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I	
Word	Meaning
IDLE	Said of a mine when it has stopped working or has been abandoned.
IDLING	Ticking over. A traction engine running but not actually driving machinery would be said to be 'idling'.
IDN'T / IDN	Is not. 'It idn't like that atall.'
IGGOT	Idiot
IGOTTY	The staple into which the bolt runs to fasten a door.
ILDER-BLOWTH	Elder blossom
ILE	An awn of barley
ILES	"Eye-less." The Sundew, a carinivorous group of plants formerly believed to be the cause of liver-fluke in sheep, actually a trematode flat-worm passing a part of its life in snails of marshy land.
ILLWISH	To bewitch; to hold animosity; to wish someone harm or ill.
ILLY	Steep "'Tis illy in these parts, you'd 'ave te be fit toe live up 'ere."
IMAGE MAKER	A sculptor.
IMGROSSERS	profiteers in wheat, etc.
IMPUDENTER	Saucier; more impudent
IN AND OUTER	One who does not go fishing in doubtful weather
IN COORSE	of course.
INARDSN	Intestines (As with innards above.)
INCHING/ MINCHING	To creep forward inch by inch, a police tactic when approaching someone without then ealizing the officer is gettingnearer. Also used in games like marbles i.e. not to move your firing hand nearer the target to gain advantage.
INFLAMMATION	sympathetic pain. An angry looking sore or part of the body like a toe with gout probably where the skin is not broken.
INHEAD	to incite.
INJIN STACK	High chimney of an engine house, or the chimney of a stationery mine engine, known as a 'Steam Jack'
INJY	India rubber
INJY CHANEY	Oriental chinaware
INKLE	A coarse tape or narrow webbing used for apron-strings. "Do yu know, I've just tramped Camburne town from end te end to git a bit o' inkle fer the nedw apem I made but you an't git it nowhere."
INKLE MAKERS	Makers of said tape above
INNARDS /INNERDS	Inwards. "'Aven stuck the pig, they de slikt right along 'is belly an' liv 'is innards fall

	out 'pon the floor.”
INSENCE	to explain to anyone, “I’ll insence him into it.”
INSYDOWT	Inside out. “You blind are ‘ee Joe? You got yer vest on insysowt.”
INYON	Onion. “Come on up an’ see my inions, thy’re like balls of flour.”
IRE	Iron
IRE STONE	Compact greenstone.
IRON CHILL	An iron lamp fuelled by burning fish (train) oil derived from pressing pilchards
ISH AND ISH	A near thing. That was ish and ish, she nearly scat right into ‘ee.”
ISHENS / USHENS	cereal chaff; originally dust after winnowing. Corn husks and wild plant seed that are cast out at the rear of the threshing machine.
ISS	Yes; to affirm
ISS FATH	Yes sure, or yes of course.
ISSELF	Himself. “Dawn’t be ‘ard on en, ‘e idn issel day.”
ISSTERDAY /ESSTERDAY	Yesterday. “I cummed issterday but there wadn’ no body ‘ome.”
IVERS	An exclamation ?? ‘My Ivers!’ Any help welcome. Ed.

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J	
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JAACED	Chased ‘My dog Sam, jaaced a rabbit from Carloose all the way te Carzise; took me all af’noon goyn after un.’
JACK	A machine used in former times for turning roasting spit
JACK HARRY'S LIGHT	Phantom lights seen to play on ships topmasts during storms, and on high ground on dark stormy nights, warning sailors of fiercer weather to come. (Fact or Fable??)
JACK-O-LANTERN	The Will-o-the-wisp. Cornish Pixie.
JACK-O-LENT	A slovenly dirty fellow. He’s a right jack-a-lent goyne round, I wudn lave en come in my plaace, tha’s fer sure.”
JACK-RALPH	The rock ray.. The rasp
JAFFLE	A lot of talk. Also a handful of hay or straw
JAIL / JANK	To hurry along. To walk quickly = jailing along
JAKES	A state of untidiness. ‘Tis a proper jakes in ‘ere, juss look at it.”
JALE	To hurry at a forced pace (I szuggest as jank, above.
JAN / JANSY	Two-faced
JAN LUKE	A freebie job done in work time See also, homer.
JAN-JOAK / JAN-JAKE JOHN-JOAK/JOHN-JEAK	A snail. “Somethin’ was aten all my radishes, so I put a ring o’ salt right ‘round them. Went out next marnin’ and they john-joaks was pullen of em up, dippin’ them in the salt and aten them honey sweet!”
JANKIN	Hurrying (See jank and jakes above)
JANNACK	A lout
JANT	Jaunt. There is a light two wheeled horse drawn vehicle called a ‘Janting Car.’ Taking a ride or run just for pleasure.

