

rope is fixed about his neck the leaf falls, and the body immediately becomes pendant."

Why, I suppose you know that he was knocked down for the crap the last sessions. He went off at the *fall of the leaf* at Tuck'em Fair.—*G. Parker: Variegated Characters.*

**Fall, to** (thieves), to be apprehended.

A little time after this I *fell* again at St. Mary Cray for being found at the back of a house.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

**False hereafters** (American), bustles.

The scheme worked to perfection. In the large bustles which they wore, the dudes carried off their wardrobe in large *false hereafters*, and passed the lady of the house on their way out.—*New York National Police Gazette.*

**Fam, fem** (thieves), the hand.

If they do get their *fams* on me I'll be in for a stretch of air and exercise.—*On the Trail.*

The gypsies claim this as a Romany word and derive it from *fem*, five, or the five fingers, although five in Romany is *panye*.

**Fambles, fumbles** (thieves), the hands. *Vide FAM.*

**Fam grasp** (old cant), shaking hands.

**Family disturbance** (cowboys), whisky.

**Family man** (thieves), one of the fraternity of thieves. Also a receiver of stolen goods or "fence."

**Fam lay** (thieves), robbing a store by pretending to examine goods. But more specially to rob a jeweller by means of a sticky substance attached to the palm or fingers, thus abstracting the articles shown.

**Fam squeeze** (thieves), strangling.

**Fam, to** (thieves), to handle; from the gypsy *fan* or *vangri*.

**Fan** (thieves), a waistcoat.

**Fan, to** (thieves), to steal from the person. (Prov. Cumberland), to feel, to find.

On the way down the street Pete was very friendly and entertaining, and *fanned* the countryman's pocket where he had seen him put the roll, but it had been shifted.—*New York World.*

**Fancy bloke** (sporting), a sporting man; also the favoured man of a low class woman, or prostitute.

**Fancy house** (prostitutes), a house of ill-repute.

**Fancy Joseph** (common), a youth who is a general favourite and pet among prostitutes. Also "Cupid," a mere boy, who goes with fast women or girls. An M.D., a "milliner's darling."

**Fancy man** (prostitutes), the lover of a prostitute.

But my nuttiest blowen, one fine day,  
Fake away!

To the beak did her *fancy man* betray.  
—*Ainsworth: Rookwood.*

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