

had licked Hector (the President's dog) for being too fresh and promiscuous. . . . The *ghouls* who haunt Mr. Cleveland are not confined to the Republican press. Far from it. A *ghoul* of the *Washington Post* reported that the sex of Hector had been misunderstood, and his (her) real sex just discovered.—*New York World*.

Ghoulish glee (American), an expression first used by President Cleveland, which immediately became a popular catch-word. It may be observed that in the following paragraph there is a slang expression in every sentence.

Some newspaper with *ghoulish glee* remarks that the President undertook to pull down his Vest, but that Vest pulled him down. It is certain that he squatted. He bounced Denton for making partizan speeches, and was scared into putting him back into office. It is the completest backdown known to the White House.—*Chicago Tribune*.

G. I. (printers), "general indulgence," i.e., a birthday, holiday treat, and is also the festive occasion when an apprentice "comes of his time," an event signalled by much noise, and usually followed by bread and cheese and beer. Sometimes the words "great independence" are attributed to these letters on such an occasion, specially referring to the independence gained by the apprentice.

Gib (prison and army), slang for Gibraltar, to which transportation ceased in 1875. (Nautical), a forelock

Gib face (popular), a heavy, ugly face. To "hang one's gib," to pout the lower lip. *Gib* is properly the lower lip of a horse, or a bump or swelling.

Gideon's band (American), a slang term for good-fellowship, association, union for carousing, &c. The term comes from a negro minstrel song, the air and some of the words of which were originally of a camp-meeting or Methodist hymn.

Oh, keep your hat upon your head,
For you may need it when you're dead;
Oh, keep your shoes upon your feet,
That you may walk the golden street.

Ch. If you belong to *Gideon's band*,
Oh, here's my heart and here's my hand,
We're hunting for a home.

Oh, keep your trousers on your legs,
That you may hang 'em on the golden
pegs;

"Twixt you and me, I really think
It's pretty near time to take a drink,
If you belong to *Gideon's band*.

Gift-house (printers), a house of call. Compositors have their "gifts" also, or clubs—a limited number of members being admitted only, and their objects being to find employment or to provide for non-employment in the shape of a provident allowance.

Gig (popular), a farthing, the nose.

Gigger (tailors), sewing-machine; from "to gig," to make a noise.