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(H)OSSLER	Horse dealer. (my reading tells me a 'ossler was someone paid by an Innkeeper to look
TI A A I D A TRIT	after horses in livery; perhaps it was a term for both.) Ed
HAA' PATH	Halfpence, daft person ''ow are ee Mrs Goldsworthy?' Dunaw, aren't worth haa'path o' cold taa.'
HAAF	Half "Haaf a loaf is beter 'n non e!"
HAAF SAVED	Half witted. 'He's more te be pittied than blames – he's only half saved.'
HAALED	Pulled with great strength. It is a phrase used by fishermen. 'They haal the crab/lobster
HAALED	pots when bringing them onto the boat from the sea with their catch.
HAALF BAAKED	"Put in with the bread and taken out with the cake". Said of someone who is thought
	stupid.
HACK	To dig. "Go an' hack out a few pits fer these 'ere posts.
HACK	A biddix. A metal tool with two handed hilt (handle) and double headed. Each chisel
	shaped portion of the head being at 90 degs to the other.
HACKBOLT	A shearwater. Sea bird
HACKER	Long handled two pronged for hacking (digging) potatoes and dung from farm carts by
	hand. Also used in domestic gardens to break up rough ground
HACKMAL/HECKYMILE	Ekkymole, Heckmowl: the Tomtit or titmouse. BlueTit
HAELER	(rhyme: Jailer) A concealer; mainly in the sense – 'Hailers are as bad as stealers.' In the
	eyes of the law they are worse.
HAELF	Half
HAG	Mist 'There's an ol' hag comin in off the say (sea), fishin' bawts will be 'ome early night.'
HAGAR / AGAR	Ugly. (Has this come from 'Haggard')
HAGDEN	The common skua. (Sea bird)
HAGENBAG	Mutton or beef boiled or baked in pie-crust. "You caan't beat a bit a hagenbag after a cold frosty mornin' out in the fields."
HAGLAN / HAGGLES	Fruit of hawthorn. AGGLETS. "In the summer the holiday makers de cum down like hagglans; the plaace is drippin with them."
HAILED / HAILEN	Pulled with great strength. "It took sum hailen te git en up his 'ill."
HAILER	A thief's confederate or his receiver. "the hailer is as bad as the stailer".
HAILER / HEALER	Receiver of stolen goods. The encourager of another in wrong-doing. 'The healer is as bad
	as the stealer.'
HAIN	To shut off cattle from a grass field to allow grass to make hay. Also, ground preserved
	by tin-bounds
HAIR PITCHED	Rough; animals with unbrushed coats. (Horses running wild)
HAKE	A groove. See AKE. HAKING: see Hacken
HAKE	Large, cumbersome. 'A hake of a place or of a person.)
HAL AN TOW	Performed on morning of Furry Day. "Heel and Toe". See " It is an enactment of St Geoge killing the Dragon. (See Helston's Coat of Arms or Logo."
HALE	Best parlour
HALE	To haul, drag pull violently. 'He was halein um this way and then that way te git un up tha
	'ill).
HALE	The plough tail or tension rod under the plough
HALE	to roof with slates. "a haled house" Hence Hellyer, Heller Healer "a slater"
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HALE	Part of a wooden plough. (Anyone know which part?)
HALE	The principle or best room in the house, probably the parlour
HALF CREASE	To put bees out to feed; the owner has half the honey and the bee keeper half. We're
	'aving half a dozen hives put in the orchard on a 'Half Crease' basis.
HALF CREASE	System for hiring pasturage. I put my young heifers out on half crease.' The Letter of the
	land received something like half the value of any increase to the stock, whatever they be.
HALF-CREASE	Applikes to several things, i.e. Half the increase; hens borrowed to rear chicken, the hen
	owner receives half the brood in payment. Also bees were frequently lent and the honey
HALGAVE / HALGAVE TRIAL	shared. And young cattle put to graze on 'Half-Crease in a field rented for a set period. Hang first and try afterwards. "A blundering use of halgavar". An old Bodmin custom to
HALOAVE TRIAL	istall a 'Mock Mayor' who held court at Halhaver Moor, just outside the town.
HALISH / AILISH	Ailing.
HALL MONDAY	Shrove day Monday. Hallow Monday. "Nicky Nan Night"
HALLAN APPLE	A fine apple given to children on All Hallows Eve.
