

Possibly from a metaphor, I cannot *cooper*, I cannot grasp, that is beyond my capaciousness, comprehension. Else from *co-operate*, with the sense of concur.

(Thieves), to destroy, spoil, forge; to *cooper* a manniker, forge a signature. *Vide COOPERED*.

Coopered (turf), a horse that has been hocussed or otherwise purposely injured so as to prevent him from running, was formerly said to be *coopered*. The expression is sometimes used now as in quotation.

Till they served him up a "*coopered* job,"

And then of course he came

A most conclusive "smasher."
—*Bird o' Freedom*.

(Tramps), a *coopered* place, a house that has been spoilt by too many tramps calling there (Hotten).

Coopered, in the sense of falling in, ruined, is possibly allied to the Scotch *coup*, to tumble over.

Coorsy (Anglo-Indian), a chair; Arabic *kursi*.

Cooter. *Vide COUTER*.

Cop (thieves), a policeman. *Vide TO COP*.

Wen that *cop* got his hand on my collar, he ought to 'ave knowed like a shot, By the Astrykan only, that I wasn't one of the Socherlist lot.

—*Punch*.

The *cops*, the police.

Then, as them cowards of *cops* 'ave as much on their 'ands as they kin do with, now's the time for a bit of a loot!—*Punch*.

(Anglo-Indian), *cop* / beware; an abbreviation of coprador.

Cop-bung (thieves), a warning cry when the police make their appearance.

Johnny Miller, who was to have his regulars, called out *cop-bung!* for, as you see, a fly-cop was marking.—*On the Trail*.

Cop busy (thieves), the act of handing plunder to a confederate, so as to have nothing about one when arrested.

Cop, to (popular and thieves), to take, arrest, steal, catch.

I'm right Tory right down to my boots, at a price, and I bellered, "Ear, 'ear!" But they don't *cop* yours truly with chaff none the more, my dear Charlie, no fear.

—*Punch*.

"Here, *cop*." I did not understand what he meant by the phrase. . . . I did not attempt to *cop*. Suddenly I saw three boiled potatoes, a pudding, and a six-ounce loaf roll on the floor.—*Evening News*.

(Sporting), to win, to get money; a dead *cop*, a sure method of arriving at this result.

To *cop* is derived by Hotten from Latin *capere*; more probably it comes from the gypsy *kap* or *cop*, to take; Scotch, *kep*; Gaelic, *ceapan*.

Coppas (gypsy), blankets, coverings, tiles.