

bring to light. "A witness giving evidence in an Assize Court said 'the prisoner *hedgehogged!*' On being asked what he meant, he said that 'a *hedgehog* when in water opened; and the man, when they gave him plenty of beer, opened and told all he knowed."

Hedger (turf). *Vide* HEDGE.

That a tailor's bad to beat when his plans are all complete,
Must be plain to every punter, sharp,
and *hedger*;
So if Eiridspond's the pea, as he'll very likely be,
Follow Taylor as a snip for the St. Leger.

—*Sporting Times*.

He'd play his hand for all there was in it (American), a very significant intimation that a man would make all that he could by fair means or foul.

"I was mighty hard up at the time—right down on the bed-rock—and it may be that I was just monkeying with the cards—a little."

"You bet yer!" cried Jake from the store. "*He'd play his hand for all there was in it*, anyhow."—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

Heeled (Western American), armed, weaponed, well defended. An allusion to the practice of arming the birds in cock-fighting with steel spurs. "Were both men *heeled?*" *i.e.*, were they both armed.

If I'd had any show, I'd have drawn on 'em right away—I wanted to ter'ble bad; but I hadn't got no Winchester

along, and only two cartridges in my six-shooter, whilst they was both well-*heeled*.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

Heeler (American), an accomplice of the pocket-book dropper. The *heeler* stoops behind the victim and strikes one of his heels as if by mistake. This makes him look down, and so draws his attention to the pocket-book which lies on the ground. The dupe is about to pick it up, when the dropper steps forward and claims half of whatever may be in the pocket-book, but offers to relinquish his share for a certain sum, ten or twenty dollars. The dupe, who has taken a peep and ascertained that the dummy is stuffed with bank-notes, pays the money, and then finds out later that he has bought counterfeit bills. "*Heelers and strikers*," men who beset candidates for office to extort money from them on divers pretences.

(Winchester College), a jump into the water feet first. French schoolboys call this "*une chandelle*."

Heels, to turn up (old), to die, also "to turn up one's toes." A variant was to "topple up the heels."

The backewinter . . . and sicknesse . . . seven thousand and fifty people *topples up their heels* then.—*Nash: Lenten Stufte*.

Heel-tap, a small quantity of liquor left in the glass by any