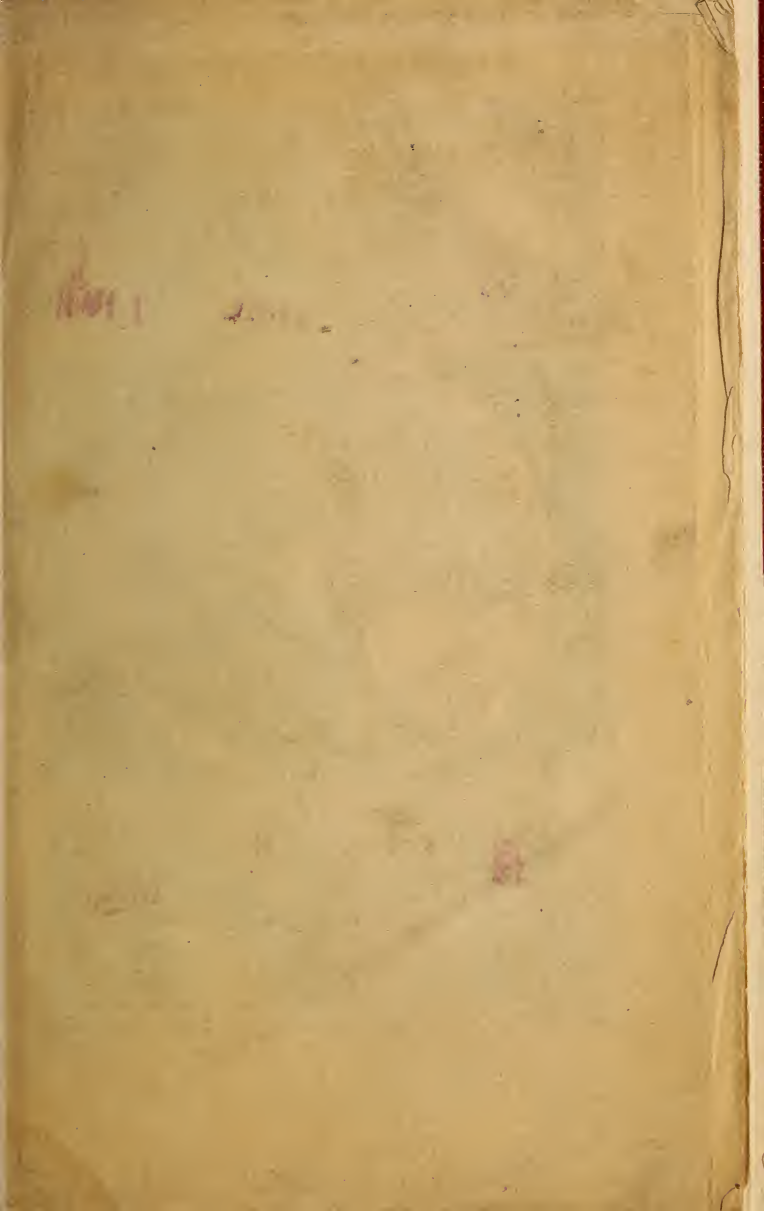


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## FLASH DICTIONARY.

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### A.

- ABBESS**, a bawd, the mistress of a bawdyken
- Abbott's Priory**, the King's Bench Prison
- Abram Cove**, a naked or poor man, a sturdy beggar in rags
- Above par**—having the needful, possessed of the poney, plenty of money, 'best bliss of earth'
- Abram men**—fellows dressing themselves in various rags, old ribbons, fox tails, begging in the streets, pretending to be mad, fellows who steal pocket books only
- Abram, to sham**—to slum, to pretend sickness
- Academy**—a brothel, bagnio
- Academican**—a scholar at an academy, a whore at a brothel
- Academy, a floating**—a hulk at Woolwich for convicts
- Ack ruffians**—rogues who in conjunction with watermen sometimes rob and murder on the water
- Ack pirates**—fresh water thieves who steal on navigable rivers
- Acting the deceitful**, performing, mumming, acting
- Adam**—a henchman, an accomplice
- Adam's ale**, our first father's drink, water, 'best with brandy'
- Adam tiler**, a receiver of stolen goods, a pickpocket, a fence
- Affair of honour**—killing an innocent man in a duel
- All set**—desperate fellows, ready for any kind of mischief
- Alderman in chains**—turkey and sausages
- Alive**—awake, fly, up, leary, acquainted with
- All out**, the reckoning drank out, 'How stands the account 'twixt me and vengeance?'
- Ambidexter**, one who snacks in gaming with both parties
- Amen curler**—a parish clerk
- Anglers, or starrers**, an order of thieves who break show glasses in jeweller's windows to steal the goods.
- Angling cove**—a receiver of stolen goods
- Angelics**,—young unmarried ladies
- Anointed**—knowing, ripe for mischief
- Arm props**—crutches

- Arch rogue—the chief of a gang of thieves, or gypsies
- Arch doxey—the same among female canters or gypsies.
- Astronomer—a star gazer. a horse that carries his head high
- As right as a trevit, the tippy, all right
- A pig's whisper—a grunt, 'a word 'twixt you and me'
- Aunt,—a bawd, sometimes called mother
- Autem—a church, meeting-house
- Autem cacklers, dissenters of all sects
- Autem bawler, a preacher, a parson
- Autem dippers—anabaptists
- Autem cackle tub, a meeting house for dissenters, a pulpit
- Autem divers,—pickpockets who practice in churches; also churchwardens and overseers of the poor, who defraud, deceive, and impose on the parish
- Autem gogglers—conjurers, fortune tellers
- Autem mor, or mot—a woman of the same sect, a beggar, a prostitute
- Autem quaver's tub, a quaker's meeting house
- B.
- BABES in the wood—rogues in the stocks or pillory
- Bacon-faced—full faced
- Back slums, low unfrequented parts in the metropolis
- Badge coves,—parish pensioners
- Badge, one burnt in the hand
- Badger, to confound, perplex, or tease
- Badgers,—forestallers and murderers
- Bag the swag—pocket your portion, hide your whack
- Baggage—a slut, a common prostitute
- Ball o'wax—a snob, a shoemaker
- Ballum ranorum, a hop, or a dance, where the women are all prostitutes
- Balsam—rag, rhino, money
- Balm, a lie
- Bandog, a bum-bailiff
- Bank—a depository for cash at a gaming-table
- Bandy—a tanner, a sixpence
- Banyan day—Saturday, when there's nothing left to eat
- Bantling a young child
- Bar that—cheese it, stow it, don't mention it
- Barber's clerks,—conceited ignorant shop-boys
- Bark, an Irishman
- Barker, a salesman's servant, a prowler to pick up countrymen in the streets
- Barking irons, pistols
- Barnacles. spectacles
- Battered bully, an old gloak well milled, huffing fellow
- Bawd, a procuress, a woman that keeps a brothel



- Battner, an ox  
 Beak, a justice of the peace, a magistrate  
 Beak, rum, a justice who will do any thing for money  
 Beak, queer,—a magistrate that is particularly strict to his duty  
 Beaks out on the nose, magistrates out on a search night  
 Beaksmen—traps  
 Bear leader—a travelling tutor  
 Beat—a watchman's walk  
 Beaver or tile—a hat  
 Beck or harman, a beadle  
 Beeswax—cheese  
 Belch, malt liquor  
 Ben, or Sam—a raw, a novice  
 Beau traps—genteel dressed sharpers, fortune hunters  
 Beef—to alarm, discover, to pursue  
 Belly cheat—an apron, a pad  
 Belly timber—food of all sorts  
 Belly-go-fister—a hard blow on the belly  
 Bene—prime, good  
 Bene cove—hearty fellow, a trump  
 Bene bowse—good beer  
 Bene of gibes—counterfeiters of passes  
 Bene darmans—good night  
 Bene fakers—counterfeiters  
 Bender—a shilling  
 Benjamin—a top coat, a great coat  
 Betty—a small picklock  
 Bever—an afternoon's luncheon  
 Better half—an ironical name for a wife  
 Biddy—a fowl, a capon, or chicken; a young chicken  
 Bilboa—a sword, or any pointed instrument  
 Billing and cooing—the sexes humbugging one another; courting  
 Bilk—to swindle, cheat  
 Bing—to cut, go away  
 Bingo—spirituous liquors  
 Bingo boy—a male dram drinker  
 Bingo mot—a female dram drinker  
 Bit—money  
 Big'uns—men of consequence  
 Bit—taken in, duped  
 Bit, queer—counterfeit money  
 Bit cull—a coiner  
 Bit smasher—an utterer of base coin  
 Bit of cavalry—a knacker, a saddle horse  
 Bit of muslin—a flame, a sweetheart  
 Bitch, to—to yield, to give up an attempt thro' fear  
 Bitch, to, a character—or to perform any thing badly  
 Biting your name in—taking a large draught, drinking greedily

