

of meat fell to the former as a matter of might, and the unequal moiety, the *dispar*, became the portion of the weaker junior."

Diss (printers), abbreviation for distribution, *i.e.*, printed off type—to be returned to its respective cases, and re-composed.

Dissecting job (tailors), a heavy alteration.

Distiller (Australian convicts' slang), one who is easily vexed and betrays his chagrin. *Vide* CARRY THE KEG. Probably not of colonial origin but introduced by transportees.

Ditch and ditcher (Anglo-Indian), slang terms applied in a disparaging manner to Calcutta and the "Calcuttians."

Dite (American), "I don't care a *dite*." Dutch, *duyt*, a doit, half a farthing. "Hy gelykt hem oop en *duyt*," there is not half a farthing difference between them.

Dittoes, a suit of clothes made all of the same cloth, in French "un complet." The term is pretty general.

Ditty (popular), bag; a corruption of the tailors' phrase, "a ditto bag," from the bag in which they keep miscellaneous articles for the repair of their clothes or shoes—for thread, tapes, buttons, needles, pins, nails, &c.

Dive (American), a drinking-saloon; a cellar-saloon.

An Ourayite recently passing through Canon City on Sunday was invited to go to the penitentiary to church services, and, accepting the invitation, found 385 convicts assembled, and among them, playing the violin in the choir, the young Italian who shot his mistress through the window of her house just back of the *dive* known as "220" here in Ouray about a year ago.—*The Solid Muldown, Ouray, Colorado*.

Dive into one's sky, to (popular), to thrust one's hand in one's pocket.

"Yes, I know, Uncle, it's Mary Ann. I see you through the keyhole this morning when she brought up your shaving water."

Then Uncle Ben *dived into his sky* and brought up a nice bright Jubilee half-dollar, and little Willie went off to the confectioner's singing.—*Sporting Times*.

Dive into the woods, to (American), a common figure of speech for hiding one's self.

A female of the Salvation Army has invented what is called the "salvation kiss." Young men who have seen the female portion of the army will not seek salvation in this new form. They will *dive* still deeper *into the woods* when the army comes around.—*Norristown Herald*.

Diver (thieves), a pickpocket; he "dives into the skies" of other people.

Divide the house with one's wife, to, a quaint saying which signifies to turn her out into the street.

Diving-bell, a cellar tavern.