

and the 'bulker' or 'staller.' It is their business to jostle or 'ramp' the victim, while the *file* picks his pocket and then hands the plunder to the Adam, who makes off with it" (New York Slang Dictionary).

(Common), a cunning or artful man. Also silent *file*; *lime sourde*, or dumb *file*, in French slang.

He blewed a monkey, that silent *file*,
And tipped me the wink with a slippery
smile.

—*Earl of Winchelsea: Lay of the Cooperer.*

Filing-lay (thieves), picking pockets.

I am committed for the *filing-lay*, man,
and we shall be both nubbed together.—
Fielding: Jonathan Wild.

Fillibrush, to flatter, praise ironically (Hotten).

Filly (London), a young girl.

At last I've got a little *filly* of my own.
—*Sporting Times.*

(Thieves), a daughter. Possibly from the Italian *figlia*, or the French *filie*. Also used generally for a young woman; in this sense probably derived from the name for a young mare.

Fimble-famble (common), a lame excuse; from to fumble, to fumble, and to famble, to stutter; both provincialisms.

Fin (common), the hand, originally a sea-term.

You'll find if you put half-a-crown in his
fin,
It's so much the better for you.
—*Song.*

French sailors use the corresponding term *nageoire*.

Find (Harrow School), explained by quotation.

In a large house there are usually four sixth-form *finds* (a Harrow term signifying a mess of three or four upper boys who take tea and breakfast in one of their own rooms).—*Everyday Life in our Public Schools.*

To *find*, to mess together.

Finder (thieves), a thief; one who steals meat at a market. (University), term used at Caius for a waiter in hall.

Find-fag (public schools), a kind of *fag* thus described.

Find-fags have to procure from the shops in the town anything that may be required besides the regulation bread and butter for tea.—*Everyday Life in our Public Schools.*

Fine (shopkeepers), cutting it *fine*, cheating in various ways, adulterating articles of food.

Fine-drawing (tailors), accomplishing an object without being seen.

Fingerpost (old), a clergyman.

Fingersmith (thieves), explained by quotation.

Some traces of humour are to be found in certain euphemisms, such as the delicate expression *fingersmith* as descriptive of a