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Word	Meaning
MAA	Maw (The only Maw I can find is the throat of a frightend animal) PP
MAAD / MAID	Girl "She's a dear lil maid, always smiling."
MAAKE HUM (UM)	Shut. To accomplish. To do, To think of as in consider. (Well, w'at do ee make hum?) = 'What do you think of it?'
MAAZIN	Knocked maazin. Foolish
MABYERS / MABIER	Young hens. Pullets. Bantams
MADE HOME	To make home, to shut or make fast the door/window. A bit like Drive en home or pullen 'ome i.e. to drive a nail all the way in.
MADJER	Pullet
MAD-LEY-MOED	Mixed up. All confused. 'ee dun knaw 'is ass from 'is elba, he's all mad-ley-moed.'
MAGGOT	A magpie
MAGGOTS/MAGGOTY	Fancies; ideas; ill tempered
MAISTER / MAASTER	Master. Boss, Governor, Farm Owner or Proprietor - Manager
MAIT / MATE	Not limited to meat but any kind of food. "Gone in, tis time fit the mait fer taa." "Where's Reg?" "Ow, 'es out maiting the pigs."
MAKE GAMES	Sports or games or general frolics
MAKE-OUT	To pretend. To put out. 'The chilern are makin out to be cowboys and Indians.'
MAKE-TO	To shut. To close. 'Make-to the door when you go out.'
MAKE-WISE	To pretend. To make-believe
MALKIN	Mop for cleaning long ovens. 'I've reached as far as I can with me arm, I'll have to use the malkin te claan the rest ubm.'
MALLYGOLDER	A large jellyfish
MALT / MALTING / MALTY	To feed. "Malting the pigs". Fleshy
MANE / MANEN	Mean. Meaning. 'What do 'ee mane?'
MAN-ENGINE/INGINE	Machine by which miners descend deep shafts. A long seies of rods the full depth of the mine. The top was attached to the rising and falling beam engine. The rod had small platforms spaced the same distance as the beam fell. Miners would hop on and off these onto similarly spaced fixed platforms to ascend or descend the mine.
MANSHONS / MANSHUNS	Small loaves baked without tins; rather like the French munchet.
MARCHANDISE	Merchandise
MERCHANT	Merchant
MARGY-SOUP	Dog-fish soup with parsley etc
MARINADE / MARINATE	Fish (usually pilchards) baked in vinger, bay leaves and seasoned
MARING	Sweat
MARKET JEW	Marazion
MARNING	Morning (greeting) "Marnen chaps, 'ow are ee this fine day?"
MARROW/MARRA	Tomorrow. 'I'm finished fer tonight, see 'ee marra morning.'

MARRY-BONES	Marrow-bones. The knees
MARSEL / MORSEL / MOSSE	A slice of bread and butter. ‘‘ave something’ te eat will ‘ee?’ ‘Iss I’ll have a marsal mind to.’ This extended to anything small or a snack, perhaps a piece of cake.
MART	Goose fat
MART	Goose fat. ‘I’ll ‘ave a tub of mart Mrs please, faather want to rub’n in, he got a bit o’ stummock on the chest.’
MARVELS	Marbles
MARY-BONES	The knees – marrow bones. “ma mary-bones are achen like mad; full of that arthritis they are.”
MASHES	A large quantity. A great deal
MASTER	The best. ‘He’s the Mastetr Man foer the job, there’s nawthen he don’t know ‘bout it.’
MASTER	Form of address for a youth or young male who was too young to be called ‘Mr’
MASTER/MAISTER	Anyman in authority, could be your boss, the Squire, Councillor, infact anyone you looked up to.
MATE	Meat infact any kind of food
MATE	An instrument used in caulking boat
MAUGER	Meagre. Scanty. I axed fer a nice piece o’ brisket but tis a bra mauger piece ‘e ‘ave gived me.’
MAUN / MAUND	A hamper. A large basket. ‘You take the middle raw ‘n carry the maun and we’ll cut these side raws. (Cabbage, broccoli etc.) When harvesting green crops farm labourers would carry them via a band around the head similrs to fish jousters. They were very deep and carried plenty!
