

frown; *dick-dūm*, I saw (seldom heard); *dick-pāli*, look back, recall.

Dicker (American), exchange or barter.

It may be for their interest to make the *dicker*.—*New York Tribune*.

Dick in the green (thieves), weak, inferior, poor. A pun on the word "dicky," as bolt-in-tun is on "to bolt."

Dicky, or *Dick in the green*, very bad or paltry; anything of an inferior quality is said to be a "*Dicky concern*" (Vaux's *Memoirs*).

Dick's hatband, as queer as (provincial), anything strange or peculiar. This phrase, which Bartlett claimed as an Americanism, is in reality an English provincial simile, and correctly given is, "*As queer as Dick's hatband* made of pea straw that went nine times round, and would not meet at last." The origin of the phrase may be due to the oddness of using such a material for the purpose.

Dick up to (popular), all right, up to the mark, good and satisfactory.

Dicky (common), middling, inferior.

And how's the fielding?
Dicky!

'Tis there you'll have the pull that
wickets sticky

Or cut up, through the influence of
weather,

Can't neutralise.

—*Punch*.

It's all *dicky* or *dickey* with
him, it's all over with him.

'Tis all *dickey* with poor Father Dick;
he's no more.

—*Ingoldsty Legends*.

(London slang), smart, a swell.
(Popular), explained by quotation.

"I saw a laden waggon bearing the name of one of the cheap advertising firms you speak of. . . . 'Ah, bearing the name . . . you saw a waggon wearing a *dicky*, you mean—a false front plate with a name on it which slips on and off like them on the wans that the pianoforte-makers borrow.'"—*J. Greenwood: Low-Life Deeps*.

(Theatrical), "*dicky domus*," literally a bad, poor house, one with a small audience.

Dicky birds (theatrical), a generic term which includes vocalists of every description, from *Madame Patti* down to a singer in the chorus.

Diddeys (common), a woman's breasts. The word is really a provincial term for a cow's teats.

Diddle, to (vulgar), to have sexual commerce. It signifies properly to "dredge;" also to cheat in an artful way.

O that Tommy Riddle,
What played upon the fiddle,
Has managed for to *diddle* me
Of my true love.

—*Popular Song*.

Diddler (common), an impecunious scamp, a swindler. See *Jeremy Diddler* (Kenny's farce of "Rais-