

Geordie (nautical), a north country collier.

George Horne (printers), a common exclamation among printers to a person who tells some old story as if it were new.

Georgetown Yelper, the (American), name of a mythical or imaginary newspaper invented by an editor when he wishes to publish original matter as borrowed. The name is only given in illustration, any other may be substituted.

Office boy to editor, respectfully—"Foreman says we need half a column more of editorial."

Editor—"Tell him to take that article we had on Blaine's speech day before yesterday, beginning, 'The following scathing review of Jim Blaine's late abortive effort from the *Jonesburg Terror* is so illustrative of our views that we, &c., and run it in again, with the name of the *Georgetown Yelper* inserted in place of the other paper."

Georgic (Eton), to order a boy to do a *georgic* was a favourite punishment with irate Eton masters. It consisted in writing out about 800 lines of Latin, an operation which took at least three hours for the fastest writers.

Then he pulled himself together, dashed into the house and upstairs, where he found Palmer Budd, a fellow of infinite jest and some daring, "staying out," stammeringly demanded if he were the culprit, received an affirmative, inflicted a *georgic*, and then sought for his footman.—*Sketchy Memories of Eton*.

German duck (popular), sheep's head stewed with onions.

German ducks (popular), bugs; otherwise known as B flats, in opposition to F sharps, i.e., fleas.

German flutes (rhyming slang), a pair of boots.

Germans (common), sausages.

I am glad to be able to state that—having spent several half-hours in the company of as many separate witnesses, all of them employed at different manufacturing *germans*, "collared head," and "spiced beef," chiefly for supplying shops situated in the poorest and most densely populated neighbourhoods—as far as I can make out there is at present no danger that our feline pets will go hungry because of the wholesale conversion of their favourite food into sausages.—*J. Greenwood: Veiled Mysteries*.

Gerry (old cant). C. J. R. Turner translates this as excrement, and derives it from the Latin *gerre*, trifles, stuff, nonsense. It also occurs in cant as *jeer*, in which case it is simply the gypsy *jeer*, *jir*, the rectum, also excrement, though *fül* is the common word for the latter. Where it occurs as *iere*, Mr. Turner derives it from the Gaelic *inneir*, dung, which is hardly so close as *jeer*.

Gerry gan (old cant), incidentally, hold your tongue. Literally, s—in your mouth. Modern Parisians will say, "Tais ta gueule ou j'te c— dedans."

Gerry gan, the ruffian clye thee.

—*Harman: Cavcat*.

Gerund-grinder (common), a schoolmaster.