

"To flash your *ivories*," to show your teeth; "to wash your *ivories*," to drink. Also dice. (Billiards), the balls. "The *ivories* run badly for him," the game is against him, or, he has

no luck. (Card-players), checks and counters.

Promptly Murat placed by the side of Halsey's chips a column of *ivories* twice as high. It was a raise and up to the limit.—*Bird's Freedom*.



put after a judge's name, being an abbreviation for Justice, thus Denman J. Also an abbreviation for "jay" or "juggins."

Up! runners and pencilers, hie ye away
To the streets that are crowded on gay
Dearly day.

Stream forth in your thousands from ham-
lets and towns

To Erson's tepeopled and booth-dotted
Downs.

Up! flat-hatting magmen and boys of
that ilk,

On the warpath the *J* milk which to milk.
"Here's a quid for the man who will turn
up the knave!"

Here's a snip for those "sports" who the
bookie would brave.

—*Bird's Freedom*.

Jab, to (English and American), to poke, or stick with any instrument, commonly spelt job. is mostly used in this sense.

Tom: Yes. You remember that Cæsar held out against the gang until he saw Brutus trying to *jab* him, and then he just said, "Et tu Brute!" and covered up his face with his mantle.—*Republican*.

Jabber, to, a word frequently but vulgarly used in England, and still oftener in America, to mean not to speak badly, but to talk any foreign language what-

ever, even though it be done correctly.

At once the bird started to *jabber* Italian, and had quite a conversation with the man.—*Savannah Morning News*.

To *jabber*, in the sense of to talk indistinctly, is a perfectly recognised word.

Jabble sea (nautical), a choppy, nasty sea.

Jack (American). It is common among schoolboys in Philadelphia to address a stranger as *Jack*, and also to speak of a blunderer or stupid fellow as a *Jack*—an abbreviation of jack-ass.

"Where do you come from?" asked a Dallas man of a neighbour. "I'm just from the fair-grounds." "Have the judges of live stock awarded the prize to the biggest *jack*?" "They have." "Did my uncle or my father get it?" "Neither of them. A strange donkey from Eastern Texas got the prize."—*Texas Siftings*.

(American thieves), a small coin. In England a counter.

Jackaroo (up-country Australian), the name by which young men who go to the Australian colonies to pick up colonial experience