



**EAR** (American), to get up on one's ear, to rouse oneself to a great effort.

They called me bully boy, altho' I've seen  
nigh threescore years,  
And said that I was lightning when I got  
up on my ear.

—*Words and their Uses.*

**Earl of Cork** (Irish), the ace of diamonds. According to Carleton, "It is the worst ace and the poorest card in the pack, and is called the *Earl of Cork* because he is the poorest nobleman in Ireland."

**Early riser** (popular), the vulgar name for an efficient aperient pill. The application of the term is obvious.

**Ear-mad** (medical), the thickened ear (in its upper portion) found in some cases of insanity; hence the name.

**Earth bath** (old), a grave; to take an *earth bath*, to be dead and buried. Also to take a "ground sweat."

**Earthquake** (American), *bottled earthquake*, spirits, intoxicating liquor of any kind. So called from the disorderly motions attendant on intoxication, or an abbreviation of "earthquake protector."

*Bottled earthquakes* are just as bad as the other kind. Scratch a *bottled earthquake* and you'll find a cocktail.—*Chicago Tribune.*

**Earthquake protector** (American), explained by quotation.

It was a delicious beverage, not unconnected with old Jamaica, and sent a delicious glow through every vein. . . .

"But how, pray, does this protect me from an earthquake?"

"Well, sir," replied the barkeeper, "if you'll only drink enough of it, you won't care a continental whether the earthquake comes or not."—*New York Star.*

**Earwig** (thieves), a clergyman.

**Earwiggling** (common), a rebuke in private. Is said of a sneaking, tattling fellow-employé who carries little trifling errors on the part of others to the ears of the governor.

**Ease, to** (popular and thieves), to rob. French slang, *soulager*.

**Eason, to listen** (New York Slang Dictionary). *Easen* is an English provincialism for eaves; hence *eason*, from eavesdropping.

**East and south** (rhyming slang), the mouth.

**Eastery** (cheap Jacks), explained by quotation.

Sometimes, when in a country where there were large villages or small towns, we used to work what was called *eastery* or private business.—*Hindley: Life and Adventures of a Cheap Jack.*

**Easy** (thieves), "make the cull *easy*," kill the fellow.

**Eat a fig** (rhyming slang), to "crack a crib," *i. e.*, to commit a burglary.