

But failed to work that miracle—if such was his design—
Instead of *putting on a head*, he strove
to smite off mine.

—*Galveston News*.

Head-beetler (workmen), the
bully of a workshop.

Head boy (Royal Military
Academy), the senior under-
officer.

Head-cook and bottle-washer
(popular), a general servant.

Header (tailors), a notability.

Heading (American cow-boy
slang), a pillow or anything put
under the head at night (C.
Leland Harrison: *MS. Americanisms*).

Head-quarters (turf), Newmarket.

Head-rails (popular), the teeth.
Originally a sea phrase, the *head-
rails* being the short rails of the
head extending from the back
of the figure to the cat-head.

While to another he would cheerfully
remark, "Your *head-rails* were loosened
to-day, was it not?" —*C. Lide's remarks*
etc.

Head robber (popular), a butler.

Head robbers (journalistic), pla-
giarists, those who steal the
work of other men's brains.

Head-serag (Bengalee and sea),
a master, overseer, or other im-

portant personage. From *serang*,
a boatswain, according to Hot-
ten. Evidently the same as the
provincial *head Sir Rag*, a prin-
cipal, the chief agent or actor
in anything.

Heads out! (American Univer-
sity), a cry of alarm and warn-
ing to be on guard when a pro-
fessor or master is near, and
when any lark or spree is in
progress.

Head station (up-country Austra-
lian), the homestead on an
Australian station. *Vide* STA-
TION. The *head station* is the
house occupied by the owner or
manager of a station or run,
and of course contains the office
at which its business is trans-
acted.

Soon they passed a *head station*, as the
homestead and main buildings of a sta-
tion are invariably called. . . The houses
were comfortably built, and of handsome
design; a large garden adjoined them;
creepers covered the verandahs and out-
buildings, of which there were many; and
several paddocks of great extent, encircled
by substantial post and rail fences, sur-
rounded the whole.—*A. C. Grant: Bush-
Life in Queensland*.

Healtheries (common), modern
slang abbreviation for the
Health Exhibition.

Heap, all of a (common), amazed,
confused, dismayed.

The *Daily News* is *all of a heap* this
morning over the Gower election.—*Globe*.

Heap, struck all of a (popular),
amazed.