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Word	Meaning
LABBAT	The ear. 'I'll pull your labbats off yer 'ead if you dawn't be 'ave .'
LABBAT/LABBET	An inferior labourer to attend others.
LACE	A measure of land eighteen feet square in Cornwall & 16 ½ feet imperial measure.
LACE/ LACING	To thrash. To beat. Beating. "You've bin plain up all day my son, I'm goyne give you a damn good lacing in a minite."
LACE-UPS	Laced boots 'I dunaw how your're buying they old lace-ups still when you can get they there slip on shoes.'
LAFS	Laths. 'Tommy's gone fer the lafs, then we can start plasterin'.
LAFTEN	Made of laths "The wall in the kitchen was laften, skimmed over with lime an' 'orse'air mortar, so we pulled en down."
LAG. LAGGED	To bedraggle. Plaster in mud, or to become plastered in mud. I presume a bit like clay & wattle. Ed (I think 'heavily coated' is a good expression, be it clean or dirty.)
LAIDIN	Arm-in-arm. 'Mr & Mrs Polkinhorne are gone out long laidin like two young love birds; life in the old yet I spose.'
LAIKEN-STREAMIN'	Very wet. "The ol' roof in the back 'ouse is laiken like a basket. Must git up there an' replace a few ellins."
LAITY	Dairy "I'm goyne out te the Laity fer a bushel o' milk."
LAKEY /LAKY / LAKING	Leaky. Leaking. Streaming. "The rain is fair laking through the roof 'ome must be somethin' wrong up 'bove spose, that'll cost another pretty penny."
LAM	To hit. 'He lamed go to 'en solid.' As below
LAM / LAMB	Limb. Out on a lamb
LAMBAST	To give someone a good hiding. As above
LAMBS' LEGS	Snivel of an unwiped child's nose
LAMBS-TAILS	The willow blossom (Pussy Willow) "Spring is 'ere the Lambs' Tails are all hanging nicely."
LAMBSWOOL	A drink made of hot milk, eggs, sugar and nut meg. Now that should make you're navel buzz!!
LAMMY PASTIES	We have no description; preasumably made with lamb can someone please confirm?
LAMPERED	Covered in mud and dirt
LAMPITS	Limpets 'The harder you de 'it these limpets the more they de old fast.'
LAMPSHEER	Weak. Poorly. "He idn't gittin on very well 'tall, he's proper Lampsheer at the minute."
LANCH	Launch (boat) 'Where are 'ee goyn?' 'Down te the lanch o' the lifeboat.'
LANK / LANDY	Loose. Overgrown. Long, Thin, Lanky.
LAOBA/LOBBA/LUBBA	A lubba, an awkward person
LAP	To beat 'He lapped en by a mile.' But not necessarily referring to a race on a circuit.
LAP	Wet. Muddy clothing left around the house. 'Git they laps out o' 'ere, thy're grafted.'
LAPPIOR	A dancer. A miner who processes left-over ores
LARGE	Conceited. 'Bit large aren't 'ee boy? Time far 'ee te come down a peg or two, yer a bit too big fer yer boots.'

