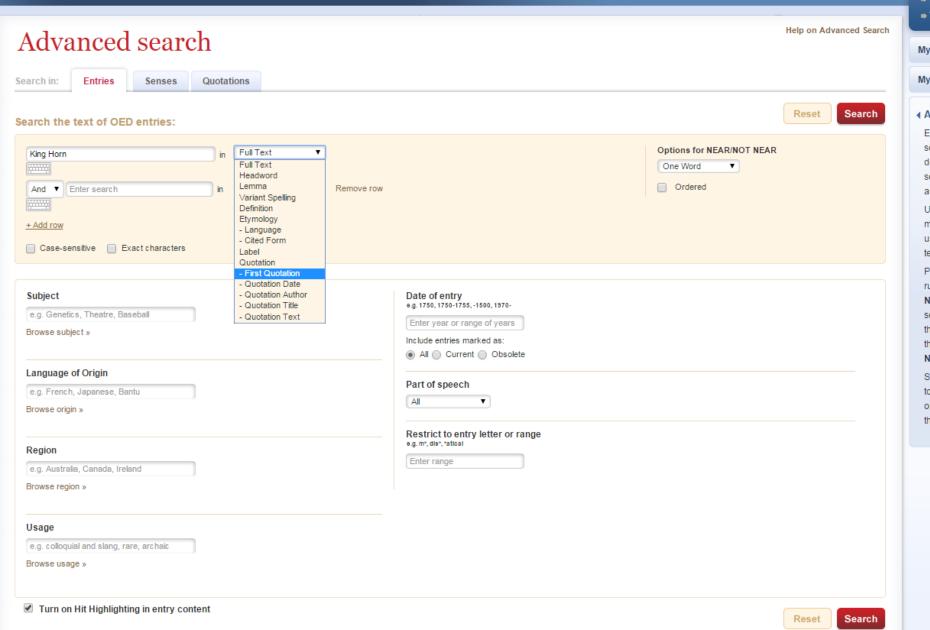








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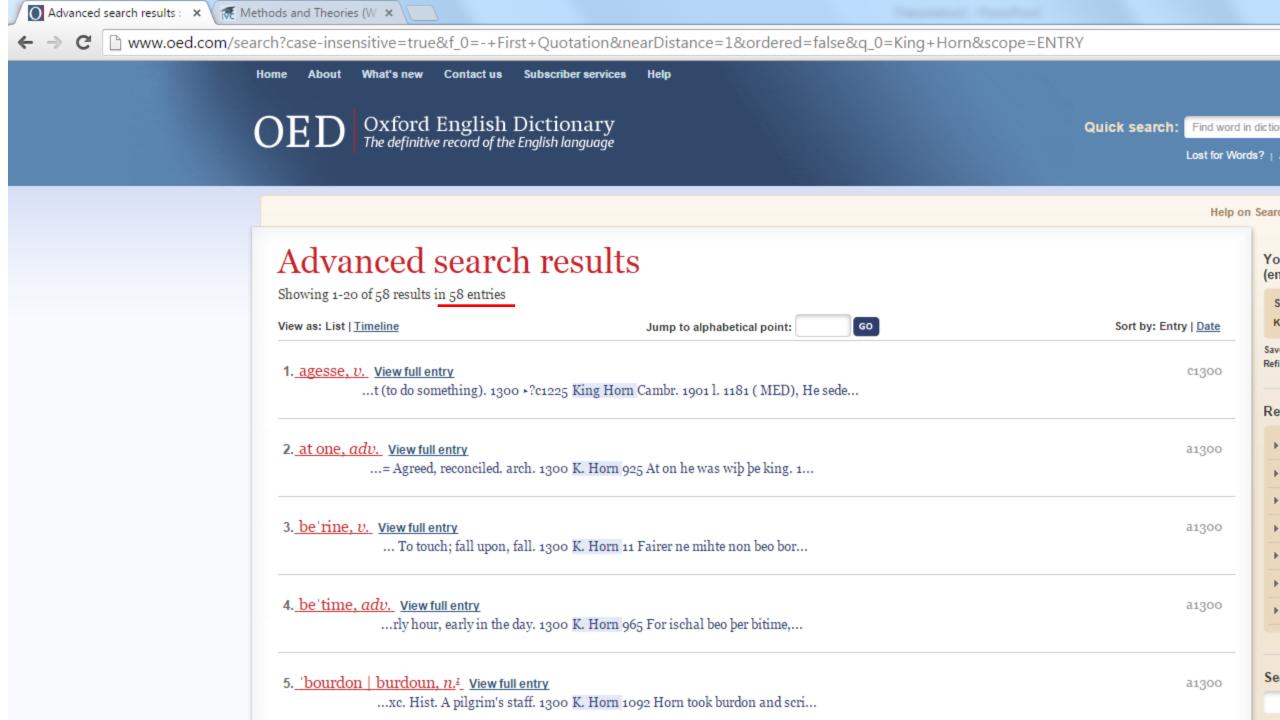
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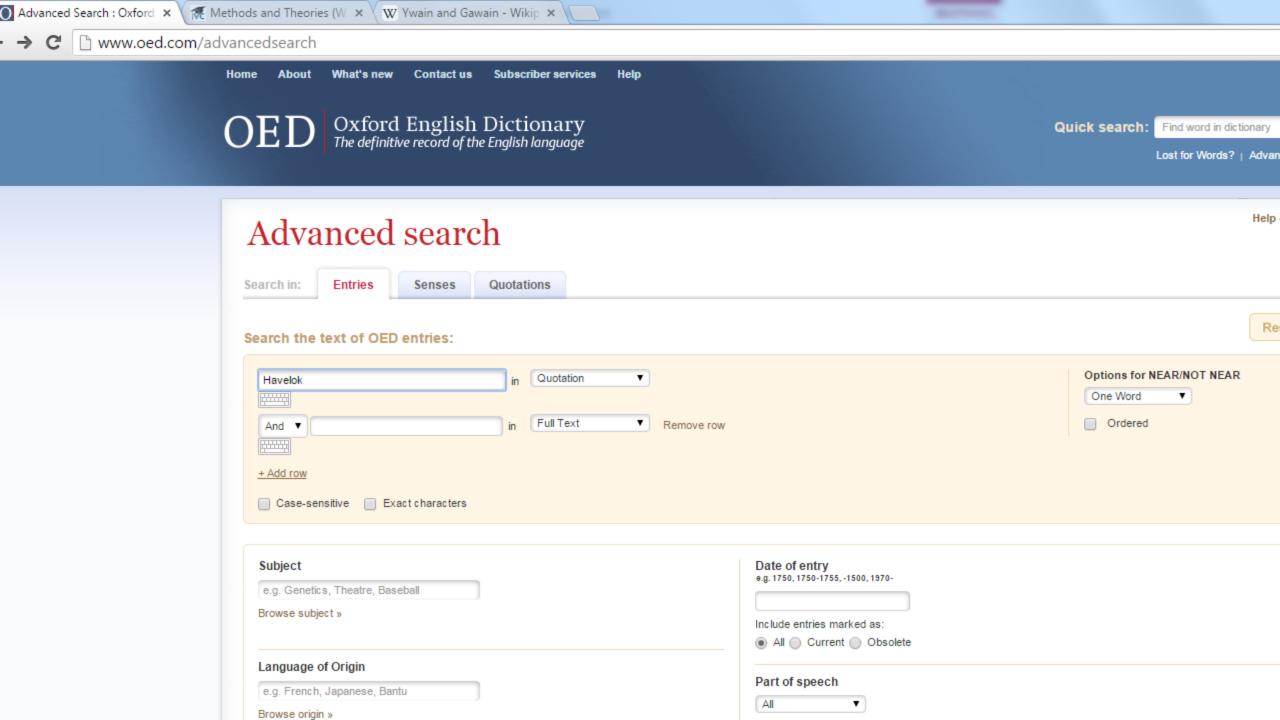
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• Havelok: 140

