

the most revolting type, and that he and all his relations, like all their ancestry before them, are and were pigs, destined to devour nameless dirt in Sheol, will nip out his cheese-knife and go for your vitals should you cast any reflection on his faith. Even for him "there are choras," not of muslin, but Muslim.—*Travels in Egypt*.

**Deerstalker** (society), a wide-awake hat.

**Del** (gypsy), to give, kick; also to hit, as one says, "give it to him," but more precisely *deller*, done, draw; *dellin*, hitting or kicking; *dellin leskro*, "a givin' of him;" *dellemengro*, a horse that kicks.

**Delaben** (gypsy), a gift.

**Delicate** (begging impostors), a sham subscription-book.

**Dell** (old canting), a young wench. Brome ("A Jovial Crew, or the Merry Beggars," 1652) gives this word. In Old Dutch slang *dil*, *del*, and *dille* also mean a girl. *Dielken*, *fille de joie* (Derembourg). *Thiele*, a Jewish girl, especially a young one. In German-Hebrew *dilla* also means a maiden. It is possible that *dilly-dally*, in the sense of philandering and amorous trilling, is derived from *dill* or *dell*. Finally the gypsy has *del* (lit. to give) in the sense of sexual union, "*Del adré o minj*."

**Deloll** (Anglo-Indian), a broker. In Egypt a pedlar of old clothes, a street dealer.

**Delving it** (tailors), hurrying, keeping the head down, sewing fast.

**Demand the box, to** (nautical), to call for a bottle.

**Demaunders for glymmar** (old cant), explained by quotation.

These *demaunders for glymmar* be for the most parte wemen, for *glymmar* in their language is fyre. These go with fayned lycences and counterfayted writings, hauing the hands and seales of such gentlemen as dwelleth nere to the place where they fayne themselues to haue bene burnt, and their goods consumed with fyre.—*Harman: Caveat*.

**Demi-rep** (old), a woman of questionable character—abbreviation of "demi-reputation."

... arrant rascals, male and female . . . *demi-reps* and lorettes, single and unmarried.—*Quarterly Review*.

**Dem keb** (London), a hansom; a "masher" phrase from Gilbert's "Wedding March." "Let's take a *dem keb*."

**Demmy cit** (American cadet), a townsman (cit., citizen) who is dressed as a gentleman.

**Demon chandler** (nautical), one who supplies ship's stores of a worthless character—often utterly unfit for use and food.

I snubbed skipper for bad grub, rotten flour to eat.

Hard tack full of weevils; how *demon chandlers* cheat!

Salt junk like mabogany, scurvyng man and boy.

Says he, "Where's your remedy?" Board of Trade, ahoy!

—*Sailors' Language*.