

wholesale demolition and devastation, known as *knocking things into a cocked hat*. The French, from an architectural point of view, have *knocked* El Djazzair *into a cocked hat* as battered and shapeless as that of a parish beadle who has been maltreated by a mob of mutinous paupers.—*G. A. Sala: A Trip to Barbary.*

Knocked out (pugilistic), exhausted, beaten, "*knocked out of time*," which see.

Lyons, in the next round, fell down, and when he got up he seemed "*pretty well knocked out*."—*Evening News.*

(Turf), a horse is said to be *knocked out* in the betting when he is so persistently laid against that from short or comparatively short odds he retires to an outside place.

Knocked out of time (pugilistic), to be so thoroughly beaten as to be unable to stand up in the ring, or to keep time with his opponent, and receive a succession of new blows and bruises.

Knocked up (common), tired.

Knock-em-down business (popular), auctioneering.

Knocker (common), up to the *knocker*, completely.

I'm jolly, right up to the *knocker*.
—*Punch.*

Also showily dressed or proficient.

Knocker face (common), an ugly face.

Knocker out (pugilistic), a redoubtable prize-fighter.

Mitchell laughed at the idea of the "*terrible right*" both before and after, as

well as during the progress of the fight, and that the celebrated *knocker out* employed it mainly as a means of stopping Mitchell's terrible left.—*Bird o' Freedom.*

Knockers (popular), small flat curls worn on the temples by thieves and costermongers. Called also "*sixes*."

Knock in, to (Oxford), to return to one's college after gate is closed.

Knocking-out (Oxford University). All visitors, on leaving a college after time, have to state in whose rooms they have been, that his gate-bill may be scored up for them. When a rackets party takes place, the visitors, or "*out of college men*," are generally supplied with a list of the names of the quietest men in college, so that the whereabouts of the party may not be betrayed (Hotten).

Knocking-shop (English and American), a house of ill-fame.

Knock-me-down (popular), strong ale.

Knock one down, to (American society), to introduce.

"*Knock me down* to that daisy," *i.e.*, "*Introduce me to that fine girl*."—*C. Leiland Harrison: MS. Americanisms.*

Knock-outs. Fully explained as follows in Diprose's "*London Society*." "*The knock-outs are not peculiar to London, they abound everywhere, they are regular traders in one particular branch of merchandise, be it 'old books,' 'articles of vertu,'*