MAUNGE	Munch. Chew noisily. ‘Fer goodness sake don’t maunge yer food so, keep yer mouth closed when yer chewin’.
MAUR	Root (see moor more etc).
MAWTHER	Mother. ‘Day’s Wednesday, mawther always de go town Wednesdays.’
MAXIMS	Whims
MAY	Blossom of the hawthorn
MAY-BIRD	The whimbrel, a mottled wader of the Scolopacidae family
MAYGAM / MAY-GAME / MAYGUMS	Fun. Frolic. To make a butt of; ‘I won’t be made a may-game by they’
MAZED	Mad. Annoyed. In a temper. ‘He missed the bus now ‘ee’s as mazed as a curley. (Curlew)
MAZED MONDAY	The Monday after a feast
MAZED-GETTY-PUTTICK	Wild harum-scarum fellow. Silly
MAZED-GETTY-PUTTICK / MAZE-GERRY-PATTRICK	Awild harum-scarum fellow. Silly;bewildered; stupid. ‘Scat un mazzlin.’
MAZEDISH	Confused. “I thawt I knawed where I was too, but now I’m all mazedish an’ caan’t find me barins no’ow.”
MAZER	I found this word in Hamilton Jenkin’s ‘Cornish Homes & Customs. It was referring to ‘am mazer and a paane or two, comprised the substance of even the better class of Cornish husbanman.’ He’s talking about times when, if you built a house in a night it was yours. Help please!
MAZLIN / MAZZLIN	Stupid. ‘Scat un mazzlin’
MAZLIN PAN	Utensil for stewing fruit. Maxlins(small plums)
MAZZARDS	Black Cherries. “Got a nice crop o’ mazzards this yeer, should have a nice bit o’ jam laater on.” Some writers claim mazzards were from Devon and not recommended!
ME ‘ANSUM.	Term of affection or greeting. ‘All right me ‘ansome?’
ME CABBUN	My captain
MEADER	A mouse

MEADER.	A mower
MEANING	Intending 'I've been meaning to come over and see you for ages.'
MEAN-OLLAS / MEEN-OLLAS	A stone hearth in a boat
MEASE	A measurement of Herrings. There are 500 fish in a Cornish mease.
MEAT	Food generally and not to be confused with beef or other animal flesh . 'I got go yo' cause I got fit the meat fer tea.'
MEAT-BEANS	Broad beans
MEAT-EARTH	Surface (top) soil
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MED	Might. "Goyne ferritin' Sarday are ee?" "Dunnaw, I med."
MEDDICK	Emetic
MEER	A measure. To measure. "Meer twice an' cut once."
MEES(Z)Y-Y-MAZY	Muddled. Confused. Puzzled
MEETING	Giving pigs their meal at feeding time. Mawtther! I'm gone meet the pigs.' i.e. I'm going to feed the pigs
MEGGYHOWLER, MEGGAHOWLER	A large night moth. 'ear that ol' meggyhowler can he bangin' gen the winder; goyne te wards the light see.'
MELL	Meddle. 'Don't mell with en he's twice as big as you are.'
MELT	Soft roe of fish
MELYERS	The axle of a frame used for washing ores; an axle in general terms. During a lot of WWI bombing people thought the Impact 'would upset the melyers of the earth.'
MEN	Them??
MERKS	'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
MERL / MURL	Link of a chain. 'Dad, the chain is brawk.' 'Well we'll 'ave te put a new merl in un tha's all there is to it.'
MERRY-DANCERS	The northern lights. Aurora Borealis
MERRYMAIDEN	A mermaid. "I 'ear tell that the Merry maiden of Zennor came up an' sat on the rocks quite close to the pub, bleeve it do ee? "
MERRYMAN	Clown. Jester. "Merry men used te come 'round singing drolls an any other ol' traade years ago, don't 'ear tell of it now . Nathin is like it used te be, tha's w'at I say".
MERSE	Guillemot
MERTHERY	Mildew on food
MESTER	Porthminster, St Ives
METHEGLIN	A drink made of honey (also Mead). There are at least 100 variants.
