

applied not only to men, but to animals and inanimate things. A fisherman will speak of a "clever built boat," meaning that it is large and shapely. The dictionaries from Johnson onward give as one meaning of the word "well shaped or handsome." But he describes it as "a low word scarcely ever used but in burlesque or in conversation and applied to anything a man likes, without a settled meaning." Wright gives it as in the east of England meaning good looking and in Lancashire as denoting lusty, which when applied to men is nearly the Newfoundland idea, and probably the nearest to the old English.

*Crap*, commonly pronounced *crap*, the personal equipment of a man going on a sealing voyage supplied by the merchants but distinct from the provisions, etc.

*Draft* or *draught* in old English and still in the provinces means a team of horses or oxen, and also that drawn by them, a load. As the Newfoundlanders generally had no teams, they have come to use it to denote a load for two men to carry, hence two quentals of fish.

*Dredge* pronounced in Newfoundland *drudge*, is used to denote the sprinkling of salt over herring when caught, and mixing them together, to preserve them in the meantime. It is the same word that is used in cooking to denote sprinkling flour on meat for which we still have the *dredging box*. Skeat (Etym. Dictionary) gives a general meaning to sprinkle as in sowing *dreg*, *dredge*, mixed corn, oats and barley.

In connection with this they have the *dredge barrow* pronounced *drudge barrow*, a barrow with handles and a trough to hold salt, for carrying the fish from the boat to the splitting table.

*Driver* is the old English word for a four cornered fore and aft sail attached to the mizenmast of a vessel, now usually known as the spanker. It is now used in Newfoundland to denote a small sail at the stern of their fishing punts or boats. The rig I am informed was common among the fishermen of England and Jersey.

*Drung'd* or *drunge'd* equivalent to thronged of which it is probably a corruption.

*Duckies*. Twilight is expressed as "between the *duckies*," an expression which seems to resemble the Hebrew phrase "between the two evenings." So *duckish* meaning dark or gloomy, which Wright and Halliwell give as Dorsetshire for twilight. We may add here that the break of day is expressed as the *crack of the daanin*.