

when the ice is breaking up, springing from cake to cake in supposed imitation of the seal hunters; *covel*, a tub made to hold blubber or oil; *cracky*, a little dog; *crannocks* on the west coast, *crumocks* to the north, small pieces of wood for kindling fires; the *diddies*, the nightmare; *dido*, a bitch; *gandy*, the fisherman's name for a pancake; *dwy*, a mist or slight shower. "Is it going to rain to-day?" "No, it's only a *dwy*," a Newfoundlander may reply. So a *snow dwy* denotes a slight fall of snow, which is not expected to come to much; *farl* or *varl*, the cover of a book; *gly*, a sort of trap made with a barrel hoop, with net interwoven, and hook and bait attached, set afloat to catch gulls and other marine birds known as *ticklaces* and *steerings*, but what species is meant by the last two names I have not ascertained; *jinker*, there is such a word in modern English, connected with jink, denoting a lively, sprightly girl, or a wag, but among the Newfoundlanders the word must have had a different origin, as with them it means an unlucky fellow, one who cannot or does not succeed in fishing; *old teaks* and *jannies*, boys and men who turn out in various disguises and carry on various pranks during the Christmas holidays, which last from 25th December to old Old Christmas day, 6th January; *matchy*, tainted, applied to salt beef or pork supplied to the fishermen; *pelm*, any light ashes, such as those from burnt cotton, cardboard, &c., also the light dust that arises from the ashes of wood and some kinds of coal; *scrape*, a rough road down the face of a bank or steep hill, used specially in regard to such as are formed by sliding or hauling logs down; *shimmick*, used on the west coast as a term of contempt for one who born of English parents, attempts to conceal or deny his birth in Newfoundland; *spraxls*, scil. of snow, heavy drifts; *sprayed*, describing chapped hands or arms; *starrigan*, a young tree, which is neither good for firewood, or large enough to be used as timber, hence applied with contempt to anything constructed of unsuitable materials; *toll*, a solitary hill, usually somewhat conical, rising by itself above the surrounding country; *truckly muck*, a small two-handed car for dogs, with a handle for a man to keep it straight; *toutents*, pork cakes, made of pork chopped fine and mixed with flour; *tuckamore*, in some places *tuckamil*, a clump of spruce, growing almost flat on the ground, and matted together, found on the barrens and bleak exposed places; and *willigiggin*, half between a whisper and a giggle.

A large proportion of the people of Newfoundland being uneducated, persons trying to use fine English words often substitute one for another