MEWS	Moss
MIDDEN	Rubbish dump (often excavated these days to determine the way of life in past times, a well known one is at Gwithian)
MIDDLING	So, so. "'Ow are ee?' Fair te middling.'
MIDGAN	A mite (Smidgan) 'If you move un this way a midgan it'll be zackly'.
MIDGETY-MORROWS	Fidgets. "That boy was a right midget-morrows in Chapel this mornin', 'e wudden stay still two minuts."
MIDJANS AND JOUDS	Shreds and tatters. "Faather bin out workin' in the browse all day, now 'e've come 'ome in midjans an' jouds."
MILCHY	Home grown flour sometimes became 'milchy' (i.e. viscous or sticky, whilst in summer the bread was often affected by 'rope' which rendered it nauseous to taste & smell.) On the other hand, if the flour was good the home baked bread remained much fresher than the shop loaf lasting at least a week in good condition.

MILKCUP	The cream jug of a tea set
MILKY DIESEL / MILKY-DIZEL	The thistle
MILL-BED	A platform in a mill
MILYER	Hinge of door or gate which works with it's pin in a stone in the ground.
MILYER	A hinge of a gate or door which works with a pin turning in an indentation in a stone in the ground.
MINCH	To play truant from school
MIND	To Remember. 'Do 'ee mind the ol' travelling' cinema that use te come round and saw pictures out the back of a van?'
MINCHIN	Cheating at marbles by pushing the firing hand closer to the targeyt than where the taw originally landed. Playing truant
MINERAL LORD	MILKY DASHEL a yellow flowered thistle with no prickles that is collected by children for pet rabbits
MINETIME	??? Has anyone got an answer here? (Is it perhaps 'meantime'?)
MINGLE-COM-POR	Confusion; discord; muddle.
MINTY OR MINGY	Mean / Miserly. "Gi' us won o' yer sweets." "Shaant" "You mingy bugger."
MIRACLE-PLAY	A farce. A drama
MISERABLE	Miserly. Unhappy
MISMAZE	Perplexed
MISSMENT	Error / Mistake. "He made a missment there see, measured wrong in the first plaace spouse."
MISS-THE-HAND	To err. To make a mistake. To blunder.
MIT	Meet. "We'll mit ee down by the bridge." A play giving the life, miracles and martyrdom of a Saint.
MITTING(S)	Meeting. Usually prayer 'mittings' or 'mittins'
MOAST	nearly. Almost. "That was careless boy, you moast 'it en if you awnly knawed it." "She missed 'er 'and there."
MOCK OR MOTT	A large block of wood. A Christmas mock = a Yule Log Mott = stump of a tree left after felling.
MOCKET	A bit of an apron
MOILE	A mule
MOLDWARP	A Mole
MONGER	Horse-collar made of twisted straw.
MOOLE	To knead bread
MOORS	Fine fibrous roots of plants, particularly weeds like chickweed.
MOORS	Marchy wasteland
MOORS/MOORY	Marshy wasteland. Poor damp low lying ground
MOORSICK	Sheep!
MOORSTONE	Granite. (I think Moorstone and Freestone are the same, i.e. ashlar that is lying fallow on open moorland.) Ed This stone was ofen used for the floors of downstairs rooms, replacing the previously sanded and dirt floors. Over this the housewife would scatter dry sand which 'took up' the dirt dropped from men's boots etc.
MOOTY / MUTTY	Moult. To mope
MOP AND HIDE AWAY ALSO MOP-AN-HEEDY	Hide and seek. Mop = the covering of the face
MOPPY-HEEDY (NEEDY)	Hide and seek

MOPS-AND-BROOMS	Disorder. Sixes-and-sevens.Muddled with drink. "I dunaw w'as a matter with me this marnin, I'm all mops and brooms."
MOPSE / MOPS	A bridle with blinkers
MORAL	Likeness
MORD	Lard
MORE(S) / MAUR	A root(s)
MORE-AND -MOLD	Root and branch "I caught 'old obm, an' 'ede c omed out more-and-mold."
MOREY	Extensive. Long- Lasting
MORGAY	Dogfish that was preserved and made into 'Morgay Soup'. From Corn. Mor =sea & ki = dog.
