

carney, to flatter, wheedle, insinuate oneself.

Carnish (thieves), meat, from the Italian *carne*; *carnish-ken*, a thieves' eating-house. In the French argot "carne" is tough meat.

Carob (tinker), to cut.

Caroon (costermongers), five shillings. Possibly from the Italian *corona*.

Carpet (common), to be called upon the *carpet*, or to be *carpeted*, to be scolded, reprimanded, to have to give an account of one's self.

Poor Percy was often *carpeted*, and as often he promised amendment.—*Mark Lemon: Golden Fetters*.

What looked to most people like a miscarriage of justice occurred in connection with the August Handicap, won by Rhythm. George Barrett, who rode the second, was *carpeted*, on the complaint of the apprentice Allsopp (inspired by his master), for foul riding.—*Sporting Times*.

(Masonic), the painting representing the emblems of a degree.

Carpet-bagger (popular), a term introduced from America. A man who seeks election in a place with which he has no connection (T. L. O. Davies).

Other *carpet-baggers*, as political knights-errant unconnected with the localities are called, have had unpleasant receptions.—*Guardian Newspaper*.

Synonymous with *carpet-bug* politician.

Wright gives the definition:

Carpet-bagger, an opprobrious appellation applied to a resident of one of the Northern States, who after the Civil War of 1861-65 removed to the South for temporary residence, and the promotion of personal and selfish ends.

Carpet-bag recruit (army), one of the better class who joins with his baggage, with other clothes in fact than those in which he stands.

Carpet-swab (popular), carpet-bag.

A little gallows-looking chap . . . with a *carpet-swab* and mucking togs.—*Ingoldsby Legends*.

Carpet tom-cat (military), an officer who shows much attention to, and spends a great deal of his time in the company of ladies.

Carrier (old), a tell-tale. (Thieves), a rogue employed to look out and watch upon roads, at taverns, &c., in order to carry information to his gang.

Carrier-pigeon (thieves), a swindler, one who formerly used to cheat lottery office-keepers; now used among betting-men to describe one who runs from place to place with commissions (Hotten).

Carrion case (popular), a shirt, a shift.

Carrion-hunter (old cant), an undertaker.