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Dates of Origin



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1820 R. Southey Life of Wesley II. 488 A few bucks clapped and encored him.
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†d. (See quot. 1591.)
  1591 R. Greene Second Pt. Conny-catching sig. A3, He. bargained, & bought him. and that the horse-stealer clap him good lucke.
                                                                                                                                               (Hide quotations)
III. Of actions incidentally accompanied by the noise.
6. trans. To strike, hit, knock, beat, with sounding blows. Obs. or arch. (To clap a dish (quot. 1670): cf. CLAP-
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DISH n.)
  *c1300 Havelok (Laud) (1868) 1814 [He] clapte him on be crune, So bat he stan-ded fel bor dune.
  1382 Bible (Wycliffite, E.V.) Judges vii. 19 Thei bigunnen with trompis to cryen, and clappen [a1425 L.V. to bete] togidre bitwix hem seluen the wyn pottis.
  c1440 Promptorium Parvulorum 79 Clappyn' or knokkyn, pulso.
  1530 J. Palsgrave Lesclarcissement 485/2, I clappe, I stryke, je frappe. Clappe hym on the backe a good stroke, there is a fysshe bone in his throte.
  1632 W. Lithgow Totall Disc. Trav. x. 473 [He] clapd mee on the face with his foote.
  1669 J. Worlinge Systema Agric. (1681) ix. §3. 195 Clap the empty Hive again, and get as many Bees out as you can.
  1670 J. RAY Coll. Eng. Prov. 186 (R.) He claps his dish at a wrong man's door.
                                                                                                                                               (Hide quotations)
†7.
a. To strike (hands) reciprocally, in token of a bargain. Obs.
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  a1593 Marlowe Edward II (1594) sig. G3v, Ile claps close, Among the lords of France.
  1607 T. Dekker & J. Webster North-ward Hoe IV. sig. F3, Green. Ist a bargen. Omn. And hands clapt vpon it.
  1614 T. Adams Diuells Banket v. 240 We neuer clap'd them the hand of couenant.
  a1616 Shakespeare Henry V (1623) v. ii. 130 Giue me your answer, yfaith doe, and so clap hands, and a bargaine.
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Most important language of origin

