

are known at the West Point Military Academy (see also "Breasts"). The English have "snooker" and the French "melon" as equivalents. A new cadet who puts on extravagant airs and pretensions—a coxcomb or "puppy"—is called "a fast animal."

Ankair (gypsy), to begin.

"I ain't lelled kek religion,
An' I'll kek *ankair* kennä;
But if waver foki kâms lis
Mâkk lendy kair ajä."

—E. H. Palmer.

("I have taken (got) no religion, and I'll not begin now; but if other people like it, let them do so.")

Ankle (American thieves' slang).

"She has sprained her *ankle*," she has had an illegitimate child. Also, "She has broken her leg." A somewhat similar expression is used in the French theatrical world; a lady who is *eccentiée* is said to have a bad knee: "Elle a mal au genou."

Anna (Anglo-Indian). Hindi, *ānā* or *ānāh*, the sixteenth part of a rupee. The term is also applied colloquially to persons of mixed parentage. "Such an one has at least two *annas* of dark blood," or "of coffee colour." This may be compared with the Scotch expression that a person of deficient intellect "wants twopence in the shilling."—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

In the United States this slang is paralleled by the following expressions:—"He" or "she has a lick of the tar-brush."

"He has a white stripe down the back," it being believed that mulattoes or quadroons have a line of light colour on the spine.

Annex (American), to steal. It became popular in 1835, at the time of the annexation of Texas, which was regarded by many as a theft.

Robert, "Prince" of the Yetholm gipsies, was recently charged with stealing a pair of spectacles. The "Prince" said that his eyes were in a very queer condition, and that he had no intention of *annexing* the spectacles, which he picked up quite by accident; but the beak remarked that bagging barnacles constituted a serious offence, and was a short-sighted policy for a man to pursue. As "Prince" Robert left the dock he promised faithfully to avoid the eyes of the law in future.—*Fvn*.

Some account of this ready-witted Prince Robert may be found in "The English Gypsies and their Language," Trübner, 1874.

Anodyne necklace (old), a halter.

The hangman's noose was also called the "Tyburn tippet," a "horse's nightcap," a "hempen cravat."

Anog (American), an andiron.

Bartlett derives this from *hand-dog*, Dutch *aan-hoog*, that which heightens or raises.

Anointed (Irish), is expressive of great rascality.

Anointing (popular), a sound beating, the effect taken for the cause.