

Webster gives this meaning as common in England, but not in the United States, though he quotes W. Irving as writing "*starving* with cold as well as hunger."

*Strouters*, the outside piles of a wharf, which are larger and stronger than the inner ones which are called *shores*. According to Wright in the Somerset dialect it denotes anything that projects.

*Swinge*, a form of *singe*, pronounced obsolete, but preserved in various English Provincial dialects, is the only one heard here. It is an ancient if not the original form of the word. Thus Spencer says,

"The scorching flame sore *swinged* a'l his face."

*Till Tib's eve*, an old English expression equivalent to the "Greek Kalends," meaning never, is found here. The origin of the phrase is disputed. The word *Tib* is said to have been a corruption of the proper name Tabitha. If so the name of that good woman has been sadly profaned, for it came to signify a prostitute

"Every coistrel

That comes inquiring for his *tib*."—Shakespeare, *Pericles*.

But St. Tib is supposed by some to be a corruption of St. Ubes, which again is said to be a corruption of Setubal. This, however, gives no explanation of the meaning of the phrase, and there is really no saint of the name. To me the natural explanation seems to be, that from the utter unlikelihood of such a woman being canonized, persons would naturally refer to her festival, as a time that would never come.

*Tilt*, a log house such as lumbermen use; a rough temporary shelter, like a shanty in Canada, only instead of being built of logs laid horizontally one on the other, it is usually composed of spruce or fir wood placed vertically, and covered with bark. In Anglo-Saxon it appears as *telt* and *telde*, from *telden*, to cover. According to the dictionaries from Johnson, it is used to denote a tent, an awning or canopy, as over a boat.

*Troth plight*, one espoused or affianced. So Shakespeare

This your son-in-law

Is *troth plight* to your daughter.—*Winter's Tale*.

*Tussock*, a bunch or tuft of grass. It is marked in the dictionaries as obsolete, but it is still in use in Newfoundland to denote the matted tufts of grass found on the bogs.

*Yaffle*, an armful, applied especially to gathering up the fish which have been spread out to dry, a small yaffle denoting as many as can be