

Glossary, unknown twenty-five years ago. The word was invented in the Bombay Presidency, and was probably based upon *gend-khana*, "ball-house," the name usually given in Hindu to an English racket-court. It is also a colonial term signifying a race-meeting got up by the military for gentlemen riders.

Gyp (Cambridge), a college servant. Said to be derived from γύψ, a vulture, in reference to the said servant's liberal interpretation of perquisites. This


has now become a somewhat unfair description.

At Cambridge *gyp*, at Oxford "scout," Collegians call the idle tout, Who brushes clothes, on errands runs, Absorbs their tips and keeps off duns.
—C. Bede: *Verdant Green*.

A more probable derivation is from *gypsy*, which has given *gip*, a thief.

Gyro-twistive (American), full of evasions and tricks.

Now Twine was a *gyro-twistive* cuss as ever you did know,
And mit some of his circumwindles he fix de matter so.
—*The Breitmann Ballads*.

 **ABBEN**, hobben (gypsy), food, meal. "Párraco mi-dável for a kúshto háb-ben!" thank my Lord for a good meal!

Hackamore (American, Western), a head-stall for a horse. "She went with only a *hackamore* to bring back a couple of ponies that were straying."

Squito shot off at a tangent on the broncho she was riding, with only a *hackamore* or head-stall, to bring back a couple of ponies that were straying from the bunch.
—F. Francis: *Saddle and Moccasin*.

Hackle (popular), pluck; "to show *hackle*," to be willing to fight. "Hackles" are the long feathers on the back of a cock's neck

which he erects when angry (Hotten).

Hack, to (football). "Hacking" is a term used at football to indicate an irregular and savage practice, no proper part of the game, and now falling into disuse.

Had, can't be (London slang), not to be taken in.

While rambling once not far from here, I observed on turning round
A man stoop and pretend to pick up something from the ground;
He comes to me and then says he, "Will you buy this gold ring?"
Said I, "My lad, I *can't be had*—I see it's no such thing."

—*Song: That's a Game best left Alone*.