

comes round, so as to avoid paying the fare. From the ordinary meaning of to *duck*, to drop the head or person suddenly.

With a downward glance of intense scorn at me, the first speaker continued—

"*Doin' a duck*, macin' the rattler, ridin' on the cheap, on the odno, under the bloomin' seat, down wi' the dust, all among the daisies, where you like, and what you like, it makes no matter which, what do you think? Gentlemen in my walk of life can't always be worried."—*Sporting Times*.

**Ducks** (common), white linen, or drill trousers.

This young person had stipulated that Billy should do the thing proper, and be married in a pair of white *ducks*. These garments he had cheapened at a mart of "reach me down" notoriety, to the satisfaction of the feminine onlooker of his proceedings through the window.—*Savage: London*.

(Stock Exchange), Aylesbury Dairy Company shares.

(Anglo-Indian), officials of the Bombay service.

**Dudder, dudsman** (old), a pedlar who sold articles of clothing to country people. *Vide DUDS*.

**Duddering rake** (old), an extremely debauched man about town.

**Dude** (American), a swell or "masher," an overdressed man. Probably from the very old English cant *dude*, a garment.

Ain't you one of these *dudes* as the Colonel brings down sometimes from El Paso and Silver, that wants kettles o' hot water to twelve o'clock?—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

The word is also used in England.

Sometimes, however, a distinction seems to be established between *dude* and dandy, the former being considered to apply more to a brainless "masher."

I'm a dandy I'll have you all to know,  
With the ladies I'm never rude:  
This style is all my own, with it I carry  
tone,

I'm a dandy, but I'm no *dude*.

—*Song*.

The following quotation gives amusing evidence of the antiquity of *dude*.

A correspondent of the *New York Evening Post* shows that *dudes* are of very ancient date. In the "Eunuchus" of Terence, act iv. scene iv., l. 15, it is written:—

"Ita vistus est

*Dudum* quia varia veste exornatus fuit,"

Which, literally translated into English, would read:—"He seemed a *dude*, because he was decked out in parti-coloured clothes," or still more literally, "in a vest of many colours."

**Dude hamfatters** (American), a sarcastic allusion to the swell and "masher" pork-raisers. A large number are located not a hundred miles from Chicago.

It seems that the *dude hamfatters*, after trying various games to skip unseen, conceived the idea of making up as a couple of well-dressed women.—*New York National Police Gazette*.

**Dudeman or dudman**, a scarecrow (Halliwell).

**Dudette, dudinette** (American), a very young girl, a mere chit, who affects the airs and style of a belle.