MORROPS	Sheep runs near the sea
MORT	Plenty
MORT / MART	Lard
MOSSEL	Slice of bread and butter
MOSSEL / MORSEL	A small piece of anything, particularly food
MOT / MOTT / MOTE	Stump of tree
MOTHER / MAUTHER	A fungus which forms in fluids such as vinger
MOTHER-MARGETS (MARGEYS)(MAGGOTY)	The bluebottle fly
MOUCHE	To play an illegal shot (marbles), usually by gaining distance by firing in front of where yout taw landed.
MOUSEY PASTY	A pasty filled with mice, the alleged penalty for wetting the bed. Mathew, Mark, Luke and John had a pasrty five foot long. Bit it once; bit it twice. Lo and behold it was full of mice!!
MOUTH LIKE A SCAD	Scad is a horse mackerel – big and loud mouthed.
MOW /MOO	A rick also a hand mow. A hand mow comprises sheafs from several shocks stacked in such a way as to keep the corn in good fettle when normal harvest is catchy. When 'Mow is used in connection with a stack of corn it rhymes with 'how' when used as in cutting grass it rhyme with 'so'.
MOWHAY / MOWEY	Rickyard where corn & hay are stacked in ricks
MOYLE	Mule
MUCK	Pounded apples
MUGGARD	The mugwort (Artemisia Vulgaris)
MUGGETS	Entrails (Hence muggedy pie below)
MUGGETY-PIE	A pie of sheepor calves entrails, parsley, cream, pepper and salt
MUGWORT	Artemisia Vulgaris Common along roadsides
MULLA	Untidy / Unkempt. "He's always mulla w'enever you see 'en."
MULLIGRUBS	The colic
MULLY	The European Bull-Head 'Tribulus terrestris', a fruit producing Mediteranian plant.
MULLY	Cottus Gobio, a freshwater fish
MUMPER	A Tramp or Beggar. I tramp called at a local farmhouse and to emphasise his hunger he picked up a stale bit of horse droppings and heled it out to the lady of the house as she opened the door. "You an't ate that my man, juss on don to the stable and 'ave a warm one!" Probably end of conversation.
MUN	Must
MUN	Must. A mixture of fish remains & seaweed carted off and 'clamped' 'till ready for use

	as manure. In St Ives the clamp field was next to the school, which had to be closed for the day when the clamp was opened, because of the stench!
MUNDIC	Applied to certain types of pyrites, although most are exceedingly beautiful, they are worthless commercially. When used in building it causes the structure to crumble. Properties often become unmortgable. Beware! Mundic cancer
MUNGE	To chew. Munch “She’ve bin mungin’ that bit a fat all meal time.”
MUNGERN	A straw horse-collar
MUR	Seafowls (Puffin)
MURED	Squeezed “There we was all mured into a tiny lift any wonder it brock down was ‘e?”
MURFLIES / MURFLES	Freckles. Spots on the chin.
MURLEY	Almost (nearly) from the Cornish Mur.
MURPHY	A potato
MURYANS	Ants “There they were, millions o’ muryans crawlin’ everywhere.”
MUS / MUSN’	Must. Must not. “You musn’ do that tha’s nawty.”
MUSIC-MAN / MUSICIANER	Musician
MUTTING	Sulk(ing) “Faather spoke te un a bit sharp, now e’s in a right mutt.”
MUTTON	Dressed up as lamb. Cutting remark about a women trying to disguise her age.
MY GAR, DARNY, HECK	Gosh. The dear late Johnny Rapson the coal Carrying Champion, had an awful stammer, and he was explaining a much earlier accomplishment. He said, “Ke, Ke, my gar boy, I, I, cycled from, from ‘ere up te, up te, Camburn, in, in no time a’tall, and, and, still ‘ad a few minutes te, te, spare!” My goodness or goodness me. “My v gar, I’ve never ‘eard o’ such a thing yu ‘ave ee?”
MY GIT RICH	As in ‘My ‘ansome’ “’ow are ee? Tis luvly te see ee tha’s fer sure.”
MYSELVE	Myself

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