

In chatting, singing, and dancing,
Don't we pass each night away,
We beat by *chalks* your finest parties,
I'll a wager lay.

We are all jolly, &c.
—*Song*.

Also "long *chalks*," originally an expression used by tailors only, alluding to the chalk lines on garments.

"From your counsel's statement and the seeming honesty of your countenance," said the learned magistrate, "I was quite convinced that you were innocent; but the evidence of the last witness has quite upset all my previous convictions."

"I wish it would upset all mine," growled the culprit.

But it didn't by long *chalks*, and his address was Millbank for the next six months.—*Sporting Times*.

Also the legs. To "walk onc's *chalks*," to go away.

The prisoner has fabricated his pilgrim's staff, to speak scientifically, and perambulated his calcareous strata. "What?" Cut his stick, and walked his *chalks*.—*Kingsley: Two Years Ago*.

Chalk, to (nautical), to make one pay his footing or stand treat. At sea it is the custom the first time a new comer goes up a mast for some old hand to chase him up and try to get near enough to him to *chalk* his shoes. If he succeeds the new comer is expected to pay for a bottle of rum.

Chalk up, to (Australian slang, less frequent in England), to debit to a person. Undoubtedly the expression arose from the custom of the keeper of an ale-house making a note of the various

drinks consumed in a drinking bout, by scribbling them down with *chalk* upon the wall.

Whole weeks and months of hard-earned gold, by ounces and even pounds weight at a time, disappeared at these haunts, in a mazy account and reckoning between a landlord and his customer, *chalked up* during successive days of intoxication.—*W. Westgarth: Victoria late Australia Felix*.

(Common), *chalk* it up, put it to my account.

Cham (gypsy), cheek, leather, tin. *Chammerdino*, a slap on the cheek.

Chamberlain (Winchester College), the brewer of the college and school.

Chamber of Horrors (Parliamentary), the Peereses' gallery at the House of Lords, from its being railed round as if it contained objectionable or repulsive inmates.

There could be no doubt as to the inconvenience, the gallery being generally known as the *Chamber of Horrors*.—*Daily News*.

Chammy (society), champagne, termed also "cham," or "boy," and sometimes "fizz."

Champagne Charley (popular), any dissipated man or noted drinker of "fizz." The name of a song which appeared in 1868, which was set to a very pleasing and original air. The original *Charley* is said to have been a wine-merchant, who was in the habit of making presents of