

of Anglo-Indian dialect. *Dam khāna*, 'to eat one's breath,' is a Hindu idiom for 'to be silent.' Mr. Hobson-Jobson converts this into a transitive verb, to *dam-khās*, and both spelling and meaning being affected by English suggestions of sound, this comes in Anglo-Indian use to imply *cowing* and silencing" (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

Dumfogged (literary), confused.

Dummock (low), the fundament; otherwise known as "blind cheek."

Dummy (popular), anything fictitious or sham, an individual of vacant mind, and one bereft of speech. (Tailors), a piece of cloth rolled tight and saturated with oil; used for rubbing clothes of a very hard nature in places required to be cut, also the shears, to make cutting more easy. (Thieves), a pocket-book. Originally a book full of *sham* notes.

He is caught—he must "stand and deliver;"

Then out with the *dummy*, and off with the bit,

Oh, the game of High Toby for ever!
—Ainsworth: *Rookwood*.

A "dummy-hunter," a pick-pocket, whose speciality is to steal pocket-books.

No *dummy*-hunter had forks so fly,
No knuckler so deftly could fake a cly.
—Ainsworth: *Rookwood*.

Dummy daddle dodge (thieves), picking pockets in an omnibus under cover of a sham hand.

Asked by the friendly warder what he thought of the *dummy daddle dodge*, Mr. Mobbs said he rather thought that game was played out. A woman, he proceeded to explain, can work with a *dummy daddle* in an omnibus or a railway carriage much better than a man, because, without appearing conspicuous, she can wear any kind of loose shawl or cloak as concealment for her real hand.—*J. Greenwood: Daily Telegraph*.

Dump fencer (street), a man who hawks buttons. *Dump* is an old word for a leaden medal.

Dumpoke (Anglo-Indian), a duck, boned, baked, and highly seasoned. From the Persian *dam-pukht*, "air-cooked," or baked. In English gypsy, *pukht* would be *pekkerd*, from the same root.

These eat highly of all flesh *dumpoked*, which is baked with spice in butter.—*Fryer*.

Dumps (popular), money. *Vide* DUMP FENCER.

May I venture to say when a gentleman jumps

In the river at midnight for want of the *dumps*,

He rarely puts on his knee-breeches and pumps.

—*Ingold's Legends*.

Dung (workmen), one who is compelled to accept lower wages after being out on strike. The word is the preterite of the old English verb to "ding," to beat down, one who is *dung* or beaten, as in the old proverb, still termed Scottish, "It's a sair *dung* bairn that maunna greet."