

- (Thieves), to give *hot* beef, *ride* BEEF.
- Hot coppers.** *Vide* COPPERS.
- Hottentot** (popular), a fool, a simpleton.
- Hottentots** (East London), explained by quotation.
- All this vast audience was purely local. Our advent, though our attire was a special get-up for the occasion, attracted instant attention, and the cry of *Hottentots* went round. *Hottentots* is the playful way in this district of designating a stranger, that is to say, a stranger come from the West.—*George R. Sims: How the Poor Live.*
- Hot tiger** (Oxford), a mixture of hot-spiced ale and sherry (Hotten).
- Hot, to make it** (common), to make it highly disagreeable.
- The smaller youth is sent out of Court with a caution; but retribution, or stern justice, or Nemesis, *makes it hot* for the weeping lad.—*The Wranglers.*
- Hounslow Heath** (rhyming slang), the teeth.
- House-farmers, house-knackers** (popular), a variety of the "sweater" tribe. Persons who let bad lodgings at a high rent to the poor.
- Housemaid's knee** (medical), a swelling over the kneecap, due to the enlargement of a bursa sac which normally occupies that position.
- House, the** (Oxford University), Christ Church, Oxford. (Stock Exchange), the Stock Exchange.
- "The probable origin of the word *house*, as applied to the Stock Exchange, is as follows:—Previous to 1801, when the jobbers and brokers (in Government securities) assembled, for a short period, in the Rotunda of the Bank of England, a room was rented in a house facing Bartholomew Lane. When a member was not to be found in the Rotunda it was said 'he is over at the house.' At a later period, when the members moved into their own building, *house* now became a recognised term, which has continued in use until the present day" (Atkin's "House Scraps").
- Hoveller** (nautical), a beach thief.
- How d'ye do** (popular), a regular *how d'ye do*, a regular row all round. A regular mess or difficulty.
- Howler, to go a** (sporting), to lose heavy bets.
- Howling** (common), great; as in a *howling* swell, a *howling* cad.
- There was a *howling* crush going on outside the Law Courts.—*Sporting Times.*
- Howling* bags, a swell pair of trousers.
- Hoxter** (thieves), an inside pocket. Old English *oxter*.
- No sturd *hoxter* my snipes could stay.—*Almanack.*
- (Royal Military Academy), extra drill, a corruption of *extra*.