

[1885 *Bulletin* (Sydney) 25 Apr. 20/1: O, happy Maranzoni! / Take our advice and stay / In your land of Macaroni. / If out here you rode that way, / [...] / O, believe us, Maranzoni, / You would hang as sure as death. 1887 F. FRANCIS JR *Saddle and Moccasin* 102: Mac (an abbreviation, by the way, of 'Macaroni') [...] was an Italian by birth. 1903 'HUGH McHUGH' *I Need The Money* 76: Why a mob of real Macaronis hustled me away from the main push. 1930 (con. 1914–18) BROPHY & PARTRIDGE *Songs and Sl. of the British Soldier* 138: MACARONI.—An Italian soldier. 1940 S. LISTER *Mistral Hotel* (1951) 11: It is as well [...] that I do not have to kill these macaronis. 1954 R. SERVICE 'The Macaronis' in *Carols of an Old Codger* 42: Italian people peaceful are. 1956 'TONEY BETTS' *Across the Board* 283: 'Look at that macaroni bender,' they laughed. 1972 B. RODGERS *Queens' Vernacular* 129: **macaroni** [...] 2. (pej) an Italian. 1983 *Maledicta* VII 23: Italians were also called **macaroni**, which has been a symbol of Italianate things since the 18th century. 1985 E. LEONARD *Glitz* 115: The macaronis are shooting each other. 2003 M. LA SORTE *La Merica* 138: an Italian was not an Italian. He was a wop, dago, duke, gin, tally, ghini, macaroni or spaghetti or spaghetti bender. He was also Hey Boy or Hey Youse, or he was given a generic name: Joe, Pete, Tony, Carlo, Dino, Gumba.

■ In compounds

macaroni queen (n.) [QUEEN n. (2)] (US gay) a non-Italian gay man who prefers Italian partners.

1988 H. MAX *Gay (S)language*.

macaroni n.² [rhy. sl.] 1 (Aus.) a pony.

1857 'DUCANGE ANGLICUS' *Vulgar Tongue*. 1864, 1867, 1870 HOTTEN *Sl. Dict.* 1873 *Sl. Dict.* 1945 BAKER *Aus. Lang.*

2 £25; (Aus.) A\$25 [= PONY n. (1b)].

1859, 1860 HOTTEN *Dict. of Modern Sl. etc.* 1864, 1867, 1870 HOTTEN *Sl. Dict.* 1960 J. FRANKLYN *Dict. of Rhy. Sl.* 1971 J. JONES *Rhy. Cockney Sl.* 1983 R. AVEN-BRAY *Ridgey-Didge Oz Jack Lang* 36: **Macaroni** Pony, twenty five dollars. 1992 R. PUXLEY *Cockney Rabbit*. 2002 B. KIRKPATRICK *Wicked Cockney Rhy. Sl.*

3 a piece of human excrement; thus the act of defecation [PONY (AND TRAP) n. (1)].

1974 in J. McVICAR *McVicar by Himself in DSUE* (1984).

macaroni n.³ [joc. use of SE, but note later PONY (AND TRAP) n. (2)] (Aus.) nonsense, meaningless talk.

1924 LAWRENCE & SKINNER *Boy in Bush* 49: Yes, Jam, macaroni, cockadoodle. We're plain people out here-aways, not mantle ornaments. 1941 BAKER *Popular Dict. Aus. Sl.* 45: *Macaroni*, nonsense, foolishness. 1955 N. PULLIAM *I Travelled a Lonely Land* (1957) 235/2: MACARONI – silliness, nonsense.

macaroni n.⁴ [joc. ext. of MACK n.² (1)] (US) the middleman, usu. a pimp, who stands between the client and prostitute.

1972 B. RODGERS *Queens' Vernacular* 129: **macaroni** 1. (pros sl, fr black sl; cf Fr argot *me* = pimp) a pimp. 1983 *Maledicta* VII 23: **Macaroni** [...] is also slang for a dude or fop, and lately a name for a black pimp.

■ In phrases

macaroni with cheese (n.) (US black) someone involved in a wide variety of activities such as pimping, drug-selling and gambling games.

1983 R. KLEIN *Jailhouse Jargon and Street Sl.* [unpub. ms.].

macaroni adj. [MACARONI n.¹ (4)] Italian.

[1596 NASHE *Have With You to Saffron-Walden in Works* III (1883–4) 47: One Dick Litchfield [...] a rare/ingenuous odde merry Greeke who (as I haue heard) hath translated my *Piers Penniless* into the *Macaronicall* tongue. 1838 T. HALIBURTON *Clockmaker* (1843) II 149: Those Macaroni rascals, seein' me a stranger, thought to do me nicely.

macaroon n.¹ a buffoon, a blockhead, a dolt; according to Nares (cit. 1822), these are the only pre-20C cits., orig. noted in Todd's edition of Johnson's *Dict.*

a.1631 DONNE *Satires* iv 117: Like a bigge wife, at sight of lothed meat, / Ready to travail; so I sigh and sweat / To heare this Makeron talke in vaine [N]. a.1633 R.B. *In Memoriam, Donne's Poems* 401: A Macaroon And no way fit to speake to clouted shoone [N]. 1822 R. NARES *Gloss.* (1888) II 536: macaroon, s. An affected busybody; from *macaroni*, Italian. 1942 P. WYLIE *Generation of Vipers* 19: The radio set on the common man's bedside table is a thundering rebuke to the reliability of the cluck beside it and the macaroon singing over it.

macaroon n.² [rhy. sl. = COON n. (5)] a black person.

