

stockings. Notwithstanding the frequent commands of "stop that *jav*," we discussed many matters of law and prison discipline.—*Evening News*.

**Jawbone** (Canadian), credit; to "call his jaw," to live on credit.

This picture of work and health and happiness has its darker side, and nowhere a sadder one than where the wages of perhaps a whole year pass into the hands of a professed gambler, and the hundreds of dollars, which might have been so profitably invested, are squandered in the poor excitement of an evening at euchre, faro, or draw poker; and his ready money gone he has nothing to live on but *jaw-bone*, *i. e.*, credit, and to *call his jaw*, *i. e.*, live on credit, till he has got further employment and more wages.—*A. Staveley Hill: From Home to Home*.

**Jaw-breakers** (common), hard words to pronounce.

**Jawing tackle** (nautical), organs of speech.

**Jaw, jao!** (Anglo-Indian), go, to go. English gypsy *jav* or *jā*.

**Jaw, to** (popular), to talk much, but especially to scold, complain.

The day that I got married was the ruin of my life,

She said I wasn't fit to be the husband of a wife.

She *jawed* and *jawed* all day and night and upset all the place,

Then knocked me down upon my back and jumped upon my face.

—*Song*.

**Jaw, to go**, common among tramps or travellers, *e. g.*, to *jav* on the toby or drum, to go on the road. From the Roman *jāra*, I go. Sometimes

heard as *jāl*, from *jāla*, he goes. Also Anglo-Indian *jao!* go!

**Jaw twister** (common), a hard or many-syllabled word (Hotten).

**Jay** (American), a contemptuous word for a person. A sham "swell," a simpleton. *Vide* TO FLAP.

Spouse you was runnin' reglar out of Atchison, or somewhere else in the cowboy country! Why, these *jays* ain't a circumstance to 'em.—*Philadelphia Press*.

"*Jay-hawker*" was a term applied to marauders during the Kansas troubles, and extended to other bandits.

This was a heavier blow to the boy than the corporal ones, and he vowed to regain his property at any cost; but the bandits were not easily come at by a single foe. In fact, the "*jay-hawkers*," as they pleasantly dubbed themselves, augmented their ranks every day.—*Buffalo Bill*.

"To play one for a *jay*," to make a dupe of. Any word equivalent to ignoramus or dolt may be substituted for *jay*.

"I'm a plain man!" he said, as he strode into the reporters' room, and shook the icicles from his whiskers. "I'm a plain-everyday-man, with no book-larnin' to speak of, but I don't propose to let no one-hoss grocer's clerk *play me for a jay*."—*Chicago Tribune*.

**Jeff** (printers). The act of throwing with the quadrats as one would with dice. Nine em quadrats (usually of pica body) are selected, shaken up in the hand, and thrown on an imposing surface. Three "throws"