

Facer (pugilistic), a blow on the face.

While showers of *facers* told so deadly well
That the cracked jaw-bones cracked 'as
they fell.

—T. Moore.

Blogg, starting upright, tipped the fellow a *facer*.—*Ingo'sby Legends*.

(Society), a metaphorical knock down; severe blow.

The news of his having hit his leg yesterday has proved a *facer*.—*Sporting Times*.

(Popular), a tumbler of whisky punch.

(Irish), a dram, a full glass. An old word for a bumper of wine.

(Thieves), a man who places himself directly in the way of persons in pursuit of his accomplices. Formerly *facer* meant an impudent fellow.

Face the music, to (popular), a phrase no doubt of theatrical origin, and alluding to the trepidation sometimes felt upon facing the audience. The orchestra is generally placed in front of the audience, and consequently nearest the stage. *To face the music* is therefore to meet an emergency. Sometimes it means "to show one's hand," *i.e.*, to make plain one's purpose.

(American), to boldly meet a severe trial; to nerve oneself up to go through a disagreeable emergency. Originally army slang, applied to men

when drummed out to the tune of the "Rogue's March."

Facie (tailors), the man working in front of one. "*Facie* on the bias," the man working in front of one to the right or left. "*Facie* on the two thick," the individual working immediately behind one's face-mate.

Facings (tailors), "silk *facings*" are beer-droppings on the breast of a coat.

Facings, put one through the (popular), in military parlance the regular drill—"Face!" "Right about face!" &c. In popular slang, to give one a scolding or call him to account.

We were scarcely wed a week

When she *put me through my facings*.

And wolloped me—and worse;

She said I did not want a wife,

I ought to have had a nurse.

—F. Egerton: *If my wife would let me*.

Facing the knocker (tailors), begging.

Fad (common), hobby, whim, fancy, favourite pursuit.

It seemed a harmless bit of fun,

Tho' smoking is a sad

Bad habit girls might better shun

Than take up as a *fad*.

—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Given in Wright's Provincial Dictionary as a provincialism, and by Hotten as a slang term, though it can hardly be considered as such. Obsolete in the sense of cherish, caress, fondle, and now a low expression for to