

He looks when walking—pretty pet !
With gait still stiffer than his *choker*,
As if he'd swallowed for a bet,
Or by mistake, the kitchen poker.
—*Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday*.

“White-*choker*,” a white tie.

We have what Mugford calls a *white-choker* dinner to-day.—*Thackeray: The Adventures of Philip*.

Also a clergyman.

Chokey (popular and thieves), prison. *Vide* CHOKI.

And didn't a bobby claw 'old on me . . . and gits me a week in *chokey*, cos he said I was a prigg'in'.—*H. Evans: The Brighton Beach Loafer*.

In prisons *chokey* refers specially to the punishment cell. (Anglo-Indian), a chair.

Don't throw yourself back in your burra *chokry* and tell me it won't do.—*Warren Hastings to G. Vansittart*.

Also a police station, a custom or toll house. Hence watching or mounting guard is called *chokey*.

Choki, or **chokie**, the guard-room. The lock-up or prison for misconducted or drunken soldiers, which is part and parcel of the guard-house, and under the charge of the barrack guard; generally a dark, gruesome place, with no furniture but the guard bed, the “little soldat” of the French army, a standing wooden erection, fixed, and on a slope, with a raised wooden pillow at one end. It is the father of the plank bed, the only bed for short-term prisoners in modern prison disci-

pline. *Choki* is Anglo-Hindustani, derived from *chank*, the market-place near the gate in which Orientals, like our mediævals, lodged their captives.

Chokidar (Anglo-Indian), a watchman; sometimes a police attendant.

Chokka (gypsy), shoe or boot. Hindu, *charka*.

Chokra, **chuckoroo** (Anglo-Indian), a boy, a youngster, especially one employed about a household, or a regiment.

Chone (gypsy), the moon. Also *chen*.

“Tu shan i *chone* odre o hev
Miri deari kameli rani,
Te waveri foki shan o bav
Kun gáv'la tut' fon mán 'y’”—

“The moon which passes o'er the sky,
My darling, seems like thee,
And other folk are but the clouds
That hide thy face from me.”

Chonkeys (popular), explained by quotation.

Chonkeys are a kind of mince-meat baked in crust.—*Mayhew: London Labour and the London Poor*.

Choomer (gypsy), a kiss. Plural, *chūmya*, kisses.

“Si miri *chūmya* shan kushti to hā
Tu nasti hatch bockalo, deari ajā’”—

“If kisses of mine were good to eat,
You shouldn't go hungry long, my sweet.”

Choops (Anglo-Indian), keep silence; a corruption of *choopraho*.