- Blab—a prating stupid fellow, a fool
- Blab, to—to nose, to chatter, to tell secrets
- Black beetles—the lower order of people
- Black diamonds—coals, or coalheavers
- Black boy—a clergyman
- Black Indies—Newcastle
- Black-strap—port wine
- Black box, or knob—a lawyer
- Black spy—an informer
- Black act—act of picking locks
- Black cove dubber—a gaoler or turnkey
- Black-legs—sharper, fellows who lay wagers, and after losing cannot pay them; a professed gambler
- Black houses—prisons
- Blank—frustrated, baffled
- Blarney—a wonderful story, flattery. *See* Gammon.
- Bleaters—lambs, sheep
- Bleats—a sheep stealer
- Bleak mot—a fair girl
- Bleeder—a crammer, a lie
- Blind, to—to cheat under a pretence
- Blind harpers— itinerant vagabonds with harps
- Blinker—a one eyed horse
- Block—jemmy, pipkin, head
- Block houses—prisons
- Blow out—a belly full, an extraordinary meal
- Blow a cloud—smoking a pipe
- Blow the gab—to split, to expose, inform
- Blow—to split, tell, expose
- Blow me tight—a sort of burlesque oath; as, If I don't I'm jigger'd, &c.
- Blowings—prostitutes
- Blue ruin—gin
- Blue devils, blues—low spirits, horror struck
- Blue pigeon filers, or flyers—thieves who steal lead from the tops of houses and churches
- Blubber—to whine, to cry
- Bluff—to bluster, look big
- Bluffer—an impudent imposing fellow of an inn-keeper
- Blunderbuss—a stupid ignorant fellow
- Blunt—tip, rag, money
- Boarding school—a house of correction, or prison
- Bob—a shilling
- Bob—a shoplifter's assistant
- Bob-stick—a hog, a shilling
- Bobtail—a lewd woman, or prostitute
- Bobbery—a disturbance, a row
- Bobbish—tol lol, pretty well in health
- Body bag—a shirt
- Body snatchers—bailiffs, police officers
- Boggy—kiddy, covey
- Bog trotters—lower order of Irishmen
- Bogey—old Nick, the devil
- Bolt the moon—to cheat the landlord by taking the goods away in the night without paying the rent

- Bolt—cut, go, make yourself scarce  
 Bolted—hopped the twig, shuffled, gone  
 Bone—to steal  
 Bone box—the mouth  
 Bone setter—a hackney coach  
 Bonnetter—a thump on the hat  
 Bon vivant—a choice spirit, a jolly dog  
 Booth—a place for harbouring thieves  
 Booked—in for it, dished  
 Booze—drink  
 Boozy—drunk  
 Boozing ken—a lush crib, a sluicery, ale-house  
 Bore—a tedious story, or a vexatious circumstance  
 Bordell—a bawdyken, house of ill fame  
 Bottle-head—stupid, void of sense  
 Bought—any thing that's dearly paid for  
 Bounce—to lie, to swagger  
 Bounceable—proud, saucy  
 Bower, the—Newgate  
 Bowsprit—cork snorter, the nose  
 Bow wow mutton—cag mag, dog's flesh, bad ill-looking meat  
 Bow wow broth,—broth made of stinking meat  
 Bow mam—a thief  
 Box o'dominos—mouth and teeth  
 Box of ivory—the teeth  
 Box Harry—to go without victuals  
 Boxed—locked up  
 Boxing a Charley—upsetting a watchman in his box  
 Brads—money  
 Brass—impudence  
 Bracket face—devilish ugly  
 Bravoes—bullies  
 Bread basket—the stomach  
 Breaking shins—borrowing money  
 Breeze, kicking up a—exciting a disturbance  
 Brisket-beater—a Roman Catholic  
 Brick—a loaf  
 Broads—cards  
 Brogue—Irish accent  
 Broom—go, cut, be gone  
 Browns—copper coin  
 Brown Bess—a soldier's firelock  
 Brown suit—no go  
 Brown gater droppings, heavy wet, heavy brown, beer  
 Brush, or buy a brush—be off make yourself scarce  
 Brusher—a full glass  
 Brushed off—run away  
 Bub—guzzle, drink  
 Bubble—to cheat, defraud  
 Bub-rum—good liquor  
 Bub, queer—bad liquor  
 Buff, to—to swear falsely, to perjure  
 Buffer—a perjurer  
 Buffer napper—dog stealer  
 Bug—to damage  
 Buggaboos—sheriff's officers  
 Buggy—a one-horse chaise  
 Bugging—money taken by bailiffs not to arrest a person

Bull—a blunder  
 Bull—crown-piece  
 Bull, half—half a crown-piece  
 Bull dogs—pistols  
 Bulk—a fellow that attends a pickpocket, to receive stolen goods  
 Bully—a cowardly blustering fellow, pretended husband to a bawd or prostitute  
 Bully rocks—impudent villains, kept to preserve order in houses of ill fame  
 Bully traps—pretended constables called to frighten the unwary and extort money  
 Bum—a bailiff  
 Bum'd—arrested  
 Bunch of dog's meat—a squalling child in arms  
 Bunch of fives—the closed hand, the fist  
 Bunch of onions—chain and seals  
 Bunter—a low-life woman  
 Buntlings—petticoats  
 Bung-eyed—drunk, tipsy  
 Burning the ken—vagabonds residing in an alehouse, and leaving it without paying the reckoning  
 Buss—a kiss  
 Bustle—ready, money  
 Buster, or burster—a loaf of bread  
 Button—a bad shilling  
 Buttering up—praising, flattering  
 Buttock and file—pickpocket  
 Buzman—a pickpocket

Buz—a pickpocket  
 Bye-blow—a bastard

## C.

CABBAGE,—tailors' perquisites  
 Cadger—a beggar, a scanning cove, a mean sort of thief  
 Cagmag—stinking, or bad meat  
 Cake—an easy stupid fellow  
 Camesa—a shirt or shift  
 Canary bird—the inmate of a prison  
 Cank—dumb, silent  
 Cannister—see Block  
 Cant—mock religion, language of methodists  
 Canter gloak—a parson, a liar  
 Canting—language of thieves gypsies, beggars, &c.  
 Canting crew,—impostors who go about preaching methodists, &c.  
 Canticle—a parish clerk  
 Cap, to—to out do, to beat  
 Caper merchant—a dancing master  
 Captain tober—first rate highwayman  
 Captain—head of a gang, a bully  
 Captain Flasham—a blustering fellow, a coward  
 Captain queer Nabs—a dirty fellow without shoes  
 Captain Sharp—a cheat, a bully  
 Caravan—great quantity of money

- Carriou case**—shirt or shift  
**Carriou hunters**—undertakers  
**Castor**—a tile, a hat  
**Cass**—cheese  
**Cast your skin**—strip naked  
**Cat**—a drunken, fighting prostitute  
**Cat's meat**—the constitution the body  
**Cat's-meat shop**—an eating house  
**Catastrophe**—behind, seat of honour  
**Catchpole**—bailiff  
**Catgut scraper**—a violin player  
**Cavil**—to jaw, quarrel  
**Cavon**—an old wig, or jasey  
**Chimmy**—a shift  
**Chaff**—irritating, or ironical language, to banter  
**Chaffer**—the mouth  
**Chaffing crib**—a drinking room where bantering is carried on  
**Chalk**—advantage  
**Chalks**—the legs  
**Chant**—a flash song  
**Chancery, head in**—said, in fighting, of him whose head is held fast under the arm of his antagonist, and gets punished with little chance of extricating himself, unless he floors his man  
**Charley**—a watchman  
**Charm**—picklock  
**Chats**—lice  
**Chates**—the gallows  
**Chaw-bacons,**—countrymen, bumpkins  
**Cheeks**—an imaginary person; nobody; as, who does that belong to? *Cheeks.*  
**Cheese it**—stow it, give over drop it  
**Cheese-cutters**—bandy legs  
**Chere amie**—a bed fellow, a sweetheart  
**Chickster**—a flame, a prostitute  
**Chink**—rhino, rag, money  
**Chiv**—a bleeder, a knife  
**Chizzle, to**—gammon, cheat  
**Chuff**—jolly, merry  
**Chum**—a bedfellow, a companion, fellow prisoner  
**Chummy, or clergyman**—a sweep  
**Civil rig**—a trick of the beggars to obtain by over civility  
**Clean shirt day**—Sunday  
**Clankers**—silver tankards  
**Clapper dudgeon**—a beggar born  
**Claret**—blood  
**Cleaned out**—mucked, having lost all your money  
**Clench it**—complete the thing finish the business  
**Clerked**—cheated, imposed upon  
**Clicks in the gob**—thumps in the mouth  
**Click**—a knock down blow  
**Clinkers**—fettors  
**Clickman toad**—a watch\*

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\* It was originally called so from the following circumstance. A gentleman passing through some part of the West of England, by accident lost his watch, and a green-



