

Cross chap (costermongers), a thief.

Cross cove and mollisher (thieves), a man and woman who are in partnership for purposes of robbery.

Cross-crib (thieves and roughs), a house frequented by thieves.

Cross-cut, and tip and sifter (American), mining terms from California expressive of motions or methods in washing gold. These terms were at one time commonly applied in slang in many ways.

Cross-drum (thieves), a thieves' tavern.

Cross-famming (thieves), robbing a person of his scarf-pin; "from the position of the arms in the act," says Hotten. *Vide FAM.*

Crossing the damp-pot (tailors), going to America.

Cross-kid, to (thieves), explained by quotation.

A reeler came to the cell and *cross-kidded* (questioned) me.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

Cross-roader (American), a man whose ways are doubtful or dishonest.

. . . For the simple purpose of being introduced to the club, there to "fleece the suckers," who never suspect they are playing against a *cross-roader*.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Crow (thieves), a man who watches while another creeps into houses,

down areas, or into shops. (Common), a regular *crow*, an unexpected piece of luck, *i.e.*, something to *crow* over. "I have a *crow* to pull with you," a complaint to make, or misunderstanding to clear up. (American), to eat *crow*, to recant, to humiliate oneself.

In America, a right-about movement of this character is described as eating *crow*.—*St. James' Gazette.*

Crowder (tinker), a string.

Crowders (theatrical), large audiences.

Crow-eater (colonial), a lazy fellow who will live on anything rather than work.

Crowsfoot (prison), the Government mark of the broad arrow, which is stamped in black paint on prison clothing as a means of detection in case of escape.

Crug (popular), food. (Christ Hospital), bread.

He had his tea and hot rolls in a morning, while we were battenning upon our quarter of a penny loaf—our *crug*.—*Lamb: Essays.*

Crummy (army), dirty; applied amongst soldiers to a man's appearance. (Thieves), with well-filled pockets. Also lousy. A "*crummy* doss."

Crumpet face (popular), a face with smallpox marks.

Crumpler (common), cravat.