

could not agree which part this was among them, the Mussulmans ate up the entire animal, or "went *the whole hog*."

Ho-gya (Anglo-Indian), used by Anglo-Indians in the sense of "up a tree," or of the failure of any undertaking.

Hoisting (thieves). Hotten defines this as only shop-lifting. In America the term is applied to a very peculiar kind of robbery. To rob a house two or three men gather together, one of whom stands close to the wall and the next one climbs up so as to stand on his shoulders, while the third does the same. By long practice this can be done with great ease, so that a thief can enter a window ten or even fifteen feet from the ground. This is called the hoist-lay. A hoister means however a shop-lifter as well, and also a sot.

Hokey-pokey (common), good-for-nothing, cheated, done. This word seems as regards both meaning and sound to have a relation to the Yiddish *orche-porchem*, a vagabond, a tramp. It is from "hocus-pocus."

A kind of inferior ice sold in the streets and especially at race meetings amongst the lower classes.

Ho-lan-kwoh (pidgin, Dutch), "Holland-nation."

Hold, do you (London slang), have you any money to lend or stand treat with?

Hold-out (cardsharppers), the vest *hold-out*, sleeve *hold-out*. Explained by quotation.

The old-time poker sharp was not well equipped unless he had a vest *hold-out*. That was a black satin vest with claws inside that came out of the bosom, seized the necessary cards, and slid it in again. It was worked by a chain that ran down the trousers leg and hooked to the heel of the boot, and was such a clumsy and complicated apparatus that I would as soon think of carrying a threshing-machine around with me. Then there was the sleeve *hold-out*, nearly as bad, and the different *hold-outs* to fasten to the edge of the table.—*Star*.

Hold the stage, to (theatrical), is said of an experienced actor who is fully at home on the stage, and always commands the attention of the audience. Corresponds to the French phrase, "avoir des planches."

Hold up, to (American thieves), to molest, rob with violence.

Two thieves were caught in New York, . . . mistaking two detectives for persons in their own line of business, they invited them to *hold up* a man.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Also to arrest, take in custody.

Didn't I give you fifty dollars for leaving my place alone when it was on your beat? You can't *hold me up* now.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Hold your horses (American), an injunction not to go too far, or say too much.