HALS_NUT_HALS	The hazel
HALVANS / HALVENS	Halves. Second grade, partly dressed ore but not the poorest. To go halvans: to receive
THE VIIIO / THE VEIO	half of produce. Or to wequally share something with someone else. Halvaner
HALY CALY	To throw things to be scrambled for, as in Tea-treats. A scramble. (I suppose the Hurling
	Ball is haly calved for the people to scamble for.)
HALY CALY	Largesse, a scramble. (Largesse = to give generously)
HAMES	A horse collar of straw with wooden collar-trees. (I don't know that usage, I only know
	hames as a brass/iron device that fits into the groove of a horse collar fitted with hooks to
	draw the burden, be it a cart or a harrow.) There's a well known phrase 'collar an' hames,
HANDGEL	so they must be two different items . Ed
HANDSEL	A foretaste. An early snatch meal. When a man is well paid for a chance job early in the day he says, That's a good handsel.
HANDSOME	General complimentary adjective 'Ther'rt 'ansome shure nuff.'
HANDSOME BUT ONE UP	Ironic use of the description above
HANG FAN	Corruption of Hang Fan below 'wait a minute'
HANG FIRE	Hold off a minute. "Hang fire a minute." Could this be a mining term where for some reason the blasting of a hole was delayed for a short time?
HANGBOW	Part of a field gate
HANGE / HENGE / AINGE	Heart, liver, lights of sheep (the pluck)
HANGER	A sword similar to a cutlass
HANS	Hands. "Now, go an' wash yer hans 'ore you 'ave yer dinner."
HAPPARD	A halfpenny
HAPSE / APSE	Fastener for a door or gate (a latch)
HARBY TAY	Herb tea
HARBY-PIE	Herb Pie
HARDAH	Elvan rock. Tis like steel, hence our roads are extensively made of it.
HARDHEADS	the plaintain or knapweed, used in a game, abit like concers.
HARE'S MEAT	the wood sorrel (Oxalis)
HARK (to me)	Listen 'Hark 'ere a minut while I 'ave my say.' 'Hark, I think I can 'ear somebody comin
That (to life)	up the lane, less stand back 'ere behind this tree a minit.' (imagine a pitch black night out
	in the country. I must tell you my granpa's ghost sorry sometime.)Ed.
HARKEN	Listening "Harken are 'ee, while I'm taalken to ee?"
HARKING	Of weather, close, thundery
HARKY	Listen 'Listen 'ere te me a minite.' "Harky te me a minute, I got something twe say about this as well as you."
HARRAP	Worry
HARVE/HARVEY	To harrow.(Agric.) "I've got the oss 'iched up so I'm gone out to harvey the 'Ten Acres'
	a minute."
HARVE/HARVED/HARVING	To harrow the land to bring to a tilth ready for crop sewing.
HATCH	A staff 3 to 7 fathoms long made by tin-streamers. (2) the bottom half of a stable door.
	See "pliffen", and "heps".

НАТСН	Timber lined shaft sunk through an alluvial deposit
HATTER FLITTER	For Heather Bleater. The jacksnipe.
HAUD 'EE BALL	Stop talking. (something like 'hold your tongue.'
HAULD	Hold. "Hauld yedr tongue will ee? Childern shud be seen an' not 'eard."
HAUVES	SEE Auvis or Auvice
HAVAGE	Family, original stock. "He comes of a bad havage."
HAVAGE	Descent, lineage
HAVES	Eaves of a house.
HAVINS	To split 50/50 'I an't eat a whole tea treat bun go havins with me will 'ee?'
HAWN	Haven.
HAWN / AWME	Oven.
HAY	Enclosure
HAY MAIDEN	Ground Ivy (Nepeta)
HAYLE / HAYEL	The windpipe
HAYSING	Haysing: poaching, chasing hares by night. Lamping
HAYTHEN	Heathen.
HEAD	Head of the well; the centre of influence.
HEAD AND HINGE	Most families had a Grandfather clock, if not they'd most likely have a Heand & Hinge
	Clock which was a Dutch Clock
HEAD FLAY	A disease of cattle
HEAD LIKE A TURMOT	Head like a turnip
HEAD SWORD	The water running through the adit
HEAD'N OFF	Persuade it to go another way – particularly used when herding animals; also when
	chasing criminals
HEADWEAR/GEAR	A device to stop water flowing down a leat and to divert it back to its original bed. (I
AND A DAY	imagine this to be some sort of sluice gate.)
HEADY	Dizzy, lightheaded
HEAP	Frightened, Amazed, A pile. 'Struck all of a heap'.
