

simply, "He has been voting for the *alderman*." A *tush-crib*, or *tush-ken*, is a public-house.—*From Vaux's Memoirs*.

**Aldgate pump** (old), a draught on *Aldgate pump* meant a bill of exchange drawn on persons no better able to pay than *Aldgate pump*.

**Ale draper** (old), ale-house keeper.

**Alemnoch** (tinker), milk.

**Ales** (Stock Exchange), a nickname used by men on 'Change for Allsopp & Sons' stock.

**Alexandra limp**, the (common), a fashionable craze, resulting from a toadying imitation of a certain lady well known in society who walks with a slight limp.

Your own advocacy for the Grecian bend and the *Alexandra limp*—both positive and practical imitations of physical affliction.—*Chambers's Journal*.

**Alfred David** (popular), affidavit ; also *Afidavy* and *Davy*.

I almost dropped when up she jumped  
And said, "I'm ready now,  
But why this look of thusness  
That is stealing o'er thy brow?"  
I cried, "Avaunt and touch me not!"  
Then bolted up the lane,  
And I'll take my *Alfred David* hot,  
She don't catch me there again.  
—*Blighted Love*, by Harry Adams.

He is engaged in receiving the *after-dary* of a man who got his head broke by a tinker.—*Kingsley: Geoffrey Hamlyn*.

**Algerines** (theatrical), performers who bully the manager of a theatre when the salaries are

not paid. Also petty money-borrowers.

**All abroad** (common) an expression used when any undertaking has failed, and a person is uncertain as to the course to pursue. A variant is "all at sea."

"Alas! poor ghost!" It's a doubt which is most

To be pitied—one doom'd to fry, broil,  
boil, and roast,—

Or one banded about thus from pillar  
to post,—

To be *all abroad*—to be "stumped," not  
to know where

To go—so disgraced.

—*Ingoldsby Legends: A Legend of Dover*.

**Allacompain** or **alicumpaine** (rhyming slang), rain, termed "parney" in thieves' lingo; also a common sweetmeat derived from the name of the plant.

Of ups and downs I've felt the shock,  
Since days of bats and shuttlecocks,  
And *alicumpaine* and Albert rocks  
When I the world began.

—*The Leary Man*.

He had been noted for an immoderate partiality for the saccharine though indigestible cates known as *alecampaine*, and Bonaparte's ribs.—*Sala: The Buddington Peccage*.

**All afloat**, rhyming slang for a coat.

**All alive** (tailors), garments unfairly or slovenly made.

**All along of**, an illiterate synonym for "on account of," "by reason of," or "owing to such and such a cause." The phrase oc-