

suddenly or clandestinely, or dies. French sailors use the corresponding expression *dévalinguer* with the same sense.

**Cutting it fine.** *Vide* FINE.

**Cutting shop** (popular), a place where cheap inferior goods or material are retailed.

**Cutting the wind** (military), sword drill.

**Cutting-trade** (trade), one conducted on competitive principles, where the profits are very closely shaved (Hotten).

**Cutting up** (popular), acting in an eccentric or daring manner. To *cut up* shindies was the first form. The expression has extended to the United States.

**Cuttle-boung** (old cant), a knife used for cutting purses.

**Cutto** or **cutter** (gypsy), a piece, bit, rag, or drop. *Cutters o' brishno*, "drops of rain;" *yeck cutter o' levinro*, "one drop of ale." *Cutteringris*, bits, pieces. *Engri*, equivalent to a thing or one thing, like the "one piece" of Pidgin, is often quite needlessly post-fixed to a noun in Romany. (Hindu, *katra*, a drop.) Hence *cutter*, a (gold) piece, a sovereign.

**Cut**, to (common), to run away. Generally to "cut and run." Abbreviated from "cut his stick," or from an idea of severance, separation, as in the phrase "cutting one's painter," going away.

Excuse me, you fellows, I must *cut* off home.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Simply shook him . . . bade him to *cut* it quick.—*Town Talk*.

(Trade), to compete in business (Hotten).

(Old cant), to speak.

**Cutty** (common), a short-stemmed clay pipe.

"Wot's the matter?" cried the sandman, who had lighted a *cutty*, and was quietly smoking it.—*Ainsworth: Aurist*.

**Cutty-eyed** (thieves), one who looks suspicious.

**Cutty-sark** (Scotch), a short chemise.

**Cut up** (common), vexed; to *cut up*, to come up; generally to turn out, well or otherwise; to become; to *cut up* well, *vide* CUT UP FAT. (Thieves), to *cut up*, to divide the plunder.

**Cut up fat, to** (common), to leave at one's death a good estate.

**Cut up rough, to** (common), to give signs of great displeasure, to become violent, evilly disposed.

Well! . . . I'm not so sorry, after all, that they *cut up rough*, and ploughed me.—*C. Bede: Verdant Green*.

**Cut up rusty, to** (popular), to become unpleasant, angry, rough.

**Cut up shines, shindies, to** (popular), to play tricks, pranks (Hotten).

**Cut your own grass, to** (prison), gain your own living.

**Cymbal** (thieves), a watch.

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