HEARTSEASE	Wallflowers CTI 4 C CTI 1 A L
HEAVE / EAVE	To exude moisture, 'The stones are heaving.' Also means 'full of' "The cheeld was eaven with fleas!" Also refers to a dirty thing or person.
HEAVER / HAVER	The grass. See Eaver
HEAVERS	Rye-grass.
HEAVING	Dampness of stones due to change in temperature. See GIVING. Confusion with thawing. Particularly stone floors and cob walls in old cottages. A sure sign of a change in the weather. 'These walls are heaving.'
HEAVY CAKE	A rich flat cake made without yeast and eaten warm
HEBBAL / EBBAL / IBBLE	Small mow of corn or hay left in the field.
HECCA / EKKA	A fool.
HECKETT, HICKETT	A ramming blow
HECKMAL / EKKMAL / EKKYMAL	the tomtit.
HEDGEY-BOAR HADGEY-	A hedgehog may refer to any creepy crawley animal
BOAR(D)	
HEDHEUGH	Enough! "Fetch it with you!" Cornish cry to oxen
HEDOKAGENA	A call to oxen. <i>Hedheugh e genough!</i> Lit. "fetch it with you" a fragment of spoken Cornish. Ploughing with oxen at Trefusis.
HEED(S)	Head(s). Top
HEEDY PEEP	Hide and Seek. Cp. Mop ha heedy
HEEL	"Cornish to heel" thoroughly Cornish. Rather like 'Cornish through and through.' You de
	knaw them dun ee?
HEEL OF THE HAND	Inside of the hand from thumb to wrist.
HEEP	Hip
HEERD	Heard

HEFF	To heave. "Heff over the ellick."
HEGGAN	A hard dry cough
HELL/ELL	To slate a roof
HELLAS	The nightjar A heavily camouflaged bird that nests on the ground on old waste ground and
-	makes a rasping (jarring) noise at night.
HELLER	Slater or tiler
HELLING	Roof ing stone, also in west Cornwall a roof
HELLINS / ELLINS	Roof slates
HELLYER / HELLER / HEALER	A slater HALE: to roof.
HEMPEN WICK CANDLE	Candles as used by miners
HENYWAYS / HENNAWAYS	Cast away tin or copper ore.
HEPPING-STOCK	A stone block rather like the old milk churn plats still found at old farmsteads. But were
	used for mounting one's horse.
HEPS/HEPPS /EPPS	Lower half of a stable or cottage double door. "More tongue than teeth, she had better keep a heps befor her mouth."
HERBY PIE / HARBY PIE	Made of spinach, parsley, mustard and cress, pepper-cress, young onions, lettuce, slices of bacon and a little milk.
HERD IN	To rake in loose hay from pooks or drams (rows) ready for easy pitching onto horse drawn wagons.
HERN	Heron. Long legged wading bird plentiful on Cornish creeks
HET	Heat A misty summer dawn may be said - 'to be all fer het and pilchards.' Or 'I'll put the kettle on te het now your come.'
HETCH or HUTCH	Open working on the back of a lode – a water filled open work
HETTED	Heated
HETTER	The heater block of an old fashioned box-iron or jenny quick
HETTER	A shackle
HETTER PIN	A shackle pin
HEVVA	Cry of the huer (q.v.)
HEWNE	Side of a calciner in a tin burning house, from hewn granite? Fashioned out of hewn out of
HEZ	A swarm of bees 'There's a righ hez over in Mary's garden, bees everywhere, black with 'em 'tis.'
HIBBAL	A turnip, knoll or hummock
HIBBLED	Heaped up. "Hibbled up like the Banks of Daga" Bank of Daga is on Phillack downs.
HIBET	The newt
HIDING	A beating, a hammering. Said of a person or animal. "I'll give 'ee a good hiding if you
	don't behave."
HIGGLER / HAGGLER	Itinerant dealer in butter, eggs, poultry etc.
HIGH LIVING	Eating EXPENSIVELY – 'We're living high tonight.'
HIGH-BY-DAY	In broad daylight. "The brake into the house high-by-day would you believe."
HILES / ILES	Barley bread
HILLA	A bad dream or nightmare. 'I had a right hilla last night, I dream't I was put in prison and then thrawed the key in the river.'
HILLA	Nightmare.
HIND	Farm Manager employed by an absentee or gentleman farmer.
HINDERMENT	Hindrance "I abm 'ad nawthen more then hiderance after hinderence this morning; I abm even made the beds yet."
HINGE	The pluck, lungs and heart of an animal sometimes served in a pasty; 'Apple 'n hinge.' (Liver & lungs usually of a pig.)
