

Another hour of music was to give delight or the *gapes*, as real or affected taste for it prevailed.—*Miss Austen: Persuasion.*

**Gapped** (old slang), getting the worst of it. From old hunting slang.

I will never meet at hard-edge with her; if I did . . . I should be confoundedly *gapped*.—*Richardson: Grandison.*

**Garden** (London), for tradesmen and others, Covent Garden Market; for actors, Covent Garden Theatre. (Thieves), to "put one in the *garden*," to cheat a confederate out of his share.

**Gardener** (popular), an awkward coachman. "Get on, *gardener*," is a most insulting expression from a cabby to a real coachman (Hotten). The allusion is to families who employ the *gardener* as coachman.

**Garden-gout** (old slang), explained by quotation.

When young men by whoring, as it commonly falls out, get the pox, which, by the way of extenuation, they call the common *garden gout*.—*Bailey: Erasmus.*

It must be said that Covent Garden had a bad reputation. A "garden-whore" was a low prostitute.

**Gargle** (common), a drink. The term was first used by medical students.

A hasty introduction and a diplomatic slope  
On the part of the ingenious Mr. B.,

And the gay and gallant Green was,  
single-handed, left to cope  
With the siren who dispensed the  
L.S.D.

But her taste for high-priced *gargles*  
could in no wise be restrained,  
She appeared to look on oof as so much  
dirt,

And he very soon discovered all the  
assets that remained  
Were a card-case and a ticket for a  
shirt.

—*Sporting Times.*

**Garnish** (old slang), a fee exacted by the keepers of gaols from the prisoners for extra comforts, real or imaginary. In Yorkshire this term means footing money.

**Garret** (common), the head, or upper storey. To have one's *garret* unfurnished is to be a fool.

As Blagg rolled over them, and they  
rolled over Blagg,  
While what's called the "claret" flew  
over the *garret*.

—*Ingoldsby Legends.*

**Garreter** (thieves), a thief who gets on the roofs of houses and effects an entrance by a *garret* window.

**Garrison hack** (army), a young lady brought up in a garrison town, and who, according to the definition of an officer, "knows all the officers by their Christian names."

**Garrotting** (cardsharps), cheating by concealing certain cards at the back of the neck (Hotten). The allusion is obvious.

**Garters** (nautical), the irons or bilboes.