JAR	Stone hot water bottle.
JAUNDERS / JANDERS	Jaundice
JAYPIE	The Jay
JE(I)NNYQUICK	A sort of goffering iron
JEALOUS	Suspicious. First person, "I wud'n trust en as far as I cud thraw'n." Second person, "I'm jealous ob'm meself."
JEAWARD	A redwing
JELLYFLOWER	The Gillyflower. The stock
JENNARD	Redwing
JEST	Just. "You made it jest in time."
JET	To hustle / Push
JEWS HOUSE	Primitive smelting works (<i>see Blowing House</i>)
JIB / JIBBED / GIBBING	Refusing to pull (as with a horse) 'That 'oss of mine jibbed every time I put 'er in the sharps.' (Sharps = shafts)
JIBS	Small waste pieces of cloth. "I think I got 'nuff jibs there te make meself a skirt."
JICK / YUCK / YOCK	To hiccough
JIG	Mockery – to make a jig of something or somebody
JIGGERY-POKERY	Up to no good, something underhanded. 'What jiggery-Pkery are they boys up to now, you an't trust them as far as yu cud thraw them.'
JIGGETY-JIG	Jog-trot, such as riding in a shaky vehicle.
JIGGLE / JIGGLING	To shake / Shaking 'Stop jiggling yer legs like that boy, want go lavatree do 'ee?' 'Iss Ma.' 'Well guss on an' go.'
JIMMERY-CHRY	Surprise. Exclamation
JOAN-BLUNT	Outspoken woman. "She's a right joan-blunt, I tell ee; she de say zackly w'at she de think."
JOBBER	Agents who brought cotton and other yarns to cottages to be spun and woven
JOHNNER	A kind of starling
JOHNNY-COME-FORTNIGHT	Traveling draper or itinerant salesman who came around to country villages on a regular basis. (usually fortnightly!)
JOICE	Juice
JONEY	Ornament particularly Staffordshire. "they're a nice couple o' joneys you got on yer mantle shelf missus, want sell 'em do ee?"
JORAM	A large cup. Earthenware vessal. (There is only one thing better than a joram of tea; and that's two of them!)
JOUDLUM	Squashed to a joudlum (See Jouds below)
JOUDS / JOWDS	Pieces 'Squashed to jouds' Smitherines maybe.
JOUSE	To jolt. To hustle
JOUSTER / JOWSTER	Hawker of butters, eggs, fish.
JOWDLE	To jolt; to shake
JOWDS/ JOWDERS	Bits and pieces. Mushy food, mash, bits. 'Boil to jowds'
JOWST	To hawk fish
JUMP THE COUNTRY	Run away. Bolt. "I 'abm seen en fer ages, 'e must of jumped the country 'spose."
JUST ALIVE	When ore in a lode can hardley be seen. Just about existing.

