

**ck** (popular), a blow; to *click*, to snatch.

*Clicks* in the gob, blows on the mouth.

What with clouts on the nob, ne hits in the bread basket, *clicks* in the gob.

—Moore: *Tom Crib's Memorial*.

**cker** (printing), a person in a printing-office who is at the head of a certain number of compositors for a particular division of work or otherwise. It is also used in the shoemaking trade. (Trade), a female touter at a bonnet-shop, or the servant of a salesman who stands at the door. (Popular), a knock-down blow.

**Clift**, to (thieves), to steal.

**Clinch** (popular and thieves), to get the *clinch*, to be imprisoned.

**Clincher** (general), a settler.

**Clink** (military), another term for guard-house, derived evidently from the *Clink*, one of the ancient London prisons, that of Westminster. Sir Walter Scott, in "Peveril of the Peak," makes Jem *Clink* one of the warders in Newgate.

(Thieves), plate.

He wouldn't have been hobbled but the melting-pot receiver proved his selling the *clink* to him.—G. Parker: *Variiegated Characters*.

**Clinker** (common), any thing or person that is first-rate, equivalent to a "stunner."

The yellow-haired girl at the bar. A *clinker*, ain't she? gave me these (cigars), and they are 'orrid bad.—*Ward or Wife*.

(Thieves), a chain.

**Clinkerum** (old), the gaol. From the old prison called the "Clink."

**Clink-rig** (thieves), stealing tankards from public-houses.

**Clipper** (general), something very good, very fast, above the average. Derived from the swift-sailing ships called opium and tea *clippers*.

There must be a new horse bought, not a knacker's sort of horse, mind yer, but a regler *clipper*; a chestnut; goes like steam, Sam ses it do.—J. Greenwood: *The Little Ragamuffins*.

**Clipping** (general), excellent. A "*clipping* ball," a "*dipping* good chap." Vide CLIPPER.

**Clishpen** (tinker), to break by letting fall.

**Clisp** (tinker), to fall; let fall.

**Cloak-twitchers** (old cant), thieves who robbed passers-by of their cloaks. The old French *tire-laine*.

**Clobber** (popular and thieves), clothes. A corruption of that word, with a change of syllable.

If you are hard up always tell the dear things that you are a gentleman's valet. This will account for your good *clobber*.—*Sporting Times*.

Next morning I got up about seven, and went home to change my *clobber*, and put