

"Mister," said a Hollander to the clerk at the railway station. "Ik wants a *witganger* dicket, an emikrant dicket to ga toe Chicago?"

"Well—what's your name," was the reply.

"Ya—dat is Van Berkenschooverzwerdonderdromp."

"Great Moses, Mister!" cried the clerk alarmed. "I can't write all that down. Don't you know what it is in English?"

"Ya—I does. It's *Von Smit*."—*Philadelphia Courier*.

John Thomas (common), a flunkey; the penis.

John Trot (old), a name for a clown.

Joined the gang (popular), a vulgar phrase equivalent to saying that any one has become a thief.

Then from the door he soon did shoot
With the booty in his duke—oh dear! . . .
He was sentenced, understand, with the
rest of *the gang*

For a term of seven long years.

Rolling home in the morning, boys,

As drunk as ever he can stand,

Sure my heart is broke and no mistake,

Since Johnny *joined the gang*.

—*Broadside: Johnny's joined the Gang.*

Joint (American), a place of public resort, generally a "saloon," a room of a very low character. From its having been originally an adjacent, adjoining, or *joint* room, an annexe. All the opium-smoking dens kept by Chinese in the United States are called opium *joints*. To explain the following extract it should be understood that the obtaining a license to sell liquor in the American cities often, if not

generally, depends upon the political influence of the applicant.

Carew said that while his saloon was a "tough *joint*," it was not near so bad as Monroe's or the Alcazar. Though a good Democrat, he doubtless lacks the Aldermanic "infloence" back of Monroe and Wilson.

(Common), to put a person's nose out of *joint*, to grievously vex or disappoint him.

Joint, working the (thieves), swindling in the streets with a lottery table, the indicator of which can be made to stop at any point by pressure on a concealed rod.

Jokist (common), a man fond of playing practical jokes.

On entering the room I had given the bottle into the hand of a young man, a son of the house. This young fellow was a bit of a *jokist*, so when about to take out the glass-topper from the bottle he said to a jolly, fat old Kaffir woman, who stood close by, "Sara, kom ruike heizro de lekker goed"—(Sara, come and smell this sweet stuff).—*Globe*.

Jolly (thieves), a pretence, excuse.

So I began to count my pieces for a *jolly* (pretence).—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

Other meaning explained by quotation.

One who assists at a sham street row for the purpose of creating a mob, and promoting robbery from the person—a *jolly*.—*Seven Curses of London*.

(Common), *jolly* is used slangily as an expletive, signifying superlatively, as, he got