

a *deaner* ride and go a wedge-hunting (stealing plate.)—*Rev. J. Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

It has been suggested that *deaner* is from *denier*, but more probably it is a corruption of the Yiddish *dinoh*, a coin.

Deansea Ville (old cant), the country; *Deansea Ville* stampers, carriers.

Death-hunter (street), a man who sells dying speeches or confessions of executed criminals. Also an undertaker.

Death on (Australian), good at. The metaphor is probably that of completeness. *Vide* DEAD FINISH. "*Death on rabbits*," would mean a very good rabbit shot; "*death on peaches*," greedy of peaches. The phrase is common in the United States, where a lady over fond of finery is said to be *death on dress*.

Death-trap (journalistic), a theatre or other place of amusement made to contain large numbers of people. The expression became general after the burning of several such edifices in 1887.

Our laws, too, would enable us to punish persons whose negligence and inattention have been the causes of disaster; but then, as Mr. Punch reminds us, we never think of trying a railway director for a railway accident, or a theatrical lessee and his architect (to say nothing of a bench of magistrates) for erecting or

licensing a *death-trap*.—*St. James's Gazette.*

Debblish (South Africa), a penny.

Deck (Anglo-Indian), a look, a peep. Hindu *dekh-nā*, to look. "*Dek-ho*, you 'bud-mash!'" In English gypsy, *dikk*. *Dick-ing*, from the gypsy is common English slang for looking. (American), a pack of cards. Formerly used in England. From the expression "to *deck* out."

Decus (old slang), a crown-piece; from the motto on the edge, *Decus et Tutamen.*

Dee (tramps), a pocket-book; termed "reader" by thieves. Probably an abbreviation of *dummy*, which see. (Popular), a penny.

KYDDER.—Hullo, Sneyde, old man, where are you going?

SNEYDE.—Inside, to see our "uncle," and get a bob on this. (*Sneous his waistcoat done up in newspaper.*)

KYDDER.—We're both down on our luck again, then. I've just taken in (*looks round*)—ahem!—the blankets from my lodgings. I'll wait till you come out. (*Waits till Sneyde comes out.*)

SNEYDE.—He's a hard nail, he is. I've only got nine *dee* out of him.—*The Referee.*

Deen (Anglo-Indian). Arabic *din*, religion; faith.

About the worst curse that you can lay out on a Mahometan is "*Zen-ül dinak!*" "Curse your religion!" A native who will bear with a placid smile the information that his mother was a social evil of