

a "bluff," or a poor one. As cases of absolute equality among hands are all but impossible at Poker, little is risked by it.

Aged (racing, technical), any horse over six years is described as *aged*.

We really do abuse the powers of our blood stock in its undeveloped stage, and use up our racehorses at far too early an age. There is no disputing the fact that Bendigo stands alone as a first-class *aged* representative racehorse now on the turf, where in former days we had our Lanercosts, Touchstones, Beeswings, Alice Hawthorns, &c., by the dozen.—*Sporting Times*.

Agee or ajee (American). Bartlett defines this as "askew;" as to have one's hat *agee*. From the term *gee*, used in driving cattle. It seems rather to be derived from *gee*, "to agree with," "to fit," with the prefix negative *a*. In America it is also applied to a door ajar or partly open, as appears by the following rhymes from a comic paper published in Philadelphia in 1833 or 1834 on an incident which occurred there:—

I am an undertaker true,
And know my business well;
I'm just the man to punish you,
For sending folks to hell.

You quite forgot, behind the door,
When it was left *agee*.
I caught you hugging Mrs. —,
Your heart quite full of glee.

According to Wright (Provincial Dictionary), *agee* is North English, and means both awry and ajar. The word is, however, at

present far more generally used in America than England.

Aggari (Anglo-Indian), lit. fire-carriage, applied by the natives to a railway train.—*Hobson Jobson, being an Anglo-Indian Glossary*, London 1886.

Aggerawators (popular), a corruption of "aggravators," the lock of hair formerly in vogue alike among honest costermongers and men of the Bill Sykes type, worn twisted back from the temple towards the ear. It is now in favour among gypsies and a few "bruisers." The French peasants of Berry are fond of this ornament, which recalls, though much shorter, the old cadenettes of the French husars.

His hair was carefully twisted into the outer corners of each eye, till it formed a variety of that description of semi-curly usually known as *haggerawators*.—*Dickens: Sketches by Boz*.

Agitate the communicator (common), ring the bell.

Agitator (common), a bell rope; the street door knocker.

Agial, gial (gypsy), before, in front of.

Agogare (American thieves' slang), be quick! A warning signal. From *ajog*.

Agonise (American), to endure agony. A favourite word with young or "sensational" clergy-