

Two *red kettles* a week will bring in about four pounds. This is better than getting three shillings a-day for slaving.—*Evening News*.

(Nautical), iron or ironclad vessels.

It is not generally known that the three torpedo cruisers . . . have been in the contractors' hands for the past ten months, and that all kinds of expedients have been resorted to. . . . The inexpressibly ludicrous plan of applying "poultices" to their *kettles* is now being tested.—*Society*.

Kettledrum (society), an afternoon tea-party.

Kew (back slang), a week.

Khana, khan, connah (Anglo-Indian), a place of residence, or store-room, entertainment. *Vide BURRA KHANA*.

There never was a *burra khana* given yet in Ind

Where some at the arrangement of the pairs were not chagrined.

—*Aleph Chem: Lays of Ind*.

Khubber (Anglo-Indian), news, especially sporting news (Arabic, Persian, Hind., *khavar*).

There is *fucka* (good, real) *khubber* of a tiger this morning.—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

Kibosh (English and Yiddish), nonsense, rubbish, or humbug.

Then he sez, "'Arry's always a Londoner."
Shows 'Arry aint no bad judge.

"'Wot the crokerdile is to the Nile 'Arry is to the Thames." Well, that's fudge.

That's a ink-slinger's try on at patter.
Might jest as well call me a moke.

Try another, young man; this is *kitosh* purtending to pass for a joke.

—*Punch*.

"To put on the *kibosh*," to run down, slander, degrade. To put the *kibosh* on anything is latterly to put an effectual stop or end to it. In this sense it is apparently derived from the Yiddish *kabas*, *v.a.*, *kabbasten*, to restrain, suppress, hold, put a stop to. In the common pronunciation the word is often sounded *kābash*.

Kick (popular and thieves), a pocket.

Our old friend . . . says they are ruinous to the *kick*.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

So I put on the hug, and then all in the dark,

I rifled his *kick* of his shiners so fine.

—*Greenwood: A Night in a Workhouse*.

Kick is probably an abbreviation of *kick-pocket* (*vide KICKS*), like *sky-pocket*, short for *sky-rocket*. (Common), explained by quotation.

The *kick*, or sixpence, at a hint,

From Demos is withdrawn in haste.

—*Funny Folks*.

In a *kick*, in a moment. (West American), a grudge.

I haven't got any *kick* against Don Juan.

He has treated us like a gentleman.—*F.*

Francis: Saddle and Moccasin.

Kickeraboo (West Indies), a corruption of the expression to "kick the bucket." *Vide BUCKET*.

Kicking at waist (tailors), an unsightly fault at waist in a coat, "out of balance."

Kicking for the boot (tailors), asking for money.