

Herring gutted (old), lanky.

Herring pond, the (common), a facetious name given to the Atlantic Ocean. Said to be of American origin, but now commonly used in both continents.

Everybody nowadays has read as much as he or she cares to about the voyage across *the herring-pond*, a voyage of which many of our American cousins think less than other men of a Channel-crossing.—*Phillipps-Wolley: Trottings of a Tenderfoot.*

He's gone north about (nautical) said of a sailor who has died from any cause but drowning. Shakspeare in "Twelfth Night" (Act iii. scene 2) uses a somewhat similar phrase, and which seems to throw some light upon the expression as used by sailors:—"You are now sailed into the *north of my lady's opinion*, where you will hang like an icicle on a Dutchman's beard, unless you do reclaim it by some laudable attempt."

Hewgag, the (American), name for an undeterminate, unknown mythical creature.

Hick, country (old cant), a stupid clodhopper.

Hickjap (thieves), a fool. *Hicksam*, a countryman, a foolish fellow.

Hickey (thieves), tipsy, not quite drunk, elated. Probably from hiccough.

Hickety split. *Vide* FULL DRIVE.

Hickory shirt (American), a cheap, durable woollen shirt generally worn by working men, or by those who dispense with linen or muslin.

"Good heavens, girl!" asked Mr. Neece of the domestic, "what are you doing with that *hickory shirt*?"

"Faith an' I'm brushing some of the dust out of it. It's in a shameful condition."—*Peona Transcript.*

Hid (American), an abbreviation of hideous, used as a noun. Used chiefly by girls. "She's a perfect *hid*."

Hiding (common), a good *hiding*, a severe beating with the "hide," or dried skin of an animal, formerly used as a scourge. To "cow-hide," or beat with a cow or ox-hide, is a common expression, and before the use of the revolver became unhappily prevalent, was once a common practice in the United States. The word has been erroneously derived from the effect of the beating, the skin or hide of the beaten person, and not from the material of the scourge itself.

"What right has a jossler like you to interfere?" the coal-heaver retorted, turning toward the tall stranger. "You may be a D., but I will give you a *hiding* for your cheek."—*Bird o' Freedom.*

High, the (Oxford), the High Street at Oxford.

And after calling in at the tailor's to express his approbation, he at once sallied forth to *do the High*.—*C. Bede: Verdant Green.*

High and dry (clerical), old-fashioned members of the