

**Adam's ale** (old), water as a beverage. It is supposed that this was the only drink of our first parent, and that before Noah planted the vine all were perforce teetotalers.

Your claret's too hot, sirrah drawer, go bring

A cup of cold *Adam* from the next  
purling spring.

—*T. Brown: Works.*

Another old term for the beverage which "does not intoxicate but does not cheer," is "fish broth." The French argot has the contemptuous epithets "ratafia de grenouilles," and "vase," sometimes varied to "vasinette."

**Adam Tiler** (old cant), a pick-pocket's confederate, who receives the stolen article, and runs off with it. Origin unknown, but supposed to have been the name of one notorious for his skill at this kind of thing. It is possibly from the German *Theiler*, one who shares, a confederate.

**Added to the list** (racing), is said of a horse which has been castrated. A like operation performed on a man is termed in French slang "Abélardiser," from the barbarous treatment of Abélard by Chanoine Fulbert. When a horse has been imperfectly castrated he is called a "rig."

**Addition, division, and—silence!** (American). This phrase originated in Philadelphia.

**Addle-cove** (popular), a foolish man, same as addle-pate. "Literally, a rank sucker."—*N. Y. Slang Dict.*

**Addled-egg** (common), a canard, an egg from the fabulous *mare's nest*.

**Addle-headed** (common), with little brains, or empty-headed; from Anglo-Saxon *adela*, mud.

**Addle-pate** (common), one whose brain cannot distinguish between the objects which are outside it and the imaginations within.

**Addle-pot** (common), a spoilsport; a mar-all.

**Adept** (thieves), a pickpocket, a conjuror.

An *adept* must be one of an audacious spirit with a nimble conveyance and a vocabulary of cabalistic phrases to astonish the beholder. — *The Merry Companion, or Delights for the Ingenious, by Richard Neve (Juggler), 1721.*

(Old cant), an alchemist.

**Adjutant's gig** (military), the barrack roller, which is drawn, presumably under the adjutant's orders, by the defaulters—the men under punishment—who are the slaves, the hewers of wood and drawers of water for officers, comrades, and the barracks generally.

**Admiral** (naval), the ship which carries the *admiral*. Formerly all ships were called *admirals*.

Our tall *admirals* that visit every sea.—*Cornelius O'Donod.*