

Droddum (popular), the buttocks, the breech.

Dromedary (thieves), a bungler.

Drop (American), to get the *drop* on a man, to forestall, get first advantage. This phrase alludes to a trick, practised in large cities upon unsuspecting strangers, called the *drop* game, which consists in pretending to find a pocket-book or purse full of notes, which a confederate has dropped upon the near approach of a likely victim. By specious representations the finder manages to obtain good money from the victim, who is said to be *dropped* on, the notes being, of course, counterfeit.

Also to have the *drop* on one.

When summoned to hold his hands up, he refused and attempted to draw his own revolver, with the result of having two bullets put through him. Finnigan commented on Calamity as a fool for not knowing when a man had the *drop* on him.—*Century Illustrated Magazine*.

Drop in the eye (old), to "have a *drop in the eye*," to be partially intoxicated.

O faith, Colonel, you must own you had a *drop in your eye*, for when I left you you were half seas over.—*Swift: Polite Conversation*.

Drop it (common), cease, leave off.

Drop one's leaf, to (common), to die. Obviously an allusion

to the fall of the leaves in winter.

Drop the money purse, to (American), to incur a loss, make a mistake.

Den The Dog he sail inter Brer Coon, en right dar's whar he *drop his money-puss*, kaze Brer Coon wuz cut out fer dat bizness, an' he far'ly wipe up de face er de earf wid 'im.—*Brer Remus*.

Drop the scabs in, to (tailors), to work the button-holes.

Drop, to (thieves and popular), to leave, turn aside; to "drop the main Toby," to turn off the main road. (Popular), to *drop* a man, to knock him down; to *drop* on, to arrest suddenly, to abruptly interfere or prevent, to reprove, lay the responsibility on.

The father died, the son then tried some poison for to take;

But this they stopped, and *on him dropped*, for making this sad mistake.

—*Song: Tiddle-a-Wink the Barber*.

(American), to lose.

St. Paul sporting men left for Illinois on Monday prepared to get even on their previous losses on the Gilmore-Myers mill, fought at Harrison's Landing, near St. Croix Falls, Wis., October 19th last, when Meyer sent Gilmore to grass in five rounds. The Minneapolis and St. Paul men gave big odds on Gilmore, and in round numbers it is estimated that the Minnesota man *dropped \$5000* on the fight.—*St. Louis Globe Democrat*.

(Common), to *drop* into, to thrash.

Dropped on (tailors), disappointed.