

**These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.**

**The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor:**

**She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison."**

**He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."**

**A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."**

**"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."**

**"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr**

**"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill**

**"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow**

**"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).**

**"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas**

**"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain**

**"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.." - Oscar Wilde**

**"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill**

**"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second.... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.**

**"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop**

**"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright**

**"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb**

**"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson**

**"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating**

**"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - Charles, Count Talleyrand**

**"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker**

**"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain**

**"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West**

**"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.." - Oscar Wilde**

**"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)**

**"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder**

**"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."  
- Groucho Marx**