

whose memory is at fault, who is "in a fog."

Fogging (railway), laying fog signals.

They were identified as Benjamin Golding, a porter, and Henry Barnes, a signalman: both had been engaged *figging*.—*Standard*.

(Theatrical), getting through one's part anyhow, like a man lost in a fog.

Foggy (common), not quite sober.

Fogle (thieves), a pocket-handkerchief.

But when beat on his knees, that confounded de Guise
Came behind with the *fogle* that caused
all the breeze.

—*Ingold's Legends*.

If you don't take *fogles* and tickers . . .
pocket-handkerchers and watches . . .
—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

From the German *rogel*, a bird's eye, being slang for pocket-handkerchief, or more probably from Italian *foglia*, a piece of silk or satin.

Fogle-hunter (thieves), pick-pocket, stealer of handkerchiefs.

"What's the matter now?" said the man carelessly. "A young *fogle-hunter*," replied the man who had Oliver in charge.
—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

Fogram (thieves), a fussy old fellow (New York Slang Dictionary).

(Nautical), wine, beer, or spirits of indifferent quality; in fact, any kind of liquor (Smyth).

Fogue (thieves), fierce, fiery. Possibly from the French *fougueux*.

Fogus (old cant), tobacco. "From *fogo*, old word for stench," says Hotten. Possibly from *fog*, *fouge*, moss, and *foggage*, rank grass. This derivation is borne out by the analogy of "weed," another term for tobacco with "to fog." Also by French cant *treje*, *trifoin*, for tobacco.

Foik, to (football). "To *foik*" a ball out of the scrimmage is to pick it up with your hands before it is fairly out of the scrimmage, or to kick it out of the scrimmage backwards to one of your own "behinds," to give him a chance of a "run." Doubtless an imitation of "fake," broadly pronounced in some provincial dialect.

Foist (old cant), a pickpocket, a cheat.

Follow me, lads (common), curls hanging over a lady's shoulder. The French *suivez-moi jeune homme* refers to ribbons waving behind from a lady's dress.

Fooling around (American), trifling, not meaning business.

As it stands pugilists are the puppets or partners of acute showmen, and the "Noble Art of Self-Defence" is being rapidly reduced to a money-making form of what Americans call *fooling around*. By all means let us have a real fight and stop this nonsense.—*Daily Telegraph*.

Fool-killer (American), a mysterious being in the great Yankee