

is, little or nothing was given for it.

**Cheat** or **nubbing-cheat** (thieves), the gallows.

See what your laziness is come to; to the cheat, for thither will you go now, that's infallible.—*Fielding: Jonathan Wild.*

**Chee** (pidgin), long; probably an abbreviation of *muchre* "much," "China-boy no stoppee chee tim."

**Chee-chee**, (gipsy), nothing, less, superfluous, also equivalent to "be silent."

**Cheek** (common), assurance, impudence. Probably from the habit of impudent persons of putting their tongue in their cheek.

Although she was neither good-looking nor young,  
And her virtues, if any, unknown and unsung,  
She'd a dangerous eye, and an eloquent tongue,

And a *cheek* that was something sublime.

—*Sporting Times.*

Also, share or portion.

**Cheeks** (common), the posterior.

**Cheeky** (common), impudent.

Boys give me a good deal of annoyance, they are so very *cheeky*.—*Mayhew: London Labour and the London Poor.*

**Cheese** (society). "quite the *cheese*," varied to the "Stilton," or "real Stilton," synonymous with quite the thing, from the Hindostani or Anglo-Indian *chiz*,

thing. Sometimes *cheese* is used as a derisive nickname for any man who has pretensions to being smart. (Schools), an adept; one boy will talk of another being an awful *cheese* at bowling, fives, Latin verses, &c. (R. M. Academy), hard *cheese*, equivalent to "hard lines," no luck; especially used at billiards. (Popular), *cheese* it, leave off. A corruption of cease.

I was just entering upon one of my own composition, when, sir, I was vulgarly requested to *cheese* it.—*Sporting Times.*

(Thieves), "*cheese* your barrikin," hold your noise. (Nine-pins), the ball.

He sent the damaged *cheese* skimming and cannoning among the four great pins.—*Greenwood: Tag, Rag, & Co.*

**Cheese boxes** (American), the nickname given by irreverent Confederates to the ironclads of the Monitor type then (at the time of the Civil War) just invented. They, however, spoke even as disrespectfully of their own unsuccessful attempts at a similar class of vessel, calling them "tinclads."

**Cheese-cutter** (common), an aquiline nose; also a large, square peak to a cap. *Cheese-cutters*, bandy legs.

**Cheese-knife** (army), sword.

**Cheesemongers**, once a popular name for the First Lifeguards (Hotten).