

Cloth-market (old), a term for a bed, quaint but not slang.

Miss, your slave; I hope your early rising will do you no harm: I find you are but just come out of the *cloth-market*.—*Swift: Polite Conversation.*

An old French corresponding term is *halle aux draps*.

Cloud-cleaner (nautical), an imaginary sail carried by a Yankee bottom.

Clout (common), a blow. A "clout in the chops," a blow on the face. (Thieves), a pocket-handkerchief.

Clouting (thieves), stealing handkerchiefs.

Clow (Winchester College), a box on the ears; to *clow*, to box one's ears.

Clover (old cant), possibly allied to the Gaelic *cliah*, a basket; termed "kipsy" by English thieves.

Cloyer (old cant), one who attempted to share in the profits of a robbery or a swindle in which he bore no part.

Then there's a *cloyer* or *snap*, that dogs any new brother in the trade, and snaps; and will have half in any booty.—*Roaring Girl: Sixteenth Century.*

Club, to (military), to get a party of men or troops into a confused mass through a blunder when manœuvring.

Cly (thieves), pocket.

To his *clies* my hooks I throw in, and collar his dragons clear away.—*W. Maginn: Vidocq's Slang Song.*

Old cant, *clye*, to take, to seize, from old English *cleyes*, claws. *Cly* is provincial for money. To take, steal, money, pocket seem to be interchangeable terms in various slang languages.

Cly in old cant had also the signification of sack, basket, possibly from Gaelic *cliah*, basket.

Clye, cly, to (old cant), to take, to seize.

Gerry gan, the ruffian *clye* thee.—*T. Harman: Caveat.*

To *cly* off, to carry away.

Here safe in our skipper let's *cly* off our peck,
And bowse in defiance o' th' Harman-beck.
—*Broom: Jovial Crew.*

Also *cly*, to steal.

Cly-faker (thieves), a pickpocket.

They were gentlemen sharpers, and not vulgar cracksmen and *cly-fakers*.—*Lytton: Pelham.*

This may be from *cly*, a pocket, as suggested, but it is worth noting that in Dutch thieves' slang, *kleifokker* is a thief who wanders about, derived from *fokker*, one who goes about, and *kleif*, silver. *Vide CLY.*

Cly-faking (thieves), picking pockets. *Vide FAKE.*

"What is *cly-faking*?" . . . "Why, a priggling of wipes, and sneeze-boxes, and r dicules, and such."—*H. Kingsley: Ravenshoe.*

Cly the jerk, to (old cant), to stand in the pillory.

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