

the liquor and the rim; not permitted in ultra-council gatherings when a toast is to be drunk. The way on such occasions of the proposer of the toast was "no *daylights* and no heel-taps, but a full bumper."

(Popular), the eyes; to "darken one's *daylights*," to give a black eye.

Good woman! I do not use to be so treated. If the lady says such another word to me, damn me, I will darken her *daylights*.—*Fielding: Amelia*.

Dead (turf), certainty.

"Dealers in the *dead*" did well then; bet after bet was booked about horses which had no more chance of winning than "if they were boiled."—*Bailey's Monthly Magazine*.

Dead-alive (popular), a stupid, dull, slow fellow.

Dead-amiss (racing) is said of a horse that is incapacitated from winning a race through illness.

Dead as a tent-peg (popular), from the pegs being buried in the ground.

FIRST CLUBMAN.—"Hullo, Bob; heard the news about Maestinger, of the 'Mosquito'?" SECOND CLUBMAN.—"No; what's up?" FIRST C.—"Great Scott! it's a case of down, not up, dear boy. He's *dead as a tent-peg*. Poisoned himself last night."—*Fun*.

Varied to "dead as a door-nail," or "dead as a herring," "dead as small beer."

Dead beat (American), an impostor; a man who does not

intend to pay his share; an unprofitable sponger.

(Common), to be *dead beat*, to be utterly exhausted.

Dead broke (common), utterly ruined, penniless. (American), to *dead break*, to ruin at a gambling game.

This other, a man who had never touched a card, but learnt the game over-night and sat out a seven-hours' play with the chief gamblers, under the fire of their associates, *dead-broke* them, so that they quitted the camp laughed at by their own pals.—*H. L. Williams: Buffalo Bill*.

Dead cargo (thieves), plunder that will not recompense for the risk entailed.

Deader (army), a military funeral.

Dead finish, the (up-country Australian), excellent beyond measure; in Cockney slang an "out-and-outer." Death is a natural metaphor for completeness, for exhaustion or exhaustiveness; dead is a common prefix, expressing the same idea in "dead on," "dead-nuts," "dead certain," "dead beat," "dead heat."

"He's the *dead finish*—go right through a man," rejoins Sam rather. "Blessed if he didn't near skiver my hoss."—*A. C. Grant: Bush Life in Queensland*.

Dead-head (American), one who stands about a bar to drink at the expense of others.

Sitting on a bench outside the principal hotel are three or four hopelessly abandoned loafers, wearing plainly the stamp of *dead-head* on their shameless features,