

Freeholder (common), a man is called a *freeholder* when his wife will not allow him to visit a public-house by himself.

Free lances (society), women who do not run straight, are not virtuous and faithful to their husbands. Originated from the *free lances*, who carried on irregular warfare.

Sooner than be out of the fashion they will tolerate what should be most galling and shaming to them—the thought that by these they are put down among the *free lances*.—*Saturday Review*.

Freeman's quay (thieves), to "lush at *freeman's quay*," to drink at another's expense.

Freemartin (veterinary), a calf which is one of twins, the twins being one of each sex; the sexual organs of one or both are imperfectly developed or differentiated, and the *freemartin* is consequently sterile.

Free of fumbler's hall (common), a saying applied to one who is impotent.

Free, to (thieves), to steal; "to *free* a prad," to steal a horse.

Freeze out, to (English and American), to put out, deprive of, to drive away by distant freezing conduct and cold reserve, which was apparently the origin of the term.

I called on Jane and Mary Bung,
I thought I was bound to blaze,
But the very first call they *freeze me out*,
With their new-converted ways.
—*Song: The Old-Fashioned Beau*.

To exclude.

But the large operators want to get hold of blocks of cheap stock, so a gradual process of *freezing out* of the small speculators is going on, and it appears to be pretty successful.—*Truth*.

Freezer (popular), a winter's day. An Eton tailless jacket. The application is obvious.

Freeze, to (American), to stick to, to take, to have a longing desire.

I tell you I *froze* for meat before the week was gone to be intimate. There was no more intimacy shown between James and Ann other than might exist between any woman trying to *freeze* on to a boarder.—*Daily Inter Ocean*.

(Common), to *freeze to*, to stick to, take, steal; "some one has *frozen* to my watch."

French cream (popular and thieves), brandy.

Frenchgout (popular), gonorrhœa.

Frenchman (printers), an Anglo-French printing machine is generally termed thus by the "minders."

Fresh (common), slightly intoxicated.

M. — was summoned, and did not deny the "soft impeachment" that he was a little *fresh* at the time of the assault.—*Daily Telegraph*.

(American), forward, impudent.

"Has Peggy been too *fresh*!" Her sunburnt cheeks flushed.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

Also innocent, unsophisticated.