

Groper (popular), a blind man, termed also "hoodman."

Ground, down to the (common), anything that is very acceptable and thorough.

Grounder (nautical), a ship that is liable to be run aground through bad seamanship.

Unfortunately these rejoicings have been marred through the loss of three "mids" belonging to the notorious *grounder*, *Canada*, who were capsized and drowned.—*Modern Society*.

(Cricket), a ball that is delivered along the ground, a "sneak" or "grub."

Ground hog day (American), a term very common in the Middle States, and thus explained by Bartlett:—"Candlemas, February 2, is often so called in the Middle and Western States from a popular belief that the appearance of the *ground hog* on that day predicts a return of cold weather." The *ground hog* (a kind of marmot) has even shown himself at times in poetry.

Though the *ground hog* and crocus creep into their holes,

It's Spring, and the almanac shows it,
Though a polar wave over the universe rolls,

It's Spring, and we don't care who knows it.

—*Robert J. Burdette: March*.

Ground-sweat (thieves), burial.

And as soon as the noose was untied
Then at darkey we waked him in clover,
And sent him to take a *ground sweat*.

—*Burroves: The Death of Socrates*.

Grouser (popular), a grumbler.

No matter how well the indefatigable cooks acquit themselves in trying to appease the ravenous wants of the hungry crowd, they very often find it altogether impossible to do anything at all entirely to the satisfaction of a certain class of individuals. . . . This select and volatile body of men is commonly designated by their more sensible and forbearing comrades as the *grouzers*.—*Brunles Patterson: Life in the Ranks*.

Groute, to (Marlborough and Cheltenham Colleges), to work hard. Also to go out of an evening. In Yorkshire it is used with the sense of to dig up with the snout like a hog.

Grouty (American), ill-tempered, cross, vexed, "grumpy." *Grout-headed*, stupidly noisy (Sussex).

Atter sputin' an' rasslin' roun' considibul, hit wuz fix up dat Bre'r Fox, Bre'r Bar, and Bre'r Buzzard wuz ter run for de offis—an' ter sawter (sort of) pacerfly Bre'r Rabbit, who wuz powerful *grouty* 'bout hein' lef out, dey 'leck him ter hole de ballick-box.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Grove of the Evangelist (common), a name for St. John's Wood.

Growing his feathers (prison), letting one's hair and beard grow, a privilege accorded to convicts for some months before their discharge, that they may not be noticeable when free.

Growler (common), a four-wheeled cab; so called because a man is supposed to growl and be discontented in one. Compare with "sulky," a kind of gig.