

Ghee (Anglo-Indian), boiled butter; used in cooking through all India.

"In most of the prisons of Hyder Ali it was the custom (of European prisoners) to celebrate particular days, when the funds permitted, with the luxury of plantain fritters (fried bananas), a draught of sherbet, and a convivial song. On one occasion the old Scotch ballad "My wife has ta'en the *gee*" was admirably sung and loudly enforced. It was reported to the Kelledar (commander of the fort) that the prisoners said and sung through all the night of nothing but *ghee*. The Kelledar, certain that discoveries had been made regarding his malversations in that article of garrison stores, determined to conciliate their secrecy by causing an abundant supply of this unaccustomed luxury to be henceforth placed within the reach of their farthing purchases" (Wilkes' Historical Sketches, Anglo-Indian Glossary).

Ghost-racket (American), any event or narrative into which the spiritual or ghostly element enters.

The most novel *ghost-racket* on record has just been worked by a Jersey detective in a vain attempt to scare an ignorant German into confessing that he was a murderer.—*Chicago Tribune*.

We have had the tallest *ghost-racket* here in our town that you ever did audit.—*Washington (Pa.) Engle*.

Ghost walking (theatrical), a term originally applied by an impecunious stroller in a sharing company to the operation of "holding the treasury," or paying the salaries, which has become a stock *facetiæ* amongst all kinds and descriptions of actors. Instead of inquiring whether the treasury is open, they usually say—"Has the *ghost* walked?" or "What! has this thing appeared again?" (Shakspeare).

A new play called "The Skeleton" has been produced at a Vaudeville *matinée*. It isn't likely to be in much esteem with the actors, owing to a natural deficiency of "fat," although, on the other hand, it may certainly be expected to offer a favourable opportunity for the *ghost to walk*.—*Funny Folks*.

(Commercial), in large firms, when the clerk whose duty it is goes round the various departments paying wages, it is common to say the *ghost walks*.

Ghouls (American), prying and spying reporters for newspapers who chronicle the meanest gossip of private life. The term originated in the "ghoulish glee" of President Cleveland. The word *ghoul* is a great favourite with American newspaper writers, and is used in every grammatical form, as to *ghoul*, *ghouler*, *ghoulest*, and *ghoulette*, a female ghoul, especially a blackmail-levying prostitute.

The *ghouls* also reported that Mrs. Folsom, in the absence of Mrs. Cleveland,