1992 R. PUXLEY *Cockney Rabbit*.

McAtah n. [W.I. pron. of (Douglas) *McArthur* (1880–1964), US general] (W.I.) mirrored dark glasses.

1980 M. THELWELL *Harder They Come* 311: A pair of mirrored aviator shades of the kind they called 'cool-too-bad' or McAtah, after the American general.

macca adj.¹ [W.I. dial. *macca*, a thorn, thus cognate with SHARP adj. (2)] (W.I.) exceptionally good.

1995 FRANCIS-JACKSON *Official Dancehall Dict.* 32: **Macca** [...] 2. wickedly good: u. de ting macca.

■ In compounds

macca-man (n.) [but note MACKMAN under MACK n.²] (W.I.) a tough, strong, efficient man.

1980 CASSIDY & LEPAGE *Dict. Jam. Eng.* (2nd edn).

macca adj.² (UK juv.) very large.

2001 *OnLine Dict. of Playground Sl.* [Internet] **macca** adj. Enormous, huge. f. massive, meg.

maccaroni(e) n. see MACARONI n.¹.

maccarony n. see MACARONI n.¹ (3).

macco n. see MACO n.¹.

McCoy n. 1 first-rate whisky or beer; often as *clear McCoy*.

1908 W.G. DAVENPORT *Butte and Montana beneath the X-Ray* 20: I took a good-sized snort out of that big bottle of furniture polish in the middle. [...] Have you none of the clear McCoy handy around the house? [DA]. 1931–4 D. CLEMMER *Prison Community* (1940) 334/1: McCoy, n. Genuine liquor. 1949 MONTELEONE *Criminal Sl.* (rev. edn). 2 (US) money.

1935 N. ALGREN *Somebody in Boots* 253: We want some place where ain't no light lit, where ain't no dog, where ain't nobody sleepin'. And where is lots of the ol' McCoy.

3 (US drugs) medicinal drugs; pure narcotics.

1938 D. MAURER 'Lang. of the Und. Narcotic Addict' Pt 2 in *Lang. Und.* (1981) 106/1: McCoy. Medicinal drugs; hence chemically pure drugs as contrasted to bootleg drugs. 1959 J.E. SCHMIDT *Narcotics Lingo and Lore*.

McCoy adj. [REAL MCCOY, THE N.] (US) genuine.

1928 *New Yorker* 15 Dec. 55: Everything looks McCoy, see? [HDAS].

1931 IRWIN *Amer. Tramp and Und. Sl.* 127: *McCoy*.—Neat; good-looking; unusually excellent or genuine. 1942 R. CASEY *Torpedo Junction* 120: General quarters sounded with the beating of gongs that certified it to be a McCoy alarm. 1962 RAGEN & FINSTON *World's Toughest Prison* 808: MCCOY – Neat; good-looking; unusually excellent or genuine.

McCoy, (the) n. see REAL MCCOY, THE N.

McDaddy/macdaddy n. see MACK DADDY n.

mcdumpster kid n. [the image is of such a person forced to scavenge in the dumpsters or skips that contain refuse food from a McDonald's restaurant] (US black) a homeless, starving young person.

2000 *Ebonics Primer* at www.dolemite.com [Internet] **mcdumpster kid** Definition: when a kid looks like they are hungry and homeless (their expression while eating) Example: *look at that nigga he know he a mc dumpster kid*.

Mace n. [the prize-fighter Jem Mace (1831–1910)] (Aus.) physical violence.

1885 *Bulletin* (Sydney) 21 Mar. 22/2: If, at times, when they've let all the truth out, / And called us hard names to our face, / We have playfully knocked an odd tooth out, / And generally given 'em Mace.

mace n. (also **macing**) [ety. unknown; poss. link to MASON n.¹; SE *mace*, a club, but the violence is only fig.] 1 a swindle, a fraud, confidence tricks.

1742 ORDINARY OF NEWGATE *his Account* 13 Jan. 35/2: The *Mace* is perform'd by Confederacy, one or two Persons take a House, and then get what quantity of Goods they can with Credit, and then go off with them. 1757 *London Chronicle* 15–17 Mar. 258/1 n.p.: They have almost reduced Cheating to a Science; and have affixed technical Terms to each Species; three of which are the Pinch, the Turn, and the Mace. 1821 EGAN *Life in London* (1869) 321: [note] It is a rather curious coincidence, that the name of the proprietor of ALL-MAX should be *Mace*, which is a slang term for *imposition* or *robbery*! 1868 'Six Years in the Prisons of England' in *Temple Bar Mag.* Nov. 535: Macing means taking an office, getting goods sent to it, and then bolting with them; or getting goods sent to your lodgings, and then removing. 1879 'Autobiog. of a Thief' in *Macmillan's Mag.* (London) XL 502: The following people used to go in there [i.e. an underworld public house] — toy-getters (watch-stealers), magsmen (confidence-trick men), men at the mace (sham loan offices), broadsmen (card-sharpers), peter-claimers (box-stealers), busters and screwmen (burglars), snide-pitchers (utterers of false coin), men at the duff (passing false jewellery), welsers (turf-swindlers), and skittle sharps. 1896 A. MORRISON *Child of the Jago* (1982) 95: Those of the High Mob were the flourishing practitioners in burglary, the mag, the mace, and the broads, with an outer fringe of such dippers — such pickpockets — as could dress well, welsers and snidesmen. 1908 K. MCGAFFEY *Sorrows of a Show Girl* Ch.x n.p.: One old frump that must have been tramping a mace in the Roman Hanging Gardens got a yen that was doing imitations. 1915 *Lincoln*