

Chummage, chumming-up (old), a custom amongst prisoners before imprisonment for debt was abolished. When a fresh man was admitted to their number, rough music was made with poker, tongs, sticks, and saucepans. For this ovation the initiated prisoner had to pay (Hotten).

Chummy (popular), chimney-sweep. Also a low-crowned felt hat.

Chump (popular), for chum.

Fancy, old *chump*,
Me doing the sawdusty reglar, and foller-
ing swells on the stump.

—*Punch*.

A hard-headed fellow; the head. "Off his *chump*," insane.

Old gentleman *off his chump*—runs away.—*Sims: Social Kaleidoscope*.

(American), a *chump*, a fellow, chap.

We believe that he is the man to put on the turf with John L. with bare fists, and stop the big *chump's* noise.—*New York National Police Gazette*.

Chump of wood (rhyming slang), no good.

Chunk (streets), explained by quotation.

Here they gambol about like rabbits, until somebody raises the cry, "Nix! the *chunk*" (the slang term for School Board officer).—*Thor Freatur: Sketches from Shady Places*.

Chunks (American), large quantity.

Look here, pard, we've struck it this time; *chunks* of it!—*New York Star*.

Church, a term of endearment. "My *church*," my dear!
(Thieves), to "*church* a yack,"
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Churched (common), married.

"If it were not for the women, I fear few churches would be wanted." "Of course not, there'd be no one to be *churched*."—*Sporting Times*.

Chu-shung (pidgin), Chinese *sheon-chu-shang*, "you little beast" or "animal." Often used jestingly in conversation with flower-boat girls.

She talkee, "Whomen you come dis side? My pay you flog gum, *sheon-chu-shang*, you littee beasts—*san-ne-ko-to-w*—my cuttee off your head!"—*The Little Wife*.

Chuzzle, to (popular), cheat, circumvent.

Cig (American), a cigar.

Dancing the jig,
Every fellow with a *cig*,
And a *cig* of confounded bad tobacco.
—*Broadside*.

Cinch (American), to subdue, get the better of, extort, impose upon.

My father is wealthy, and I think I can *cinch* him for five hundred dollars.—*Denver Republican*.

(Thieves), to put the screw on any one.

Cincinnati olives (American), pigs, because a large quantity of olive oil is manufactured out of Cincinnati lard.