

**Dictionary (1808)** with the meaning of to deceive.

"My dear," said Mrs. Snaggs to her husband, "what is a *canard*?" "Why, a *canard* is something one *canarily* believe, of course." "Oh, to be sure! Why couldn't I think of that?"—*Rare Bits*.

The announcement that appeared in these columns, to the effect that in future no advertisements from persons offering to give tips would be accepted by us, has given rise to the usual *canards*, and has brought into play the imaginative faculties of the "London Correspondent."—*Sporting Times*.

**Canary** (old), a sovereign, from the colour. French argot, *jaunet*.

**Canary-bird** (common), a mistress. (Thieves), a prisoner.

**Candle keepers** (Winchester College), the inferiors (all those who are not prefects) who have been longest in the school have certain privileges, as wearing a "cow-shooter," or round-topped hat. They used to be called "jolly keepers."

**Candlestick** (Winchester College), a corruption of candidate. Those who go in for the college entrance examination are termed *candlesticks*.

**Candlesticks** (London), the fountains at Trafalgar Square.

There was his pillar (Nelson's) at Charing-Cross, just by the *candlesticks* (fountains).—*Mayhew: London Labour and the London Poor*.

**Candy-pull** (American), a *candy-pull* is a party of both sexes at which molasses or sugar is boiled

and pulled by two persons (whose hands are buttered) to give it proper consistency, and then mixed and pulled again, till it becomes true *candy*. The term is used in slang in many ways.

The good old-fashioned amusement known as a *candy-pull* has had more or less of a revival in society this season. Whatever the time of its first advent, it was quite popular about twenty years ago as a society entertainment, but it seemed to run its course and died away. At that period *candy-pulls* were given in some of the most aristocratic mansions on Fifth Avenue, and the rollicking scenes were oftentimes quite democratic in the fun, however full-dressed might have been their presentation.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

**Cane** (common), "to lay *Cane* upon Abel;" to beat with a cane.

**Cane nigger** (West Indian), a happy-go-lucky fellow, one devoid of care and anxiety. From the circumstance that in "cane time" the negroes are fat and happy. As "fat as a nigger in cane time" has become proverbial in Antigua.

**Caners** (fashionable). In the summer of 1886, at several watering-places, almost every young lady carried a *cane*. It was originally an American fancy.

**Canister** (common), a hat; also "canister cap."

Turning round, I saw my unfortunate beaver, or *canister*, as it was called by the gentry who had it in their keeping, bounding backwards and forwards.—*Atkin: House Scraps*.

(Pugilistic), the head.