

**Kip**, to (popular and thieves), to sleep or lodge. *Vide* KIPSY.

**Kirkling** (thieves, housebreaking on Sunday evening by finding a house which has been left untenanted while the occupants are all at church or kirk, or the servant left in charge enticed out.

**Kisky** (popular), drunk.

**Kisser** (popular), the mouth.

**Kisses** (Stock Exchange, Hotchkiss Ordnance Company Shares.

**Kissing-trap** (popular, the mouth.

The office of his *kissing-trap*  
Displays an ugly mark!  
—*Wicks' House Scraps*

**Kiss-me-quick** (common, a small ladies' bonnet.

**Kiss**, to (billiards), said of balls in close contact.

**Kist o' whistles**, Scotch Presbyterian for organ.

**Kit** (popular, the whole lot of them, synonymous with the "whole gammon," the "whole boning," i. e., all the party. Old, a dancing-master. From the kit or small fiddle which he uses in his evolutions.

**Kit and boodle** (American, the total or whole of anything, as the entire company. Bartlett suggests the German *beutel*, a purse, as the original source of

*boodle*, or "perhaps the old English *bottel*, a bundle." But as it is a New York word its origin is to be sought in the Dutch *boed*, pronounced *boodle* (which see), meaning property, or anything inherited.

**Kitcheners** (thieves', thieves who congregate in places known as thieves' kitchens. Mr. Greenwood says that such meeting places for the dregs and outcasts of society—whose means of living is a mystery to every one but their intimate friends, and who are seldom seen abroad until the shades of evening have long since fallen—exist within three minutes' walk of the Strand and within two minutes' of Covent Garden—in Drury Lane in fact, or rather in some of the lanes and narrow thoroughfares leading out of that main thoroughfare into Great Queen Street.

**Kitchenite** (printers), a term of contempt for the hands that frequent the *kitchen* of the Compositors' Society house—usually those on the provident fund that prefer the small relief given to honest labour. This term does not apply to the genuine unemployed, but only to the loafers.

**Kite** (popular), a fool; in French *bas*. Common, fictitious commercial paper. To *kite* or fly a *kite*, to raise money on a fictitious bill.