

Docker (law), a brief for defence handed by a prisoner in the dock to any barrister who by the etiquette of the profession is bound to take it, at the minimum fee of 23s. 6d.

Doctor, the (up-country Australian), the men's cook on a station. The title of the man who concocts one kind of mixtures and prescriptions is transferred to one who practises in another branch of the profession, which is thoroughly characteristic of Australian slang.

(Old), a decoction of milk and water, rum, and a spicing of nutmeg.

(Gamblers), *doctors*, false cards or dice.

"Here," said he, taking some dice out of his pockets, "here are the little *doctors* which cure the distempers of the purse."—*Fielding: Tom Jones.*

From to *doctor*, to poison, to falsify, to adulterate.

She *doctor'd* the punch, and she *doctor'd* the negus,

Taking care not to put in sufficient to flavour it.

—*Ingoldsby Legends.*

To "put the *doctor*" on one, to cheat him.

Perhaps ways and means may be found to put the *doctor* on the old prig.—*T. Brown: Works.*

(Popular), to "keep the *doctor*" is said of a publican who retails adulterated drinks.

Dodderer (provincial), a shaky, mumbling old man. The old English had to "doddle," signi-

fying to tremble, to shake, still used in the North of England.

He got up on an old mule which had served nine kings, and so mumbling with his mouth, nodding and *dodding* with his head, would go see a coney ferreted.—*Urquhart: Kabeiais.*

French *dodeliner*, which has the root *dod*, oscillation, in common with the English equivalent; Italian, *dandolare*, to rock, to shake gently.

Doddy (provincial). This is applied in Norfolk to any person of low stature. Sometimes "Hodman dod," and "hoddy *doddy*, all head and no body." A "dod" is provincial for a rag of cloth, and to "dod" is to cut off, to lop.

Dodgasted (common), a milder form of damned.

"Well, what was it, anyhow?"

"It was one of those *dodgasted* electrical machines! Trying my nerves, you know!"

And when the boys had recovered, the funeral-monger had gone, and so had all the available drinks on the counter.—*Sporting Times.*

Dodge (common), a clever contrivance; a cunning, underhanded trick. A recognised term, but used in many slangy senses. Among the numerous *dodges* resorted to by tricky or dishonest persons are the "pamphlet *dodge*."

The "pamphlet *dodge*" is an established variety of the begging-letter man of trade. Two or three experts will club together to take advantage of a striking event or momentous political crisis, find out some