

Kincob (Anglo-Indian), a term which is becoming well known in England for gold-brocade. Persian-Hindu, *kinkhwob*. Formerly called *khamkbā*, and known in the Middle Ages to Europe as *camocca*.

Kinder (American), as it were, in a manner, or after a fashion. *Kinder-sorter* (*i* pronounced as in *kind*), an old expression very common in New England.

I guess I *kinder* heard o' that before, but I'm like my old man; I never was good at rememberin' names.—*Boston Courier*.

The term is from an English provincialism meaning rather.

Kindness (popular), a favour in the way of enjoyment of the person granted by a woman to one of the other sex, or indeed, the other way. There is also a proverb of some standing—"After kissing comes greater *kindness*," and in this sense the word is still in vulgar acceptance. The French have the expression, "avoir des bontés pour un homme."

Kingsman (costermongers), explained by quotation.

It was the correct thing for the costermonger, whatever branch of industry he might pursue, to wear round his throat—bunchy, loosely tied, and elegantly careless—a very large, highly-coloured silk pocket-handkerchief. This the costermonger calls a *kingsman*.—*J. Greenwood: The Little Ragamuffins*.

Kink (American), a fancy, caprice, or crotchet.

The very newest *kink*, I take it, is a revival of the Louis XVI. fashion.—*Chicago Tribune*.

From an English provincialism. In Suffolk a rope is said to *kink* when it does not run out even from its coils.

Kip (popular and thieves), a bed. This is probably an abbreviation of *kipsy*, basket. French thieves call a bed *pagne*, a corruption of "panier," basket. *Kip* had formerly the signification of house of ill-fame, and to "tatter a *kip*" signified to wreck one.

Kip house, a tramps' or vagrants' lodging-house.

Kipsy (thieves), a basket.

"Wasn't there any clobber?" "Yes, there's a cartload." So he said: "Go and get a *kipsy* full of it, and we will guy home."—*Horsley: Jottings from Jail*.

This word is given as a recognised term by a dictionary of the first part of the eighteenth century. The form *kipe* is still used as a provincialism for an osier-basket to catch fish. It has been suggested that *kipsy* is from the Old English or Norman English *quipsure*, in which case *kipe* would only be an abbreviation of the primary *kipsy*. But again *kipe* is traceable to the Anglo-Saxon *cepan*, to catch. It must further be noted that *kipsy*, sometimes *kepsi*, is gypsy for basket and a willow. *Kipsi-kosh*, willow wood, of Indian origin.