- Clink, to—to nab, to snatch  
 Clockey—a watchman  
 Cloy—to steal  
 Cly, or clie, a pocket  
 Coach wheel—a crown piece  
 Cock-chaffer—a lady-bird, a prostitute  
 Cloaker—drop at Newgate  
 Coffee-mill, watchman's rattle  
 Cock—a trump, good fellow  
 Cob—a dollar  
 Cobble colter—a turkey  
 Cog—to cheat with dice  
 Cogue—a glass of gin  
 Colt—one who lets horses to highwaymen  
 Coal-scuttle—a large bonnet  
 Cole, or coal—blunt, money  
 Collector—a highway robber  
 Colguarin—the neck  
 College—the King's Bench, or Fleet Prison  
 Commission—a shirt  
 Commission, to shake your—to shake your whole frame  
 Conk—the sneezer, the nose  
 Convenient—a mistress  
 Cooler—a glass of porter  
 Coal-box—chorus of a song  
 Cod—haughty meddling fool
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- horn hearing it tick imagined it to be some live creature; so with the greatest astonishment carried it to his neighbours, who, equally amazed as himself, (for none of them had ever heard of such a thing as a watch) thought it was some reptile, and so christened it a 'Clickman toad;' and with a view to get a breed of young clickman toads, put it with a real toad; but after making many fruitless trials, they all assembled together and dashed its brains out for madness.
- Come down—to give stand treat  
 Come out, worse than—very bad, execrable  
 Communicator—bell  
 Conk—the nose  
 Collar—to grab, snatch  
 Cooped—in durance vile, to lock up in a gaol  
 Corinth—a brothel  
 Coriander seed—money  
 Corinthians—men of rank  
 Corpus—the body  
 Core—the heart  
 Coppers—halfpence  
 Conveyancers—thieves  
 Costermongers, jackass boys venders of greens, &c.  
 Cove, or covey—a fellow  
 Cove—a receiver of stolen goods  
 Covess of a ken—a female keeper of a brothel  
 Cove, lumber—a person that keeps a place for thieves  
 Cover me decent—a top tog, a great coat  
 Cover me properly—fashionable toggery  
 Cover me queerly—ragged raiment  
 Court-card, a trump  
 Counting-house, Mrs. Jones's the privy  
 Cozy fuss—billing & cooing  
 Crabb-shells—shoes  
 Crack—to break open  
 Cracksmen—a housebreaker  
 Crack'd cannister—a broken head  
 Cramp-rings—fetters  
 Crammer—a lie

- Cramp words**,—sentence of death passed on a criminal  
**Crap**—money  
**Crapp'd**—hanged  
**Crapping curl**—an executioner  
**Creeme, to**—to put money in the hands of another  
**Crank**—gin and water  
**Crib**—to thieve  
**Cribb**—a ken, a mean looking room  
**Crikey**—a word of wonderment  
**Crimp**—a decoyer, kidnapper  
**Crony**—a companion  
**Cropping**—the tail  
**Cross, on the**—getting a living by dishonest means  
**Cross fight**—a sold battle  
**Cross bite**—to cheat a friend  
**Cross the herring pond**—transported to Botany-bay  
**Crowdsman**—a fiddler  
**Crummy**—fat  
**Crusty**—vexed, chagrined  
**Cub**—a young child  
**Cucumbers**—tailors  
**Cuffin queer**—a magistrate  
**Culch**—cag-mag meat, or the refuse of any thing  
**Culp**—a kick  
**Cup-hot**—very drunk  
**Cur**—a sneak, a coward  
**Curbing law**—to take goods out of window  
**Carl**—clippings of money  
**Curblers**—Jews who sweat gold coin by rubbing them together, for the dust  
**Cursitons**—broken down lawyers, Newgate attorneys  
**Cusstin**—a man  
**Cut**—sheer off, go, avoid, or shun a companion  
**Cut bene**—to speak gently
- D.**
- DAB**—a bed  
**Dab**—one who is clever  
**Dad**—a father  
**Daffy**—max, gin  
**Dagen**—a sword  
**Daddle**—the hand  
**Damn**—to crush, to do away with a drama  
**Damp your mugs**—wet your mouth, drink  
**Dandy**—a swell, an exquisite  
**Dancers**—stairs  
**Darby**—ready money  
**Darbies**—sausages, fetters  
**Darby's fair**—the day when felons are removed to Newgate for trial  
**Darkey**—night  
**Darkmans**—the night  
**Darken the daylight**—to close up the eyes  
**Dash**—a waiter  
**Dash**—a portion  
**Daylights**—the eyes  
**Dealers in queer**—passers of bad money  
**Dead beat**—done over  
**Derrick, to**—to set out on an enterprize  
**Deuce**—twopence  
**Deux wins**—two pence  
**Dews**—a crown-piece  
**Dew-beaters**—the feet  
**Diamond squad**—folks of quality, big'uns

- Diamond a horn, to—** to put a stone under the shoe, to sham walking lame  
**Diddle—**spirituous liquors  
**Diddle cove—**landlord of a gin shop, &c.  
**Diddle—to** cheat  
**Die proud, or game—to** die with courage, or hardened  
**Dimmock—**money  
**Dimber—**handsome, pretty  
**Dimber damber—**the king of the canting crew  
**Dimber cove—**a pretty cove, or fellow  
**Dimber mot—**an enchanting girl  
**Ding—to** throw away  
**Ding boy—**a rogue, knave, or sly fellow  
**Dinger—**a pickpocket, or thief  
**Dipper—**anabaptist  
**Dock yarder—**a skulk in any sly place  
**Doctors—**false dice  
**Doff—to** uncover, take your hat off  
**Dollop—**a handfull  
**Dominic—**a parson  
**Done brown,—**done over, queered, floored  
**Donovans—**potatoes  
**Donkey's ears—**a false collar  
**Don't name 'ems—**breeches  
**Don't know what to call'ems—**inexpressibles, breeches  
**Dorse—**a place of rest  
**Douse the glim—**blow out the light  
**Doughey—**a baker  
**Down—**fly, awake, knowing  
**Down in the mouth—**having nothing to say, low spirited  
**Doxy—**girl of the town  
**Dozing cribb—**a sleeping room  
**Drag—**a cart, or waggon  
**Drap—**a drop  
**Draw it mild—**gently  
**Draw latches—**rollers of houses  
**Drawers—**stockings  
**Drawing a cork—**giving a bloody nose  
**Drawing a thimble—**picking a pocket of a watch  
**Drawing a wiper—**picking a pocket of a handkerchief  
**Drawing a long bow—**telling a lying story for truth  
**Dromedary—**a clumsy thief, a young beginner  
**Drop—**the squeezer at Newgate  
**Drops—**who go about to public houses to cheat unwary countrymen at cards  
**Droppings—**heavy wet, beer  
**Dub—**a key  
**Dub the jigger—**fasten the door  
**Dubber—**a picker of locks  
**Duds—**togs, clothes  
**Duds cheat—**ragged, poor  
**Duffers—**swindlers, who go about with articles pretending they are smuggled and to sell them at an apparently cheap rate

