

the Court news, and gives accounts of grand balls, &c.

Jenny (American thieves), a hook on the end of a stick. (Billiards), a losing hazard into the middle pocket off a ball an inch or two from the side cushion. (Popular), a hot-water bottle put into a bed to keep a person's feet warm.

Jeremy Diddler (common), an adept at raising the wind, *i.e.*, at borrowing money, especially at borrowing with no intention of repaying. See the farce of "Raising the Wind" (Hotten).

Jericho (common), from *Jericho* to June, a very great distance.

His kick was tremendous . . . he would send a man from *Jericho* to June.—*Ingold's Legends*.

A prison, a watercloset, termed also a bog shop, a house of office, a necessary, a House of Commons.

Jericho! go to (common), an exclamation of impatience—begone! In the Manor of Blackmore, about seven miles from Chelmsford, King Henry VIII. had a house which had been a priory, to which he frequently retired when he desired to be free from disturbance. To this place the name *Jericho* was given as a disguise, so that when any one inquired for the king when he was indulging himself in animal pleasures in Essex, it was customary to say he was

"gone to Jericho." The Rev. W. Callander, Vicar of Blackmore, wrote in 1880, that the place "habitually goes by the name of the 'Jericho Estate,' or the 'Blackmore Priory.' There is a brooklet running through the village, which I have heard called 'the Jordan.'" There seems evidence that the phrase was used in the time of Henry VIII., but it is not quite clear that it originated in the circumstances stated.

Jerker, chamber-pot; (nautical), the steward.

Jerking (low), masturbation.

Jerks (American), got the *jerks*, has the delirium tremens, is nervous, or under religious excitement at a camp-meeting.

Jerk the tinkler (common), otherwise "agitate the communicator."

"*Jerk the tinkler.*" These words, in plain English, conveyed an injunction to ring the bell.—*Charles Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

Jerk, to. This word is used in the United States in endless forms to express action, especially if rapid.

I can *jerk* a poem with any of them *Atlantic Monthly* fellows.—*Artemus Ward*.

Jerry. This word is common among the lower classes of the great cities of England in such phrases as *jerry-go-nimble*, diarrhoea; *jerry-shop*, an un-