

**Funkster** (Winchester College), one who is afraid.

**Funky.** *Vide* FUNK.

**Furk, to** (Winchester College), to expel. It is said that formerly "men" who were expelled had to go through "non licet gate" when leaving the college for good, and their clothes were sent after them on a pitchfork. If this is true, *to furk* is from the Latin *furca*, pitchfork. Otherwise the origin may be found in old English *ferke*, to hasten on or out. It has also the signification of to send. Thus boys will say that reports are *furked* home by the doctor. Also to send on a message.

**Furmen** (old slang), aldermen. An epithet derived from their robes of office being trimmed with fur.

**Furniture pictures** (studios), pictures painted by the dozen for

the trade of the same class as "pot-boilers."

**Fur out** (Winchester College), angry; *i.e.*, one with *fur out* like an angry animal.

**Furry tail** (printers), see RAT. A workman who accepts work at an unfair house is thus termed, from the fact that a rat is *furry*.

**Fush, to fush out** (American), to waste, come to nothing. Dutch *futsel*, a trifle, a worthless thing; *futseln*, to fiddle, foddle, trifle, idle.

**Fussock** (popular), a person who makes much fuss. Formerly a fat woman, from the provincial English "fussocking," large and fat.

**Fustian** (thieves), wine; white *fustian*, champagne. Compare with "red tape, white velvet," &c.

**Fye-buck** (old), a sixpence.



**GAB** or **gob** (popular), the mouth. This word is given by dictionaries as a recognised term, but it is used in a slangy sense, and may be considered as belonging to slang phraseology. It is derived from the Gaelic and Scotch *gab* or *gob*, mouth, idle prating, loquaciousness.

An' aye he gies the towzie drab  
The tither skelpin' kiss,  
While she held up her greedy *gab*  
Just like an aumous dish.  
—Burns: *The Jolly Beggars*.

The term is more often used in slang as the "gift of the *gab*."

In towns that have become accustomed to the franchise, the voters well know that though a man may be a moderate speaker,