

along," "two thirty," and other synonyms for rapidity.

**Full frame** (printers), a compositor that has been a "grass hand" (which see), and secures a regular engagement, is in possession of a *full frame*.

**Fullied** (thieves), committed for trial. From the expression often used by magistrates, "fully committed."

So I got run in, and was tried at Marylebone and remanded for a week, and then *fulied* and got this stretch and a half.—*Horley: J. It ngs from Jail.*

**Fulness** (tailors), "not *fulness* enough in the sleeve top," a derisive answer to a threat of personal chastisement.

**Fumbles** (thieves), gloves. From *fambles* or *fams*, the hands; *fiemdas*, lit. hand-garment, Old Dutch thieves' slang.

**Function** (society), party, ball, entertainment. From the Spanish *funcion*, which is used to mean any kind of meeting or performance. It came from Mexico through the American press.

The Duchess of —, who was certainly one of the handsomest women present at the *function*.—*Society Paper.*

**Funcior** (Winchester College), the night-light burned in chambers.

**Funeral** (American), "it's not my *funeral*," I don't care, it is not my business, it in no way concerns me.

**Funk** (general), state of nervous trepidation, fear.

. . . A good professional with the magic sixpence on the wicket will give you more trouble than many bowlers in a match, and your *funk* is just the same as a careless barrister who has not read his papers.—*Fred. Gais: The Game of Cricket.*

To *funk*, to be nervous, afraid, shrink back.

But when the time for his examination drew on the little gentleman was seized with such trepidation, and *funked* so greatly, that he came to the resolution not to trouble the examiners again.—*C. Bede: Verdant Green.*

Also to *funk* it.

*Funk* is declared by some authorities to be a recognised word. At any rate it is vulgar and used in a slangy sense in such phrases as "to be in a *funk*," "an awful, mortal *funk*." This term, according to De Quincey, originated among the Eton "men." Probably from *funk*, to emit an offensive smell like certain animals when pursued, or people who lose physical control over themselves when in a state of great terror. This derivation seems to be borne out by the parallel French *foirer*, to be afraid, shrink back, also "faire dans sa culotte."

*Funk*, also a coward.

In New York the word *funk* is connected with humbug, and "Peter Funk" is a kind of mysterious spirit who inspires all kinds of petty business tricks.

**Funkers** (thieves), the very lowest order of thieves.