

Flummocks (tailors), to spoil. Probably a variant of "flummux," to perplex or hinder.

Flummux, flummoX, to (popular), to perplex, confound, bewilder.

My 'pinion is, Sammy, that if your governor don't prove a alleybi, he'll be what the Italians call reg'larly *flummoxed*.—*Dickens: Pickwick Papers.*

(Theatrical), to distress, to annoy, to upset an actor in his business. Forty years ago, when the late Charles Kean was acting "Macbeth" in Belfast, a stupid, inattentive actor kept the stage waiting for Seyton, in "Macbeth," for a considerable period. When the act was over he was profuse with servile apologies. Kean was obdurate, and dismissed the fellow with—"Fool! fool! you distressed—you ruined—you tortured—you—you—*flummuxed* me!"

Flummuxed (thieves), done up, sure of a month in prison (Hotten).

Flunk, to (American), to die out, to give out, to fail, to make a feeble effort and then collapse. Possibly a New York or New Jersey (Princeton) word, from the Dutch *flonk, flonker, flonken*, to "twinkle" or sparkle like a star, bright at one instant and then invisible. It is generally used in American colleges for a failure in recitation. In a *flunk* the student at least makes an effort before he breaks down, but in a "dead *flunk*" he makes

none, and simply exclaims, "Not prepared."

In moody meditation sunk,
Reflecting on my future *flunk*.
—*Songs of Yale College.*

Flunkey (nautical), the ship's steward. (American), a man who is unacquainted with the secrets of the Stock Exchange, makes rash ventures, and loses his money. The original *flunkey*, a footman, is from the French *flanquer*, to run by the side of (Skeat).

Flush (popular), full to the brim, that is, intoxicated. Properly affluent, abounding.

We would tempt him from the ale-house bench he occupied when *flush*, or the dead wall he propped up when impecunious.—*Globe.*

When one has plenty of cash he is said to be *flush*.

Lord Strut was not very *flush* in ready.—*Arbuthnot.*

Flush in the fob (thieves), well supplied with money.

Flush, to (popular), to whip.

Flustered (common), intoxicated.

Flutter (popular), used in this phrase: "I'll have a *flutter* for it," I shall do my utmost. To *flutter*, to toss with coins.

Flutter, to (popular), to toss for anything.

Flux, to (thieves), to cheat, overreach.