

ing the Wind"), or his more modern prototype, Jingle, in "Pickwick."

Didoes. *Vide* TO CUT DIDOES.

Die-by-the-hedge (provincial), inferior meat of cattle which have died and not been slaughtered.

Die in one's shoes, to (common), to be hanged. The metaphor is not happy, as men may die elsewhere than on the gallows with their boots on.

And there is M'Fuze, and Lieutenant
Tregooze;
And there is Sir Carnaby Jenks, of the
Blues,
All come to see a man *die in his shoes!*
—*Ingoldsby Legends.*

Dientical (American), a frivolous anagram for "identical," but often heard.

Die, or dee (thieves), a pocket-book, but specially the dummy or pocket-book stuffed with flash bank bills used by a "dropper."

Dig (common), a blow with the fist, or tips of fingers, as "a *dig* in the eye," "a *dig* in the ribs."

Dig a day under the skin, to (popular), to shave at such a time as to make it serve for two days.

Dig, full (popular), the full allowance of pay.

Diggers (popular), the finger-nails.

"If you do," returned Bill, "I will fix my *diggers* in your dial-plate and turn it up with red."—*On the Trail.*

Also spurs, or the spades on cards.

Diggers' delight (New Zealand), large brown felt hat worn by diggers in New Zealand.

Diggings (common), place or habitation. Of American origin.

I'm a daisy, dear boy, and no 'eeltaps! I
wish the *St. James's* young man
Could drop into my *diggings* jermuskus;
he's welcome whenever he can;
For he isn't no J., that's a moral; I
don't bear no malice; no fear!
But I'd open 'is hoptics a mossel con-
cernin' my style and my spere.
—*Punch.*

Dignity, a (West Indian), the name given by Europeans to a negro ball, the designation being probably derived from the ludicrous pomposity of the negro character. The blacks are very chary of admitting strangers, and especially white people, as eye-witnesses. Oftentimes they degenerate into a scene of the wildest debauchery.

Dikk (Anglo-Indian), worry, botheration.

And Beaufort learned in the law,
And Anderson the sage,
And if his locks are white as snow,
'Tis more from *dikk* than age.
—*Wilfred Healey.*

In English gypsy the word is *dukk*, more frequently *dush*.

Diklo, diclo (gypsy), a handkerchief, cravat. *Men-diclo*, a neck-tie.