HIPPED	Depressed, ill in imagination
HISK(ING)	Wheeze(ing) 'He's always hisking, that boy, can never seem te thraw et off.'
HISS'N ON	Encouraging someone partaking in a fight or contest perhaps. 'Even though 'e was on the ground nearly daed mawther was hiss'n of 'n on.' (See 'egg en on' & slock en on'.)
НІТСН	Shallow hole cut in rock-face to support timber underground. 'He made (drove) a hitch in
	The mass (all the most amount of the most amount of the mass (all the most amount of the

	the side wall to carry the beam across.'
HITCH	To sew roughly and clumsily
HOARDER	A keeping apple
HOBBAN / HOGGIN	Baked dinner cake. Figgy hobbin etc. Hogginthe-liddle; containing a small piece of pork.
HOBBAN / HOGGIN	
HOBBLE	A party of guided tourists
HOBBLER?HOBBLING	Ferryman. Guide. A touter; touting
HOFFICER	Officer
HOGGAN	Tattey Hoggan – Potato pasty. Also described as a lump of unlevened dough into which is pressed a morsel of green pork; popular amongst min ers.
HOGGANS	Haws. See Egglets. Fruits of the hawthorn
HOGGEN	A haw
HOISE / HOISEY	Horse or horsey 'Horsey, horsey, don't you stop, Just let your feet go clippity clop'
HOIZY	Chesty, wheezy, hoarse, bronchial "My Fred is sum hoizy, 'tis painful te 'ear'n in there. I shall 'ave git the Doctor fer 'n fer sure."
HOLIDAYS	Gaps or spaces where things have been missed or left out. 'He painted the door yess'day but now 'ees dry I can see plenty of holidays in un.' Simiarly if a farmer had planted a field of say, cabbage plant, if any had failed after a week or so he'd send out a couple of men with an armful of plant and a shovel instructing them to 'fillin all the holidays.'
HOLLAPOT	Confusion, muddle. See THOLLAPOT. Also loud talking person. "Hollow pot." 'Empty or hollow vessels make the most noise.'
HOLLENSMOCKS	The Sea Campion
HOLLENSMOCKS	Sea campions, Silene aritime. Holland Smock from their colour.
HOLLICK / OLLEK	house-leek, Sempervivum.
HOLLOW WORK	Embroidery 'She caan't knit fer toffee but she's a dab 'and at that there 'ollow work.' (Possibly more to do wth crochet, Candlewick or knitting.)
HOLLOW-WARE	Poultry as opposed to butcher's meat
HOLM	The holly tree
HOLM SCRITCH / SCREECH	Missel thrush. In Devon, the jay. HOLM: the holly.
HOLM-SCREECH	The Misselthrush
HOMASS	The Medlar
HOME	To put home: To take home, or give a lift
HOME	. If something is 'Home' it is said to be in the closed position. i.e. "Close home the door boy 'tis sum drafty in eer."
HOMER	A freebie job done for yourself in work time. "The foreman is off 'day so I got a lil homer te do 'fore lave work."
HOMER	A Homer field is said to be the nearwer field.
HONEY PIN	Variety of apple.
HOOCARNER/HUCCANER	A wood –corner beside a fireplace. "Da' de always sit in the hoocarner."
HOOD	Wood, in the form of a bundle for fuel, usually comprising Hazel twigs.
HOOD WOOD	Woods or Forest
HOODLE, HOOL	Shorten a belt or chain. To tighten a rope by insertion of a bar or cart windlass.
HOODOWL	Green woodpecker.
HOODRICK	Rick of furze – fuel storage. "Caan't 'ford buy coal at the price ee is so will 'ave te start pulling from the hoosrick."
HOOKER	Fishing boat; casting 'long lines'.
HOOP	Bullfinch.
HOOPER	Spirit at Sennen that gave warning by shouting. WHOOPER: Cp. "whooping cough".
HOOSE	Knot in wood.
HOOSE	Garden hose. "Give us the hoose yo, I'll flosh a drop o' waater on rthey marigolds, they're lookin a bit wisht."
HOOSEY	Crabbed, ill-tempered

НООТ	To bray, to cry, whistle. 'Hootin' like a steamer.'
HOOTIN(G) COUGH	Whooping cough
HOP/OPP WAY/OPP/OPE	Open way connecting two streets. E.G. Coinage Ope, Helston.
HOPPETY BED	The game of hopscotch
HORMICK	Shapeless person.
