

The full extent of the society's usefulness, according to vulgar prejudice, is represented by the unfortunate *cadger* pounced on in the act of receiving alms, and carried before a magistrate to account for that enormous iniquity.—*J. Greenwood: Seven Curses of London.*

Slang meaning explained by quotation.

I may here remark that amongst people of my born grade no one is so contemptuously regarded as he who is known as a *cadger*. The meaning they set on the word is not the dictionary meaning. The *cadger* with them is the whining beggar—the cowardly impostor, who, being driven or finding it convenient to subsist on charity, goes about his business with an affectation of profoundest humility, and a consciousness of his own unworthiness; a sneaking, abject wretch, aiming to crop a meal out of the despising and disgust he excites in his fellow-creatures.—*J. Greenwood: The Little Kagamuffins.*

Cadging, properly begging.

I've got my living by casting fortunes, and begging, and *cadging*, and such like.—*H. Kingsley: Geoffrey Hamlyn.*

I don't say that they were all beggars—probably not more than a third of them were—but what one in vain looked for was the "jolly beggar," the oft-quoted and steadfastly believed in personage who scorns work because he can "make" in a day three times the wages of an honest mechanic by the simple process of *cadging*.—*J. Greenwood: In Strange Company.*

Slangily applied to cabmen when they are off the rank soliciting fares, or to waiters who hang about and fawn for a gratuity.

Cady (popular), a hat, from an old style resembling a barrel. "Cade," provincial English for a barrel or small cask.

Caffre's tightener (South African), bread or food of any kind, as distinguished from drink.

Cag, to (schoolboys), to irritate (Hotten).

Cage (thieves), a prison.

Cagg, to (military), to abstain for a certain time from liquor. Grose, in his "Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue," says, "This is a military term used by private soldiers, signifying a solemn vow or resolution not to get drunk for a certain time, or, as the term is, 'not till their *cagg* is out,' which vow is commonly observed with strictness;" *e.g.*, "I have *cagg*ed myself for six months," "Excuse me this time and I will *cagg* for a year." This term is also in use in Scotland.

Cagmag (popular), scraps, odds and ends of butcher meat, unpalatable food; properly an old goose.

Cahoot, in (American), to be intimately concerned with any one in an affair. There can be little doubt that it came from either the Dutch *Kajuit* or German *Kajüte*, or perhaps the same in Old Saxon, meaning a cabin, implying living or messing together. French *cahute*, a hovel, renders this more probable.

Cain and Abel (rhyming slang), a table.