

used by Bird in his novel of "Nick of the Woods," in which roaring Ralph Stackpole frequently calls the heroine "*angeliferous Madam!*"

Heaven, my hyarers, is all sorts of a glorious, beautiful, *angeliferous* place. Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, it hath not entered into the heart of any cracker round in these hyar diggins to conceive what carryins-on the jest-made-perfect hev up thar.—*A Hard-West Sermon.*

Angels altogether (West Indian), a sobriquet applied to those who habitually give way to excessive drinking.

Angel's footstool (nautical), an imaginary sail jokingly assumed to be carried by Yankee vessels. It is said to be a square sail, and to top the "sky sails," "moon sails," "cloud cleaners," &c.—*W. Clark Russell: Sailors' Language.*

Angel's gear (nautical), a graceful term used by gallant tars to denote female attire.

Angel suit (tailors), vest and jacket combined, and the trousers made to button to the bottom of the jacket. It is now a thing of the past.

Angel's whisper (military), the bugle or trumpet call for defaulters' drill. It sounds from three to four times a day, and the expression is undoubtedly euphemistic; like the favourite expletive of the sea captain, who, when reproving his crew,

said: "Bless you, my lads; bless you! You know what I mean."

Anglaterra, Anghiaterra (gypsy), England.

Angled (billiards), an *angled* ball is one that is so near the edge of the pocket, that a player is prevented from playing at any other ball direct.

Anglers or hookers (thieves) petty thieves, who steal goods by means of a stick with a hook at the end.

Suffer none, from far or near,
With their rights to interfere;
No strange Abram, ruffler crack,
Hooker of another pack,
Rogue, or rascal, frater, mauderer,
Irish toyle, or other wanderer;
No dimber-damber, *angler*, dancer.

—*Ainsworth: Oath of the Canting Crew.*

Modern French thieves call this mode of purloining "grinchissage au boulon," from the circumstance that the hook is inserted through a bolt-hole in the shutters. *Angler* is a very old slang term (nearly obsolete) for an adventurer or catch-penny. It may be found in Breton's "Wit's Trenchmen" (159) in this sense. It is now also applied to rogues, who at races and country fairs entice the unwary to try their luck at the thimble-erig, prick in the garter, three-trick-card, &c.

Anglo-French. Much notice has been taken of late of English as