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Word	Meaning
'TALL	At all
'TENNTION	Attention
'T WAS A PUZZLE	It was perplexing and confusing, perhaps not enough detail. "'T was a puzzle, I cudden understand w'at was goyne on."
TAAKING / TAAK	Taking. Take. "Now Reg, go down to the field wear the cows are and taake w'ich one you like an' pay far'n w'en you can."
TAALK / TAALKING	Talk. Talking. "She's fer ever taalkin' 'eaerd up Chapel w'en the man is preachin 'ave ee?"
TAB / TOB	Piece of turf with grass attached. One of their most unusual but nevertheless practical uses was to place them on roofs of houses where there had been a raffle, by way of a temporary repair to keep the rain out.
TABLE-BOARD	A table
TABM	A piece of bread and butter
TABS	Dried cowdung used as manure
TACHE	Teach. "They tried te tache me te swim but gived up, sayin' I c udden even float leve alone swim!" "So that was the end o' that."
TACK	To slap or stroke with the open hand.. To bring to a standsill
TACK / TACKLE	To harness. "look at the lovely tackle on they shire osses, buutiful in it?"
TACKER	A child full of life and spirit
TADDAGO PIE	Pie made with prematurely born suckling pigs
TADLY-ODDLY	Tipsey. "You shud o' seen Jimmy cumin out the pub last night he was proper tadly-oodly, I can tell ee."
TAER	A fuss. A row. Great excitement. "There's sum rip an' taer up cricket field, we've juss balled out three o' their men fer ducks."
TAERING ROUND	Making a fuss. Rushing around, sometimes not achieving anything. They're up Chapel taerin' round like 'eadless chicken gittin ready fer Harvest Festival, but abm hung a strand o' unions yet, I dunnaw w'at they bin doin' wi' their time all morning."
TAFFLE	To entangle. "You bin an' got sum taffle in that fishin' line boy, you'll never wind un in like that."
TAG	Tail end of a rump of beef. A tag of beef
TAGGER	Small child – a toddler
TAGS	Narcissi
TAIL-CORN	Small withered grain
TAILPIPE	See Prall. Also to pin 'a tail' to a person's clothing (April Fool's Day custom)
TAKE	Worry.Fuss. 'A pretty take'
TAKE (TAAKE) A NOSHUN	Get an idea "Id'n that funny I thought I'd wait 'ere a bit a while, cawse I 'ad a noshun he's come this way, an' sure nuff 'e did."
TAKE (TOOK) UP	To absorb or take up as a wick might take up oil. House wives sanded stone floors which 'took up' the dirt dropped from men's boots.
TAKE IT UP	Resent something, annoyed over something. "If you mention it to en do 'e take it up?"

TAKELING	Tackling
TAKEN ON THE GROUND HOP	Taken by surprise
TAKING / TAAKING.	Commotion. Great excitement. “Tis our lil’ boy’s birthday marra, he’s in some taakin ‘bout it already.”
TALCH	Bran
TALE	To count, a number Tally “I’m goyne tall up these figures minit, see if I can git the same total as you.”
TALFAT / TALLACK / T ALVAT	A garret. An open bedroom or platform in a cottage. A primitive mezzanine floor for sleeping accommodation. A garret is a habitable attic or small and often dismal or cramped living space at the top of a house or larger residential building.
TALLET	Hay loft
TALLOW DIPS	Candles made by dipping wicks in Tallow a number of times until the required girth is reached
TAMLIN	A miner’s tool
TAMPING	Materials used to compress explosives used in blasting rock, etc
TAMPING-IRON	An implement, stick etc. used for ramming the tamping (explosive) into holes for blasting operations
TAN / TANGERY	An unpleasant taste
TANTARABOBUS	The devil
TAP / TAPPED (BOOTS/SHOES)	To sole a boot or shoe. The sole of a boot or shoe. “Taake these shoes down to Mr. Rosemergy an’ git new Taps put on them. Be sure te tell en they must be leather, I dawn’t want nun o’ that old wartime wisht trade.”
