

- Flying, blue pigeon** (thieves). "Thieves who *fly the blue pigeon*, that is, who steal lead off houses, or cut pipes away . . . cut a hundredweight of lead, which they wrap round their bodies next to the skin. This they call a 'bible,' and what they steal and put in their pockets they call a 'testament'" (G. Parker).
- Flying coves** (thieves), fellows who obtain money by pretending to persons who have been robbed that they can give them information that will be the means of recovering their lost goods (New York Slang Dictionary).
- Flying jiggers** (thieves), turnpike-gates.
- Flying marc** (popular), a throw in wrestling (Hotten).
- Flying mess, to be in a** (soldiers), to be hungry and have nothing to eat.
- Flying rather high** (common), intoxicated. A more advanced stage is when the subject is "corned," or on his "fourth," or has his "back teeth afloat." "Paralysed" or "boiling drunk" means very much intoxicated.
- Flying stationer** (street), a hawkker of ballads.
- Fly low, to** (popular), to evade observation, to keep quiet. Thieves are said to *fly low* when keeping out of the way, because "wanted" by the police.
- Flymy** (low), cunning; *flum*, deceit, a provincialism same as "flam."
- Fly the kite, to** (thieves), to make one's exit by the window. *Vide* FLYING A KITE.
- Fly, to** (thieves), to toss up; "*to fly the mags*," to toss up the halfpence; "*to fly a window*," to lift a window; "*to fly the blue pigeon*," to steal lead off roofs. "*Fly a kite*," *vide* FLYING A KITE.
- Fly to wot's wot** (popular), fully understanding,
Percessions I've got a bit tired of, hoof padding, and scrouging's dry rot,
But Political Picnics mean sugar to them
as is *fly to wot's wot*.
—*Punch*.
- Fly-trap** (popular), the mouth. Among costermongers it may often be heard when another of their fraternity is unusually vociferous in shouting his wares — "Shut up your *fly-trap*."
- Fob, to** (old cant), to pick a pocket.
- Fœtus, tapping the** (medical), procuring a miscarriage.
- Fogey** (nautical), an invalid soldier or sailor. Properly a man becoming stupid with age.
- Fogged** (tailors), puzzled, confused. Is said specially of one