

tually passed into a proverb." *Vide* Halliwell, who gives a better origin, and one supported by all contemporary writers.

Duke of limbs (common), a tall, spindle-shanked man; the phrase also implies awkwardness and uncouthness.

Duke of York (rhyming slang), walk or talk.

Dukes or dooks (popular and thieves), the hands; from the gypsy *dūk, dook*, which refers to palmistry; "it is in his dook," meaning "it is in his fate," became "it is in his hand."

Then he began to push me about, so I said I would not go at all if he put his *dukes* (hands) on me. Then he rammed my nut (head) against the wall and shook the very life out of me.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

To grease one's *duke*, to bribe, to pay.

So the next day I went to him, and asked him if he was not going to grease my *duke*.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

To put up one's *dukes*, to fight, to box.

No doubt Britain's foes will be thrown into throes

Of utter dismay and despair, too;
Finding those near the throne are to prize-fighting prone;

And are ready to fight "on the square," too.

Now that royalties spar, all the swells, near and far,

Will do ditto—without any warning;
And without any flukes, will all put up their *dukes*.

And try punching the bag every morning.
—*Fun.*

Dukey. *Vide* DOOKIE.

Dükk, dook (gypsy), breath.

Mardy nasheded my *dükk* a prasterin pälier the jüva.—*An Old Gypsy.*

I. e., "I lost my breath running after the girl."

A spirit; that which inspires divination or palmistry; the demon of Socrates.

I find that the *dook* is like myself, very much given to lying.—*George Borrow: Lavengro.*

Also pain, vexation, annoyance. (According to the primitive Shamanic faith, all pain was caused by evil spirits.)

Dükker, dük, dook, dooker (gypsy), to tell fortunes, to pain, grieve, chide; *dükkerben*, grief, trouble, a fault; *dükkeripen* or *dükkerpen*, fortune-telling, augury; *dükkerro*, sorrowful. Hindu, *dokh*, fault.

When I pens adovo I pens a tácho *dükkerin*.—*George Borrow: Lavengro.*

Mükk mengy *dükker* your kók'ro, rya?

So? Mándy cant pen lis-mándy can.

Mā tūte sáv 'at *dükkerin*, pála—

Adóvo sos sár o tem began.

"Shall I tell your fortune too, sir?

What? I can't! Oh, yes, I can.

Don't you laugh at fortune-telling,

"I was with that the world began."

—*Professor E. H. Palmer.*

Dull in the eye (popular), intoxicated.

Dull swift (old), said of one long gone on errands or messages.

Dumb-cow (Anglo-Indian), also *dumb-cowed* (participle), to brow-beat, to cow, set down.

"This is a capital specimen