

**Infa'r** (American), a wedding festivity, feast, or party.

Bre'r Rabbit got one ev de gals, en dey had a weddin' en a big *infa'r*.—*Uncle Remus*.

**In for patter** (thieves), awaiting trial. *Vide* PATER.

**In for pound** (thieves), committed for the assizes.

**In good shape** (American, and well known in England), to be "in good shape" is to be quite correct.

*In Good Shape*.—The total indebtedness of the City of Deadwood falls below \$5000.—*American Newspaper*.

**In his kish** (tailors), quite at home and pleased.

**In his shell** (tailors), not in a talking mood, sulky, or compelled to retire.

**Iniquity-office** (American), inquiry offices or bureaux which advertise to find employment for governesses, servants, &c., and obtain situations for them on condition of receiving from twenty to thirty per cent. of their first year's wages. Such "affairs" are common in London, and many are even worse than the worst in New York.

**Injun here!** (American), a phrase often used jocosely when a man asserts that he has remained true to his principles. It is said that an Indian when lost in the woods and unable to find

his wickee or wigwam, struck an attitude and exclaimed, "*Injun* no lost. Wickee lost—*Injun here!*"

**Ink-e-li** (pidgin), English; Mandarin, *ying-kuo*.

**Inkslinger** (common), a clerk, a journalist or reporter.

Edmund Yates went to see and partially eat at the Newspaper Press Fund Dinner; and thereat the majority of the toasts devolved on Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, who is not overburdened with reason for liking Edmund, who was to respond for the *inkslingers*.—*Sporting Times*.

**Inky** (tailors), a reply given to a question it is not desirable to answer. "Who told you that tale?" "*Inky*." Slopcutter's term. Also used among booksellers, printers, &c., as an evasive answer.

**Innocent** (American thieves), a corpse, an idiot, or a convict.

**Inside** (pidgin-English), within, in, interior, heart, mind, soul, in the country. "You belonge smart *inside*," you are intelligent. A Chinese, many years ago, on being shown a picture of a locomotive, at once remarked, "Hab got too much plenty all-same *inside*," we have many such in the interior of China. On one occasion a Chinese said "Hab got one piecee man, one piecee girly room-*inside*." Room-*inside* means within.

**Inside he mouth** (pidgin-English), secretly in his mind, to himself