

To be "*down on one*," to be opposed to, to lose no opportunity for punishing, to maintain constant enmity or ill-will.

My pa is a bishop of spotless renown,  
On all that is naughty his reverence is  
*down*;

But I should delight in the sights of the  
town,

Yet am doomed to the utmost propriety!

—George Anthony: *The Clergyman's Daughter*.

**Down a pit** (theatrical), desperately smitten with a part.

**Down-easter** (West American), a person from the east.

A "wooden-mugged *down-easter*" with bushy eyebrows, and quick, twinkling eyes, who sang over and over again, "Oh, my little darling, I love you! Oh, my little darling, yes, I do!" had the second in charge.—F. Francis: *Saddle and Moccasin*.

**Downed** (English and American), conquered, tricked, cheated. Literally not getting the upper hand.

"Then this money may ease your distress—

But I hope I'm not sold, 'tis the truth you have told?"

"The truth, sir!" she murmured.  
"M'yes!"

But therein she lied, 'twas a stratagem  
"wide."

She'd a couple of pals in the "plant;"  
And the stranger was *downed*.

—*Sporting Times*.

**Downer** (popular), a sixpence. According to Barrow from the gypsy word *tauno*, or little one. The word seems, however, to be a variant of "deaner," which see.

**Down on the bed rock** (West American), penniless.

I was mighty hard up at the time—right *down on the bed rock*—and it is just possible that I may have been monkeying with the cards a little.—F. Francis: *Saddle and Moccasin*.

**Downs, the** (thieves), Tothill Fields' prison.

**Down the road** (popular), stylish, in fashionable style.

**Down to the ground** (English and American), thoroughly, completely; "right up to the handle," that suits me *down to the ground*. It implies probably from top to bottom.

**Downy** (common), to do the *downy*, to keep in bed in the morning.

This'll never do . . . cutting chapel to do the *downy*.—C. Bede: *Verdant Green*.

(Popular and thieves), cunning, skilful.

Upper benjamins built on a *downy* plan.—*Slang Advertisement*.

"I suppose you don't know what a prig is?" said the Dodger mournfully. "I am, I'd scorn to be anything else—so's Charley, so's Fagin, so's Sikes, so's Nancy, so's Bet. So we all are, down to the dog. And he's the *downiest* one of the lot!"—Dickens: *Oliver Twist*.

A "*downy cove*," a cunning fellow, one who "knows what's o'clock." An allusion to his having the upper hand in his dealings with others.

*Downy-looking cove*, the fair'un; a mug like that ought to be worth a fortune to him.—J. Greenwood: *Dick Temple*.