

are designated (Grant's "Bush Life.") Like *bossaroo*, a slang word coined on the model of kangaroo.

**Jack cove** (American thieves), a mean, low, small fellow. From *Jack*; any very trifling coin or a counter.

**Jacketing** (common), a thrashing. From the phrase, "to dust one's jacket."

**Jacket-reverser** (common), a new word for turncoat.

**Jackey** (popular), gin; called also "old Tom."

I've snuff and tobacco, and excellent *Jackey*;

I've scissors, and watches, and knives,  
I've ribbons and lace to set off the face  
Of pretty young sweethearts and wives.  
—*W. S. Gilbert; H. M. S. Pinafore.*

**Jack gagger** (American thieves), a man who lives on the prostitution of his wife. A "ponce."

**Jack-in-a-box** (old cant), a sharper who robbed tradesmen by substituting empty boxes for others full of money.

This *Jacke-in-a-boxe*, or this divell in man's shape . . . comes to a goldsmith's stall . . . where he knowes good store of silver faces are to be scene.—*Dekker: English Villanies.*

**Jack-in-the-box** (thieves), a small but powerful kind of screw, used by burglars to break open safes. Also a kind of firework.

**Jack-in-the-cellar** (popular), a child in the womb.

**Jack-in-the-dust** (nautical), the steward's mate.

**Jack-in-the-pulpit** (American), a man who obtrudes himself into a place for which he is unfitted; as, for instance, an ignorant fellow who pretends to preach or teach that of which he knows nothing.

The latest contribution to the history of the Rebellion is from the pen of that eminent truth-teller, Don Piatt. In "Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln," between the covers of which he has been allowed to obtrude, he says of himself: "My one act made Maryland a free State." Of Mr. Lincoln he says: "The President never forgave me." That was because you escaped his memory entirely, Mr. *Jack-in-the-pulpit*.—*Chicago Tribune*, May 29, 1886.

The simile or term is equivalent to the English "Jack-in-office."

**Jack-in-the-water** (popular), an attendant at the watermen's stairs, on the river and seaport towns, who does not mind wetting his feet for a customer's convenience (Hotten).

**Jacks** (thieves), superior counterfeit coin.

'Arry gave me five of the best, and 'ow in the world them quids come to be snide blessed if I know, though probably somebody 'ad chucked 'em away for safety. They wasn't *Jacks*, mind, but regular wrog g 'uns, and—but, unless I'm mistaken, this 'ere station's Fulwell—by leave, sir—  
—*Sporting Times.*

**Jack-shay** (up-country Australian), a tin quart pot used for boiling tea in, and contrived