

**Apple-pie order** (common), in regular order. "Order" is an old word for a row, and a properly made apple-pie had, of old, always an order, or row of regularly cut "turrets," or an exactly divided border. Pies are seldom made now in this manner in England, but in rural America, especially in New England, they are still common.

I am just in the *order* which some folks—though why I am sure I can't tell you—would call *apple-pie*.—*Ingoldsby Legends*.

**Apples and pears** (rhyming slang), the stairs.

**Application** (Irish), name; a corruption and perversion of appellation.

I am not Aurora,  
Or the beauteous Flora,  
But a rural maiden to all men's view,  
That's here condoling  
My situation,  
And my *application* is the Colleen Rue.  
—*Colleen Rue: Broadside*.

**Appro** (trade), a contraction of approbation. "On *appro*," on sale for return. The term is used by tradesmen generally.

**Appropriation** (tailors), garments taken from old rejections and worked in for another "force," or the next "supply" for the same.

**Apronstring-hold** (old), an estate held by a man during his wife's life.

"There are many estates like leasehold, freehold, and copyhold, but a man least likes the *apronstring-hold*."

**Aqua pumpaginis** (old), pump-water. Termed also "Adam's ale," and "fish broth," formerly, when people with weak stomachs did not make a virtue of necessity, and when the others only "pledged" themselves in bumpers of old Burgundy.

**A-ratti, arāti** (gypsy), by night.

"Oh mandy jins *aratti* to kister off a gry"—

"Oh I know how to ride a horse off by night."

**Arch** (popular), a boat.

I goes and sneaks a mikket and a lot of lines of a pal's *arch*.—*H. Evans: The Brighton Beach Loafer*.

**Arch-cove** (thieves), leader of mob or party.

**Archdeacon** (Oxford), the Merton strong ale.

**Arch dell** (old), the wife of a headman of vagrants. Termed also "arch doxy."

**Arch-duke** (American thieves), a funny fellow.

**Arch-gonnof** (American thieves), chief of a gang of thieves; termed "dimber damber," "up-right man," in old English cant; and *archi-suppôt* in the old French argot. *Gonnof* is Yiddish for thief; Hebrew, *ganef*.

**Ard** (American thieves), hot; evidently from *ardent*. In old cant it had the signification of foot.