

we cheschaum geben, to settle accounts. In Dutch, *dingen*, to plead, to cheapen; *dingbank*, a judge's bench; *dingen*, one who pleads or cheapens.

Ding boy (old cant), a rogue or rascal.

Ding-dong (popular), in good earnest. To "set about a thing *ding-dong*" is to tackle it with vigour. An alliterative reduplication of *ding*, to beat, to strike, and also perhaps in allusion to the quick succession of strokes in ringing of bells.

Dinged (American), exceedingly. In the Southern States a man will say that he worked *dinged* hard. *Vide* DINGGONED.

Dingers, the cups and balls; or, in the French phrase, "gobelets et muscades," used by conjurers.

Ding-fury (provincial), huff or anger. A slang word very common in the provinces. "She flounced away in a *ding-fury*."

Dinggoned (American), a Western equivalent for "darned." In the South it takes the form of "dinged." They are all euphemisms for "damned."

Well, sir, that *dinggoned* show was more of a mystery to me the more I examined it, so I took Stack and Wirth out into the hall and explained my impressions.—*Superior Inter Ocean.*

Dip (popular), a pickpocket; to *dip*, to arrest, convict, be put in any way into trouble.

(Thieves), to *dip*, to pick a pocket, from the ordinary sense of the word. To *dip* a lob, to steal the contents of a till. Also to pawn.

Dipped in the wing (popular), winged, worsted.

I'm nipped in the bud, I'm *dipped in the wing*,

I'm weeded, I'm sold, I am every-thing

That is wretched, forlorn, and mad with despair,

Look at my head—only gaze at my hair.

—*Cecil Merrie: Only wait till you're Married.*

Dipper, dipping bloke (thieves), a pickpocket.

Off to Paris I shall go to show a thing or two

To the *dipping blokes* wot hangs about the cafés;

How to do a cross-fun for a super or a slang,

And to bustle them gendarmes I'd give the office.

—*Vance: The Chickentary Cove.*

Dips (nautical), the purser's boy.

Dirt-scrapers (American), lawyers who in examining witnesses ask them all manner of needless questions relative to their past lives and inquire closely as to all their relations with women, &c., either with a view to making them appear immoral and discreditable, or, as is often really the case, to afford to the court and spectators the exquisite