

**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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