

lodging-houses with the doors open night and day.—*George R. Sims: How the Poor Live.*

Doss-house (tramps and thieves), a lodging-house, especially the common lodging-houses where beds are fourpence a night.

Dossing-crib (costermongers), a low lodging-house.

Doss, to (tramps, popular, &c.), to sleep. *Vide* Doss.

A newspaper sheet I will borrow,
And make up my face very white,
There will be a schlemozle to-morrow,
I shall *doss* in the Square to-night.
—*Sporting Times.*

Dossy (popular), elegant; very *dossy*, in elegant style.

Joe Capp made a resolve a little while ago when on the eve of a mashing expedition to do the whole thing very *dossy*. "Ere dum it," said Joe, "yew la'ads all go about in shiny boots, steerweth an' all, and I'll have a pair, see if I woant."—*Sporting Times.*

An extremely elegant cloak was formerly termed a *dossal*. Hence perhaps the expression.

Dot (nautical), a ribbon; a *dot* drag, a watch ribbon.

Do the high, to (Oxford University), to walk up and down the High Street on Sunday evenings.

Do time, to (popular), to serve one's time in prison.

Burns is about fifty-seven years old, and has a national reputation as an expert cracksmán. He has *done time* in Joliet,

Sing Sing, and Nashville, Tenn. He was pardoned from the latter institution one year ago, after serving three-quarters of a ten years' sentence.—*Inter Ocean.*

Do to tie to (American), trustworthy, fit to associate with.

The only safe class of citizens, the class that will *do to tie to*, are those who believe in the condign punishment of all crime—who believe that a Government is great, not in proportion as it forgives criminals, but in proportion as it punishes them and enforces law and order. It will be a dark day for the Republic when this class shall not outnumber both of the others combined.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Dots (American), items of information.

"Lieutenant Arnold," he continued, "remarked he could give *dots* on a great many of them; that one—a very prominent one—naming him, was in the habit of visiting a house south of the avenue twice a week. I said that is none of our business; though we might know these things officially, we do not know them in any other capacity."—*Chicago Tribune.*

(Popular), money.

Dotter (low), a penny-a-liner, a reporter.

Dottle (popular), a well-coloured black stump of a clay pipe.

Dotty (popular), cracked, silly.

She's sent away the chairs, and the carpet off the stairs,

I'm getting just as lean as any ghost;
The bedstead and the drawers have been sacrificed because
She went *dotty* through that dreadful
Parcels Post. — *Song.*

An appellation used for one's man by females of the lower classes or prostitutes.