

"To have one's *hump* up," to be cross like a cat with its back set up. To *hump* is a provincialism meaning to grumble, and is used in the slangy sense of to spoil. In America to *hump* oneself is to prepare promptly for an attack.

**Hump the swag, to** (Australian), to carry one's luggage on one's back.

And you may often have to *hump your own swag*, for the able-bodied fellows who are standing about are probably too well off to care to earn your shilling.—C. T.: *Impressions of Australia* (*Blackwood's Magazine*).

**Hums** (old cant), the congregation in a church.

**Hunker** (American), one opposed to progress in politics, one opposed to progress in general.

**Hunks.** This word is given by Hotten and others as a slang term, but it is a recognised provincialism, meaning a miser.

**Hunky** (American), good, jolly; "everything went off *hunky*," went off well.

**Hunt, in the** (popular), regarded as admitted to a circle or society. "He is *in the hunt*," he is one of us.

Although we isn't aristocrats, we hold a quid or two, and are considered *in the hunt*.—Sam Waghorn: *The Merry Sand-boy*.

**Hunting** (thieves), card-sharping.

**Hurkaru** (Anglo-Indian), a messenger.

**Husband's tea** (popular), weak tea.

**I am not here** (tailors). I don't feel inclined to work; or, I wish to be left alone.

**Ictus** (legal), a lawyer. A corruption of *juris consultus*.

**Idea pot** (thieves), the head; also called "knowledge-box."

**I desire** (rhyming slang), a fire.

**If not, why not?** (American), a peculiar colloquial expression, as "Will you take a drink—*if not, why not?*"

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**Ignoramus Jury** (old cant), formerly a slang name for a Grand Jury. When a bill was ignored, instead of writing across it "No true bill," the Latin word *ignoramus*, we do not know, was employed—hence the saying in question. "If you find that anything proceeds from envy