

Geneva print (nautical), gin.

And if you meet
An officer preaching of sobriety,
Unless he read it in *Geneva print*,
Lay him by the heels.

—*Massinger.*

Gent (popular), a contraction of gentleman, generally applied to a dressy fellow. Originated about 1847 from tailors' advertisements. The *gent* was the 'Arry of that time.

Last summer to Brighton invited,
My friends, on a visit I went,
And while on the sands promenading
I met with a handsome young *gent*.
His figure was that of Adonis,
His eyes they were really divine,
And oh! how my heart beat with rapture
When he turned and his eyes they met
mine.

—*Harry Hartley: Writing his Name
on the Sands.*

(Old cant), money; from *argent*.

Gentleman commoner (Oxford University), a student who pays higher fees and dines with the fellows of the college. At Cambridge the phrase is a "fellow commoner."

Gentleman of three outs (popular), without money, without sense, without manners.

Gentleman's companion (thieves), a louse.

Gentlemen (nautical), the mess-mates of the gunroom or cockpit—as mates, midshipmen, clerks, and cadets (Admiral Smyth).

Gentlemen of observation (turf), an euphemism for "touts."

An equally strong force of the "touting" fraternity, and the sight of a battalion of these *gentlemen of observation*, as they are more politely called, under the trees of the "Limekilns," is one of the most interesting sights of our morning's walk at a meeting.
—*Bird o' Freedom.*

Gentlemen of the green baize road (gaming), plunderers at the card table, sharpers (Dickens' "Bleak House"); based upon the familiar phrase, "knights of the road," *i.e.*, highwaymen; hence *gentlemen of the green baize road* is equivalent to cheating gamblers, or sharpers—cards, dice, and similar games being generally played upon tables covered with green baize.

Gentle, to (American, Western), to tame horses after the halter breaking, or rough breaking in is accomplished.

That's so. I ain't got a colt at all in the corrals *to gentle* now.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin.*

Gentry cove (canting), a gentleman.

The *gentry cove* will be romboyled by his dam. Queer cuffin will be the word yet if we don't tout.—*Beaconsfield: Venetia.*

Gentry, flash (thieves), swell thieves.

Oh, if my hands adhere to cash,
My gloves are at least clean,
And rarely have the *gentry flash*
In sprucer clothes been seen.

—*Lytton: Paul Clifford.*

Gentry mort (old cant), a lady.

Genuine, to (Winchester College), to praise.