

Norfolk biffin. A variety of apple cultivated in Norfolkshire.
squab. Plump.

55. daw. Jackdaw, a bird resembling the crow.

56. "Bob." A slang word for *shilling*.

57. officious zeal. Eagerness to help.

58. rampant. In high spirits, exuberant.

the copper. The boiler.

ubiquitous. Seeming to be everywhere at the same time.

59. eked out. Added to, increased.

60. quartern. A quarter of a pint, a gill.

bedight. Bedecked.

flat heresy. An opinion which nobody would agree with.

compound. Mixture.

63. Ogre. Hideous monster.

Baleful. Woeful, dismal.

65. kenned. Knew.

furze. An evergreen shrub.

66. grog. A mixture of spirits and water.

67. affability. Cordial manner.

69. tucker. A piece of lace or other delicate material, worn around the neck and shoulders.

70. aromatic vinegar. A solution of acetic acid, strongly perfumed.

72. execrable. Wretched, abominable; here used in a humorous sense.

another blind man. Cupid.

loved her love, etc. A reference to one of the common penalties in the game of forfeits.

Whitechapel. A district in London.

74. mulled. Sweetened or spiced.

75. Twelfth Night. See note on "twelfth-cakes," page 146.

76. admit it for your factious purposes. Some people, for the sake of stirring up contention, are ready to admit the truth of what I say, and even to make it worse; but unless something is done to remedy this Ignorance the world is doomed, and we can only await the end.