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KAIL	Keel. "that baut lost 'er kail on 'er last trip, so they're goyne put a new won on."
KAN KAYERS	Tricksters, a group that unites to undervalue. Fillybustering
KAPING OWT THE ROAD	Shamefaced, lying low for what ever reason eq." I'm keeping out of the road, for a bit and until the dust settles."
KARN / CARN	Hard rocky ground
KAYHER	Sieve. This earth is a bit stoney, so I'll pass en thru' the kayher."
KAYLING	Skittles. "I'm goyne dwon Blue Anchor te see if anybody de fancy a bit o' kayling.
KAYS	Keys. "I bib an' lost me kays, now I caan't git in."
KEARN	Harden / Fill up
KEARNING	Filling up or hardening grain of corn. "The corn is kearning a bit now; went be long 'fore we can put the binder in un."
KEAVE	To separate short straw from threshed corn
KECK LIKE A 'OSS	A strong blow or strong kick. 'That goalie 'ave got a keck like a oss.'
KEDDEN	To encrust. Cover over
KEEL ALLEY	A skittle alley. Keel = skittle. (The Blue Anchor – Helston have still got one.) Is it because when you hit them they 'keel over?'
KEELS / KEEL-ALLY	Skittles / Skittle alley
KEEM / KEM / KEEMING COMB	Comb. "Hang on a minut' I'm juss goyne keem me 'air minute 'fore go outlong."
KEENEL	Looking keenly. Promising
KEENLY	Lookin keenly = looking promising/possible/favourable. "Goyne te the skittles night are 'ee?'" 'The ol' dear is in a good mood so 'tis lookin keenly fer me te go, so mite see 'ee later."
KEENLY GOZZAN	Used in mining for a promising (keenly) lode
KEEPING COMPANY	Sweet-hearting. Courting 'Our Mary is keepin' company with a nice lil' chap from down te Barripper, Jonathan they de all'n.'
KEEPING COMPANY	Sweathearting, courting, "I see our Jan is keepin' comp'ney with that lil maid from down te Relubbus, spouse 'e'll bring 'er 'ome sometime."
KEEP-ON /KEEPING ON	To nag/ nagging. 'Don't keep on so, I'm doin' me best"
KEG	A small water barrel
KEGGAS	Tall umbelliferous
KEGGAS	Hemlock
KEKEZZA	A particular type of heathland
KEKEZZA	A variety of heath
KELLAS	The earth nut. Common pig nut
KELTER	In good condition. Rather like KILTER below.
KEM / KEEM / KEEMING COMB	To comb with a small toothcomb

KENNAL	drainage channel in middle of road for rain and waste water. In fact they are mostly along the sides of the roads, as in a number of towns in Cornwall.
KENNEE	Can you. 'Kennee jus nip up shop an' git a ounce o' bacca fer us yo?'
KENNEL	. A sty on the eye
KENNEL	A water course (like in Helston's streets)
KENNEL	A styein the eye
KEP OR KIP	Cap
KEP! KEP! KEP!	Calling a horse or cattle (See Cop, cop, cop)
KERN	Curdle. "This saltry weather de make the milk kern quicker 'en ightning'."
KESSE	Kiss. "Gee us a kesse."
KEW OR CUE	A metal 'U' shaped device nailed onto heels of boys & men's she heels to extend the wear.
KEWNY	Lichen Also used for anything that's gone off a bit. 'It's gone all kewny.' (not nice). Anywhere wehere a culture or fungus has grown where it shouldn't be. Sea Moss
KEWSE	To talk. Rather like coose, going around all day chatting to this one and that. One can see how just hearing a word can affect the eventual spelling.
KEX	Dried stalks
KIBBAL / KIBBLE	Iron bucket for raising dirt (mining term) Also used for the bucket during the days of the village well for drinking water. Usually tall, galvanisd and rugby ball shaped but with a flat bottom and ope top. (See kibble below)
KIBBAT	Slap or blow 'He gib'n such a kibbat tha nhe drawed bood straight away.'
KIBBING	Repairing fences
KIBBLE	A metal mine or well bucket (A full kibble would proably fill two pails of water. In the mine situation they were much larger)
KIBBLING	Stealing fish; probably raiding somebody's store pot. "He ab'm been out long nuff catch they there fish, 'e bin kibbling somewhere."
KICK UP	Make a fuss or disturbance
KICKLISH	Unsafe. In an unstable position. Risky. The word 'kicklish' was also usd for anything that looked a bit shakey.
KICKLISH	Ticklish
KICKY	To stammer
KIDDLE BOY	A beginner in the clay work industry. In olden days his first task was to warm the mens' pasties and boil the kettle!
KIDDLEWING / TIDDLYWINK	A beer shop. An ale house
KIDDLEY BROTH	Also known as Kettle Broth . Can anyone help with possible ingredients, please?)
KIDGE	To join together (as bones). To heal?
KIEVE / KEEVE	A large tub, also a potato store
KIGGAL	A distaff
KILLAS	Slate, general term in Cornwall for sedimentary rocks – from the Cornish Carrick Layer of blue/green rock
KILLIARS	Rough ferney ground – croft land. "I de keep ten acres but then, three ov em are that there killiars, but the rates man de still want full payment far them!"
KILLICK. KELLICK	A grapple used as an anchor for boats
KILLIMORE	A pig nut
KILT UN DEAD	Killed him/it.
KILTER	Of the same kind
KILTER	A state of dis-array
KILTER – OUT OF	Out of Sync, could be the timing of an engine or a building leaning over.

