

Harry (common), to play old *Harry* with one, is synonymous with to play the devil, to annoy or ruin one. Old *Harry* is, of course, the "old gentleman," the devil. It has been suggested that *Harry* is the word *hairy*; but it is possible that it comes from to *harry*, to torment, to tear in pieces, so that Old *Harry* would literally mean the old tormentor, the "arch tormentor," "old scratch." Again, it may simply be the diminutive of Henry, old "Nick" or Nicholas being another name for the devil. Sailors often swear "by the Lord *Harry*."

Harry Bluff (rhyming slang), snuff.

Harry! Harry! (provincial), a derisive expletive addressed by workmen to their mates when the latter are overladen.

Harry Soph. This is given as a recognised term by Webster, with the definition of a university student at Cambridge who, having sufficient standing to take the degree of B.A., declares himself a candidate for a degree in law or physic. From *ἐπισοφος*.

Hash (common), to make a *hash* of it, to jumble together, to spoil; to settle his *hash*, to kill him.

(American cadets), a term given to the clandestine preparation of supper in the rooms, subsequent to the extinction of lights, and contrary to rule.

Ah! there was a dream of revelry then,
As over the *hash* these jovial men
Did stand to inhale the savoury smell,
And all went smooth as a marriage bell.

—*The West Point Scrap Book.*

Haslar hags (nautical), the nurses of the naval hospital, Haslar, near Gosport.

Hatches (nautical), under *hatches*, safely stowed away, dead and buried, in distress, trouble, or debt.

Hatchet (tailors), a name vulgarly applied to a plain or ugly woman. (Nautical), "to sling the *hatchet*," to sulk; the reverse of to bury the *hatchet* or tomahawk, a practice of Red Indians in time of peace.

Hatchet, to throw or sling the (common), to tell lies, to "draw the long bow."

Hatch, match, and dispatch column (American and journalistic), a vulgar epithet to describe the births, marriages, and deaths announcements in the press. An equivalent is the cradle, altar, and tomb column.

Hatch-thoke (Winchester College). The term signifies founder's days, which are holidays with Amen Chapel at 11 A.M. There are three in Long Half and two in Short Half. Nobody need be up till 9 A.M. The Warden and Fellows on those days assemble and discuss college affairs.

Hatchway (nautical), the month.