

Cowcamp (American), explained by quotation.

. . . Were a number of *cowcamps*, where recently settled stockmen kept watch and ward over herds of long-horned Texas cattle, which grazed along the river or on the *mesas* above.—*The Youth's Companion*.

Cow-chilo (pidgin-English), a girl, *i.e.*, cow-child. A boy was termed *bull-chilo*. These terms are becoming obsolete, but are often used in fun to chaff Chinese.

In he city of Whampo
Lib Joss-pidgin man name Coe,
Massa Coe he missionally,
Hab got one *cow-chilo* Maly.
—*The Ballad of Mary Coe*.

Cow-cow (pidgin), to be very angry, to scold (Hotten).

Cow juice (popular), milk; the term is also used by school-boys.

Cowlick (popular), lock of hair twisted forward from the ear, rarely seen now.

Cow-oil, or **cow-grease** (pidgin), butter. Obsolete, but literally translated from the Chinese.

Cows and kisses (rhyming slang), mistress or missus; the ladies.

Come, *cows and kisses*, put the battle of the line on your Barnet fair, and a rogue and villain in your sky-rocket.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

Cowshooter (Winchester College), a round-topped hat, worn only by prefects, "bluchers" (rank-

ing next to prefects), and "jolly-keeps," or old students.

Crabs (thieves), feet; to move one's *crabs*, to run away.

I crossed a crusher at the landyard. . . . I moved my *crabs* like a bull.—*On the Trail*.

(Dice players), a pair of aces.

Crabshells (popular), shoes.

Crack, a recognised colloquialism, used as an adjective, meaning first-rate.

Captain Cadsby, as he loved to call himself, was the *crack* shot of Doltshire.—*Truth*.

(Sport), a *crack*, an adept.

Lawn tennis at Cannes . . . the doings of the *cracks*, we know, interest many of our readers.—*Fastime*.

(Turf), the *crack* is the favourite in a race.

The extraordinary fluctuations in the betting which drove the *crack* from 6 to 4 to 10 to 1 the night before the race.—*Sporting Times*.

(Old), a *crack*, an insane person, a boaster.

(Popular), a *crack*, a prostitute; to *crack* up, to extol, to puff (obsolete English, but used in a slangy sense); in a *crack*, in an instant; to *crack*, to inform. (Thieves), a *crack*, a burglary.

Here . . . success to the *crack*.
—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

To *crack* a crib, to commit a burglary.

I mean to *crack* a crib to-night,
But, pals, don't *crack* on me.
—*Ballad: Bates' Farm*.