**Dummy**—a stupid fellow, one who has nothing to say for himself

**Duke of limbs**—a deformed person

**Dunnaken**—if it be *necessary* to explain the word—a privy

**Dupe**—a victim to artifice and misrepresentation

**Durance vile**—prison

**Dutch reckoning**—bad reckoning

**Dust**—money

**Dustman**—sleep, or drowsiness

## E.

**EARWIG**—a crony, a close friend

**Earth stoppers**—horses feet

**Elbow shaker**—a dice rattler, a gambler

**English Burgundy**—strong beer

**Eriffs**—young thieves in training

**Eve droppers**—vagabonds who rob hen roosts

## F.

**FACER**—a blow on the face, a bumper

**Fadge**—a farthing

**Fag**—to ill use, to work hard

**Fakements**—scraps, morsels,

**Fast trotters**—good horses, rum prads

**Fam**—a ring

**Fams, or fambles**—hands

**Fancy**—the ton of low life

## C

**Farmer**—an alderman

**Fastener**—a warrant

**Faulkner**—a juggler, a tumbler

**Fawney**—a ring

**Feck, to**—to discover which is the safest way of obtaining stolen goods

**Feeder**—a spoon

**Feint**—pawnbroker

**Felt**—a hat

**Fem**—a hole

**Fence**—a receiver of stolen goods

**Fencing ken**—a house where stolen goods are deposited

**Feret**—a pawnbroker

**Fib**—to fight, to box

**Fibbing**—pummelling a head while in chancery

**Flick me some panea and casau**—cut me some bread and cheese

**Fiddler**—a sixpence

**Fiddle**—watchman's rattle

**Fiery snorter**—a red nose

**Field-lane duck**—a baked sheep's head

**Fig out**—to dress

**Figure**—a little boy put in at a window to hand goods to his accomplices

**Filcher**—a thief

**File, a rum**—an odd fellow

**Filch**—to steal

**Fin**—arm

**Fishfag**—a woman that sells fish

**Fishhooks**—the fingers

**Fives**—the fingers

**Fives, a bunch of**—the fist the hand closed

- Flag—groat, fourpence  
 Flame—a bit of muslin, a sweetheart  
 Flankey—the behind, the part you sit on  
 Flash of lightning—a glass of gin  
 Flash—language used by thieves, gypsies; to sport  
 Flashman,—a prostitute's bully  
 Flash cove—the keeper of a place for the reception of stolen goods  
 Flashing his gab—showing off his talk  
 Flash his ivory—showing off his teeth  
 Flat—a raw, an inexperienced fellow, a fool  
 Flat-catcher—an article to dupe the public  
 Fleec'd—clean'd out, stript  
 Flick—to cut  
 Flicker—a drinking glass  
 Flimsies—Bank of England notes  
 Flipper—the hand  
 Floating academy—the hulks at Woolwich, for convicts  
 Flogger—a whip  
 Flogged—knock'd down  
 Floorers—fellows who throw people down in the street, &c. when their companions under the pretence of assisting, rob them  
 Flowers of society—the ornaments of high life, *big game*, acquainted with  
 Flyers—shoes  
 Flying colours, to come off with—to come off with luck, to do any thing with advantage to yourself  
 Flue faker—a chummy, a sweep  
 Fogle—pocket handkerchief  
 Fogo—stink  
 Fog—smoke  
 Fogus—tobacco  
 Fogay—a stupid fellow  
 Footing—money paid by a prostitute when going among her companions, also money paid on entering into any trade or calling amongst mechanics  
 Fork—a pickpocket  
 Fork it out—to produce any thing by the hand  
 Forks—fore and middle fingers  
 Fresh water bay - Fleet-market  
 Frisk—mischief  
 Frontispiece - the face  
 Frow—a prostitute  
 Frummagem'd—choked, or hang'd  
 Frumper—sturdy blade  
 Fudge—gammon  
 Fuller's earth—gin  
 Fumbles—gloves  
 Funk—stew, to fret  
 Funk—to cheat, alarm, to smoke, stink  
 Funkers—the very lowest order of thieves



## G.

GAB—the mouth

Gaff—a fair

Gaffing—tossing with the pie-man

Gag, high—on the whisper, nosing, telling secrets

Gag, low—the last degree of beggary; to ask alms in the streets with a pretended broken limb

Gage—a quart pot

Caggler's coach—a hurdle

Gaiters; blacklegs, gamblers

Galligaskins—breeches

Gams—the legs

Game—courageous, sturdy, hearty, hardened

Gammon—falsehood or bombast

Gammoners—cheats, swindlers

Gan—the mouth

Gape seed—any thing that attracts the sight

Garnish—money demanded of people entering into prison

Gay tyke boys—dog fanciers

Gee—su table; that won't gee, won't do

Gelter—money

Gentry cove—a gentleman

Gentry ken—a gentleman's house

George, yellow—a guinea

George—a half-crown piece

Gig—fun, nonsense, ready, on the alert

Gill—a cove, fellow

Gills—cheeks

Gin spinner—proprietor of a gin shop

Ginny—an instrument to lift up a grate, in order to steal what articles are in the window

Giving turnips—to cut acquaintance, to shun any body

Glazier—one that breaks windows and show glasses in order to steal goods exposed for sale

Glibe—a writing

Glim—the candle, or light

Glims—peepers, eyes

Glims flashy—a person in a passion

Glim Jack—a link boy

Glimstick—a candlestick

Glim fenders—hand irons

Gloak—a man

Glue—the lady's fever, venereal disease

Gnostics—knowing ones

Go it—keep on

Go slow—draw it mild, easy

Go by—to rise by superior force, turn the tables against you

Gob stick—a silver table spoon

God permit—a stage coach

Goggles—the eyes

Goldfinch—yellow boy, gold coin

Gone to pot—become poor in circumstances, gone to the dogs

Goose, to—to hiss like a goose

Goth, A—a fool, an idiot  
 Grabb—snatch  
 Grab the bit—to seize the money  
 Grabbed—taken, or apprehended  
 Grand strut—Rotten Row, Bond Street  
 Grand twig—in prime stile  
 Grannum gold—old hoarded coin  
 Gravel digger—a sharp-toed dancer  
 Gravel tax—money robbed from people on the highway  
 Grease—money  
 Greek—St. Giles's, slang language  
 Greeks—gamblers, blacklegs  
 Green bag—lawyer  
 Green—raw, unlearned  
 Greenhorn—a sponge, a raw countryman  
 Grig—merry fellow, merry companion  
 Grinders—the teeth  
 Groaners—a sort of wretches who attend meetings, sighing and looking demure; in the meantime their pals pick the pockets of those persons who may be in the same pew with them.—They also rob the congregation of their watches, as they are coming out of church; exchange their bad hats for good ones—jocosely called *hat making*; steal prayer-books, &c.;

also fellows who go round with street preachers, who while the mock parson is preaching, they pick the pockets of the listeners  
 Groat—a flag, four-pence  
 Grogham—a horse  
 Gropers—blind men  
 Gropusses—the pockets  
 Ground sweat—to be buried  
 Grub—provender, victuals  
 Grub and bub—victuals and drink  
 Grunter—a pig  
 Grunter—a bob, shilling  
 Guinea pig—a fellow who receives a guinea for puffing off an unsound horse  
 Gull—to cheat, circumvent  
 Gulpin—a raw, a yokel, unlearned  
 Gum—abusive language  
 Gunpowder—an old woman  
 Gutter lane—the throat  
 Gutting a quart pot—drinking a pot of beer

## H.

HACK—a hackney coach  
 Half and half—half seas over tippy  
 Half a bull—half a crown  
 Half a hog—half a shilling  
 Half a grunter—sixpence  
 Half nap—venture, hesitation  
 Hams—breeches  
 Hammering—excessive heavy thumps with the fists  
 Hamlet—high constable  
 Hand over—to bribe

- dence not to appear against  
 a culprit, to drop an argu-  
 ment, an action  
 Handle the ribbing, to knock  
 the ribs about  
 Hang it up—to leave a rec-  
 koning unpaid at a public  
 house  
 Handle—a tool, a silly fel-  
 low  
 Hard up—in a queer way,  
 money all gone  
 Harman—a constable  
 Harmans—the stocks  
 Havannah, under a canopy  
 of—sitting where there are  
 many persons smoking to-  
 bacco  
 Hawks—swindlers, sharpers  
 Hawks—an advantage  
 Hear any thing knock—do  
 you take the hint  
 Hearing cheats—ears  
 Heave—to rob  
 Heavy brown—beer  
 Heavy plodders—Stock bro-  
 kers  
 Hedge taverns, public houses  
 on the road side, little fre-  
 quented by travellers  
 Heavers—breasts  
 Hedge creepers—the mean-  
 est order of thieves  
 Hedge bird—meanscoundrel  
 Hedge—to secure a bet by  
 betting on the contrary  
 side  
 Hedge off—slink off to avoid  
 serious consequences  
 Hell—a gambling house  
 Hell cat—a lewd abandoned  
 woman  
 Hell hound—profligate im-  
 pudent fellow  
 Hempen casement—a halter  
 Hempen furniture—money  
 rewards for convicting fe-  
 lons by thief takers and  
 others; commonly called  
 blood money  
 Hempen widow—a woman  
 whose husband has been  
 hanged  
 Hen—woman  
 Hick Jop—a bumpkin, a fool  
 Hick Sam—a country fellow,  
 a fool  
 High pads—thieves, or foot-  
 pads, who rob on the high-  
 way on foot, of the same  
 class as scamps and spicers  
 High flyer—an audacious,  
 impudent woman  
 High tide—having plenty of  
 money  
 High tobers—the highest or-  
 der of thieves, who rob on  
 the highway, well dressed,  
 and mounted on fine horses  
 High gloak—well dressed  
 highwayman  
 High jinks—gamblers, a set  
 of fellows who keep little  
 goes, take in insurances;  
 also attendants at the E.O.  
 tables, and at the races;  
 fellows always on the loo-  
 out to rob unwary coun-  
 trymen at cards  
 Hob—a bumpkin, a clod-  
 hopper  
 Hobbled on the leg—a trans-  
 ported felon ironed on the

- leg, and sent on board the hulks  
 Hog—a shilling  
 Hog grubber—a sneaking mean fellow, a cadger  
 Hog grunter—a close-sifted, narrow-souled, mean fellow  
 Hoisters—shop-lifters, fellows who go into shops, and under the pretence of buying goods, generally conceal some article under the sleeves of the coat, mostly frequenting jeweller's shops  
 Hoister mots—women who go into shops and steal some small article  
 Holy land—St. Giles's, from St. Giles being the *patron* saint of *beggars*  
 Hoofs—the feet  
 Hoof it—to walk  
 Hooked—overreached  
 Hookers—thieves  
 Hop, a sixpenny—a dancing room where sixpence is the price of admission  
 Hop merchant—a dancing master  
 Hop the twig—run away  
 Harness—watchmen, constables, police officers  
 Hot flannel—liquor made of beer and gin, with eggs, sugar, and nutmeg  
 Hue—to whip, lash  
 Huff—a bullying cowardly fellow  
 Huggar—drunk  
 Hum box—pulpit  
 Hum—a liar, a canting deceitful Wesleyan methodist  
 Hum—to humbug, deceive  
 Hums—people at church  
 Humpty dumpty—boiled ale and brandy  
 Hunting—drawing unwary people to play  
 Hush still—quiet  
 Hush money—money given to compound felony  
 Huskey lour—a guinea, gold coin
- I.
- INDEX—the face  
 Ignoramus—a stupid fellow a novice  
 Inexpressibles—breeches  
 Ingle boxers—jacks tipped with silver, and hung with bells  
 Ingler—horse dealer of bad character  
 Interlopers—lazy fellows who are dependent on the generosity of their friends for support  
 Irish apricots—potatoes  
 Irish evidence—false witness  
 Irish legs—thick legs  
 Iron doublet—a parson  
 Iron—money  
 Itch land—Scotland  
 Ivories—the teeth
- J.
- JACK—a farthing  
 Jack Adams—a muff, stupid fellow  
 Jack at a pinch—a hackney parson

