

An' Massa Coe feel velly sore,
An' go an' scold he *compladore*;
An' *compladore* all hollor shook,
Lun dunny stairs an' bang he cook.
—*Mary Coe.*

Compresado (gypsies), an informer.

Con (Winchester), from *κονδύλον*, a knuckle—a blow on the head given by the knuckles or any hard substance.

Concaves and **convexes** (card-sharppers), cards cut in a particular way, and thus contrived for cheating.

Conchers (up-country Australian), tame or quiet cattle.

Condog (popular), to agree with. A variation from *concur*.

Confab (society), conversation, generally of a private nature.

Confederate (Texas), "you're mighty *confederate*," a phrase used by a Texan when he wishes to express the strongest possible approval of some sentiment or thing.

Confidence dodge or **buck** (common), explained by extract from *Daily Telegraph*:—

" . . . Swindled him out of his watch and chain by means of that ten thousand times repeated rogue's device, the *confidence* trick. It was the old game pure and simple—the threadbare *hocus-pocus* of inviting the victim, a per-

fect stranger, to 'come and have a drink,' and while the friendly glass is being discussed in comes another man, who joins in the conversation, and, in a casual way, mentions that he has just inherited several thousand pounds, and that, as a thank-offering, he should like to give away, by deputy, a few hundreds to the deserving poor, and is ready to hand over the largess there and then to any person who can show to his satisfaction that he is of an unsuspecting disposition; the same to be proved by his entrusting the money and jewellery he may happen to have about him to his, the benevolent legatee's, keeping, while the latter goes away for half-an-hour or so with the same."

Congee, conjee (Anglo-Indian), rice water; from the Tamil *kañshi*, "boilings."

Conk (common), nose.

His "dexter ogle" has a "mouse;"
His *conk's* devoid of bark.

—*Atkin: House Scraps.*

"Conky" is a nickname given by schoolboys to one with a prominent nose. The great Duke was called "Old Conky."

Conscience (theatrical), a kind of association in a small company for the allotment of shares in the profits, &c. The man who is lucky enough to have a concern of his own, generally a very small affair, however badly