

Corks (popular), a butler, alluding to his functions. Also money; though originally a nautical term, this is very much used by printers.

Corned (colloquial), intoxicated. From over-indulgence in drink strong enough to "corn" one (Wright). "Possibly from soaking or pickling oneself like *corned* beef," says Hotten. It has been suggested that it is from the Keltic *corn*, French *corne*, a horn used formerly as a drinking vessel. As we say that a man is in his "cups," it is possible that our very remote ancestors said of him that he was horned or *corned*, but it is almost beyond doubt that the term is an Americanism from *corn*, a very common name for whisky. (Tailors), pleased.

Corner (common), to get a *corner* is to get the entire control of a stock, and so make it impossible for others to complete their bargains or to purchase.

He had been mixed up disadvantageously in a recent *corner* in marbles.—*Punch*.

(London), the "*Corner*," Tattersall's horse repository and betting-rooms, which was at Hyde Park Corner. (Thieves), a share—generally a share in the proceeds of a robbery.

Cornered (tailors), in an inextricable dilemma; for instance, a man makes a garment which is already paid for, and pawns it,

spends the money, and can't raise the amount to release it when wanted.

Cornish duck (city), a pilchard. "It fries in its own grease."

Cornstalks (Australian), the settlers, especially the girls, so called because their average height is very great, though they are fragile.

We talk of *cornstalks* or "slab-sided Yankees," and have in our minds a tall but rather thin figure as representative of Australasia and America.—*Globe*.

Corn-stealers (American), the hands.

"How is you been, my old Bullock?" and he squeezed his *corn-stealers* till the old general began to dance like a bear on red-hot iron.—*Sam Slick: The Clock-maker*.

Corporal Forbes (Anglo-Indian), a soldier's name for cholera morbus.

We are all pretty well, but a great quantity are in hospital with *Corporal Forbes*.—*Shipp's Memoirs*.

Corpse provider, a facetious name for a physician.

"Doctor," cried the happy mother, as she waltzed into the consulting-room of the Brixton *corpse provider*, "I wish to consult you about my baby's legs."—*Sporting Times*.

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Corpse-reviver (common), a dram of spirits.

There was a general rush for wet towels and *corpse-revivers*.—*Sporting Times*.

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