

sion to a goose's mode of expressing angry dissatisfaction.

**Collar work** (common), hard work; an uphill journey.

And when Lucca was reached there were still fourteen miles, nearly all *collar work*, between that and the baths.—*Trot-lope: What I Remember*.

**Collector** (old cant), a street robber.

**Colleger** (University and schools), the square cap worn by university men, or by boys at public and other schools.

**Colley** (theatrical). Actors and others connected with the stage speak of the columbine as *colley*.

**Colly-wobbles** (popular), rumblings in the intestines; the belly-ache. A probable origin is *colic-wobbles*, the latter word from to *wobble*, *i.e.*, to shake from side to side. But it should be noted that *colly* is a provincialism for anything irregular, uneven, wrong.

**Colo** (pidgin), cold.

Hab lib in *colo* land,  
Hab stop where we belong,  
What tin much solly in-i-sy (*inside*,  
in her heart),  
She makee dis sing song.  
—*The Princess in Tartary*.

**Colonial** (Australian and American), unsettled, because in the early days of the colonies men

dressed and behaved unconventionally, and life and property were by no means so secure as they are now. Also rude, rough, ungainly, awkward, used in this sense more in England than in Australia. An Englishman will say very or thoroughly *colonial* in a contemptuous way.

**Colours** (prize ring), the handkerchiefs, displaying some definite colour or pattern, chosen by prize-fighters as their distinguishing badges on the day of a contest. The third "rule of the ring," as revised by the Pugilistic Association, lays down:—"That every man shall be provided with a handkerchief of a colour suitable to his own fancy, and that the seconds proceed to entwine these handkerchiefs at the upper end of one of the centre stakes of the ring; that these handkerchiefs shall be called the *colours*, and that the winner of the battle at its conclusion shall be entitled to their possession as the trophy of victory."

There was, among the greater favourites, the "bird-eye" wipe, the wipe or handkerchief of any colour with spots, but generally with white ground and blue spots; the "blood-red fancy," all red; the "yellow man," all yellow; the "yellow fancy," yellow with white spots; the "cream fancy," with coloured pattern on a white ground; the "blue Billy," with a white pattern on a blue ground; and