

Chaunter (street), a man who sells ballads, last dying speeches, &c., in the streets. Street ballad singer.

The running patterer . . . is accompanied generally by a *chaunter*. The *chaunter* not only sings, but fiddles.—*Mayhew: London Labour and the London Poor*.

A dealer who takes worthless horses to fairs and sells them by false representations.

Chaunter-cull (street). There are rhymsters who carry on a trade in London—though the headquarters appear to be in Birmingham—who write ballads to order on any subject, to be sung in the streets, on events that may interest the public: murders, executions, elopements, breaches of promise, suicides, or horrible railway accidents. The honorarium paid to these self-styled poets is said to vary from half-a-crown (the minimum) to three half-crowns (the maximum).

Chauvering donna (theatrical), a prostitute. *Chauvering* is cant for sexual intercourse. Also, "columbine, knofka."

Chauvering moll (old cant), a prostitute.

Chaw (university), a trick; to *chaw*, to deceive. (American), to use up.

Chawbacon (common), a country clown, a rough, rude, uneducated rustic, a clodhopper; sometimes colloquially desig-

nated as "Giles" or "Hodge," from the supposed prevalence of these patronymics among the rural population.

The *chaw-bacons*, hundreds of whom were the Earl's tenants, raised a shout.—*Savage: R. Medlicott*.

Chaw-buckt (Anglo-Indian), a whip. Hindu, *chabuk*; gypsy, *chuckni*.

Ye same day Ramgivan was brought forth and slippered, the next day he was beat on ye soles of his feet, ye third day *chaw-buckt*, and ye 4th drub'd till he could not speak, and all to force a writing in our names for Rupees 50,000.—*Hedges*.

Chaw over, to (popular), to repeat one's words with a view to ridicule (Hotten).

Chaws or chores (American), small jobs. The handy man does *chores*.

Very early in the morning there is an unpleasant operation to be performed, called "doing *chaws*," in the simple language of the farm. This luckily applied only to Charlie and Mr. C., who, I believe, except during the busiest part of the year, work the 300 acre farm without help. "Doing *chaws*," by the way, means feeding the creatures generally.—*Phillips-Wolley: Trottings of a Tennerfoot*.

(Popular), to have a bit of *chaws* refers to copulation.

Chaw up, to (popular), to finish one up. "Chawed up," done for.

I felt as if I could *chaw* him right up, I was so mad.—*Sam Slick: The Clock-maker*.

Cheapside (old slang), "He came at it by way of *Cheapside*," that