

Gripper (popular), a miser, a curmudgeon.

Grit (American and common), spirit, courage, pluck, endurance, determination. The word is derived from the hardness of the *grit* of grindstones, millstones, and paving-stones, and other uses to which the most durable sandstone is applied.

If he hadn't had the clear *grit* in him, and showed his teeth and claws, they'd a nullified him so you couldn't have seen a grease spot of him.—*Sam Slick in England*.

Grit, no (American), no pluck, sometimes imitated by "no sand."

Grizzle-pot (popular), a sulky child, one who is constantly "grizzling," *i.e.*, whimpering, whining.

Grizzle, to (common), to cry, whimper.

"What on earth are you *grizzling* about now?" asked the Talepitcher of Mrs. T., when she came in sobbing the other afternoon.—*Bird's Freedom*.

Groaners (thieves), funeral and church thieves.

Groats (nautical), an allowance for each man per mensem, assigned formerly to the chaplain for pay.

Grog (popular), to "have *grog* on board," to be tipsy.

Grog-blossoms (common), pimples on the face, a consequence of continual hard drinking.

Grog fight (army), a drinking party.

Groggy (common), unsteady like a drunken man, generally applied to horses when they become weak and unsteady from age and overwork.

And as the Pet, moreover, was so battered and bruised, and was altogether so *groggy* that he was barely able to stand up to be knocked down.—*C. Bede: Verdant Green*.

Groggham (popular), a sorry horse, one who is "groggy" or not firm on his legs.

Grog-tub (nautical), a brandy bottle.

Groom (gaming), a croupier.

Groovy (society), settled in one's habits, old-fogyish, limited to certain views.

After an absence of fifteen years I have just returned to England. . . . I never aspired to being a nabob, or a "chappy," or a "masher" (indeed, I am past the age when attaining to these latter distinctions could be possible); nor did I intend to dissipate my hard-earned and modest fortune as a "plunger." Six weeks ago I was not aware that these terms formed a part of the English tongue; but now . . . I make use of them, lest you should infer from what is coming that I am old-fashioned, prejudiced, or hopelessly *groovy*.—*St. James's Gazette: The Culture of the Misses*.

(American), a "sardine."