

**Greenwich goose** (popular), formerly a pensioner of the Greenwich Naval Hospital.

**Greeze** (Westminster School), a crowd. In Italian *grosso*.

Few whose names have ever stood on that paper will forget how they pressed through the surrounding *greeze*.—*Everyday Life in our Public Schools*.

**Gregorines** (common), live stock in the hair. From the Italian.

**Greys, the** (provincial), a state of yawning and listlessness.

**Grid** (theatrical), a contraction of gridiron—the large open wood-work structure built over the flies, extending over the whole stage, so called because it is constructed exactly like a gridiron. To the *grid* all the dead lines which bear the scenery are attached.

**Griddle, to** (street), to be a street singer. Possibly from Italian *gridare*, to cry aloud.

**Griddler** (streets), a street singer. (Tinkers and tramps), a tinker. Probably from "gridiron."

**Gridiron, the** (nautical), the Stars and Stripes of the United States. Also called the "Stars and Bars." (Popular), "the whole *gridiron*," the whole party. (Common), a *gridiron*, a County Court summons. Originally a summons to the Court of Westminster only;

from the Gridiron Arms. The Grafton Club is always known as the Grid or *Gridiron*, that instrument being brought into requisition whenever possible in the cuisine (Hotten).

**Griffin, griff** (Anglo-Indian), a greenhorn, a fresh comer, a Johnny Newcome, one not as yet "in the ways." The origin of this word is uncertain, but something resembling it is applied in different Latin languages to "outsiders," foreigners, and the excluded or mixed members of society. Thus in Louisiana a *griffin* or *griffe* is used, like the French *griffon*, for a mulatto, or one of mixed dark blood (Bartlett). "I am little better than an unfledged *griffin*, according to the fashionable phrase here" (Hugh Boyd, 1794).

(Army), formerly a young subaltern in the Indian service.

Pig-sticking is pretty, very pretty I may say, if you have two or three of the right sort with you; all the *griffins* ought to hunt together though.—*H. Kingsley: Geoffrey Hamlyn*.

(Anglo-Chinese), a horse fresh from the wilds. Also a person resident in China under three years.

**Griffins**, the residue of a contract feast taken away by a contractor, half the buyer's and half the seller's (Dr. Brewer).

**Grig** (thieves), a farthing. (American), to *grig*, to irritate, goad,