

# Alexander Pope

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Spudceus I suppose is most likely from Spoudaios meaning "serious, earnest, diligent." I do not see that it is related to anything else or a reference to anyone.

I know Erasmus is joking, so we can assume that syphilis/pox was not ever really called the garden gout... right? And this is presumably a reference to the (poisonous) mercury treatment for syphilis:

*Hedonius* "Do they not Epicurise gloriously?"

*Spudceus* "Yes, if coming often to the powdering tub be doing so."