

**Copper, cop** (popular and thieves), a policeman; from "to cop," which see.

"Then three *coppers* came." "*Coppers, coppers*, what are they?" Witness: "Policemen, your worship."—*Standard*.

**Copperheads** (American), properly poisonous serpents. The term was applied by the Federals to the peace party.

**Copperman** (Australian prison), a policeman.

**Copper nose**, the vulgar term for *acne rosacea*, the red, enlarged, pimply nose of chronic alcoholism.

**Coppers** (popular), mouth; especially a parched one after potations.

A fellow can't enjoy his breakfast after that without something to cool his *coppers*.  
—*Hughes: Tom Brown at Oxford*.

"Hot *coppers*" is a phrase for a mouth parched by excessive drinking, or "as dry as a lime basket."

**Copper, to** (gaming), when playing at faro, to cover a stake with a small check, which signifies that the card selected is backed to lose, not win.

Oh, d—n Squito! It seems like she'd *coppered* me. Ever since she—since I seen that gal, luck's gone dead against me.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Meccasin*.

**Copus** (Cambridge University). Talking Latin at table, or similar improprieties, are followed by the infliction by the students of

a fine. A *copus*, or quart of ale, is a common penalty.

**Corduroy-road** (American and Australian), a road made of branches and logs laid side by side. The branches stand out like the ribs of corduroy.

**Cork** (common), a bankrupt. "Probably," says Hotten, "intended to refer to his lightness, as being without ballast."

(Pugilistic), "to draw a *cork*" is to "tap the claret," *i.e.*, to give a bloody nose.

(Army), Captain *Cork*, applied at mess when any one is slow in passing round the bottle.

**Corkage** (hotels), a sum charged per bottle to persons providing their own wine. This term can hardly be considered as slang, but as a word unrecognised by dictionaries.

**Corker** (theatrical). A regular *corker* is a duffer; an imbecile; one who corks or bottles up another actor's effects, or ruins a play.

(English and American), something that closes up or settles a question; something unusually large, remarkable.

The Crown Prince's lunch-bill was rather a *corker*;

No wonder His Highness refused for to pay. —*Fun*.

Also first-rate; at the top of the tree.

Jake Kilrain is a *corker*, and ought to have the championship of the world.—*New York National Police Gazette*.