

Dramatica under the heading 'Tailors.'

Devil's bedposts (common), the four of clubs.

Devil's book (common), cards.

Damn your cards, said he, they are the *devil's book*.—*Swift: Polite Conversation*.

Devil's claws (prison), explained by quotation.

A Scotch cap, worsted stockings, and a pair of shoes, completed the uniform of a full private in Her Majesty's Convict Service. This uniform was decorated all over with the *devil's claws* (the broad arrow).—*Evening News*.

Devil's daughter (common), a scolding, shrewish wife.

Devil's delight, a disturbance or quarrel of more than usual vehemence. To "kick up the *devil's delight*" is to indulge in drunken and obstreperous joviality.

Devil's dust, scraps and remnants of old woollen garments sent to the mill to be remanufactured in the semblance of good cloth, commonly known among manufacturers—who use the word satirically—as "shoddy."

Devil's golden tooth, the (American). "One would think he'd found the *devil's golden tooth*," a common saying in Massachusetts. Founded on a story to the effect that Kidd, the pirate, once obtained from the devil his eye-tooth, which had the power of changing all metals

into gold. The losing and finding of this tooth by several persons forms the subject of a popular tale.

Devil's guts (old slang), a term given by farmers to the surveyor's chain.

Devil's livery (nautical), black and yellow. From the colours being used for mourning or quarantine.

Devil's Own, the Inns of Court Rifle Volunteers.

Devil-scollder (popular), a clergyman.

Devil's sharpshooters (American), a nickname given by "the church militant" to those of the clerical party who in the Mexican War belied their cloth and profession; also to any person favouring unjust war.

Devil's teeth (common), dice.

Devil to pay, the (common), an allusion to the legendary tales of the Middle Ages, in which, in exchange for the enjoyment of unlimited wealth, power, or other earthly advantage, a man was supposed to have sold his soul to the devil.

Devil to pay and no pitch hot (nautical). The seam which margins the water-ways was called the "devil." Why, only caulkers can tell, who perhaps found it sometimes difficult for their