

High tobers. In American thieves' slang, the very highest order of "gonoffs" or thieves, who go well dressed and frequent watering-places.

High toby (old cant), the high road. "On the *high toby*," to take to the road as a *high toby*-man or highwayman.

High toby, which, in ancient robber slang, meant the high revelry and luxury and reckless indulgence which characterized the existence of those bold blades who took to the road, was nowhere visible.—*J. Greenwood: Dick Temple.*

It was one thing to hear play-actors on the stage, in their tame and feeble delineations of the ancient game of *high toby*, and of the redoubtable doings of the Knights of the Road, spout such soul-thrilling effusions as "Nix my Dolly, pals," and "Claude Duval;" but what must it be to listen to the same bold staves out of the mouth of real "roaring boys," some of them, possibly, the descendants of the very heroes who rode "up Holborn Hill in a cart," and who could not well hear the good words the attendant chaplain was uttering, because of the noisy exchange of boisterous "chaff" taking place between the short-pipe smoking driver, whose cart-seat was the doomed man's coffin, and the gleeful mob that had made holiday to see the fun!—*Seven Curses of London.*

High-tone niggers (American), negroes who have raised themselves in social position, or in other ways bettered their condition.

I never saw any so-called *high-tone niggers*; and, except in the capacity of barbers, waiters, and shoeblacks, never saw any coloured men in the hotels.—*Phillips: Wolley: Trottings of a Tenderfoot.*

Highwater mark, up to the (common), up to the mark, an expression of approval.

High-wood (common), properly a name given to timber. "He lives in *high-wood*," he conceals himself, he has a secret game.

Higulcion flips (Texas), an imaginary malady.

Hike (London slang), to carry off, convey, arrest. "*Hike*, to swing, put in motion, toss, throw, strike, to go away, hurry" (Wright's Dictionary).

And *hiked* me off as sure as fate,
Before the sitting magistrate.

—*Song: If I had a Donkey, &c.*

Hi! Kelly (provincial Manx), a mode of address among passers-by in the Isle of Man. Kelly is the name borne by a large number of people in the island—hence probably its derivation.

Hindboot (common), the breech.

Hind coachwheel (popular), a crown. In French slang a five-franc piece is termed "*roue de derrière*."

Hing (Anglo-Indian), assæfetida. It is remarkable that the Germans call this abominably smelling gum *teufel's-dröck*, i.e., *stercus diaboli*, while the common gypsy name for voiding excrement is *hinger*.

Hip (thieves), *hip* inside, inside coat pocket; *hip* outside, outside pocket.

Hipped (common), ill. To be *hipped*, to suffer from "a fit of the blues," or of hypochondria.