

- Flat taste** (tailors), very indifferent judgment.
- Flatten out, to** (American), "I flattened him out," i.e., I had the best of him, of the argument.
(Tailors), *flattened out*, without resources of any kind, beaten.
- Flatter trap** (thieves), the mouth; called by French rogues *la menteuse*.
- Flatty** (popular), a variant of "flat," a greenhorn, a fool.
- Flatty-ken** (thieves), a public-house the landlord of which is ignorant of the practices of the thieves and tramps who frequent it (Hotten).
- Flax, to** (American), to beat, punish, to "give it" to any one severely in any way. "Flax it into him," let him have it hot. "Flacks," blows or strokes (East).
- Flay-bottomist** (common), a schoolmaster, so called from his occasional office of bircher to unruly or disobedient pupils.
- Flea-bag** (prize-fighters), a bed. In French slang, *pucier*, i.e., a receptacle for fleas.
- Flemish account** (nautical), a complicated and unsatisfactory account, one in which there is a deficit.
- Flesh and blood**, brandy and port in equal quantities (Hotten).
- Flesh-bag** (common), a shirt.
- Fleshy** (Winchester), a thick cut out of the middle of a shoulder of mutton.
- Fletches** (prison), spurious coins.
- Flicker** (thieves), a glass; to *flicker*, to drink; from *facket*, a flask, a very old word.
- Flick, to** (thieves), to beat, to cut; "*flick* the panam," cut the bread. (Popular), old *flick*, old fellow.
- Flies** (trading), perhaps the latest slang word introduced to signify a customer.
(Popular), trickery, nonsense; no *flies*, without humbug, seriously. "In this sense," says Hotten, "*flies* is a softening of 'lies.'"
That's poz, dear old pal, and no *flies*.
—*Punch*.
- (Printers), an ancient name for the printers' devils, from an old cant term for spirits attendant on magicians, more particularly applied to the boys who lifted the newspapers from the press.
These boys do in a printing-house commonly black and bedaub themselves, whence the workmen do jocosely call them devils, and sometimes spirits, and sometimes *flies*.—*Academy of Armory, R. Hoime. 1635*; and *Gentleman's Magazine, October 1732*.
- Flimming, flim-flamming** (American thieves' flash or slang), in England, "ringing the