

Stanley has been *drawing the planet* with considerable success lately; but she has at last *drawn the planet* down upon herself, and the Portsmouth magistrates have given her three months.—*The Globe*.

Draw worsted, to (tailors), to ferment a quarrel.

Dress a hut, to (shopmen), to exchange articles stolen from respective employers.

Dressed to kill (American), to be over-dressed; equivalent to "to be dressed to death," "dressed to the nines."

When we see a gentleman tiptoeing along Broadway, with a lady wobble-wagging by his side and both *dressed to kill*, as the vulgar would say, you may be sure that he takes care of Number One.—*Dew's Sermons*.

Dress in (Winchester College). The four or five next best players in a football team stand ready dressed so as to take the place of any player who is in any way injured. They are said to "*dress in*."

Dressing or dressing down (common), a beating, a defeat. It also means a scolding.

If ever I meet him again I will give him such a *dressing* as he has not had this many a day.—*Miss Austen's Sense and Sensibility*.

Dress-lodger (prostitute), explained by quotation.

They belong utterly and entirely to the devil in human shape who owns the den that the wretched harlot learns to call her "home." You would never dream of the deplorable depth of her destitution if you

met her in her gay attire . . . she is absolutely poorer than the meanest beggar that ever whined for a crust. These women are known as *dress-lodgers*.—*J. Greenwood: The Seven Curses of London*.

Drink (American), a river. The "big *Drink*" is the common Western term for the Mississippi.

The old boat was a rouser—the biggest on the *Drink*.—*New York Opinions of the Times*.

Dripping (common), a contemptuous term applied to a cook, who is not exactly a *cordon bleu*.

Driver's pint (military), a gallon of ale. Drivers of the artillery are supposed to have large powers of absorption.

Drive, to (racing), to *drive* a horse is to urge him on with whip and spurs.

Drive turkeys to market, to (popular), to reel from one side to the other like a tipsy man. Probably from the wobbling of the birds in question.

Driz (thieves and gypsies), lace. From the gypsy *doricz*, thread or lace. "*Driz-fencer*," a person who buys or sells stolen lace. A *driz kemesa*, a shirt with a lace frill.

With my fawned fancy and my onious gay, fake away,
With my thimble of ridge and my *driz kemesa*.

—*Ainsworth: Rookwood*.