

Grasshopper (popular), a waiter at a tea-garden (Hotten).

Grass in his liquor. See GRASS.

Grass-ville (thieves), the country.

Grass-widow. In America and in India a *grass-widow* is a married woman temporarily separated from her husband. In the Slang Dictionary of Hotten it is explained as "an unmarried mother, a deserted mistress," which is rather doubtful. Low German, *gras-wedewe*. Also *stroh-wittwer* (German).

Gravel, to (popular), to confound, to perplex, to bewilder. From levelling with the earth or *gravel*.

Gravel-crusher (military), a soldier compelled to tramp about a square at defaulter's drill. *Vale* ORGAN.

Gravel-grinder (popular), one subject to falls through drunken habits.

Gravel-rash (popular), a scratched face, generally applied to a drunken person who has had a fall. (Schoolboys), the injury to the knees from a fall.

Grave-trap, the (theatrical), a large oblong trap in the centre of the stage, so called because "the fair Ophelia" is supposed

to be buried there. Every fugitive draught in the theatre rises from the cellar through this opening. It is said that Fawcett, when stage-manager at Covent Garden, relinquished the part of the gravedigger (which he had acted a quarter of a century) in favour of a younger actor, against whom he had a spite. "You are very generous, Mr. Fawcett," gushed the youngster. "Not at all, sir—not at all," replied the veteran. Then turning to a crony, with a grin, he growled in a grim aside: "That infernal north-east wind from the grave will cook his goose."

Graveyard (American), a "private graveyard," men who affect great ferocity, or who assume to be desperadoes, sometimes boast in America that they keep *graveyards* of their own in which to bury their victims, or else are sarcastically asked where these cemeteries are. In portions of New England every farmer has his own family *graveyard* on his property, and the writer has known an instance in which a father made a present—which was gladly accepted—to his children of a little *graveyard* with two blank tombstones. They kept it in order and used it as a playground.

Gravy eye (popular), a term rather loosely and unmeaningly applied as a derisive epithet—"Oh! you *gravy eye!* How much