

traders' slang it signifies a widely spread movement of any kind, a general scramble, disturbance, or agitation. (Tailors), used of a person or thing taking up too much room.

Allow (American), to admit, to declare, to intimate that a thing must be done. This word is quaintly used by rustics in different states to express thought, or opinion on its utterance; to give. "All the people in the room *allowed* that his conduct was perfectly shameful." "He *allowed* he'd give me a new trunk if I'd *allow* him my arm-chair." (Harrow), *allow*, a boy's weekly allowance of pocket-money.

Allowances (tailors), *allowances* for making up a garment, i.e., for seams, padding, wadding, buttoning, and respiration.

All plopa (pidgin), quite right.

Olo Howqua, he talkee. My wife she velly 'culis 'bout pearlies (is very curious or peculiar as to pearls), she likee one kind pearlies, no other chop (quality) can do; she likee pearlies numpa one lound, he whitey colour. Look, see *all plopa*, allo sameet that he Emperor hab got top side he hat. Supposey pearlies blongy so fashion, my wife too much likee, golaw.—*Howqua and the Pearls*.

All round (common), a phrase applied to a thing or person thoroughly adapted to its or his purpose, and signifies in its restricted sense complete and perfect, as "an *all round* man of business," "an *all round* lawyer," "an *all round* sports-

man," "an *all round* gentleman or lady," or even an "*all round* scoundrel or thief" (in America an "*all round* crook.") An *all round* man is one who can turn his hand to anything, or a clerk who can undertake all the departments in his business.

A much graver question is raised by the strongly expressed opinion of so many witnesses, that the foreigner is at present a better *all round* man.—*The Times*.

Mr. Cox in the small part of Coquelicot is quite himself as a thoroughly *all round* actor—at all events in appearance.—*Funch*.

An *all round* player at billiards is one who goes in for any kind of stroke, in contradistinction to a player who plays exclusively the spot stroke.

It was very evident that the sympathies of the audience were with the *all round* player rather than with the spot performer. The one was all grace and variety. The other, with plenty of grace, was playing a game which invariably became monotonous after a while. There is no doubt that, nowadays, the British public cares little for billiard exhibitions in which the staple is a continuous succession of spot strokes.—*The Star*.

An *all round* cannon is said of a cannon stroke effected by touching the cushions in succession with one's ball before striking another.

All-rounder (common). A shirt collar meeting in front, thus covering the throat, was very fashionable a short time ago, and no "masher" would be seen without one reaching up to his ears.