

**E. P.** (clerical), a very common abbreviation, means the "Eastward Position," adopted in portions of the Communion Service.

**Epsom races** (rhyming slang), a pair of braces.

**Equal to the genuine Limburger** (American), a standard simile for anything which is asserted to attain the maximum of bad smells. The German Limburger cheese has, to those who are not accustomed to it, an intensely disagreeable odour.

**Equipped** (thieves), rich, well dressed.

**Eriffs**, young thieves (New York Slang Dictionary).

"It's the gait all them *eriffs* dances," observed the one-eyed man. "I remember once I was in cahoots with a cove like that."—*On the Trail*.

**Esclop** (back slang), police; pronounced "slops."

**Euchred** (common), played out; from a game at cards.

**Europe morning** (Anglo-Indian). When a man gets up late, that is, at nine or ten o'clock, he is said to have a *Europe morning*. The expression explains itself.

**Evaporate, to** (common), to run away, to vanish.

**Everlasting staircase, the** (thieves). The treadwheel, originally invented by Mr.

Cubitt in 1817, and first used in Brixton Prison, fell somewhat into desuetude, but has been revived in some prisons under the Government régime, as an instrument both of utility for grinding corn, raising water, &c., and of real hard labour. The labour varied most unequally, *e.g.*, from 7500 feet ascent in the day in Lewes prison to 14,200 feet in Boston. This inequality and consequent injustice has now been removed.

**Everton coffee** (rhyming slang), coffee.

**Everything is lovely, and the goose hangs high** (American), a phrase which became known during the war, and which formed the burden of a popular song. It signified that all is going well. The goose is a synonym for terror or alarm. Thus, on the stage, "to be goosed" is to be hissed, and when *the goose hangs high* it is equivalent to saying that there is no defeat to fear. The phrase originated in Philadelphia.

**Ewe** (old), a white *ewe*, a handsome woman; an old *ewe*, an old woman.

**Exam.** (schools), short for examination.

**Excruciators** (London), the new-fashioned boot or shoe painfully pointed.