

and said, for example, of the bodies of drowned people.

"Bodies that come over the falls, they mostly *fetch up* here."

"Things always *fetch up* sooner or later, but it's sometimes a week before we get 'em."—*Between Two Oceans*.

Also to recruit one's strength, to recover from some illness.

**Fettle** (popular), "in good *fettle*," in good order, well equipped. Also in a good state of mind, jolly, or very drunk.

**Fever-time** (Winchester College), the time when superannuated college prefects go for a fortnight into a sick-room in order to "mug," that is, to give themselves up to hard study.

**Fez** (Harrow), the tasselled cap worn by members of a football eleven. A member of that society.

**Fibbery** (thieves), lying. From "fib."

And if you come to *fibbery*  
You must mug one or two.  
—*The Leavy Man*.

**Fibbing gloak** (old cant), a pugilist.

**Fibbing match** (thieves), a prize fight.

**Fibbings** (boxing), rapid, repeated blows, delivered at a short distance.

I say, could I borrow these gentlemen's muses,  
More skilled than my neck, or in *fibbings*  
and bruises.

—*Ingoldsby Legends*.

**Fib, to** (old cant), to strike, beat. (Boxing), to deliver rapid blows at a short distance.

Each cull completely in the dark  
Resolved his *fibbing* not to mind.

—*Ainsworth: Rookwood*.

. . . His whole person put in chancery,  
stung, bruised, *fibbed*, propped, fiddled,  
slogged, and otherwise ill-treated.—*Cuthbert Bede: Adventures of Mr. Verdant Green*.

To tell lies.

**Fickle Johnny Crow** (West Indian), one who does not know his own mind.

**Fiddle** (Stock Exchange) a sixteenth part of £1.

Done at a *fiddle*; "Sugar" getting in!  
—*Atkin: House Scraps*.

(Thieves), a whip. (Popular), a sharper; the Scotch *fiddle*, the itch; a sixpence, possibly from the expression "fiddler's money," sixpences. (Tailors), second *fiddle*, an unpleasant task.

**Fiddle-face** (popular), a wizened countenance.

**Fiddler** (pugilistic), a pugilist who depends more on his activity than upon his strength or stay. (Popular), a sharper, a cheat, a careless, dilatory person. Also a sixpence or farthing.

**Fiddler's green** (nautical), a sort of sensual Elysium, where sailors are represented as enjoying for a "full due" those amenities for which Wapping, Castle