

an entrance by a window. He has of course to pick his way carefully, and to be as neat in his steps as a *dancing-master*.

Dancers (thieves), a flight of steps or stairs.

Come, my Hebe, brack the *dancers*, that is, go up the stairs.—*Lytton: What will he do with it.*

Dander (low), to get up one's *dander*, or to have one's *dander* raised, to get suddenly into a passion; to burst or flare up. From the Dutch.

The fire and fury that blazed in her eyes gave ocular evidence of her *dander* being up.—*From the N. O. Pirayune, cited by Bartlett.*

My *dander* got considerable riz at this, so I knocked the chap down as called me a confederate.—*Scraps.*

There is not the slightest proof that this is derived from raising the scurf or *dander* at the roots of the hair, as Bartlett thinks, though Americans, misled by the resemblance of sound, talk about "*dander* being riz." In Dutch *donder* is thunder, and *op donderen*, i. e., to get the *donder* up, is to burst out into a sudden rage, or, as Sewel explains, "like an infernal spirit;" to flare up; to blaze out in wrath.

Dandy (coiners), a counterfeit gold sovereign or half sovereign. The spurious coin is well made, and its composition includes some pure gold.

And it is not in paltry pewter "sours," with which the young woman has dealings,

but in *dandies*; which, rendered into intelligible English, means imitation gold coin.—*J. Greenwood: Tag, Rag, & Co.*

(American). This word, originally English, and manifestly taken from the ordinary word *dandy*, a fop, as a type of anything neat or fanciful, has been greatly extended in America.

The man who marries a woman simply because she is a *dandy* arrangement to have about the house does so from a pure business standpoint, and, in the end, if not compelled to support him, she has done better than many women I know of.—*Nasty.*

(Anglo-Indian), a boatman; also a kind of hammock-litter, in which travellers are carried.

In the lower hills, when she did not walk, she travelled in a *dandy*.—*Kinloch: Large-game Shooting in Tibet.*

(Irish), a small glass of whisky.

Dandy-master (coiners), a coiner who employs others to pass counterfeit coin.

The spirits obtained being mostly bottled and labelled, and unopened, find a ready sale at public-houses known to the *dandy-master*, so that no serious loss is experienced in that direction.—*J. Greenwood: Tag, Rag, & Co.*

Dandy-rig (West American), fashionable attire.

In the barber's shop that I entered the three chairs were all occupied. A slender, graceful, "interesting young man," of an Italian type of face, dressed in a blue shell-jacket bound with yellow, a good deal of loud jewellery, and a *dandy-rig* generally, operated on one customer.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin.*

Dang it! (common), an evasive curse, but unlike its prototype,