

**Cank** (old), dumb, silent.

**Cannibals** (Cambridge), the training-boats for the Cambridge freshmen or the rowers themselves.

**Cannis-cove** (American), a dog-fancier. A word current in New York. In Dutch thieves' slang the Latin word *canis* is used for a dog, but, as the accent falls on the last syllable, it is thought to be derived from the French *caniche*. This is the more probable as the Dutch word is limited to small dogs.

**Cannon** (turf), the collision of two horses during a race; from billiards. Apparently on the *lucus a non* principle, the jockey bearing this name (Thomas Cannon) is celebrated for his scrupulous and honourable avoidance of such a mishap.

(Common), to *cannon*, to come into collision. French slang *caramboler*, literally to make a cannon at billiards.

Roaring with pain and terror, the boy *cannoned* into the very hand of a policeman, who seized him.—*Shirley Brooks: Sooner or Later*.

**Canon** (thieves), drunk.

One night I was with the mob, I got *canon* (drunk), this being the first time. After this, when I used to go to concert-rooms, I used to drink beer.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

*Canon*, literally having used the "can" freely.

The French slang for a glass of wine is *canon*. *Canonner*

is to drink wine at a wine-shop, or to be an habitual tippler; and *se canonner* is to get drunk.

*Canon* is a very common word in German for a drinking-cup. Hence he is "canonised," he is "shot," *i.e.*, he is drunk. "Er ist geschossen" (Körte Proverbs). The word is naturally confused with *can*, German *Kaune*, a tankard, and *canonensiefel*, or "cannon" (*i.e.*, long boots), which are a common pattern for tankards.

Who will not empty his boots like a *can*,  
He is indeed no German man.

—*Common Saying*.

**Canoodle, to** (English and American), to fondle, pet, dally, bill and coo.

I meet her in the evening, for she likes to  
take a walk

At the moment when the moon cavorts  
above,

And we prattle and *canoodle*, and of every-  
thing we talk,

Except, of course, that naughty topic  
love.

—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Possibly from "cannie," gentle.

**Canoodler** (American), explained by quotation.

"Pray, good sir, what is a *canoodler*?"

"Tell you, mum, qucer business, mum, but prosperous, money—heaps of it, mum, for you and me"—and he winked significantly, jerked up a chair and squatted in it, all in a breath. . . . Undeterred, he rattled on: "I'm an original thinker, mum. Invent business opportunities. Share'm with actors, and then we *canoodle*—divvy the profits. Me and Sheridan made a big thing on the Japanese advertising screen in 'School for Scandal.' Big thing."—*Green Room Jokes*.