

poor penny-a-liner in one of the haunts of such people, and get him to throw together forty or fifty pages on the particular subject, paying him miserable wages for the work.—*Tit-Bits*.

(Thieves), "delivered *dodge*."

Alfred sends his servant with goods to a customer, with orders to bring back the goods or the money. The servant takes the goods and hands in the bill, and the customer says, on reading the bill, "All right, put the goods down there," which the man does, expecting that the customer is about to pay the bill. When he has done so, the customer says he will call and pay his master; but on the man telling him he must take the goods back if the bill is not paid, the customer replies that he has delivered the goods, that they are now in the possession of the purchaser, and that if he touches them he will give him in charge of the police.—*Tit-Bits*.

The "tidy *dodge*," dressing up children so that they look tidy, and slowly walking about the streets with this genuine or borrowed family for begging purposes.

To *dodge*, to track one in a stealthy manner.

There's not the smallest danger in it . . . it's only to *dodge* a woman. . . . I can do that pretty well, I know. . . . I was a regular cutting sneak when I was at school.—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

Dodger (common), a tricky person, a swindler. Dickens has immortalised the word by his character of the Artful *Dodger* in *Oliver Twist*. (Popular), a dram. (Provincial), a night-cap, hence the latter meaning. (American), this term, meaning a round roll or pat of maize-bread, is apparently derived from the same word as applied

to any object of a similar shape (e.g., in vulgar slang, the *penis*). In Dutch, *dag* or *dagje* (*en end-tje dag*) means a short bit of rope. *Dot* or *dotje* is also a ball of wool, cotton, &c., generally spoiled, decaying, or in a mass.

Dodo (old), a common expression for a fussy old man, or decrepit man.

Dod-rottedest (American), a euphemistic form of swearing; sometimes "dod-fetched," "dod-gasted."

Well, sir, there was the *dod-rottedest* machine you ever saw. A nice-looking man with black whiskers was turning away at a big 'balance-wheel' made of champagne bottles.—*Superior Inter Ocean*.

Dog (society), a man; a gay *dog*, a jolly *dog*, a careless *dog*, &c. The word *dog* now has come to mean in society a gentleman of an amorous turn of mind, who has great success among the ladies.

(American), *dog*, *dog-goned*, God and God damned, as it is popularly explained; it being believed that *dog* is the word God reversed. "I'll be dogged" is the common form, and it is really never used to seriously signify anything so extreme as eternal condemnation. It is possibly a New York word, and may therefore be derived from the Dutch *daugen*, to summon to judgment, to arraign. If this be so, there