

That great room itself was sure to have clothes hanging to dry at the fire, whatever day of the week it was; some one of the large irregular family having had what was called in the district a *dab wash* of a few articles forgotten on the regular day.—*Mrs. Gaskell: Sylvia's Lovers.*

Dace(American), two cents. From deuce.

Dacha-saltee (thieves and costermongers), tenpence. From the Italian *dieci soldi*.

What with my crippledom and thy piety, a wheeling of thy poor old dad, we'll bleed the bumpkins of a *dacha-saltee*.—*Reade: The Cloister and the Hearth.*

Dacoit (Anglo-Indian), a robber belonging to an armed gang which, according to law, must consist of at least five persons.

Dad, daddy (popular), father. In Welsh *tad*; Irish *daid*, ancient. He gets more like his *dad* every day.
—*Street Song.*

Dád, dádus, dádo (gypsy), of Hindu origin, father; *dadéskro*, fatherly, pertaining to a father; "ap miro dadéskro wast!" by my father's hand!

Daddle (popular), hand.

Werry unexpected pleasure! Tip us your *daddie*.—*C. Kingsley: Alton Locke.*

(Boxing slang), the fist.

With *daddles* high upraised, and nob's held back,

In awful prescience of th' impending thwack,

Both kiddies stood, and with prelusive spar

And light manœuvring kindled up the war.

—*Hill's Life in London.*

Daddy (theatrical), the comic old man of a company. According to Hotten, a stage manager. At sham raffles the *daddy* is a confederate who is, by previous arrangement, to win the prize. At casual wards the *daddy* is the old pauper in charge.

Daffy (popular), gin. Hotten says:—"A term used by monthly nurses, who are always extolling the virtues of *Daffy's* elixir, and who occasionally comfort themselves with a stronger medicine under *Daffy's* name. Of late years the term has been altered to 'soothing syrup.'"

Daftie (tailors), one who says (or does) anything absurd.

Dagger-cheap (old), dirt cheap. "The Dagger was a low ordinary in Holborn, referred to by Ben Jonson and others; the fare was probably cheap and nasty" (T. L. O. Davies, Supplementary English Glossary).

We set our wares at a very easy price; he (the devil) may buy us even *dagger-cheap*, as we say.—*Andrews: Sermons.*

Dago (American), an Italian, derived by one authority from the Spanish *hidalgo*. As the word has been for a long time in use among sailors, who apply it to Spaniards, Portuguese, and Italians, but principally to the former, there is little doubt but that it comes from *Diégo*, which is almost equivalent to Jack in the Spanish ports.