

Flaw, a strong and sudden gust of wind, Norwegian *flage* or *flaag*. The word is used by Shakspeare and Milton :

Should patch a wall to expel the winter's *flaw*.—*Hamlet*.
And snow and hail and stormy gust and *flaw*.—*Paradise Lost*.

And also by Tennyson :

" Like *flaws* in summer laying luty corn."

It is still in use among English seamen.

Foreright, an old English word used both as an adjective or an adverb to denote right onward.

" Their sails spread forth and with a *foreright* gale."
—Massinger, *Renegade*, V.

" Though he *foreright*
Both by their houses and their persons passed."
—Chapman, *Homer's Odyssey*, VII.

Hence it came to mean obstinate or headstrong. In Newfoundland it means foolhardy.

Frore, for froze or frozen. This is used by Milton :

" The parching air
Burns *frore* and cold performs the effect of fire."

Glutch, to swallow. " My throat is so sore that I cannot *glutch* any thing." Wright and Halliwell give it as old English, in the same sense.

Gossip, originally *Godsib*, from *God* and *sib*, meaning kin or relationship by religious obligation, is still quite commonly used in Newfoundland to denote a god-parent. *Sib*, which in old English and Scotch denotes a relative by consanguinity, is used there exclusively to denote relationship formed by sponsorship.

Groaning cake. When a birth is expected, a cake is prepared called the *groaning cake*. Very soon after it occurs, with little regard to the feelings or nerves of the mother, a feast is made, particularly for the elderly women, of whom all in the neighbourhood are present. This is called the "*hide-in* feast," and at it the "*groaning cake*" is distributed,—bearing the same relation to the occasion that "*bride-cake*" does to a marriage feast. This is in accordance with the old English practice and language, in which, according to Halliwell, *groaning* denotes lying-in. Hence we have in Scotch *groaning malt*—drink provided for the occasion, and in old English *groaning cheese*, *groaning chair* and *groaning cake*. Judge Bennett supposes that the name of