

High horse (American). It is commonly said of any one who is putting on airs or assuming a lofty or dignified tone, that "he is on his *high horse*." Something equivalent to it is to be found in many languages. The French say "*monter sur ses grands chevaux*" (not slang).

High jinks, properly an old Scottish pastime played in different ways. At a club or convivial gathering is that part of the evening when the punch-bowl is introduced together with unlimited license.

There he found the eleven at *high jinks* after supper, Jack Raggles shouting comic songs and performing feats of strength; and was greeted by a chorus of mingled remonstrance at his desertion, and joy at his appearance.—*Tom Brown's School-days*.

(Common), a jollification.

All sorts of revelry, all sorts of devilry.
All play at *high jinks* and keep up the ball,
Days, weeks, and months, it is really astonishing,
As to what passed on his own wedding-day.
—*Ingoldby Legends*.

To play the *high jinks*, to take up an arrogant position.

In days of yore the Lord of Misrule
Played very *high jinks* at the Tide of Yule,
And sported about like a chartered fool,
And did pretty much as he chose;
There were scarce any bounds to his quips and cracks,
His lunatic larks and his mot'ey pranks,
And victims who suffered e'en offered him thanks
For robbing them of repose.
—*Lun.*

(American), *high jinks*, small gamblers.

High rented (popular), hot. A seat near a fire is said to be *high rented* when it gets too hot for comfort.

High roller (American), one who plays high, or who takes the lead.

He's a *high roller*, by gum! when he's got it (*i.e.*, money).—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

Donaldson in those days was known as a *high roller*, and under his instructions John dealt the game without a limit. Donaldson finally left the business here and went west.—*Chicago Daily Inter-Ocean*.

High rope, on the (American), in a passion, very loud, taking on great airs.

High stepper (society), a well-dressed girl, who has a good figure and is handsome, a swell of any kind.

High tariff language (American), rhapsodical, magniloquent, or extravagant words.

Mingle in de mazes of de dance dou knight ob valour, while de resplendent luminary of de day has wifdrawn his light from de earf, till de bright Aurora gilds de eastern sky wid golden an' den wid characteristic gallantry, accompany de fair an' unsumfisticated partners of dy pleasure to deir pyternal mansions—Herey dat am *high tariff language*.—*Brudder Bones*.

High ti (American University), a showy recitation. In use at Williams College. At Harvard the equivalent is a "squirt."