HORNED CATTLE	Nickname for limpets etc.
HORNIWINK	Plover, lapwing. Also a useless ornament, a desolate place or building.
HORROCK WATER	Ditch water. Brackish water?
HORROK	Filth.
HORSE	Mining, where a vein changes course. ? A piece of country contained within a wide lode or between two branches of a lode.
HORSE ADDER / HOSS ADDER	Dragon fly. "There's a load of they horse-adders flyin' round the pond down by the stream."
HORSE OF KNOWLEDGE	One who knows everything. "Oh! 'e 'e's a right horse o' knowledge, 'e de knaw everything."
HORSE TOOTH	Quartz spar in granite.
HOSGIT	A Hogshead with a volume of 66 Imperial gallons, but was also used to transport tobacco.
HOUSE / HOUSING / HOUSEN (IN)	Gossipping from house to house. "She's never 'ome she's housin' morning, noon and night." Someone going around just to gossip and drink tea (Also Coosing.)
HOUSE OF WATER	Mining, a large body of water in a flooded mine and accidentally holed.
HOW	Why – 'How aren't you at work today?'
HOWNAN	Wendron word for a stock works or open working on a deposit of tin ore occurring in numerous thin veins or strings, necessitating the removal of the whole mineralised
	deposit
HUBBA – DULLIA/ HUBBA - BALLOO	A row, noise or disturbance
HUBBA / HUBBADULLYA / HUBBALDULLION	Uproar, noisy row.
HUCCANER	Wood-corner. (See hoocarner above)
HUCKSEN	Knuckles, joints; plural of HOCK. Also, to hamstring. To fasten rabbit's hind legs by passing a skewer through the sinews at the hocks.
HUCKSTER /UCKSTER	A person selling things, Refers, usually to food, like Pork etc
HUD	Husks of corn
HUDDICKS	Grains of wheat not separated from theirhusks
HUDDY	Potato store or clamp. "Best close up the huddy er the frost will 'ave the tattes night."
HUER	Look-out near the sea who shouted or signaled when he spotted a shoal of fish offshore.
	He'd cry "Heva – Heva."
HUER	Look-out man for a pilchard shoal. Cp. E. hue and cry.
HUFFA / UFFA	Hoof. Also shoemaker's last.
HUFFLE	To whiffle, as wind about a house or buildings
HUFFY	Cobbler's last for repairing shoes & boots
HUGO / HUGGO	A cave or cavern
HULLY	A hole in the rocks. Often as a store for shell fish.
HUMDINGER	Some thing or even somebody jovial, very good or special and with a quick wit. Good
HUMMIN(G)	company perhaps. 'He's a right humdinger, e've always got a yarn er a joke te tell.' Stinking 'What on earth have you been doin boy the'rt hummin strinking, I should think a
HUNGRY	rat crawled up yer ass an' died!' Mean, stingy, misderly.
HUNGRY	May be said of sand or other material, for instance in the building trade certain sands
HUNUK I	especially if they had come from a mine with high mineral contentare said to be 'hungry'
	I il the redilire extra cement to get a nice tauty mortar
HUNTSMAN'S CUP	if the require extra cement to get a nice 'fatty' mortar. Flower of water-figwort (Scrophularia).

HURLE	Sift earth through an oblong sieve supported against a pole or wall.
HURLER	A screen or griddle for sifting corn or 'screening' stone, by letting the fine bits fall through
HURLER	Noun. Hurlers: sparks that run along the soot at the back of the hearth in dry weather.
	Hurling weather: drying weather.
HURLING	Basically throwing, as in the Cornish game of Hurling the silver ball.
HURLING WEATHER	Drying weather
HURLY BURLY	A scramble. Hurling: "the old village game". As in Wales later to be adopted as "Rugby".
	(Oganised chaos).
HURRELS	Row points in a boat's bulwarks. "Put the oars in the hurrels yo, er you'll catcha crab."
	(Also hurlole & thurleole)
HURRIED	Worried, anxious, frightened, even annoyed. 'Tis 5 o'clock and my boy idn 'ome from
	school yet, I'm some hurried now.'
HURRY / HURRIED	To frighten or to be frightened. "I aren't huuried by en no matter w'at ee de say."
HURRYSOME	Hasty, Passionate
HURTED	Hurt 'There 've been a murder down te Pen Ponds, but nobody was hurted, so they say.'
HURTH	Hearth
HURTS	whortleberries.
HURTS / URTS	Wortleberries
HUSKING	A scolding.

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