

To the Editor, "The West Australian."

SIR.—Reading in last Saturday's paper "Polygon's" remarks about the word "cobbler" having been derived from an aboriginal word, I am reminded that when the word became unusually popular during the war, it was claimed as an ancient word of Hebrew origin. It was said that David and Jonathan had been "cobblers." Is it possible that the word is of still further remote origin? A visiting lecturer to Perth some years ago informed us that the aborigines traced their laws or culture or philosophy back to some great ancient teaching. They had nothing original; all had been taught to them. The lecturer claimed that the ancient teacher was Egypt. Did Egypt give the word to both Hebrew and Australian in the old days of contact?

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