

Frisk (society), a dance, a hop; not a very common expression, but occasionally used.

The show of dresses and jewels was remarkable, and the *frisk* was a brilliant success, everything being thoroughly well done.—*The World*.

Frisk, to (thieves), to search on the person; “to *frisk* a cly,” to empty a pocket.

Frog (popular), foot; *frog*-footed, flat-footer, a contemporary term used for those who go on foot. (Popular and thieves), a policeman.

I must amputate like a go-away, or the *frogs* will nail me.—*On the Trail*.

Frogging on (American), getting on. Usually attributed to Germans, and possibly derived from some popular misconception of *fragen*, to ask, or an allusion to the movements of a frog.

Ven ve go for to see our friends apout,
Hey ho, countrymen—how you *froggin*
on?

All de liddle Deuschers gif a pig shout,
Hey ho! Schneiders! How you knock
along?

—*Thomas Browne: The Deuschers on a Spree*.

Froglanders (nautical), Dutchmen (Smyth).

Frog's march (common), a method of conveying a violent prisoner to the police-station or guard-house. The recalcitrant one is carried face downwards, with a man holding each limb.

Frolic, on a (American). “Frolic, used for a party *on a frolic*,” seems

to be a true Americanism” (R. A. Proctor). Dutch, *vrolykheyed*, mirth, jollity, gaiety. The American expression is a literal translation of an old New York Dutch phrase.

From over yonder (tailors), from Ireland.

Front (Winchester School), angry, vexed, from “affronted.”

Front, to (thieves), to cover or conceal the operations of a pick-pocket.

So my pal said, “*Front* me (cover me) and I will do him for it.”—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

Frontispiece (pugilistic), the face.

Front piece (theatrical), a short play or “curtain raiser” performed before a more important one.

At the Gaiety, on next Saturday evening, a farce, “*Lot 49*,” by Mr. Fisher, as a *front piece* to “*Frankenstein*.”—*Evening News*.

Frost (society), a failure, a *fiasco*.

At every grand ball in the Row or Mayfair, The b.-ll is a *frost* if the Marquis ain't there.

—*Anthony: The Marquis of Hanover Square. A Ballad*.

(Theatrical), a dead failure; “a *frost*, a killing *frost*.” (Popular), a dearth of work.

Frosty face (common), said of one whose face has been pitted and marked by small-pox.