

Haddock (popular), a purse. The term probably belonged originally to fish-hawkers.

Haddocks (Stock Exchange), Great North of Scotland Ordinary Stock.

Had it, or him, on toast, did him thoroughly, completely finished him. (Popular), all served up, all ready, prepared.

I loved her, that was clear,
And oh, *she had me on toast*, she had,
For I bought her a diamond ring,
Then the very next day she bolted away
With Charley the masher king.
—*Ballad by T. F. Rolson.*

Hag (Winchester College), an ungracious epithet applied to a matron.

Haggler (costermongers). The *haggler* is to the fruit and vegetable markets what the "Bum-maree" is to the fish market—a jobber and speculator.

Hair (common), "keep your *hair* on," do not be excited, keep your temper; varied to "keep your shirt on."

With the most perfect good temper the new-comer answered the expostulations of the fat woman with a "Keep yer *hair* on, Lizer."—*Sporting Times.*

"To take a *hair* of the dog that bit you," to take a dram in the morning after a too free indulgence in liquor on the previous evening.

But be sure, over night if the dog do you bite,
You take it henceforth for a warning,

Soon as out of your bed, to settle your head,
Take a *hair* of his tail in the morning.
—*Hilton: Catch that Catch Can.*

It is sometimes applied to other homœopathic proceedings (O. Davies).

Holding with most of our poets a vague notion that her woes were to be cured by a "*hair* of the dog who bit her," viz., by homœopathic doses.—*Kingsley: Two Years Ago.*

The saying, which has become a recognised phrase, probably originated in a belief that a dog bite could be cured by an application of the animal's *hair* to the wound, or it may be a version of the saying, "Similia similibus curantur." The French have the common phrase, "reprendre du poil de la bête."

Hair-pin (American), a man. This odd expression became popular about 1880. It is derived from a fancied resemblance of the human figure to a double-tined hair-pin, just as in Shakspeare's time a thin man was compared to a forked radish. In America the simile is popularly extended to clothes-pegs and tongs. It is heard most frequently in the form, "That's the kind of *hair-pin* I am."

Aye, that is just the *hair-pin*
I am, and that's my line;
And here is twenty dollars
I've brought to pay my fine.

'Tis glorious when heroes
Go in to right their wrongs;