

aside, and defer its further consideration for a more or less indefinite period.—*Cornhill Magazine*.

Hang up his hat (common), to make one's self permanently at home, to board and lodge in a house.

I said, "Mrs. Jones, may I *hang up my hat*?"

She replied, "Mr. Sponge, I don't know about that."

—*Comic Song*.

Hang up one's fiddle, to (American), to give up business, to resign, to desist, to retire from public into private life.

When a man loses his temper, and ain't cool, he might as well *hang up his fiddle*.—*Sam Slick*.

If a man at forty-two is not in a fair way to get a fair share of the world's spoils, he might as well *hang up his fiddle*.—*Don's Sermons*.

(Common), "to *hang up one's fiddle* anywhere," to adapt one's self to circumstances.

Hang up, to (thieves), to rob with violence. American thieves use the expression "hold up." Probably from hoisting a man on one's back, by means of a rope round his neck, while an accomplice robs him. French thieves call this mode of robbery "la faire au père François."

Hánk (gypsy), a well.

Hankin (trade), trickery. To make common work appear to be the best quality.

Hanky-panky, adroit substitution, palming, sleight-of-hand

in legerdemain. The gypsies use *huckeny* and *hunky* to signify deceit. In Hindustani, the parent of gypsy, *hoggu*, pronounced *hocku* or *honku*, with the suffix *bazee* (a box), means legerdemain. In gypsy, *huckeny pokce*, or *ponkee*, means the adroit substitution by sleight-of-hand of a bundle containing lead or stones for another containing money or valuables.

Hanky-panky and *hocus-pocus* are each one half almost pure Hindustani.—*The English Gypsies and their Language*.

Hanky-panky bloke or pile o' mags (theatrical), a conjuror.

Hanky-spanky (popular), dashing, in dashing style; refers specially to garments.

Hansom (coster), a chop.

Hant, haunt (American), a ghost. It is possibly the Malay word *hant*, an evil spirit.

"It must be Beck's *haunt*," suggested one. "Sure as I'm born," said the preacher, "it does look like a ghost."—*Atlanta Constitution: Georgia Ghost Stories*.

But dem unz *hants*. Witches is dere yer kinder fokes wat kim drap dere body and change inter a cat en a wolf.—*Uncle Remus*.

Han-tun (pidgin), one hundred.

Hap harlot, a jocose term for a woman's under-garments. *Wrap-rascal* is a similarly facetious term for a man's overcoat. *Hap-harlot* has been modified or corrupted into *hap-parlet*.