

gravy does your mother put on your 'taters'?"

**Gray** (sharppers), from the gypsy *gry*, a horse, a halfpenny with either two "heads" or two "tails," used for cheating at pitch and toss. Also called a pony, hence the word.

**Gray-coat parson**, a lay improprator, or lessee of great tithes (Hotten).

**Grays** (popular), lice; called by the French *grenadiers*.

**Grease** (printers), a synonym for well-paid work.

**Grease one's duke** (thieves), to greasethe palm or hand, "duke" meaning hand.

One or two days after this I met the reeler at Hackney, and he said, "What made you guy?" So I said that I did not want my pals to see me with him. So he said it was all right. Some of the mob knew him and had *greased his duke*.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

**Greaser** (American), a Mexican.

A Chinaman stole swiftly and silently by; a half-breed led a lame horse along; a couple more *greasers*, seated one behind the other, went past on another equine scarecrow.—*P. Francis: Saddie and Moccasin*.

(Winchester College), "to give him *greaser*," to rub the head hard with the knuckles. (Naval), an engineer, or any other man employed in the stoke-room.

**Greasers** (Royal Military Academy), fried potatoes, in contradistinction to "boilers," boiled potatoes.

**Greater or final** (Oxford University), the final public examination in honours. *Greater* is now properly confined to classical honours.

**Great go** (Cambridge University), the final and most important examination an undergraduate has to pass. An earlier examination is called the "little go."

Read through the whole five volumes folio, Latin, previous to his going up for his *great go*.—*The Etonian*.

**Great pot** (racing), a prophet.

I enclose a little circular sent to me in the spring of the present year, sent me by a *great pot* (he would have you believe), addressing from the Strand, London, whose selections, had I followed, would break a bank, much less a private purse.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

**Great Scott!** (common and American), probably derived from General Winfield Scott, once a candidate for the Presidency, a man of such great dignity and military style that he was popularly known as Fuss and Feathers. To explain the following extract from an American newspaper in which the word occurs, it must be understood that the Republicans in the United States insist that all the roughs, shoulder-hitters, and gamblers in the country are "Demo-