TARBLE	Midlin’ fair. Moderate. How are ‘e Mr. Bartle?” “Fair te middlin thank ‘ee.”
TARNING	Agitating. Storming
TARRY	To struggle
TARVING	Struggling, making a commotion, fussing
TASH	Moustache
TASH	An armful of furze, enough to be gathered with one hand, the stems having been severed with a hook just above the ground. These were laid aside and later gathered into ‘Faggots’.
TATCHY	Teasy. Irritable
TATIE-RATTLE	A stew. Also called ’20 minutes rattle
TATTIES / TETTIES / TATES	Potatoes
TATTY OGGIE (Y)	Cornish Pasty
TAW	To pull.
TAW	A large marble used to fire at the orthers
TAY / TAY-TREAT	Tea Tea treat. “Tried they Bordeaux’s tea treat buns ‘ave ‘e, lituos aren’t they?”
TAY-DISH	Tea cup (A dish ‘o tay)
TEAL	See teel below
TEAM / TEEM	To dip up. To ladle from one vessel to another. Also said of pouring rain – “tis teamin’ down.”
TEAR / TEARING-ON	A rage. Fuss. Storm. In a great hurry. In a rip an’ tear, pronounced ‘tier’.
TEASY	Irritable “He’s as teasy as a’ adder.”
TEAT	A draught of wind
TEAT	Cows normally has four teats from which their milk is delivered.
TEDDY	The poato in East & Mid Cornwall TATIE in West Cornwall ‘Teddies and Point a

	meagre dinner. i.e. potatoes and not much else! (The cook would point to the meat to make sure no-one missed it!)
TEDEN-ON	It is not. It's not so
TEEL	Plant, till or sow "The ol' mare and me 'ave teeled 5 acres of corn this marnin' walked on grand she did."
TEELED	Buried in the grave
TEEM	To dip out, to empty. Teemin' with rain – pourin' down. Also said of a large crowd. "The plaace was teemin' with people."
TEEN	To light. "Time te teen up the plaace 'ere tis gittin brab'm dark."
TEER	To hurry. To 'teer away' Sometime you'd hear the phrase, rippin' & teerin'. Or "She's gon' off in a rip an' teer, all 'cause she's late fer Chapel."
TELL	Count
TELL ABOUT	To abuse "She've been tellin' about somebody again, I can see it." To spread rumours behind someone's back
TEMBER	Timber
TEMBEREN	Made of timber "Time we wus gone up aver timber'n 'ill 'tis past my bed time."
TEMBEREN HILL	A staircase. Going to bed 'up the temberen 'ill
TEMPER	Moisture in the soil. "Nice bit o' temper in the soil just minit, so we'll go an' saw the corn. The earth is nice nan' warm too."
TEND / TENDER	To attend. To wait on others. Waiter. 'To 'tend to the cattle"
TENDED-EE	Attend to you, perhaps used when a person is unwell.
TENDER	Applied to weather. Uncertain. "The sky is looking tender" Unsettled
TERRIBLE	Frighteningly affectionate. "She's terrible about her dad."
TERRIFY	Annoy. "Ben, stop terrifyin' the cat, 'e abm dun you no 'arm."
'TES	It is. "Tes easay w'en you know 'ow."
TESCAN	A small bundle of corn gathered by reapers.
TETTY GROUND	Potato patch. "I think I'll upset that tetty ground an' put in a few cabbage plant."
TETTY-RATTLE	Cornish stew
THA	The. "I caan't abide tha old stuff give me a dacent pasty anytime."
THATCHIN'-REED	Wheat straw kept unbroken for thatching
THE OUT OF IT	The end. Finish "Tha's the out of it, tha's all I can tell ee." (what it's all about).
THEER	There
THEESE	You. Belonging to you (Thee) "Theese know w'at I mane dawn't ee? i.e "You know what I mean don't you?"
THEN	Than. "That won is better then this."
THICK / THICY-THREE / THICKEY	That one. This (or that)
THICKERD	Thick head. Fool
THIRL/ THURL	Lean. Hollow. "That there oss is lookin' some thirl, don't think I'll buy tht one."
