

Dolly (popular), silly, foolish.

"You are a chit and a little idiot," returned Bella, "or you wouldn't make such a *dolly* speech."—*Dickens: Our Mutual Friend*.

(Society), a *dolly*, a prostitute, a street walker, short for *dolly-mop*; also a mistress.

Drink, and dance, and pipe, and play,
Kisse our *dollies* night and day.

—*Herrick: Hesperides*.

More modern is "my tart" for "my mistress."

(Anglo-Indian), Hindu, *dāli*, a present of fruit, flowers, and sweetmeats; also the daily offering of flowers usually made by the molly (*mali*) called "the molly with his *dolly*." In some parts of India the *dolly* has grown into an extravagance consisting sometimes of bushels of fruit, nuts, and confectionery, with bottles of champagne and liqueurs.

(Tailors), a bit of cloth used as a sponge.

Dolly-mop (common), a tawdrily dressed servant girl, a semi-prostitute.

Dolly-shop (common), a pawnbroker's shop of the poorest and lowest description. From the Yiddish *dal* or *dol*, poor, which suggested the hanging up a *doll* as a sign for such places.

"That's a *dolly-shop*," said the green-grocer; "sort of pawnbroker's without a license, where they charge threepence in the shilling per week on what they lend you. The young 'un went there to raise a sixpence, I'll be bound."—*James Greenwood: Three Half-Crowns*.

Dom (Anglo-Indian), a very low caste, representing some very old aboriginal race. It was first suggested by Charles G. Leland that the origin of the Rom or gypsies should be sought in this caste, and recent researches by Grierson have gone far to confirm the conjecture. Thus D and R are convertible in the Hindu-gypsy dialects, e.g., *doi*, a spoon, and *roi*. And while *dom*, *domni*, and *domnipana* mean in India a *dom*, a female, *dom*, *romni*, *romnipana*, or *romnipen* have exactly the same meaning as gypsy as applied to gypsies and gypsydom.

Do me proud (American), equivalent to saying that one is complimented or made to feel proud.

"Sez he, 'You're an honour to your section.' Sir," I answered, "you *do me proud*."

Domine Do-little (old slang), the name of an impotent old man.

Domino (nautical), "a common ejaculation," says Hotten, "of sailors when they receive the last lash of a flogging." The allusion may be understood from the game of dominoes.

Domino thumper (theatrical), a pianist.

Dominoes (popular), the teeth. French slang, *jeu de dominos*.

Dommerar (old cant), a variety of the mendicant tribe who pretend to be deaf and dumb.