

Kicking for trade (tailors), applying for work.

Kicking strap (tailors), an elastic strap inside a habit skirt.

Kicks, kicksters, kicksies (popular and thieves), breeches, trousers. From a metaphor similar to that which gave the synonymous "hams," "trolley-wags."

Kick the bucket, to. *Vide* BUCKET.

Kick the stuffing out of one, to (American), to ill-treat a person, or to take the wind out of another's sails; to get the better of one.

I am informed that, judged by the standard of success, the "ideal" newspaper is the one that whoops its own side to the top of the pole and *kicks the stuffing out of* the other fellow. — *New York World*.

Kick, to (Australian popular), an abbreviation for "kick the bucket," or for "at his last kick."

Kick, to have the (sporting), to have luck. From a football phrase.

Kick up (common), ceremony, proceedings of a noisy nature.

Were not Her Majesty's subjects from all ends of the earth coming to see the show, and take part in the *kick up*? — *Punch*.

Kick up a row, to (common), to make or cause a disturbance.

Charley dined, took his pen and sign'd;
Then Mob kicked over his throne from behind!

"Huzza! Huzza! we may scamper now!
For here we've kicked up a jolly good row!"

— *Ingoldsby Legends*.

Kid (popular, very common in London), a swell, a masher. A Londoner meeting another very smartly dressed, says, "What a *kid* we are," or the smartly dressed man might say, "Ain't I an awful *kid* to-day?" The "dude" and the "masher" are really well-dressed people, the *kid* is rather a smartly dressed person; also a policeman.

Every one of the urchins knows the School-board officer by instinct, and abhors him even more than their ancient terror, the bobby, copper, *kid*, or policeman. — *Thor Fredur: Sketches from Shady Places*.

Kid, cheese; *kid* hard, synonymous with "hard cheese," "hard lines," no luck; a child.

My eyes, what a row! Sally was asleep, the *kids* were asleep, slavey was asleep. — *Evening News*.

"Served his time to the trade," returned the Badger coolly; "been at it ever since he was a *kid*—so high." — *J. Greenwood: Dick Temple*.

(Popular and thieves), explained by quotation.

Now, one of these brother boys was well known for his *kid*, that is, gammon and deviry. — *Hindley: Life and Adventures of a Cheap Jack*.

Possibly from Anglo-Saxon *cyðhan*, to declare, make known; the primary meaning of *kid* being a puffing speech, termed now "kidment," more probably