

North of the Tweed you get a "sma' 'un," but there is not about this the delicate suggestiveness of a *half 'un*. When Drew, and Romano, and Charlie Moore, not to mention the Gallery and the Rainbow, start good little whiskies at twopence a time, there will be great times in Fleet Street and the Strand.—*Sporting Times*.

Hall (University), a general term for the common dinner served in the college halls at a university. Hence the verb "to *hall*."

Ha-loy (pidgin Cantonese), come down! "*Ha-loy*, you fella' top-side dat go-down *ha-loy!* hab got one piecee talkee fo' you ear-hear."

Halves (Winchester College), half Wellington boots. They are *non licet*.

Ham (American), a loafer.

Ham-cases (thieves), trousers; called also "hams."

Hamlet (American), a captain of police.

Hammer (common), an enormous falsehood, synonymous with "clinker," and "crammer." In Scottish parlance, according to Robert Burns, sometimes called a "rousing whid," or in the London vernacular a "whopper," a "rapper," a "good 'un," in contradistinction to a petty falsehood, called by ladies and children a "taradiddle."

Hammer-headed (common), stupid, dull, obtuse. Possibly

derived from the common yiddish slang, *hamnär*, an ass.

Hammering (printers). This is a slang expression used by compositors to indicate overcharging time work—to charge more "hours" than actually engaged on a particular job or work and thus cheating.

Hammersmith (popular), "he has been at *Hammersmith*," he has received a terrific thrashing.

Hammer, to (Stock Exchange), to declare one a defaulter.

But when the members fail,
Why, then the dealers quail,
For it sets the *hammer* working up
and down.

—*Atkin: House Scraps*.

To beat, ill-treat.

A fellow as ever broke bread,
As fly as a cop, he could *hammer* a sl-p.
—*Sporting Times*.

Hampstead Heath sailor (popular), a term of ridicule—no sailor at all. What the French call "marin d'eau douce," or "amiral suisse."

Hams shrunk (tailors), sides of trousers shrunk at thigh.

Hand-em-down (provincial), a Northamptonshire term for a second-hand garment. Corresponds to the French "décrochez-moi ça."

Handicap, to (common). This term, as used in racing, is a recognised word. It is also used in