

Here's bills plenty—long bills and short bills; but even the *kites*, which I can fly as well as any man, won't raise the money for me now.—*Miss Edgeworth: Love and Law.*

Evidently from an allusion to a *kite*, formerly termed a paper *kite*. Flying the *kite* is metaphorically putting a bill in circulation. In America fancy stocks are called *kites*, and to *kite* or *skite* means roaming from place to place, going about restlessly.

We passed eberyting on de road—you ought to seen us *kitin'*,
Golly! we had a gay old time when we went to Brighton.

—*American Song.*

Kiting has also the significance of going about and speculating wildly.

Kitties (military), the Scots Guards are so nicknamed.

The Duke of Cambridge has been playing havoc with the *kitties*, not the "kiddies," as *Vanity Fair* has it. "The *kitties*," we explain to those of our readers who do not dine with dukes, is slang for the Scots Guards.—*The Star.*

K legs (printers), a term of derision applied to a person with knocked-knees, or otherwise "shaky on the pins," owing to the legs being apart as in the lower portion of a capital K.

Klep (popular), a thief; to *klep*, to steal. From *kleptomania*, the meaning of which is now well known to all the lower classes who read the police news.

Knacker (common), an old horse, fit for the *knacker*.

Knackers (Stock Exchange), Harrison, Barber & Company Shares. (Butchers, &c.), the testicles, also "knuckers."

Knapped an hot 'un (prize ring), got a hard knock.

Knapping-jigger (old cant), a turnpike gate.

Knap, to (thieves), to steal. From to *knap*, to bite off, break short. Derived from the Dutch *knappen*, to bite, take, or catch hold of. (Popular), to catch, used in the phrase "Won't he *knap* it!" (Mountebanks and others), to *knap* the slap, to catch the slap of a lathe or board.

He got a board about the proper size, but too thick, and with it so belaboured the people on his concern that he laid some of them up, they not knowing how to *knap* the slap.—*Hindley: Life and Adventures of a Cheap Jack.*

(American), to *knap*, to arrest, corresponding to the English "nab."

Knark (old), a savage person. Now spelt *nark*, meaning an informer.

Knat (tailors), a difficult task, a tyrant, one not to be deceived, played with, or hoodwinked.

Knife (army), a sword.

Knife-boards (London slang), the long, narrow seats for passengers on the tops of omnibuses.