

- W.C. Supposed to allude to the fourth court at Trinity, a small quadrangle devoted to lecture-rooms and other conveniences. (Common), a very drunken man is said to be "on his *fourth*."
- Fourth estate**, the complete body of journalists of all descriptions. This term is much used among "liners" (Hotten).
- Four-wheeler** (popular), a steak.
- Fowlo** (pidgin), a fowl.
- Fox** (fencing), a cant term for sword in the older schools, from the "wolf" or *fox* mark borne by Solingen blades. The word "foxing," in the colloquial sense of pretending, is often applied to a sham carelessness in fencing, intended to induce the adversary to "come out" less cautiously.
- Foxed** (old slang), intoxicated. (Printers), stained or spotted books or paper is described thus. Caused by dampness mostly.
- Fox, to** (theatrical), to criticise a fellow actor's performance. (Popular), to watch sliily. (American police), to follow or watch sliily.
- We had several altercations. He was *foxing* me, and I was *foxing* him.—*Daily Telegraph*.
- Fo - yok** (pidgin), gunpowder; literally fire physic, fire medicine.
- F.P.** (War Office), former papers; a regular phrase at the War Office when it is a question of referring to preceding communications, &c., on any matter.
- Fraggle** (Texas), to rob (Bartlett); Dutch thieves' slang, *frikketiven*, to rob.
- Frazzled out** (American), used in the Southern States. Frayed, "frizzled," or worn out.
- "Bimeby," continued the old man, "de switches dey got *frazzle out*."—*Uncle Remus*.
- Freak** (American), men or women who make a living by exhibiting themselves as living skeletons, giants, dwarfs, and other freaks of nature.
- Visitor* (to dime-museum *freak*).—"What is your speciality, my friend?"
- Freak*.—"I'm the man who really knows more than he thinks he does. Want a photograph? Quarter of a dollar, sir."
- Visitor*.—"Yes; give me half-a-dozen. I'd wear one out in a week lookin' at it."—*Chicago Tribune*.
- Free and easy**, a smoking party of any kind, the members of which meet at a public-house to drink, smoke, and sing.
- One of his accomplices, Hunt, had a beautiful baritone voice, and was the delight of *free and easies* patronised by the fancy.—*Daily Telegraph*.
- Free-booker** (journalistic), explained by quotation.
- There are pirates and pirates. An American *free-booker* has sent Mrs. H. a cheque for five hundred dollars, on account of the profits of a filibustered edition of "Robert Elsmere."—*World*.