LARN / LARNING	Learn. Learning. 'Well, w'at 'ave 'ee larn't at school today?'
LARR	Fit of laziness. 'I got the larrs today sure nuff.'
LARRUP	To wallop, to beat. 'I know the bowy done wrong but he larruped un unmercifully.'
LARRUP	Sweet as larrup What does this refer to? Any help out there?
LASH / LASHING	To pour. 'Lashing with rain'
LASHINGS	In abundance. Large quantities 'The pudding' was a bit sparce but here was lashin's o' craam on em.' "After the ta-treet buns we 'ad splits wi' jam an' lashins o' craame."
LASK	A thick strip of fish (used as bait) 'Abm cot no fish but the lask is gone.'
LASKING	Keeping close into the coast. "They there Coastgaurds was always lasking w;en word got out that there was a bit o' trade due to come ashore."
LAST	'Last' = a measure of arable land varying from 16 to 24' merks. Mark-land or Merk-land, Wright = division of land varying from one to three acres. Therefore a 'last' must have varied from 48-62 acres. The latter figure, 62 English acres, being the size of the Cornish geld acre
LATHER / LAFHER	To beat (leather). Wallop. I wonder if this is a corruption of 'leather' from when fathers 'leathered' naughty children with their belts. I'm speaking personally here!! Ed
LATTEN / LATTICE/LATTEEN	Tin Tinware
LAUDDYDORE	Snobbish. "He moved up country fer a week er two now 'ee's some lauddydore."
LAUNCH	Lerch "A gaate wave come up an' she launched over, I thought she was a gonner."
LAUNDER	Guttering to carry away water, usually square in section and made from wood. Used in mines and mills to convey water to the water wheel. Later household gutters became launders as well.
LAURER	Laurel
LEAK	A drop. 'ave some more taa will 'ee? 'Ess just a leak mind.' Work mates might ay to one another, "I;m goyne fer a leak minite." When they wanted go fer a wee!
LEARY	Hungry. Faint and weak from hunger. Empty, sickly feeling.
LEASE	To pick stones off the land. To gather. Glean
LEASE	Last
LEASE / LAAS	Least/at least. "lease ways" = nevertheless
LEASE-CATTLE	Cattle not yet turned to fatten. Milkless cows
LEASING STONES	Small stones gathered from the land
LEAT	A small stream or river (Mill leat). A mill-race or water course.
LEATHERWING	The bat
LEAVE	Let. 'Leave me go' 'leave me alone.' 'Leave en do it if 'ee 'ave a mind to' (allow)
LEBM	Eleven 'Our 1 st lebm are playing up Beacon 'day.' (also leave him.)
LEDDEN	A rigmarole. 'She talked up a lot of ol' ledden.'
LEEB EN DIDDY?	Did you leave him?
LEGGAS	Legs
LEM	An imp. Rogue;
LEM	Feature. 'His face is his best lem'
LEM	branch of a tree. "I am out on a lem 'ere tha's fer sure." (Being out of one's dedpth, but not necessarily physically in water, but more intellectually.)
LEMON PLANT	Scented Verbina
LEMPOTS	Limpots. "These lempots are holden on tighter than gins. (traps)
LEN / LENE	Lenda ??
LENTERN	Lintel. « Once we git the lenterns up we caan build away on agane. »

LENT-ILLY	The daffodil. « I'm best to pick a few lent-illies te taake down Chapel fer Easter. »
LERRICK	To flap about
LERRUP / LARRUP / LERRUPS.	A blow. To thrash. Rags. Tatters. Pieces. The plaace was in larrups, muck an' kilter ev'rywhere."
LERRUPS	Rags, shreds, bits, general state of disorder and caose. 'I went in and the plaace was in larrups, stuff everywhere.'
LET	To hinder. Hindrance. 'More hindrance less let.'
LETCH-UP-WITH	To take up with a person. Approve. Overtake. "I see Josiah 'ave bin an; letched up with Rose from down Fore Street now."
LETTERPOOCH LETTERPUTCH	Untidy person. Also a kind of dance
LEV / LIV	To allow. Permit. Let. "Lev en 'lone, 'e's orright."
LEVAN / LEAVEN	Fermented dough used in barley bread instead of yeast.
LEVEL	An adit (mining term) or any working depth in a mine.
LEW	A word repeated time and again to egg on a dog in a race. Perhaps whippet racing or hare coursing. "lew, lew, lew."
LEW / LEWTH	Sheltered place. 'What's the lewest side of a rond house?' Why inside of course.' (See Iso Loo) "Le's gone over 'ere 'gin the 'edge in the lewth."
LIARD	Liar The'rt a dirty filthy liard, I never told 'ee no such thing.'
LICHWAY	The way (route) by which a corspe is carried to church.
LICK	A scrape. A hurried wipe-over 'The parlour is awnly goyne git a lick and a promise day, 'e 'ad a proper doen aver last week.'
LICK	To beat (win) 'He licked un by a mile in the end.'
LICK	Used to name someone (at School) who is a tell-tale. (noun)
LICK	Similar to above but used to describe any one who is trying to 'get in' with a superior. i.e. "She'd lick 'is ass if she could."
LICK	Leek. 'I got licks up the garden I caan't git my 'ands 'round them they're sa big!'
LICK / LICKY PIE	A leek. Pie made of leeks, or even a licky pasty when yu abm got no uniuns."
LICK-AND-A-PROMISE	Carelessly done / Finish off quickly.
LICKER	A great licker – something large. Outsize. Matt caught a mackerel off the pier, ee was a gurt licker."
LIDDEN	An old tale. Repetition of abuse
LIDDEN	Language, way of talking. "The de talk in that thee ol' lidden down te St Just way, you caan't 'ardly understand 'em."
LIE	To subside. Beaten down. 'That thunder storm last night even put the ferns te lie, leave alone the corn.'
LIGGAN	Seaweed
LIGGY	Damp weather
LIGHTIN'	Alight 'Tis gone chilly, I'm lightin' the fire fer a bit a het.'
LIGHTS	The lungs
LIKE	Such. "Ever 'eard the likes of it 'ave 'ee? I never 'ave."
LIKE-A-THING	'As it were', or 'as you may say.'
LIKELY	Tail. Well-formed. "Tha's a likely tale fer sure." Really meaning the opposite.
LIKENESS	People would go to the local photographer 'to have their 'likeness took.' i.e. to have their photograph taken!
LIKES	Possibility. Probability. 'Any likes of their coming is 'ere?' (LIKELHOOD)
LILLIES	Cultivated daffodils and narcissus
LIMB / LEMB	A young brat – impish person. 'A regular lemb' (See lem)