KISKAN	A small sheaf of corn ‘ere, take this kiscan down chapel fer harvest festival.’
KISKEY	A hemlock stalk.
KISKEY	Brittle, mouldy ‘I shouldn’t use that, ‘tis looken a bit kiskey te me.’ Also dried salks of umbilliferous plants. The thistle.
KISKEYSHANKS	A person with shrunken calves
KIT	The buzzard or kite.
KIT	Kindred (Kit & kin), crew, gang, ‘The whole kit
KITEY	Flighty. Not dependable ‘She’s a right kitey one she is, one minit’ she’s with he the next she’s with somebody else, yu caan’t trust ‘er yo.’
KITING	Thrown kiting - tripped up “I tripped on that orange peel and went kiting (flying)
KITTENS	Kidneys. “‘e punched en in the kittens an’ ‘e went down like a stone.”
KITTEREEN	A van. A kind of omnibus
KITTING	Stealing ‘He’s bin out kitting again, the plaace is full o’ stuff I’ve never seen before.’
KITTLE	A crock used as an oven in open-hearth cooking
KITTLEBAGS	Coarse pieces of cloth used as leggings or gaiters, even straw bands were used
KITTLE-BRATH (BROATH)	A drink made by pouring boiling water on crusts. My grandfather had no teeth so he had a dish of milk poured over broken up bread, similar to above;t his was also called ‘Bread Sops’. (bread sopping wet I suppose.)
KITTYBAGS	As above
KIVVER	Cover ‘Better kivver up you’re tattes night there’s goyn te be frost.’
KLIDGY / CLIDY	Sticky. Adhesive
KLOP	To walk lame ‘He’s klopen along lick a lame duck.’
KNACK(ED) /KNOCKED/KNACKERED	To stop working. 'The bal's knacked' To hit or strike someone or some thing so as to make them fall.
KNACKING	A handkerchief
KNACKING-ON	Proceeding normally ‘Now we’re knackin on grand, ‘ope we don’t ‘ave any more hinderensses.’ Also a form of greeting; “ow are ‘ee knocking on?’ I.e How are you doing? How are things in general?
KNAP	The top of the hill. “Now we’re up knap, tis all down ‘ill from ‘ere.” (See knip below)
KNAW / KNAWED	Know. ‘I knawed her ol’ faather ol’ man, I knawed her ol’ faather ol’man , ‘e blawed in the band, goyne up Camburn ‘ill comin’ down.’
KNICK	Cheat, deceive, steal
KNIP	Hillock ‘Tis a brave ol’ knip when yer whalen up un, you don’t notice it when yer up riden ‘pon donkey shay, do ‘ee?
KNITSTER	A female knitter
KNUCKLE-DOWN	To give in. To submit also to commit i.e. ‘He’s knuckling down te his studies like a good un.’
KNUCKLE-IN	To submit.”Don’t knuckle-in to’en”
KOWKS	The feet(in contempt) "Great kowks"
KURRANT	Currant

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