

a marriage was legal if the bride and bridegroom stepped or *hopped over a broom*.

"The girl that I had hoped to hear,
Pronounce my happy doom, sir,
Had bolted with a carpenter,
In fact, *hopped o'er the broom*, sir."
—*David Dove: A Ballad by L. M. Thornton.*

Hopper (sporting), to go a *hopper*, to go at a fast pace.

The latter is a filly out of Effie Deans, and with two such smart parents she ought to be able to go a *hopper*.—*The County Gentleman.*

(Anglo-Indian), a colloquial term in Southern India for rice cakes. Tamil, *appam*.

Appas, called *hoppers* by the English, supply their morning repast.—*Tennent: Ceylon.*

Hopping giles (provincial), a cripple. St. Giles was the patron saint of cripples.

Hoppo (pidgin), the Chinese Superintendent of Customs at Canton. Giles says, "The term is said to be a corruption of *hoo yoo*, the Board of Revenue" (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

Hop the Charlie, to (common), to decamp.

Hop the twig, to (common), to die. Like a bird which drops from its perch.

The English mode of execution divides itself into two branches, on both of which the victims must *hop the twig*.—*Diprose: Laugh and Learn.*

Hora (gypsy), an hour, a watch.

Horizontal refreshments (common), carnal intercourse with a woman. In French slang a prostitute is called *horizontale*, because "elle gagne sa vie sur le dos." A similar expression in German is used by Heine.

Horizontalise, to (common), to have sexual intercourse with a woman.

Horn (American). "Yes, in a *horn*." This is uttered as an expression of disbelief or refusal. "In a hog's *horn*," as hogs have no horns. An abbreviation of an old West of England phrase, "In a *horn* when the devil is blind." "I'll give it you in a *horn*," i.e., I shall not give it you, possibly alluding to the impossibility of keeping anything in a horn open at both ends, or to the wind blown out of a horn.

Horn, a dram, a glass of spirits. The word dates from the times when *horns* rather than glasses were used for the purpose. It is almost obsolete in England, but common in America.

He poured out a glass of brandy and water. Oh, gummy, what a *horn* it was. It was strong enough to throw an ox over a five-barred gate.—*Sam Slick.*

(Common), "to have the *horn*," to be in a state of sexual desire.

Horness (American thieves), a watchman.