LIME-ASH	A sort of cement used for cottage flooring.
LIME-KILL	Lime-kiln
LINCING / LINCHING	A severe thrashing
LING / LING-ON	A type of Heather. To hold on – “Ling on to’ (Possibly from ‘cling on to’
LINNEY / NHAY	A shed with a roof but no sides. (I have come to understand as referring to any ‘lean-to’ building.)Ed
LINTERN	Lintel
LINUTH	Kidney
LINUTH-DUFF	Kidney pudding
LIPSEY	Lisp. ‘She talks a bit lipsey, poor sole’
LISAMOO / LIZZAMOO	The Cow Parsnip
LISTING	The selvedge of flannel. Coloured strips on blanket.
LISTING	Aching. Painful
LITTLEMOUTH	A game of bat and ball. A sort of rounders. (Does anyone know the rules or near nuff!?)
LOADY-APPLE	A double apple
LOAGY / LURGY	Dull. Slow. Feeling lazy. Heavy in gait “ I’ve got the dreded lurgies.” Feeling under par.
LOBB	To wean a calf
LOBBY WEATHER	Muggy weather
LOCUST	A sweet made of treacle
LODES	Veins of minerals
LODGE	Lodging.
LODGER	An anchorage. A vessel moored in Gwavas Lake is said to be, ‘out in the lodja or lodger’ Apparently a Newlyn term. Any help ??
LOFF / LAFF	Laugh
LOG	To rock. To move to and fro.
LOGAN ROCK	A rock that can be rocked.
LONG	Belong. Along. Normally ‘I long (belong) te do it this way.’
LONG FAMILY	Large family
LONG-CRIPPLE	An adder. Viper. Snake. Lizard
LONG-DOG	Greyhound/whippet family. ‘He went up the road like a long dog.’ Or ‘like a streak o’ ightning’.
LONGFUL	A very long time
LONGING	“I’ve ‘eard sa much about this eer London plaace, I’m longing te go up there.”
LONGSTONE	Standing rock or menhire. (Features in place names where there is such a stone.)
LOO / LOOTH	See Lew & lewth. Sheltered. If you are in the loo or lewth, you are on the sheltered side.
LOOCH / LOUCH	Short straw from thrashing. Chaff
LOOK(ING)	Expecting ‘If he dawn’t go now while he’s of a mind to, he went look te go dreckly.’
LOST	To lose. ‘I caan’t ‘ford lost en; mawther only gibm me last week fer me birthday.’
LOUSTER / LOUSTERING	To work hard / To labour “They that caan’t skemmy got louster.”
LOUSTERING WORK	Hard, heavy work
LOVE-ENTANGLE	The flannel flower. The flowering plant Actinotis, native of Australia.
LOWSTER	As louster

LUBBER-COCK / LUBBER-HEADED FOOL	Turkey cock. Also term of contempt. Simpleton
LUCKY BONE.	Knucklebone of leg of mutton, used as a charm
LUER	Night mist. "there's a bit o' luer out there this evnin'.
LUG	A worm found in sea sand, it makes very fine fishing bait.
LUGG	Grass and weeds found in corn
LUGGER	A strong male person. One who has been luggen all day, i.e halin' an' draggen – pullen, pushen, carryen, draggen; anything to do with hard manual labour.
LUNCH	To lurch
LUNGE	First contact with unbroken horse or pony. Horse breakers use a 'lunge rope' to help bring an unbroken horse to hand. Nothing cruel, just a long line to introduce the animal to discipline.
LURRY	A large amount. i.e. "I've got a lurry of dishes to do."
LUSH	Tipsy. Also flush
LUTE-STRINGS.	Lustrine / Glossy silk
LUTTER POUCH	A slovenly man
LYNERS	Small bundles of reed. "I'm gone pick up the lyners, we're goyne thatch tomarra."
LYTHERVA	A place for letters. Explanation needed please

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