

Cascade or **hang-out** (theatrical), scenic effect at conclusion of scene or performance. (Popular), to *cascade*, to vomit.

Case (American), a dollar, good or bad. In England a bad crown piece. Hebrew, *kesef*, silver, קֶסֶף; hence *kasch*, a head-piece (*i.e.*, a coin), and the Yiddish *caser*, a crown.

(Tailors), "case of pickles," a hopeless case; "he is the greatest case evermore," he is the worst man known, or, he is a most remarkable individual.

(Old), a brothel. Also a water-closet. (Thieves), a house.

Caser (thieves), explained by quotation. *Vide* CASE.

So one morning I found I did not have more than a *caser* (five shillings) — *Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

Cask (society), a brougham.

Cass, cassan (thieves and roughs), cheese. From the Italian *cacio*. It is remarkable that this, the oldest slang for cheese, is still current among thieves in New York. It is found in nearly all the Latin, Teutonic, and Celtic languages. In old cant, *caisson*. It is generally supposed to have been introduced by the gypsies.

Here's ruffeck and *caissons*, and all of the best,

And scraps of the dainties of gentry
cofe's feast.

—*Broome: Jocial Crew*.

Cassan. See CASS.

Cassie (printers), wrinkled, stained, or outside sheets of paper. Old provincial, *cassen*,

cast off. From *casse*, to discharge, cashier. Latin, *casare*, to break.

Cast (popular). Men in small boats who want to be towed behind steamers say "give us a *cast*" (Hotten).

Castieau's hotel (Australian thieves' patter), the Melbourne jail, so called from Mr. J. B. Castieau, the governor of the Melbourne jail.

He "caught" a month and had to "white it out" at "diamond-cracking" in *Castieau's hotel*. — *The Australian Printer's Keepsake*.

Castle-rag (rhyming slang), a "flag" or fourpence.

Cast-offs (nautical), landsmen's clothes.

Castor (common), a bicycle. Properly a small wheel.

Mr. C—, who being driven by a lady whose carriage was molested by cads on *castors*, climbed solemnly down, and . . . administered a well-deserved collective hiding to the crowd. — *Sporting Times*.

Cast up one's account, to. *Vide* ACCOUNT.

Casual (common), a tramp or poor man, who seeks shelter at night at a workhouse.

I have, at the risk of shocking the reader of delicate sensibilities, quoted at full the terms in which my ruffianly *casual* chamber fellow delivered himself of his opinion as to the power of "cheek" illimitable. — *J. Greenwood: Seven Curses of London*.

Cat (popular), a drunken, fighting prostitute. The *pudendum f.* In French, *chat*. Generally termed