

If I see a boy make to do about the fit  
of his *crumpler* . . .—*Blackmore: Lorna  
Doone.*

**Crutch** (Winchester College), a name given to the school car-penter.

**Cry of things** (popular), a great number of things; "a cry of pears."

**Cry matches** (American), a slang exclamation of surprise. Its derivation is improbably given as "crime hatches." By some "cry" is considered as equivalent to Christi or Christ, but the phrase is altogether obscure.

**Crusher** (popular), a policeman; from the slang term "to crush," to run.

To bonnet a lot of old blokes,  
And make petticoats squeal is good  
biz,  
But a *crusher's* 'ard knuckles a  
crunching yer scrag? no,  
I'm blowed if that is!  
—*Punch.*

**Crush, to** (popular), to run. Possibly from "beetle-crusher" (which see).

**Crust** (theatrical), the head.

**Crusty beau** (old slang), a fop who makes up with paint and cosmetiques.

**C's, the three** (prison), the Central Criminal Court.

**C.T.A.**, (circus and travelling showmen), the police.

**Cuckoo** (society), a fool.

**Cud** (Winchester College), handsome, pretty. Probably from *kudos*. (Popular), a piece of tobacco chewed, a "quid."

**Cuddling** (prize-fighters), wrestling.

It was said by some cavillers that there was too much wrestling, or, as they called it, *cuddling*.—*Punch.*

**Cue despiser** (theatrical), said of an actor who is careless in taking up his *cue*, thereby damaging the performance.

**Cue, to** (thieves), to obtain goods on credit which you never mean to pay for, synonymous with "going upon the letter Q," "the mace."

**Cuff** (tailors), one who feigns religion, or is religious.

**Cuffer** (military), a lie; spinning a *cuffer*, telling an exaggerated, grossly improbable story; one that *cuffs* or beats any story. (American thieves), a man, rustic. From old English cant *cofe*, or the Yiddish *kaffer*, a stupid fellow; *kaffori*, Hebrew for a peasant.

**Cuff shooter** (theatrical), an impudent and presuming tyro, who gives himself airs, and thinks more of his "cuffs" than his cues.

**Cuffy, cuftee** (West Indian), a word generally applied to