

the level unbroken prairie in a straight line without bend or gradient. "A straight shoot" is also another term for this.

Aja, ajaw (gypsy), so. Often pleonastic *kushte ajā*, good enough.

"If waver *fōki kāms lis*,
Mūkk lendy kair *ajā*."

(If other people like it, let them do so.)—*E. H. Palmer.*)

Akalak (Anglo-Indian), a cape worn by Indian officers on state occasions.

Akerman's Hotel (obsolete), Newgate prison, the governor being, in 1787, a man named Akerman.

Akonyo (gypsy), alone.

"Me shon *akonyo* gilde yoi,
Men buti ruzhior,
Te sari chiricloioi adoi,
Pen mandy giloir."

("I am all alone," she sang,
"among many flowers, and all
the birds are singing songs to
me.")—*Janet Tuckey.*)

Alay, alé (gypsy), down.—("Besh-tu *alay* adoi te me te vel pen tute a kushto gūdlo"—"Sit thou down there, and I will tell thee a nice story!")

Albany beef (American), the sturgeon, so called because Washington Irving spoke of the "hospitable boards" of that city as "smoking with sturgeon." It is also sometimes

called "nigger beef," sturgeon being in some parts of the United States a cheap fish which was once held in very little account. It is to be remarked that several kinds of fish are often spoken of as meat. Thus a Yarmouth bloater is called a two-eyed steak, or a Yarmouth capon; a kind of fish in India is known as Bombay ducks, and a fresh herring is a Billingsgate pheasant.

Albert (common), a watch chain.

Albertopolis, according to Hotten, a facetious appellation given by the Londoners to the Kensington Gore district. Now obsolete.

Aldea (Anglo-Indian and frontier American), a village or a villa, a country-seat. From the Spanish *aldea*, which is in turn derived from the Arabic.

Alderman (popular), a half-crown, a long pipe, a turkey. An *alderman* in chains, is a turkey hung with sausages. "Blood and guts *alderman*," a fat and pompous man.

(Thieves), an *alderman*, a large "jemmy" or crowbar, used for opening safes. An extra large one is called a "lord mayor."

Alderman Lushington, intoxicating drink. (Patter imported into Australia by convicts.)

Beer or liquor of any kind is *lush*; to *lush* is to drink. Speaking of a person who is drunk, the "flash" fraternity say, "*Alderman Lushington* is concerned," or