

Hoaky, by the (nautical), synonymous with "hang it!"

Hobbled (thieves), committed for trial.

Hobbler (nautical), a coast man of Kent, a bit of a smuggler and an unlicensed pilot, ever ready for a job in either of these occupations. Also a man on land employed in towing a vessel by a rope (Admiral Smyth).

Hobby (university), a translation. Those who use cribs in translating from the Latin, Greek, and other languages, are said to ride *hobbies*.

Hob-jobber (street), a man or boy who loiters about the streets waiting for small jobs, such as holding horses, carrying parcels, &c.

Days came in which there was a *hob-jobber's* famine; no horses to hold, no parcels to carry.—*The Goat Cradle*.

Hobson-Jobson (Anglo-Indian), a phrase peculiar to the British soldier, by whom it was invented. It is in fact an Anglo-Saxon version of the wailings of the Mahommedans, as they beat their breasts in the processions of the Moharram: *Ya Hasan, ya Hossain!* (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

Hob's hog (provincial Northampton). When a person conjectures wrongly, he is compared to *Hob's hog*, a local story being

that the mythical porker in question imagined his breakfast was coming, when it was only the butcher preparing to kill him.

Hock (American), caught. Caught in *hock* is caught by the heels. The last card in the box. Among thieves a man is in *hock* when he is in prison, but when one gambler is caught by another smarter than himself and is beat, then he is in *hock*. Down South (*i.e.*, in the Southern States), men are only put in *hock* on the race-tracks. In a *hock*-game, if a man hits a card, he is obliged to let his money lie until it either wins or loses. Of course, there are nine hundred and ninety-nine chances against the player, and the oldest man living never yet saw him win, and thus he is caught in *hock* (New York Slang Dictionary).

The author of this work derives *hock* clearly enough from the English slang term for a foot. It may be observed, however, that *hok* in Dutch thieves' slang means credit or debt, which would furnish quite as good a derivation.

Hock-dockies (popular), shoes or boots.

Hocker, häkker (gypsy), to jump.

Hocus-pocus (now recognised), a term applied originally to deception of the eye by means