**Jack in a box**—a sharper, a cheat  
**Jack cove**—a sloven, dirty fellow  
**Jack-a-dandy**—a little impertinent fellow  
**Jack pudding**—merry Andrew, a clown  
**Jacken closer**—a seal  
**Jacob**—a ladder  
**Jacobites**—sham or collar shirts  
**Jackrum**—license for marriage  
**Jam**—gold ring  
**Jarvey**—hackney coachman  
**Jasey**—a wig  
**Jaw**—abusive language  
**Jehu**—a coachman  
**Jemmy**—twopenny, head  
**Jenny**—a pick-lock  
**Jet**—a lawyer  
**Jet Autem**—a parson  
**Jew**—an over-reaching fellow  
**Jig**—a trick  
**Jigger**—a door, bolt, or private still  
**Job**—guinea  
**Jobber knot**—a tall stupid fellow  
**Jock gagger**—fellows who live on the prostitution of their wives, &c.  
**Joe**—an imaginary person, nobody; as, Who do those things belong to?  
**Joe**  
**Jolter head**—a heavy dull blustering landlord  
**Jones's, Mrs.**—the coffee house, privy

## K.

**KATE**—a picklock  
**Keep up the ball**—to live & be jolly  
**Keep the line, to**—to behave with decorum  
**Ken**—a cribb, room  
**Ken-cracker**—house breaker  
**Ken Bowman**—a well-furnished house  
**Ken, flash**—a house where thieves and vagrants resort  
**Ken miller**—house breaker  
**Kick**—sixpence  
**Kick**—to borrow money, to ask a favour  
**Kick the bucket**—to expire  
**Kicksies**—breeches  
**Kid**—a fellow thief  
**Kiddies**—flash fellows  
**Kid lays**—villains who defraud boys of their parcels and goods  
**Kiddies**—a slap up well-dressed girl  
**Kid, with**—pregnant  
**Kid-nappers**—fellows who steal children, and decoy countrymen and strangers in the street, to rob them; also recruiting crimps.  
**Kidwy**—a hief's child  
**Kill devil**—new rum, from its pernicious quality  
**Kinchin**—a young child  
**Kimbau**—to defraud, cheat  
**King's mots**—female children carried on the backs of strollers and beggars to excite the pity of the public



- King's picture—king's head  
on gold coin
- Kinchin coves—fellows who  
steal children for gypsies,  
beggars, &c.
- Knacker—an old good for  
nothing horse
- Knife it—stow it, be quiet
- Knight—a poor silly fellow
- Knight of the awl—a snob,  
cobler
- Knight of the hod—a brick-  
layer's labourer
- Knight of the road—a high-  
wayman
- Knight of the brush and  
moon—a drunken fellow
- Knight of the post—a per-  
jurer, false swearers, fel-  
lows employed to give  
false evidence
- Knight of the blade—a bul-  
lying sham captain, a brag-  
gadocia
- Knights of the rainbow—  
waiters, footmen, lacqueys
- Knowledge box—the jemmy,  
head
- Knuckles—pickpockets
- Knuckle dabs—ruffles
- Ky-bosh on, to put the—to  
turn the tables on any per-  
son, to put out of counte-  
nance
- L.
- LADY-BIRD,—a sweetheart,  
bed-fellow
- Laced woman—a virtuous  
female
- Lady's man—an obsequious  
fellow to females
- Lady in mourning—hotten-  
tot girl
- Lag—to transport
- Lagged—transported
- Lagger—a person working  
on the water
- Lame ducks—defaulters at  
the Stock Exchange
- Lambskin men—the judges
- Lantern, dark—a servant or  
agent that receives a bribe  
to conceal a robbery
- Lap—butter-milk, whey
- Lap, rum—good liquor
- Lap, queer—bad liquor
- Lap feeder—a spoon
- Lapping your congou  
drinking your tea
- Lark—a bit of mischief, fun
- Leading-strings—the con-  
trol of friends
- Leery—fly, up, acquainted
- Leerers—the eyes
- Left, over the—no go, it  
wont do
- Leg bail—running away
- Leg o'mutton sleeves—large  
sleeves worn by the ladies
- Levanters—persons who run  
away from their debts of  
honour
- Lib—to live together
- Lib ken—lodging house
- Libbege—a bed
- Lifter—a robber of shops
- Ligating a candle—sneaking  
out of a public house with  
out paying the reckoning
- Light blue—gin
- Lightning—gin
- Lightning, a noggen of—a  
quartern of gin

Lightments—the day  
 Lil—a pocket book  
 Lily white—a snowball, a black, a chimney sweep  
 Limbo—prison  
 Line, getting into a—confusing a person, imposing on any body's belief by joking  
 Lingo—slang, language  
 Link it—turn it out  
 Lipish—saucy  
 List, or Loist—shop-lifting, robbing a shop  
 Little Barbary—Wapping  
 Little shillings—love money  
 Lively kid—a funny fellow, a brave man  
 Loap'd—run away  
 Lob—money till  
 Lob—an easy foolish fellow  
 Lob lolly—a queer cooked mess  
 Lob's pound—a prison  
 Lobsters—soldiers  
 Lock—a warehouse for the reception of stolen goods  
 Lock, rum—being in good health; rich, clever, expert  
 Locksmith's daughter—key  
 Loge—a watch  
 Loose house—round house, or cage  
 Lord—a deformed, hump-backed person  
 Lour—money  
 Low-water mark—having little money  
 Lugs, or listeners—the ears  
 Lully—wet linen  
 Lullaby cheat—an infant

Lully priggers—the lowest order of thieves, who decoy children to some bye place' and rob them of their clothes  
 Lully snow priggings—stealing wet linen from hedges  
 Lumber ken—a pawnbroker's shop  
 Lumber the ticker—to pawn a watch  
 Lurch, in the—to be left behind, to sneak, to hang on  
 Lush cribs—sluicery's, gin shops  
 Lush—drink  
 Lush ken—an alehouse  
 Lushingtons—drunkards

## M.

MACE—to rob, steal  
 Mackry—the country  
 Mad Toms of Bedlam—fellows who counterfeit madness in the streets, and after beating themselves about, spit out some blood, in order to convince the too feeling multitude that they have injured themselves by violent struggles, and so obtain relief: they have a small bladder of sheep's blood in their mouth, and when they choose can discharge it.  
 Made—stolen  
 Mag—halfpenny  
 Make, to—to steal  
 Malty coves—beer drinkers  
 Mary-la-bone kick—a kick in the belly

- Marrowbones**—the knees  
**Mat macers**—fellows and old women who go round in a morning when the servants are cleaning the doorways and steal the mats, &c.  
**Maunder**—beggar  
**Maundering**—begging  
**Mauns, tip us your**—give me your hand  
**Mawley**—the fist  
**Mawmouth**—one that splutters in his talk  
**Max**—gin  
**Mazzard**—the head  
**Mest**—to spend  
**Middle-piece**—the stomach  
**Mill**—thump, fight  
**Mill the glaze**—breaking windows or lamps  
**Mill the ken**—break open the house  
**Mill his nob**—break his head  
**Mill clapper**—a woman's tongue  
**Milldoll**—to beat hemp in Bridewell  
**Miller**—a boxer  
**Missing**—courting; to be gone, or away  
**Misstopper**—coat and petticoat  
**Mizzle**—go, begone  
**Moabites**—bailiffs and their crew  
**Mog**—a lie  
**Moisten your chaffer**—drink  
**Monish, tip us the**—give me the money  
**Monkey up**—being in a violent passion  
**Mopus**—a halfpenny  
**Moon curses**—link boys  
**Moonshine**—nonsense, flummery  
**Morriss off**—to run away  
**Mother**—a name for the keeper of a brothel  
**Mother's milk**—rum boose, good liquor  
**Mots**—cyprians, whores  
**Mount**—to give false evidence  
**Mounter**—a common perjurer, villains who give false evidence and become bail for fellows of their own stamp  
**Mouth**—a stupid fellow, a novice  
**Move**—an incident, an action in life  
**Mower**—a cow  
**Muck**—money  
**Muck, to**—to clean out, to win all a person's money  
**Muck'd**—lost all at play, no money left  
**Mud pipes**—thick boots  
**Muff**—a raw, a silly fellow  
**Mufflers**—sparring gloves  
**Mug**—the face  
**Mugs, cutting of**—making faces  
**Mullygrubs**—the belly ache  
**Mummer**—the mouth  
**Mammers**—strolling players mountebank speakers, gypsies, and beggars who tell pitiful stories to excite compassion  
**Muns**—mouth

Mumbling cove—a sturdy  
ill-natured landlord, shab-  
by fellow

Murphie—potatoes

Muzzle—the mouth

## N.

Nab—to steal

Nabb'd—taken

Nail—to lay hold

Natty lads—young thieves

Nash—to bolt, to run away

Needfull—money

Never wag, man of war—the  
Fleet Prison

Neat thing—good liquor

Nab—a hat

Nabs—a person of either sex;  
a familiar way of talking;  
as, How are you, my  
Nabs?

