

more pipes before the evening was over.—*In Strange Company.*

**Drunken chalks** (soldiers), good conduct badges. Derisively used, and implying that the badges have been gained not by sobriety but by the faculty of carrying liquor well.

**Drury Lane vestals** (old). Drury Lane, like Covent Garden, had at one time a reputation for immorality and debauchery rivalling the Haymarket and Regent Street of to-day. The neighbourhood was notorious as the resort and dwelling-place of women of the town, whether kept mistresses or common harlots. They were called *Drury Lane restals*, and "the Drury Lane ague" was a loathsome venereal disorder.

**Dry bob.** *Vide* BOB.

**Dry-bobbing** (Eton), cricketing. "Wet-bobbing," the term for river sports. *Vide* BOB.

Eventually he won his case; the Georgic was excused, and "Hossy" recited the prologue with much success. It was in April, when a late and severe flood had put an end to a little attempted early *dry-bobbing*.—*Sketchy Memories of Eton.*

**Dry boots** (common), a sly, humorous fellow.

**Dry hash** (Australian), a man who will not "shout," *i.e.*, pay for drinks. *Vide* DEADHEAD.

**Dry lodging** (lodging-house keepers), sleeping accommodation without board.

**Dry nurse, to** (nautical), is said of a junior officer on board ship who advises an ignorant captain, and instructs him in his duty.

**Dry shave, to** (common), to annoy one by violently rubbing his chin with the fingers.

**Dry up** (popular, originally American), hold your tongue; varied by "curl up," "put a clapper to your mug," "stop your jaw," and other equally elegant invitations. (Theatrical), a *dry up*, a failure, the reverse of a "draw."

Whoever is responsible for the *dry up* at the Opera Comique deserves to be ostracised from theatrical society.—*Bird o' Freedom.*

To *dry up*, to stick, *i.e.*, to forget the words of a part and break down.

(Racing), to slacken pace through exhaustion; literally to be "pumped out."

At the distance he looked like winning in a canter, but *dried up* immediately afterwards.—*Sporting Times.*

(Printers), to leave off work at dinner time or at night. Sometimes to discharge, or to leave a situation.

**Dry, walking** (military), a dry walk or *walking dry*, is the uninteresting and very distasteful promenade a soldier is compelled to take when he leaves barracks after working hours without a penny in his pocket.