

Jones' locker, the bottom of the ocean.

It has been ingeniously conjectured that the sea, which is so often the sailors' cemetery, was called Jonah's locker, that the prophet's name was corrupted into *Jones*, and *Davy* prefixed as being a common name in Wales (*Notes and Queries*). For other derivation, *vide* Dr. Charles Mackay's "Gaelic Etymology of the English Language."

Sailors sometimes call the devil "Old *Davy*." This appears to be a diminutive of devil.

Even in the appellations given him (the devil) by familiar or vulgar irreverence, the same pregnant initial prevails, he is the Deuce, and Old *Davy*, and *Davy Jones*.—*Southey: The Doctors*.

Davy putting on the coppers for the parsons (nautical), the brewing of a storm.

Davy's sow, or David's sow (popular). "As drunk as *Davy's sow*," completely drunk.

Grose says:—"David Lloyd, a Welshman, had a sow with six legs; on one occasion he brought some friends and asked them whether they had ever seen a sow like that, not knowing that in his absence his drunken wife had turned out the animal, and gone to lie down in the sty. One of the party observed that it was the *drunkest sow* he had ever beheld."

The term may have originated (a mere conjecture) in an allusion to Nell Gywn, one of the mistresses of Charles II. (nicknamed *David*—his father was called Nebuchadnezzar by the Roundheads), who was credited with every vice by the Earl of Rochester, and of whom he wrote:

. . . Madam Nelly,
Whose first employment was, with open
throat,
To cry fresh herrings, even ten a groat.
—*A Satire*.

Other synonymous expressions are, "drunk as a drum, as a wheelbarrow, sow-drunk, drunk as a fish, as a lord, as a piper, as a fiddler, as a rat."

Dawk (Anglo-Indian), transport, by means of relays of men and horses; the mail. To lay a *dawk* is to organise a postal or transport service.

During the mutiny of 1857-58, when several young surgeons had arrived in India, whose services were urgently wanted at the front, it is said that the Head of the Department to which they had reported themselves, directed them to immediately "lay a *dawk*." To which one, aghast, replied, "Would you kindly explain, sir—for you might just as well tell me to lay an egg."—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

Dawk-bungalow (Anglo-Indian), a resting-place or house for travellers.

I am inclined to think that the value of life to a *dak bungalow* fowl must be very trifling.—*In my Indian Garden*.

Daylights (common), the space left in the glass, and between