Nab the bib—to cry and wipe  
the eyes

Nab the rust—to receive the  
money

Nab the noge—to receive a  
guinea

Nab the clout—steal a hand-  
kerchief

Nab the cramp—having sent  
tence of death passed

Nab the bung—to receive a  
purse

Nask—a prison

Napper, or Naps—a sheep-  
s ealer

Napper—the head

Ne'er a face but his own—  
not a farthing in his pocket

Nwli ks, or Noolucks—a  
ers on not known, an ima-

ginary being, said to be a  
kin to Joe, Cheeks, &c

Nibble—thieve, steal

Nicks—nothing

Nim—to steal

Nimmer—a thief of the low-  
est order

Niggers—fellows who clip  
and file the gold coin

Nig—clipping of money

Nick it—to win a wager

Nip—a cheat

Nipperkin—half pint mea-  
sure

Nix, or nix my doll—nothing

No go—it won't do, a bad  
experiment

Nob—the head

Nob—a head: a fellow car-  
rying a high head, a man  
of money, of respectabi-  
lity

Nob Thatcher—a hat maker

Nob, old—a favourite game  
used by sharpers, called  
pricking in the hat

Nobbers—blows, thumps

Noddle—empty headed, shal-  
low pated, stupid

Noll—a wig

Noodle—a sawney

Norway neckcloth—the pil-  
lory

Norfolk capon—a soldier, a  
red herring

Nose, a—one who splits or  
tells

Nose, to—to expose, tell

Nozzle—the nose

Nub—the neck

Nubbing—hanging

- Nubbing cove—the hangman  
 Nubbing ken—the sessions house  
 Nubbing cheat—the gallows  
 Nail gropers—people who sweep the streets in search of old iron, nails, &c.  
 Nunnery—a brothel  
 Nurse—to cheat  
 Nutty—fond  
 Nut crackers—the pillory  
 Nutmeg grater—the beard
- O.
- Oak—a rich man of credit, substance  
 Office—warning, notice  
 Ogles—the eyes  
 Ogles in mourning—black eyes  
 Ogles, rum—fine piercing eyes  
 Oil of palm—money  
 Old One, or Old Harry—names for the devil  
 Old Tom—good gin  
 Old toast—a brisk lively old man  
 Oliver—the moon  
 Oliver widdles—the moon shines  
 Oliver sneaks—the moon hid under a cloud, has got his upper Ben on  
 Oli compoli—a rogue of the canting crew  
 On the pot—being in trouble vex'd  
 On the mallet—having goods on trust  
 One two—two blows succeeding each other
- One in ten—a parson  
 Optics—the eyes  
 Operators—pickpockets  
 Os chives, bone handleknives  
 Out and outer—a rum 'un, a good fellow at any thing, a trump  
 Ousted—turned out, thrown  
 Over the left—it won't do, no go  
 Over the bender—over the bridge  
 Overseer—a fellow in the pillory  
 Owlery—runners and smugglers of wool
- P.
- PAD—a highwayman who robs on foot  
 Pad it—to walk  
 Palm—to fee, to hand over  
 Palliard—beggars who borrow children, the better to obtain charity  
 Panum—victuals  
 Panum struck—very hungry wanting something to eat  
 Pantler—a butler  
 Param—bread  
 Parings—clippings of money  
 Panter—heat  
 Pat—an accomplice or companion  
 Patter—slang  
 Patter slang—to talk flash  
 Pattered—tried in a court of justice for felony  
 Pave—the pathway  
 Pavier's workshop, the stree  
 Peck and boose—victuals and drink



- Peel—to strip  
 Peeper—looking glass  
 Peepers—eyes  
 Peel your skin—strip, pull off your clothes  
 Peery—suspicious  
 Peg a hack—to drive a hackney coach  
 Peg, or peg stick—a bender, a shilling  
 Peg tantrums—dead  
 Penance board—pillory  
 Persuaders—cudgels or spurs  
 Peter—a trunk  
 Peteress—persons who make it their business to steal boxes from the backs of coaches, chaises, and other carriages  
 Pewter—money  
 Pewter, to unload—to drink porter out of a quart pot  
 Philistines—bailiffs and their crew  
 Phizog.—the face  
 Pickling tubs—Wellington, or top boots  
 Picture frame—the gallows, or pillory  
 Pig—a sixpence  
 Pigman—a trap, or bailiff  
 Pigeon—a meek stupid easy fellow  
 Pike off—run away  
 Pinch—to steal money under pretence of getting change *see* Ringing the changes  
 Pimple—the head  
 Pinks of fashion—dashing fellows  
 Pins—the gams, legs  
 Pippin—funny fellow, friendly way of expressing one's self, as 'How are you, my Pippin?'  
 Plauket—concealed  
 Pockets to let—empty pockets, no money  
 Point non plus—neither money nor credit  
 Poke fun—to chaff, joke  
 Poke—a bag, or sack  
 Poker—a sword  
 Poney—money  
 Pop—to pledge or pawn  
 Poplers—mess of pottage  
 Poppers—pistols  
 Potato, drop it like a—to drop any thing suddenly  
 Potato trap—the mouth  
 Potato, red hot, take a—a word by way of silencing a person, a word of contempt  
 Pot scum—bad or stinking dripping  
 Pothooks and hangers—short hand characters  
 P's & Q's. mind your—mind what you're at  
 Poundage cove—a fellow who receives poundage for procuring customers for damaged goods  
 Prad—a horse  
 Prancers—horses  
 Prate roast—a loquacious fellow  
 Pratt—buttocks  
 Pricking in the wicker for a dolphin—stealing bread from a baker's basket

Prigs—thieves and pickpockets

Prime twig—high condition

Prog—victuals

Prog, rum—good victuals

Prog, queer—bad victuals

Property—an easy fellow, a tool made use of to serve any purpose, a cat's paw

Provender—a person from whom any money is taken on the high road

Pudding house—the work-house

Pull—having the advantage over an adversary

Pull out—come it strong

Punch—a blow

Punish—to beat in fighting

Punisher—one who beats soundly

Pupil's straits—school tuition

Purgatory, trouble, perplexity

Purl, royal—ale and gin made warm

Purse—a sack

Put—a country fellow, silly, foolish

Putty and soap—bread and cheese

Q.

Quarroms—a body

Queer—base, doubtful, good for nothing, bad

Queer bit makers—coiners

Queer buffer—sharp inn keeper

Queer street, to be in—in a quandary

Queer cove—a rogue, villain

Queer ogles—squinting eyes

Queer patter—foreign talk

Queer rotar—a bad ill-looking coach

Queer rag—ill-looking money, base coin

Queer blowing—ugly wench

Queer gill—suspicious fellow

Queer plungers, fellows who pretend to be drowned

Queer cole makers—coiners of bad money

Queer lap—bad liquor

Queer beak—strict justice, upright judge

Queer rag—bad farthing

Queer bit—counterfeit money

Queer lully—deformed child

Queer tats—false dice

Queer vinegar—worn out woman's cloak

Queer belch—sour beer

Queer cove—a turnkey

Queer bid—insolvent sharpers, who make a practice of bailing persons arrested

Queer cat lap—bad tea

Queer chum—a suspicious companion

Queer pops—bad pistols

Queer put—an ill-looking foolish fellow

Queer thimble—good for nothing watch

Queer hen—a bad woman

Quota—whacks, share

Quod cull—a goal keeper

Quail pipe—woman's tongue

Queer prad—broken-knee'd horse

Queer lambs—bad dice  
 Queer Nantz—bad brandy  
 Queer nicks—breeches worn out  
 Queer dogen—rusty sword  
 Queer buffer—a cur  
 Queer harmen beak—a strict beadle  
 Queer gum—outlandish talk  
 Queer glim—a bad light  
 Queer ken—a gentleman's house without the furniture  
 Queer doxy—a clumsy woman  
 Queer booze—bad beer  
 Queer amen curler—a drunken parish clerk  
 Qui tam—a shark, lawyer  
 Qui vive—on the alert, in expectation  
 Quid—a goldfinch, sovereign  
 Quiz—a queer one, a gig, an aboriginal  
 Quod—prison

## R.

Radical—Hunt's breakfast powder, roasted corn  
 Rag—money; I've no rag, meaning I've no notes  
 Rag—blow up, rap out, scold  
 Rainbow—a tailor's pattern book  
 Rainbows—gay young bucks  
 Rain napper—an umbrella  
 Rap—I'm not worth a rap, I've got no money  
 Rap—give evidence, take false oath  
 Rap out—to swear, blow up, be in a passion

