

Devil, a barrister who does work for another, termed "devilling." The *devil* gets up the case for a senior in large practice, generally without any remuneration. It is almost also an official designation. The Attorney-General's *devil* for the Treasury is a post of £1500 a year. The Attorney-General has also *devils* in Chancery, as, for instance, the "charity *devil*," for the matters in which he is officially concerned. The Attorney-General's *devil* in the Treasury, after a certain probation, is often promoted to the bench. He is, in fact, a sort of junior Attorney-General. On circuit, no one is allowed to *devil* for another unless he is a member of the same circuit, and the barrister for whom he *devils* is actually engaged in some other court on that circuit (Huggins).

(Printers), a printer's junior apprentice or errand boy.

(Literary), explained by quotation.

"Who are you?" I asked in dismay.

"I'm a *devil*." . . .

"A what!" I exclaimed with a start.

"A *devil*. . . I give plots and incidents to popular authors, sir. Write poetry for them, drop in situations, jokes, work up their rough material: in short, sir, I *devil* for them."—*George R. Sims: The Author's Ghost.*

Devil a plebe, to (American cadets), to victimise or revile a new cadet.

Devil and Tom Walker, the (American), an old saying once

common in New England to the effect that it "beats the *devil* and *Tom Walker*," or "he fared as *Tom Walker did with the devil*." In the *Marvellous Repository*, a curious collection of tales, many of which are old Boston legends, there is one of *Tom Walker*, who sold himself to *the devil*. The book was published about 1832.

Devil-dodger (popular), clergyman.

These *devil-dodgers* happened to be so very powerful (that is, noisy) that they soon sent John home crying out, he should be damn'd.—*Life of J. Sackington.*

Devil drawer (old slang), a poor, miserable artist.

Devils (common), small wheels soaked in resin, and used for lighting fires.

Devil's among the tailors, the (common), *i.e.*, there's a disturbance going on. "This phrase," says Mr. Edwards, "arose in connection with a riot at the Haymarket on an occasion when Downton announced the performance for his benefit of a burlesque entitled 'The Tailors: a Tragedy for Warm Weather.' At night, many thousands of journey-men tailors congregated in and around the theatre, and by riotous proceedings interrupted the performances. Thirty-three of the rioters were brought up at Bow Street the next day. A full account of the proceedings will be found in *Biographica*

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