

Oh, *hold your horses*, will you,
And do not drive so fast!
And pray do not imagine,
Your team can't be surpassed.

—*Song of 1850.*

Hole (printers). According to Moxon, 1683, a private printing-office, where unlicensed books were printed, was called a *hole*. The term would apply at the present day to a "cock-robin" shop. (Turf), to be in a *hole* is to lose or be defeated.

Hole and corner (popular), plotting conspiracy. The metaphor is obvious—conspirators are compelled to do their plotting in holes and corners.

"I will have none of this *hole and corner* business," said the proprietor of a great Australian journal to the new editor entering office. "No more picking out the weeds of a work to quote them as the flowers: I wish all the criticisms in my paper to be 'fair, square, and above ground.'"—*Anthony Trollope.*

Hollis (Winchester School, a smooth round stone.

Hollow (common), "to beat *hol-low*," to surpass, to be far superior.

Holus-bolus (nautical), the neck, the head; in a hurry, helter-skelter.

Holy Joe (prison and nautical), the chaplain or any religious person.

Holy land (thieves), the thieves' quarter in St. Giles.

Home (turf), the *status quo ante* of the better. When a man

recovers his previous losses he "gets *home*" on the day, the week, or the year, as the case may be. Strange to say this barren result is usually regarded by the achiever thereof with greater pride than the apparently more desirable process of winning.

Home bird (common), a man leading a very retired life, fond of his fireside; a milksop. French *chauffe-la-couche*.

Ho-ming (pidgin), Reuters' Telegram Company is so termed in the Shanghai Directory.

Homo-opathise (American), to get bills, *i.e.*, petitions for anything, through the Legislature, or Congress, or a City Council, by means of bills, *i.e.*, bank-bills. This application of *similia similibus* is unfortunately a rule of practice, with few exceptions, especially in the Legislatures, when a bill is brought forward which has "anything in it," *i.e.*, any money.

Honest Injun (American), a phrase equivalent to "honour bright." It is often heard among boys as a pledge of faith.

She says, "*Honest Injun*, now hain't you been telling me a lot of lies?" "*Honest Injun*," says I — *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.*

Honey (rhyming slang), money.

Hong-hahng (pidgin and Anglo-Indian), *hahng* in Chinese means