Rat—drunken man or woman taken in custody for breaking the lamps  
 Rattling cove—a hackney coachman  
 Rattling gloak, a simple easy fellow  
 Rattling mumpers—beggars who ply coaches  
 Ready—money  
 Reader—a pocket-book  
 Red rag—the tongue  
 Red rag, give your, a holiday—hold your tongue  
 Red tape—Cogniac, brandy  
 Regular—in proper course  
 Regulars—persons thus called from their leaving parties of pleasure at eleven or twelve o'clock at night, to the no small discomfiture of many an out-and-outer  
 Regent—half a sovereign  
 Resurrection men,—fellows who steal dead bodies from the church yard for the surgeons  
 Rhino—grease, money  
 Ribbon—money  
 Ridge—gold outside of a watch, or other article  
 Ridge cove—a wealthy goldsmith  
 Riff raff—black beetles, the lower order of people  
 Rig—fun, game, diversion  
 Rig out—a suit of clothes  
 Rig conoblin—cutting the string of large coals hanging at the door of coal sheds

- Rigging—clothing  
 Right and fly—complete  
 Ring—to exchange one article for another  
 Rise, a—a disturbance  
 Rivertick, tradesmens books  
 Rivits—money  
 Roger—a portmanteau  
 Rolled up—put in a spunging house  
 Romoners—fellows pretending to be acquainted with the occult sciences, fortune tellers  
 Rome ville—London  
 Rookery—an ill furnished house  
 Roses—nobility  
 Rotan—a coach  
 Rot gut,—swankey, small beer  
 Row—disturbance, ‘and in the ken to breed a row’  
 Roysters,—noisy turbulent fellows, rude vile singers  
 Roundyken, the watchhouse  
 Rumpus—a scuffle  
 Rub—an obstacle in the way, to run away, to make off  
 Rub out when its dry—all right when its forgotten  
 Ruffian—any person who handles a thief roughly; the wood, hedges  
 Rugg—all right and safe  
 Rug carrier—an ensign  
 Rum blowing—a handsome girl  
 Rum hopper—a waiter at a tavern  
 Rum mot—a woman of the town  
 Rum bod—a shop till  
 Rum peepers—fine looking glasses, or bright eyes  
 Rum speaker—good booty  
 Rum job, or rum dagen—a handsome sword  
 Rum quids—guineas  
 Rum pad—the high road  
 Rum maundy—fellows who counterfeit the fool, going about the streets in order to obtain charity  
 Rum kicks—breeches  
 Rum file, or rum diver—a female pickpocket  
 Rum glimmer—head of the link boy  
 Rum bodick—dirty shabby fellow  
 Rum beak—sensible justice  
 Rum doxy—fine made wench  
 Rum drawers—silk stockings  
 Rum gloak—well dressed man  
 Rum Nantz—good brandy  
 Rum ghelt, or rum cole—new money  
 Rum squeeze—wine or other liquor given to fiddlers  
 Rum prancer—fine horse  
 Rum rufe peck—Westphalia ham  
 Rum prad—a highwayman’s horse  
 Rum duke—queer old fellow, rich man  
 Rum gill—a man who appears to have plenty o. money  
 Rum rush—a number of villains rushing into a house in order to rob it

Rum gutters—cape wine  
 Rum quid—good guinea  
 Rum chaunt—good song  
 Rum booze—good wine, or  
 any liquor  
 Rum buffer—valuable dog  
 Rum cly—a full pocket  
 Rum feeder—large silver ta-  
 ble spoon  
 Rum gagers—cheats who  
 tell wonderful stories of  
 their sufferings at sea, in  
 order to obtain money  
 Rum dropper—a vintner  
 Rum cove—good natured  
 landlord  
 Rum fun—sharp trick  
 Rum bung—full purse  
 Rum bow—rope stolen from  
 any of the king's dock-yard  
 Rum clout—handkerchief  
 Rum bluffer—a jolly host  
 Rum bleating cheat—a fat  
 sheep  
 Rum back—good natured  
 Irishman  
 Rum barking irons—prime  
 pistols  
 Rum dumber—good natured  
 prince of the canting crew  
 Rum quod cull—a gaoler  
 Rum, or monogin—good, the  
 most valuable of any thing  
 jewels, diamonds  
 Rum un—a trump, a good  
 fellow  
 Rum ti tum with the chill  
 o'—good, slap up, the  
 tippy, excellent  
 Ryder—a cloak

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## S.

Sack—a pocket  
 Sack, to—to take up  
 Sam—a foolish fellow an  
 idiot  
 Sam, to stand—to pay for all  
 Sangaree—rack punch  
 Sans prisado—a person who  
 comes into company with-  
 out any money  
 Saving one's bacon—to es-  
 cape with a whole skin, to  
 evade any accident  
 Seedy; poor, miserable look-  
 ing, without money  
 Scamp—a thief  
 Setter—persons using the  
 haunts of thieves in order  
 to give information for  
 the reward  
 Seven-pence, to stand—to  
 suffer seven years trans-  
 portation  
 Sew up the sees—to give a  
 person two black eyes  
 Scandal broth—tea  
 Scamp foot—a street robber  
 Scent box—the nose  
 School butter—whipping  
 Scot—a savage person  
 Scotch fiddle—itch  
 Scottish—savage, wild, cha-  
 grined  
 Score—a debt, fine  
 Scout—a watchman or beadle  
 Screwbado—a dirty fellow  
 insignificant  
 Scroof—to go about living  
 with friends at their ex-  
 pence  
 Seran—victuals



- Scrap—a villainous scheme  
 Screw—a miser  
 Screw loose—a quarrel between two individuals, something wrong in a man's affairs  
 Screen—a pound note  
 Sharps—persons ready to take you in on all occasions  
 Shake a toe—to dance  
 Shark—a lawyer  
 Shade, nice to a—very particular  
 She lion—a shilling  
 Shell—to contribute, club  
 Sherry—run away, be gone  
 Sheriff's ball—an execution  
 Shindy—a regular row, a general quarrel  
 Shiners—guineas  
 Shirk—to cut, to skulk  
 Shop—a gaol  
 Shop lobster—a dressed up silly coxcomb of a shopman, a powdered fop  
 Shopped—imprisoned  
 Shoot—to go skulking about  
 Shooting the cat—vomiting  
 Shove—crowd, push  
 Shove the tumbler—whipped at the cart's tail  
 Shove in the mouth—a glass of gin  
 Shoving the moon—moving goods by moonlight  
 Shoulder knot—a bailiff  
 Shuffle—go, morriss, begone  
 Slum—gammion, sham  
 Shy cock—a person afraid of a bailiff  
 Siester—a nap after dinner, a short sleep  
 Sidle—come close to  
 Sighers—*See* Groaners  
 Sight, take a—a manner of expressing contempt or ridicule, by putting the thumb to the nose, with the fingers straight up in the air  
 Sght—a lot, a great many, a great deal  
 Sinkers—old stockings that have sunk the small parts into the heel  
 Sipper—a tea spoon  
 Six and eight-pence—a lawyer  
 Sink hole—the throat  
 Skewer—a sword  
 Skin—a purse  
 Skinners—villains who steal children; kidnappers who entrap unwary men to enlist for soldiers  
 Sky parlour—a garret, or first floor next the sky  
 Slang—flash language, patter  
 Slanged—ironed on one leg  
 Slap bang—victuals sold at a cook shop  
 Slate—a sheet  
 Sling tale and galena—fowl and pickle pork  
 Slipped cove—got away  
 Slogg—to thump hard  
 Slogger—a miller, a boxer  
 Stucery—a gin shop  
 Sluiced their gobs—~~drank~~ heartily  
 Sluice—wet, moisten  
 Slubber—a neavy stupid fellow

- Sty—contraband  
 Smack the bit—share the booty  
 Smart blunt—forfeit money  
 Smart—regular, up, awake  
 Smashing cove—housebreaker  
 Smash—to break, strike, also bad coin  
 Smash, a thigh of mutton and—leg of mutton, turnips, and capers  
 Smasher—passer of bad money  
 Smelt—half a guinea  
 Smell a rat—to surmise some thing  
 Smeller—the nose  
 Smitter—the arm  
 Smicket—a shift  
 Smug—steal, nibble  
 Snaffle—highwayman  
 Sneak, on the morning—sneaking down into the kitchen, &c. just as the servants are up, and purloining any small articles, commonly practised by cadgers  
 Sneezer—the nose  
 Snitch, to turn—to nose, to tell tales, to turn a sneak  
 Snorter—the nose  
 Snooze—to sleep, doze  
 Snoozing ken—a sleeping room  
 Snow ball—a black man  
 Snuffle—the nose  
 Snuge—thief under a bed  
 Solomon—the mass  
 Some time—a large amount  
 Something short—a glass of liquor  
 Soul driver—methodist parson  
 South sea mountain—gin  
 Speck, a bad—a bad undertaking  
 Specks, barnacles, spectacles  
 Spicer—footpad robber  
 Spicer, high—highwayman  
 Spike hotel—the Fleet, or King's Bench  
 Spilt—overturned in a carriage  
 Spittleonian—yellow handkerchief  
 Spoke with—to rob  
 Spoke to, he's—taken by the officers, cast for death  
 Spooney—a foolish fellow  
 Spoil—to bruise, injure  
 Spree—a lark, fun  
 Spurs—diggers  
 Sponge—to eat and drink at another's expence  
 Squail—a dram  
 Squeaker—a cross child, also a pot boy  
 Squeezer—the drop at Newgate  
 Stach—to conceal a robbery  
 Stoll—help, assistance  
 Staller—an accomplice in picking of pockets by holding up the arms of persons  
 Stam fish—to cant  
 Stand the racket—treat, pay for all  
 Stand the nonsense—pay the money, stand treat

