

- Cup and saucer players** (theatrical), a term of derision invented by the pessimists for the purpose of depreciating the artists associated with the performance of the late T. W. Robertson's comedies.
- Cup-tosser** (popular), a person who professes to tell fortunes by examining the grounds in tea or coffee-cups (Hotten).
- Cure** (common), a curious, eccentric, odd person. Imported from America; was used with that sense twenty-five years ago. More generally now a humorous, comical person. Derived from an eccentric American popular song called "The *Cure*."
- Curious, to do** (popular), to do anything out of the ordinary. "Look at that man tumbling about. He's doing *curious*."
- Curl up** (popular), be silent.
- Currants and plums** (rhyming slang), thrums; slang for threepence.
- Currency** (Australian), persons born in Australia, natives of England being termed "sterling."
- Curro** (gypsy), a cup or tankard.
- Curse of Scotland** (Scotch), the nine of diamonds. Many derivatives have been suggested, and Hotten says the most probable is, that in the game of Pope Joan the nine of diamonds is the pope, of whom the Scotch have an especial horror.
- Cursetor** (old cant), a tramp, vagabond.
- Curtail** (old cant), second in command in the fraternity of vagabonds.
- Curtain** (theatrical), a strong situation at the end of an act, which, when the *curtain* descends, elicits a burst of applause, and causes the *curtain* to be taken up again.
- Curtain-raiser** (theatrical and journalistic), a short play performed before a more important one. Corresponds to the French "lever de rideau."
 "Love and Politics" was produced as a *curtain-raiser* at the Opera Comique on Thursday.—*The Referee*.
- Cuse** (Winchester College), a book in which the marks of each division are recorded.
- Cushion-smiter** (popular), a clergyman or preacher.
- Cushmawaunee** (Anglo-Indian), never mind.
- Cuss** (American), a man.
 A durned nasty old *cuss* he is, and don't you forget it.—*F. Francis: Saddy and Moccasin*.
 It is not always used disparagingly; a tough *cuss* is a bold, indomitable man.