

unusual for common people in England and America to call Frenchmen "ding-dongs" from the same words, and in the latter country boys cry after Germans *Nix cum arouse!* and *Wie gehts!* and greet Italians as "Johnny Dagos" (*vide* DAGO).

Is his giblets in? (American), is he all right? From a coarse story.

Ishkimmisk (tinkers), drunk; Gaelic, *misgeach*.

I should smile (American). In this phrase a strong accent is laid on "should." It comes from such expressions as "Well, I *should* think!" which are often left incomplete, but which when completed would be "that he ought to be ashamed," or "that people would know better," &c. Its general meaning is an intimation of surprise, or mild contempt. It is much used by women, and is believed to have originated in the suburbs of Boston or in Brooklyn, New York.

We asked Joe Capp the other day,
And asked it without guile,
"If asked to drink, what would you say?"

He answered: "*I should smile.*"
—*Bird o' Freedom.*

Isle of Fling (cast end), coat.

Isle of France (rhyming slang), a dance.

Istubbul (Anglo-Indian). "This usual Hindu word for stable may naturally be imagined to be a corruption of the English word. But it is really the Arab *istabl*, though that no doubt came in old times from the Latin *stabulum* through some Byzantine Greek form" (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

I suppose (rhyming slang), the nose.

Itchland (popular), Scotland, alluding to the ailment caused by a diet of oatmeal.

Items (American thieves), in gamblers' slang, looking at a party's hand and conveying to an opposition player by signs what it contains. A looking-glass is sometimes used, or else signs.

It goes (American), it is all right, I agree with you, it is well.

"Come into the ranch and have a drink, Sam," says I. "A drink *goes*," says he.

It takes the gloss off (tailors), it takes away the profit, or materially detracts from its value.

Ivories (popular), the teeth.

These ones object to learning lengthy parts; rehearsals bore them, and stage managers are notoriously anything but angels. One damsel possesses nice arms, another is blessed with a swan-like neck, a third rejoices in a set of lovely *ivories*, and a fourth has a particularly neat ankle. —*Modern Society.*