

Dags (popular), a work, a job, a performance. "I'll do your *dags* for you," *i.e.*, I'll do your work for you. The word is a corruption of the old English and Lowland Scotch, and local in many English counties; *darg*, a day's work, as in the rhyme—

"I'll do my *darg*
Before I arg,"

which is to say, "I'll do my work before I argue about it." The "Farmer's Encyclopædia," quoted in Worcester's Dictionary, defines "darg" or "dargue" as "the quantity of peat which one man can cut and two men wheel in a day."

Dai, dye (gypsy), a mother. *Dya!* oh mother! *Dyeskri dye*, maternal grandmother. *Babeli dye*, paternal grandmother.

Daily Levy, the, a nickname of the *Daily Telegraph*, in allusion to its proprietor, Mr. Levy Lawson.

Dairies (popular), a vulgar word for a woman's breasts. The allusion is obvious.

Daisies (popular and thieves), boots. Abbreviated from "daisy-roots," which see.

And there they set as dumb as mice, and me and Ginger a laying under the seats. Oh! it was a treat—with the 'eels of the copper's *daisies* just in front of my conk. But there was nothin' for it but to lay quiet.—*Sporting Times*.

Daisy (popular), jolly fellow.

We repeat, Billy allowed the operation to be carried out without even a verbal protest, very unlike him, and the robbers took away the gold box and complimented him on being a *daisy*. Border Chesterfields have not a word of heartier commendation in their energetic but limited vocabulary.—*H. L. Williams: In the Wild West*.

Daisy-cutter (common), a horse that does not lift its feet much off the ground when trotting or galloping, or simply a trotting horse.

The trot is the true pace for a hackney; and were we near a town, I should like to try that *daisy-cutter* of yours upon a piece of level road (barring canter) for a quart of claret at the next inn.—*Sir W. Scott: Rob Roy*.

(Cricket), a ball bowled all along the ground, instead of with a proper pitch. Though perfectly fair, they are considered bad form. Termed also a "sneak."

Daisy-kicker (ostlers), the name ostlers at inns sometimes give each other.

Daisyroots (rhyming slang), boots.

The Windsor warrior was anxiously regarding his newly varnished patent leathers while yearning to cross from the Guards' Club to the Marlborough in muddy Pall Mall.

"Ere you are, sir; jump in," roared cabby. "Sooner take you across for nothing than see you spile them lovely *daisyroots*."—*Sporting Times*.

Daisyville (thieves), the country.

Dakma, to (thieves), to silence.

I had to *dakma* the bloke to clay the swag. Patsy crowed for me, and that