

Gallinipers (West Indian), a facetious name given by the negroes to a very large and pertinacious kind of mosquito. Without a smile Quashie will tender information to the effect that they are the grandfathers of their species—veterans in practice and cunning. The origin of the word is obscure, except, perhaps, the “nipping” part of it.

Gallipot (popular), an apothecary, otherwise a “clyster pipe.”

It's Vidler the apothecary. . . . You said you had *gallipots* enough.—*Thackeray: The Newcomes.*

Gallivant, to (common), to dance attendance upon women, to play the gallant. *Gallivant* is a corruption of gallant, the process being the same as in *Samivel* from *Samuel*. Also to roam about for pleasure. The Italians have *stare a galla*, to float about, be joyous and buoyant.

A nice thing, indeed—all the company waiting and drumming their heels, while a brat like you was *gallivanting* about.—*R. Sims: The Ring o' Bells.*

Gallivate (American), frisking or “figuring” about. A form of “gallivant.”

Oh, Mary had a little lamb, regarding whose cuticular
The fluff exterior was white and kinked
in each particular,
On all occasions when the lass was seen
perambulating
This little quadruped likewise was there
a-gallivating.

—*Tit-Bits: The Original Draft of an Ancient Chestnut MS.*

Gallon of rum among one (American), a saying attributed to an Indian, who, on being remonstrated with for his great intemperance on a certain occasion, replied: “What's a *gallon of rum among one!*” Also applied to a millionaire of grand ideas, who though single refused to take a very large villa because it was too small. “Fine enough—what's a *gallon of rum among one!*” murmured the would-be seller.

Galloper (army), an aide-de-camp. He is continually “on the move,” or “on the rack,” as Canadians say.

Gallows or **gallus** (common), a vulgar word for “very,” in use in America and also in England until it was almost superseded by “awful,” and “dreadful.”

I'm hard up for capital—in short, . . . I am *gallows* hard up for capital.—*J. Greenwood: Dick Temple.*

In England this was originally applied to any person or thing extremely bad, “bad enough,” says Hotten, “to deserve hanging.” In the United States only its extreme or superlative character has been preserved. The French slang has *potence*, i. e., *gallows* (old English), to signify a rascally person of either sex, an abbreviation of “gibber de *potence*,” or *gallows-bird*.

Galluptious (popular), delightful.