

Hearing cheats (old cant), the ears, now termed "leathers" or "lugs."

Heartburn. London cads, who find a name for everything, thus call a cigar, evidently a very cheap one.

Heave a booth, to (thieves), to plunder a house. Also to "heave a case."

Heavenly collar and lappel (tailors), a name given to collars or lappels that turn the wrong way.

Heaver (old cant), the breast, now called the "panter;" hence *heavers*, persons in love.

Heavy dragoons (Oxford University), bugs (Hotten).

Heavy swell (common), a great swell.

And Mr. Crackit is a *heavy swell*, an't he, Fagin?—*Charles Dickens: Oliver Twist.*

Heavy wet (common), strong malt liquor; principally used to describe porter, stout, or double stout, and sometimes called treble X., because designated by publicans and brewers as XXX.

To the Blue Posts let us go,
There will clouds of bacca blow,
And our cares we'll forget
In a flood of *heavy wet.*

—*Song of 1823.*

Hedge, to (turf), to reverse on advantageous terms the previous order of a wager—*e.g.*, if a person takes 100 to 10 about a horse for a future race, and subsequently lays 90 to 10 against the same animal, he has *hedged* his money—he may win £10, but cannot under any circumstances lose.

You must back a winner before you can win in any case, system or no system. Of course, a horse can be laid against, or a bet may be *hedged*, but this does not apply to the backing of horses on a system.—*Bird o' Freedom.*

(Popular), to get away on the appearance of danger.

Hedge-bottom attorney or solicitor (legal). This is applied to a person who, not being himself a solicitor, or who, if he is, has not taken out his certificate (or perhaps has been a solicitor, but has been struck off the rolls for unprofessional conduct), sets up in business as a solicitor under the name of a man who is a solicitor, and thus evades the penalties attaching to those who act as solicitors without being duly qualified; because, although all the business is done in the name of another, yet he it is who is the real principal, introducing the clients, doing the legal business, and pocketing the fees; the other is only a dummy to be used as a figure-head for evading the law.

Hedgehog, to (Northampton provincial), to reveal, to open, to