

trade which a blunt world might call that of a pickpocket.—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

Also a midwife.

Finjy (Winchester College), said when an unpleasant or unacceptable task had to be done by a number of boys. He who said the word last of all had to do it.

Finn, finnap, finnaf (thieves), a five-pound note. German-Jewish, *finnaf*. It is a pronunciation of *fünf* peculiar to Yiddish.

When we got into the rattler they showed me the pass; yes, there it was, fifty quids in double *finns* (ten-pound notes).—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

Finnicky (common), from “finnikin” (“fine” with a diminutive termination), idly busy.

We don't want to get into international trouble, but we must say that Mexico is getting a trifle *finnicky*.—*Bird o' Freedom.*

Finnup ready (sporting), a five-pound note.

My reason for placing the old 'un there is on account of his having touched a *finnup ready*—this is a good old sporting term—and I expect the extra five pounds will just stop him getting home, or rather getting out.—*Bird o' Freedom.*

Fipenny (thieves), a clasp knife. The term is in common use in Australia, where it was introduced by the convicts.

Fire (thieves), danger.

Fire and light (nautical), nickname of the master-at-arms (Smyth).

Fire a slug, to (old), to drink a dram of spirits.

Fired (American), arrested, taken up, turned out.

Tell him he mustn't fall asleep in a public place or he'll get *fired*, and ask him if you can't go to get him a cab.—*Confidence Crooks: Philadelphia Press.*

Also rejected, often applied by artists to rejected pictures.

Fire-eater (printers), a term for quick compositors. Savage, in his “Dictionary of the Art of Printing,” 1841, gives this term.

(Tailors), one who does a great amount of work in a very short time.

Fire-escape (popular), a clergyman.

Fire priggers (thieves), thieves who take advantage of a fire, or in the crowd, to plunder or pick pockets.

Fire spaniels (military), soldiers who sit round and close up to the barrack-room fire. They are supposed to be guarding it like faithful dogs or spaniels.

Fire-works (tailors), a great disturbance, a state of intense excitement.

Firky toodle (popular), to cuddle or fondle; to *firky*, on the con-