

Lamb used the word for pieces of mutton fat that make one retch or choke.

Gait (American thieves), manner of making a living, profession, calling.

Galaney or galeny (old cant), a fowl. From the Italian *gallina*, now used in the West of England in the sense of guinea-fowl. A gally-bird in Sussex is a woodpecker.

Galee (Anglo-Indian), slang for bad language. Hindu *gali*. In English gypsy *gooler* or *gäller* is a noise or tumult, and *cäller* a talking or clatter of words.

Gall (American), pluck, cheek, impudence, courage.

Dumley—"You know that contemptible little Robinson, don't you, Brown?" *Brown*—"Yes, but I don't associate with him." *Dumley*—"Well, what do you think he had the *gall* to do to-day?" *Brown*—"He has the *gall* to do anything." *Dumley*—"He asked me to drink with him; but he'll never repeat the impudence." *Brown*—"What did you do, pull his nose?" *Dumley*—"No. I ordered a champagne cocktail, and it cost him 75 cents."—*New York Sun*.

Gallanty-show (common), an exhibition in which black figures are shown on a white sheet to accompany dialogues. Generally given at night by "Punch and Judy" men (Hotten). From the Italian *galanti*, fine, often applied to small shows.

Gallery stroke (sporting), a stroke for effect; unlike "playing for

the gallery," which has an almost forgotten theatrical origin. A *gallery stroke* is derived from the fact of so many games being witnessed from galleries. (Cricketers), a high hit up into the air to take the fancy of the spectators.

Galley slaves (printers), *vile* COMPS. Compositors are termed thus from the fact that their earnings, especially in newspaper offices, depend on the number of *gallics* done. A man to have a good "poll" must *slave* hard to set up a large number of *gallics*. Moxon, 1683, quotes this term.

Galley-stoker (nautical), a lazy skulker.

Galley west (American). Though it indicates an opposite direction, *galley west* means the same as "about east," being a strong superlative, as expressive of greatness or magnitude.

I have seen the Escorial and the Vatican, and the Dolme-Bagtche, and Windsor Castle, and lots of those little dug-outs over there, but I'll be darned if this establishment of yours, Hunse, don't knock any one of them *galley west*!—*galley west*, sir, that's what it does.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

Gallied (Australian popular), frightened.

Gallimaufry (nautical), a kind of stew made up of scraps of various kinds. Probably meaning the galley scraps (Hotten).