

just found the article and offers it for sale to a passer-by at a low price. A few years ago the article offered was generally a meerscham pipe.

Fawnied (thieves), with rings, wearing rings.

Feathers (popular), money. Probably from the phrase to "feather one's nest."

Feed (common), a meal.

When he did give a *feed* he always limited the invitation to four.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

(Football), to *feed*, to support.

Feeder (thieves), a silver spoon. (Nautical), a small river falling into a large one, or into a dock or float. *Feeders* in pilots' language are the passing spurts of rain which "feed" a gale (Smyth).

Feeding gale (nautical), a storm which is on the increase, sometimes getting worse at each succeeding squall. When a gale freshens after rain it is said to have fed the gale (Smyth).

Feele (popular and thieves), a girl; from the French *fille*, or the Italian *figlia*.

Feet (old), "to make *feet* for children's stockings," to beget children.

Feet casements, a humorous expression for shoes or boots.

But he managed without it; only the new *feet casements* were not seasoned.—*Toby*.

Fegaries (American), old English for "vagaries," fads, caprices, whimsies, odd fancies, whims. A common word in New England.

Fell and didn't (tailors) is said of a man who walks lame.

Felling a bit on (tailors), Northern *fell*, sharp, crafty, doing something underhand.

Fellow-commoner (Cambridge University), an empty bottle (Hotten).

Fellow-comp. (printers), a term of familiarity used by compositors amongst themselves, especially for those employed in the same office.

Fellow-P. (printers), a designation applied to each other by apprentices that have been bound to the same master or firm, whether in the past or in the present. In some large offices it is customary to have an annual gathering of these *fellow-P.'s*, and such reunions are very sociable, and the traditions of a firm are thus handed down.

Fen (thieves), a prostitute. A mispronunciation of *femme*, or from the Anglo-Saxon *fen* or *fenn*, mud, dirt. Compare with the French *gadoue*, meaning both Paris mud and prostitute.