- Stand still—a table  
 Stale whimper—a bastard  
 Stall—to make a stand, to crowd  
 Stag—an accomplice who has turned king's evidence  
 Stagged—discovered  
 Staller—an accomplice  
 Stalling ken—broker's shop, or that of a person receiving stolen goods  
 Stampers—feet, shoes, stairs  
 Stark naked—gin  
 Star gazers, prostitutes who frequent hedge rows  
 Stephen—money  
 Stern, the—the goat, behind, what we sit upon  
 Stifle a squeaker—to murder a child  
 Sticks—goods, chattels  
 Stiffner—a letter  
 Stick fans—gloves  
 Sticks—pistols  
 Stone pitcher—Newgate  
 Stoop—the pillory  
 Stow it—drop it, be quiet  
 Stow your whid—be silent  
 Stranger—a guinea  
 Strap—mallet, trust  
 Strammel—straw  
 Stretching—hanging  
 Straw chipper—a straw bonnet makers  
 Strike—a guinea  
 Strings of onions—the lower orders of society  
 String, to—to impose on a person's belief by some joke or lie  
 Strike me dead—small beer  
 Strummer faker, hair dresser  
 Stumps—the feet or legs  
 Sucked—devilish drunk  
 Suit of cover me properly—suit of fashionable clothes  
 Sugar, cock your leg and cry—a way of expressing triumph or joy, by standing on one leg and shaking the other up, hooting 'sugar' loudly  
 Sufferer—a sovereign, also a tailor  
 Swaddy—a lobster, soldier  
 Swaddler—a pitiful fellow, a methodist preacher who preaches on the high road, when a number of people are assembled, his accomplices pick their pockets  
 Swag—a lot, much  
 Swallow—the throat  
 Swankey—swipes, table beer  
 Sweeteners, guinea droppers  
 Swell out of luck—a decayed fop or dandy  
 Swinger, one leg and a—a sound leg and a lame one  
 Swig—liquor of any kind  
 Swigs men—thieves who travel the country under colour of buying old clothes  
 Swindling gloak—a cheat

## T.

- Tackle—good clothes, also a mistress  
 Tag rag and bobtail—extremes of low life  
 Tail—a sword  
 Tallymen—persons who sell out clothes to sailors  
 prians

- Tamarhoo**, a hackney coachman, so called from the song of 'Tamarhoo; or The Devil and the Hackney Coachman'  
**Tanner**—sixpence  
**Tape**—gin  
**Tatt**, rum—good dice  
**Tatt**, queer—bad dice  
**Tatt men**—fellows who get their living by attending the gaming tables, and playing at dice  
**Tater trap**—the mummer, mouth  
**Tatty tog**—a gaming cloth  
**Tattler**—watch or clock  
**Tea-pot**—a negro  
**Teaster**—sixpence  
**Teazer of catgut**—a fiddler  
**Tears of the tankard**—drops of liquor  
**Teaze**—to whip at the cart's tail  
**That's the ticket**—just the thing, as it ought to be  
**The dab's in quod**—the rogue's in prison  
**Thimble**—a watch  
**Three sheets in the wind**—three parts drunk  
**Throw the hatchet, to**—to tell a marvellous story, or a lie, and swear its true  
**Thrums**—three-pence  
**Tie**—equal  
**Tib of the buttery**—goose  
**Tibby**, one on your—I owe you one  
**Ticker**—a watch  
**Tid**—pretty good  
**Timber-**atches  
**Timber merchant**—a match dealer  
**Time o' day**—quite right, the thing  
**Tinker**—sixpence  
**Tip**—money  
**Tip**—to give  
**Tip your rags a gallop**—to bolt, run away  
**Tip street**, to be in—to have plenty of money  
**Tippy**, the—just the thing as it ought to be  
**Tip top**—the highest, best  
**Tits**—horses  
**Title-page**—the face  
**Tizzy**—sixpence  
**To nab a kid**—to steal a child  
**To sing small**—to draw the horns in, to be humbled  
**To mill a bleating cheat**—to kill a sheep  
**To diamond a horse**—to put a stone under the shoe to make it appear lame  
**Toddle**—to walk  
**Toddlers**—legs  
**Tog and kicks**—breeches & coat  
**Togged**—dressed  
**Togman**—a cloak  
**Togs**—clothes  
**Tol lol**—pretty well in health  
**Tolo bon rig**—persons who go about the country telling fortunes by signs, pretending to be deaf and dumb  
**Tolobon**—the tongue  
**Tombstones**—teeth

- Tonic**—a halfpenny  
**Tooth pickers**—Irish watchmen's shillalies  
**Topper**—a hat  
**Topping**—hanging  
**Topping cove**—hangman  
**Touted**—to be followed, or pursued  
**Touch**—to arrest  
**Tout**—to look out sharp, to guard  
**Tow street, in**—said of a person who is being misled or decoyed  
**Towe**—clipt money  
**Town toddiers**—silly fellows taken in by sharpers at play  
**Town tabby**—a dowager of quality  
**Track**—to go  
**Traps**—constables or thief takers  
**Transporter**—the mouth  
**Tramp**—to wander as a beggar  
**Translators**—sellers of old boots and shoes  
**Trib**—a prison  
**Trine**—to hang  
**Trine**—the new drop  
**Trotters**—the legs  
**Trooper**—a blowing, prostitute  
**Trooper**—half a crown  
**Trump**—a good one, a jolly fellow  
**Trulls**—the lowest order of prostitutes, followers of soldiers  
**Truck**—stealing money under pretence of changing
- Tuck**—victuals  
**Tuck cut**—a good meal, a bellyfull  
**Tuck up fair**—Newgate at a hanging time  
**Tucked up**—hanged; married  
**Tumbler**—a cart  
**Turn-up**—a casual set-to, a fight  
**Tulips of the goes**—the highest order of fashionables  
**Tarter**—a queer customer, a powerful enemy  
**Turnip**—a watch  
**Turkey merchant**—driver of turkeys  
**Twelver**—a shilling  
**Twandlers**—pease  
**Twig**—to see, observe  
**Twinklers**—the eyes  
**Twirlers**—hawkers of men's and women's clothes  
**Twit toe**—two  
**Tykes**—dogs  
**Tyke boys**—dog owners  
**Tyro**—a yokel, a novice
- U.
- Under the screw**—in prison  
**Under the rose**—on the sly, concealed enjoyment  
**Unload pewter**—drinking beer from pewter pots  
**Unrigged**—stripped of money and clothes  
**Up**—acquainted with the conversation of the company, apprised of any transaction  
**Up to slum-humoug or gammon**



Up the spout—articles at the pawnbrokers  
 Up the flue—being in trouble, on the pot  
 Upper Benjamin—an upper coat  
 Uprights—ale-house pots

## V.

Vamp—to pledge any article  
 Vampers—stockings  
 White—gin  
 Velvet—the tongue  
 Velvet, to tip the—to talk to a woman, to impose by flowery language  
 Victualling office—the stomach, or paunch  
 Voil—town

## W.

WAPSTRAW—Johnny Raw, a yokel, a countryman  
 Wall flowers—old clothes exposed for sale  
 Wall it—chalking a reckoning up at a public house  
 Wall fruit—kissing against a wall  
 Warm—rich  
 Wattles—the ears  
 Water pads—fellows who rob ships  
 Water-headed—a snivelling fellow  
 Wearing the breeches—the wife ruling the husband  
 Wedge—silver plate  
 Wet the other eye—take another glass  
 Wetting the neck—drinking  
 Whacks—shares of booty

Wheadle—a sharper  
 White wood—silver  
 White port—gin  
 Whither—silver bowl  
 Whimpshire—Yorkshire  
 Whiddler—a talkative fellow an informer  
 Whirligig—the pillory  
 Whistling shop—a public house in a prison  
 Whisker—a bouncing lie  
 White buzmen—pickpockets  
 White toppers—white hats  
 White tape—gin  
 Whites—counterfeit silver  
 Wiggen—the neck  
 Win—a penny  
 Wipe—fogle, handkerchief  
 Wing—fly, up, acquainted with

Wobble—to reel, drunk  
 Wo ball—a milk woman  
 Wood pecker; a punster joker; player on words  
 Wooden ruff—the pillory, as, he wore the wooden ruff, he stood in the pillory  
 W's, between the two—hitting in the belly between wind and water  
 Won't suit—no go, it won't do

## Y.

YACK and onions—washed and seals  
 Yam—to eat hearty  
 Yankee—a tawney man  
 Yard of tape—a glass  
 Yarmouth capon—a tea steering

Farum—food made of milk	Yelper—a fellow who makes
fellow boys—gold finches,	pitiful lamentations of
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Yellowman—a yellow hand-	Yokels—green horns, coun-
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