

The cab again drew up at the door, and the pseudo Beau Brummell set his dainty foot upon the step and gaily alighted. A four-wheeled *growler* had accompanied his own carriage.—*Tit-Bits*.

(American), "to work the *growler*," to send out a tin or a kettle to a saloon for beer. Considered rather low.

There's Mistor Hons Sower, a fine  
German man,  
He goes out and brings Lager in an ould  
lobsther can,  
'Tis himsilf works the *growler* so nate  
and so well,  
For the food of the ladies in the Bum-  
mers' Hotel.  
—*American Broadside Ballad*.

**Grub** (popular), food. See GRUB AND BUB.

"I never see such a jolly dog as that," cried Master Bates. "Smelling the *grub* like a old lady a going to market."—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

"To *grub*," to eat. Also to beg, to solicit alms, especially food. (American universities), a *grub* is a student who works hard; to *grub*, to study hard. (Cricket), a *grub*, a ball that is delivered along the ground. Specially underhand bowling.

**Grub and bub**, victuals and drink.

The two words are of indigenous English origin. *Grub* is derived from the action of digging up roots for edible purposes; and *bub* or "bib" from Latin *bibere*, French *biber*. "Humming *bub*" formerly signified sparkling ale, and is frequently mentioned in the convivial days of the eighteenth century. The

"*grubbing ken*," in the language of tramps and mendicants, is the workhouse, and is sometimes used by the lower classes for an eating-house or a cookshop.

**Grubbery** (popular), an eating-house. (Thieves and tramps), the workhouse.

**Grubbing hall** (Winchester), the hall in which college "men" take their meals. It is opposite "organ room." Each house has its *grubbing hall*.

**Grubby** (popular), dirty.

They looked so ugly in their sable hides,  
So dark, so dingy, like a *grubby* lot  
Of sooty sweeps or colliers.

—*Hood: A Black Job*.

(Thieves), food. Diminutive of "grub."

I pattered in flash like a covey knowing,  
Ay, bub or *grubby*, I say.

—*W. Maginn: Vidocq's Slang Song*.

**Grub-hunting** (beggars), begging for food.

**Grub stakes** (American). When miners become so poor that they are not able to furnish the necessary tools and food with which to "go prospecting," a third party of sufficient means offers to furnish tools and provisions on condition that he is to have a certain interest in anything that may be found (Butterworth's "Zig-zag Journeys").

**Grub-trap** (popular), the mouth. A variant is "potato-trap."