

The antiquated *knife-board* has been all but abolished, and garden seats reign in its stead.—*Daily Telegraph*.

Knifish (tailors), spiteful.

Knob or nob (popular), the head; one on the *knob*, a blow on the head.

Knobstick (popular), a phrase among workmen to designate one who takes work secretly at home, when the men are on strike, and accepts lower pay than the regulation price demanded by his fellows.

We need some measure calculated to completely restore prosperity to our industries, by means of a restrictive duty on the manufactured products of these *knobsticks*.—*Evening News*.

Knock (turf), "to take the *knock*," to lose more money to the book-makers than one can pay, and thus to be incapacitated from approaching the ring.

"I've had a bad week," or "I've copped the *knock*," or "it's all gone down on Friar's Balsam."—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Knockabout (theatrical), an actor who does tumbler's work.

Messrs. — are two of the smartest *knockabouts*.—*Fun*.

Knock about the bub, to (popular), to pass about the drink.

Knock about, to (common), to go, or saunter about.

Knock down a cheque, to (up-country Australian). "A system known as *knocking down one's cheque* prevails all over the unsettled parts of Australia. That is to say, a man with a

cheque, or a sum of money in his possession, hands it over to the publican, and calls for drinks for himself and his friends, until the publican tells him he has drunk out his cheque. Of course he never gets a tithe of his money's worth in any shape or way—indeed the kindest thing a publican can possibly do is to refuse him any more liquor at a very early stage of the proceedings, for cheques for enormous amounts are frequently 'knocked down' in this way. A quarter of the worth of them, if honestly drunk out in Bush liquor, would inevitably kill a whole regiment" (Finch Hatton)

When a shearer once determines, at the end of the season, to *knock down his cheque*, as the phrase goes, he does it in the most complete and thorough manner.—*The Graphic*.

Knocked all of a heap (popular), astonished, dumbfounded. The metaphor is that one is absolutely floored, knocked down in confusion by surprise.

Knocked him bandy (tailors), completely astounded him.

Knocked into a cocked hat (American and English). When a round or high hat had been smashed, it was said to have been knocked into the shape of the three-cornered or cocked one. *Vide* COCKED HAT.

There is a Yankee locution descriptive of a process which implies ruthlessness and