

weeks is called a *drag*, too—a cadger's *drag*.—*James Greenwood: Seven Years' Penal Servitude.*

(Popular), to go upon a *drag*, to go about for pleasure.

Also a lure, trick, stratagem.

Dragged (tailors), behind time.

Dragging (thieves), robbing property from carts or cabs. (Provincial, *dragging* - time, the evening of a country fair day, when the young men begin kissing the girls and pull them about.

Dragging the pudding (tailors), getting the sack just before Christmas.

Draggletail (common), a dirty, drunken woman; a prostitute of the lowest class.

Dragsman (thieves), a thief who robs carriages by climbing up behind.

Drain (common), a drink.

"A *drain* for the boy," said Toby, half filling a wine-glass; "down with it, innocence."—*Dickens: Oliver Twist.*

When I was a young man of about two and twenty, I lodged in Little Argyll Street (out of Regent Street), and having made great friends with the night bobby, who "had a *drain*" occasionally—even when on duty—in my rooms, I could slip in or out early in the morning, or at night, in a disguise which was useful and unique.—*Sporting Times.*

Drains (American), a tributary of a large river. Washington Irving in "Astarea" thus uses the phrase: "About noon, the

travellers reached the *drains* and brooks that formed the head waters of the river."

(Nautical), the cook on board ship.

Draper (old), *ale-draper*, a public-house keeper. The term seems to have a facetious origin, unless it be a corruption of "ale-dropper." Shakspeare has *ale-draper* for a publican.

Drat it (popular), a feminine abjuration expressive of contempt or anger, erroneously supposed to be a corruption of the vulgar curse, "God rot it!" It is a form of *dreadeth* or *dread* and *drail*, fear or dread (Anglo-Saxon). *Drat* occurs in *Piers Plowman* and *Guy of Warwick*.

Draw (sporting and common), a strife which is without result. From "a drawn game."

The time seems to be nigh when all "international" contests will end in a *draw*. It is the usual fate of international cricket matches.—*St. James's Gazette.*

Said of any play, performance, or exhibition when it is a success and attracts people.

Mr. —'s new religious enterprise in the southern suburb commenced very hopefully. It was something new to the people of Wimblewood, and it proved a *draw*. The congregations were large and growing, and very soon the hall was crowded.—*Evening News.*

It has also the general meaning of great attraction.