

A *ginger*, a showy, fast horse. From a well-known practice of horse-dealers.

**Gingerbread** (common), a disparaging epithet for too showy adornment of articles of furniture, architecture, &c.

The rooms are too small, and too much decorated with carving and gilding, which is a kind of *gingerbread work*.—*Smollett: France and Italy*.

The French use the term "en pain d'épice" with a like signification. (Nautical), "*gingerbread work*," profusely carved decorations of a ship. (Thieves), money.

Your old dad had the *gingerbread*.—*Ainsworth: Rookwood*.

**Ginger-snap** (American), a hot-tempered person, particularly one with yellowish or ginger-coloured hair. A *ginger-snap* is also a very hard ginger biscuit.

Her face was covered with tears and woe, and her little fist aided her apron in dabbling more sorrow from her eyes. "O teacher, teacher," she sobbed, "Maudie's calling me names. Maudie [a sob] called me [another sob] a *ginger-snap*, boo-hoo!"—*American Newspaper*.

**Gingham** (common), an umbrella.

He was one of the great unpaid and self-elected flock of hypocrites, yecept evangelists, and, with a *gingham* in one hand and a bundle of tracts in the other, he entered a third-class compartment.—*Bird of Freedom*.

**Gingle-boys** (old), coin.

We thank our fates, the sign of the *gingle-boys* hangs at the door of our pockets.—*Massinger: Virgin Martyr*.

**Gingumbob** (common), a bauble. From the same root as "jingle."

**Ginning it up** (American), "working things up," working hard and energetically at anything.

The Apaches were out to beat hell—at least that was the tune we were all talking to about that time. And they were *ginning her up*, and making things a bit lively, that's a fact.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

The origin is from working at a cotton gin.

**Gin penny** (costermongers), the extra profit charged to provide the "glass of something short" before going home.

**Gin spinner**, a distiller or rectifier of gin (Hotten).

**Gip** (thieves), a thief, abbreviated from gypsy.

**Gippies** (journalistic), explained by quotation.

Colonel Kitchener will probably stick to his original intention of having only *gippies* (as they call the Egyptian soldiers here) at Suakim.—*The World*.

**Give, to** (common), used in a slangy sense in the phrase "to *give* it one," to scold, to thrash. "I'll *give* it you;" in French, "Je vais t'en donner;" Italian, "To vi lo daro." (American), *to give* is extensively used to form active verbs of extremely varied forms. "*To give* on the make," to be clever at profiting. "*To give* on praying," to excel in prayer. With certain persons it is used as frequently as "fix."