

many more. Among the *colours* specially associated with the names of pugilists are the "Belcher" (*Jem*, the champion), dark blue ground with a spot in the middle of darker hue, and large white spots; the "Randal's man," green, with white spots; "King's man," green, with yellow pattern.

(Australian miners), originally the gold visible after washing, either good or poor *colour*, as the case may be, but the expression is generally used that there is just enough to show the presence of gold.

**Colquarron** (old cant), a person's neck. From *cole*, Anglo-Norman for neck, and *quarron*, cant for body. *Vide* QUARRON.

**Colt**, a juryman at his *début*; properly a person without experience. (Cricketers), a young inexperienced player, a professional at his first season. (Thieves), a young thief. (Popular), to *colt*, to make one pay for his footing. Hotten gives the definition "to make a person free of a place, which is done by his standing treat, and submitting to be struck on the sole of the foot with a piece of board." This is a relic of the old London 'prentice days, when it was an exaction of money, usually spent in ale, termed *colt ale*, paid by an apprentice at the commencement and expiration of his apprenticeship.

**Colt-man** (American), a man who keeps horses specially for burglars.

**Columbine** (theatrical), a prostitute.

**Columbus** (theatrical). One would have thought that this illustrious navigator would naturally be associated with some new and successful discovery, nevertheless a "regular *Columbus*" is synonymous with hopeless "frost," or utter failure.

**Comb-brush** (old), a lady's maid.

The maid who at present attended on Sophia was recommended by Lady Bellaston, with whom she had lived for some time in the capacity of a *comb-brush*.—*Fielding: Tom Jones*.

**Comb-cut** (common), mortified, like a cock disgraced by the deprivation of his comb.

**Comb down, to** (Australian), to ill-treat, thrash. Like the French "donner une *peignée*."

. . . Narrating how he had copped the old — on the hop and *combed* him *down* to rights.—*A. C. Grant*.

**Combing the cat** (nautical), the boatswain, or other operator, running his fingers through the cat-o'-nine-tails to separate them (Smyth).

**Comb the hair, to** (common), to scold; French "laver la tête."

The process called *combing his hair* for him is said not to be uncommon in married circles.—*Globe*.

**Come down to** (common), to pay.