

Kid rig, or **kid lay** (thieves), swindling, kidnaping, or robbing children.

Kidsman (thieves), one who trains boy thieves.

Kid, **to** (popular), to impose in any way, pretend. *Vide* KID.

Relating how he had *kid*ded the work-house authorities.—*Greenwood: Seven Curves of London*.

They've turned the gas out, and are *kid*ding to play Nap just to make me think I've gone stone blind.—*Bird of Freedom*.

(Turk), explained by quotation.

What do you mean by *kid*ding?—It is a difficult word to explain. If you have got a good horse, and allow him to runle about just as he pleases, and allow the reins to hang loose, the public would say that he was doing his best, but others might not think so. That would be *kid*ding. . . .

It all depends on the arms, then, as I understand it!—Not necessarily. It may depend upon the legs, and all sorts of other things.—*Standard*.

A *kid*ding horse, a shamming horse, one which pretends to be afraid, &c.

Kil (gypsy), to play on an instrument, properly *kil*.

The bashomengro *kil*, he *kil*,
The tani-mill gile, she gile.

Now shun the R many gill!

See, "The fiddle fiddles, the little girl sings. Now listen to the gypsy sing!" *George Bernard Lazenby*.

Kill-cow (popular), a great boaster.

Kill-devil (American), new rum. The rum known as "New Eng-

land," when new, is an appalling beverage.

Kill, dressed to (American). *Vide* DRESSED TO KILL.

Killed (tailors), hopelessly spoiled.

Killock (nautical), given by Webster as a United States term for small anchor, but used in England with the meaning of anchor. Also "mud-hook."

Kilt (Irish), well beaten.

Kilter (American). "Out of *kilter* or *keelter*," disordered, ill, out of repair. Dutch *keeltinging*, nausea, "provocation of the stomach;" *kelderziek*, crop-sick, &c. This is, however, a doubtful derivation. Possibly from to *kilt*, to tuck up; so that "out of *kilter*" would literally mean hanging loosely, hence disordered.

Kinchen (popular and thieves), a child. From the German *kindchen*.

Kinchen morts (thieves), little girls trained to prostitution.

Kinchin cove (old cant), a man who kidnaps children. Also a little man.

Kinchins' lay (thieves), explained by quotation.

The *kinchins* . . . is the young children that's sent on errands by their mothers, with sixpences and shillings; and the *lay* is just to take their money away—they've always got it ready in their hands.—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.