THIRT / THIRTAWAY	Crossways. "Tis looken alright even if tis looken a bit thirtaway."
THOFT / THOFF	Thought
THRASHHEL	A flail. For theshing corn by hand
THREE-LEAF-GRASS	White clover
THROTT	Throat "I got some soar thrott this mornin' yo, I can 'ardly clonkey."
THROW UP	To bring up old scores/issues. "Now, don't thraw that up te me again, I've "

THUMBINDS	Straw ropes used for binding sheaves of corn. So named for being twisted and first coiled around the thumb.
THUNDER AND LIGHTNING	Bread with cream and treacle
THUNDER-PLANET	A thunder sky
THURT-EYED	Cross-eyed
TIBUTER	Streamer or miner who works for an agreed proportion of the value of the ore he recovers from waste or 'tailings' or sent to surface
TICKEY-TICKIES	Fowl(s). Usually hens
TICKLISH	As in setting a trap that it would activate at the slightest touch or disturbance. "I've set the trap pretty ticklish now 'cause I miss'n't the last time."
TICKY FOWLS	Child's word for poultry particularly hens
TIDDEN	Is not "Tidden no such thing."
TIDDEN	Tender. Sensitive. Painful
TIDDLY-WINK / KIDDLE-WINK.	A beer shop
TIDDY	Human milk, and tiddy bottle was a baby's feeding bottle. Doubtless it would hve been considered most rude to have said, 'titty' in this context, although breast feeding by women workers in open fields was quite common.
TIDDY-OGGIE / TIDDLEY-OGGIE	Various uses. i.e. Potatoe pie. Pastry. Pies. etc
TIE	Bed. Feather ties were wonderful to sleep on. Usually stuffed with goose feathers.
TIED	A horse 'boggled' A load too heavy to pull
TIFF / TIFFING	To drink from a bottle
TIFFED / NIFFED	Vexed / Sullen
TIFLE/TIFLINGS	Short ends of cotton / Very small ends left from sewing
TIGGA / TEGGA	To touch / A game
TIGHT / TITE	Drunk. Close. Mean (money wise) "I was sum tight last night yo, I dunnaw 'ow I got 'ome from pub." "Youn went git nawthen out of 'e, 'e's as tight as a gin." (gintrap)
TIMBERING HILL	Staries. 'Going up the timbering 'ill. Going to bed (see timbern ' ill above.)
TIMDOODLE	A foolish person
TIMERSON	Timorous, a lack of confidence.
TIN STREAMER	Worker in an alluvial deposit or on waste from stamping mills (Stamps) (Whole valleys down river from mines and stamps were 'streamed' for mineral content washed down. A number of families would be gainfully employed in the same location. The volume of tin recovered by this method was small but the purity was high.
TINE	Tooth of an agricultural harrow or of a garden/farm fork. "I'm goyne in F.I. te see if I can git a five tine fork, this four tine idn't pickin up nawthen."
TING	To tie. To hand on to. Troublesome animals and animals put out onto open land were 'tinged' by one leg with rope one end of which was secured to a peg driven into the ground in order to keep them where you left them!
TINGED-UP	Hung up. Tied up "I see Alfie have been an' Tinged up his donkey te the Chapel wall while 'ee's gone in fer a hair cut."
TINGLE	A small nail used in shoemaking / repairing
TINGLER DINGLER	A bell "The fishmonger is up village I can 'ear his Tingler Dingler from 'ere."
TINKARD	Tin worker/tin dresser
TINKLER	Tinker "You caan't trust the ol' Tinklers you knaw, they say they've sharpened yer knife but they abn't no such thing.
TINNERS	Miners
TINNY MARMOT	Itinerant musician or player. "'Ere comes that ol' Tinny Marmot 'gain, 'ee couldn' git

	a tune out o' that accordion if 'ee tried."
TISS-TOSS	To turn somersaults
TITCHCROOK	A long handled four pronged pitch fork with its prongs turn at right angles approx halfway along; used to pull dung out of the butt of a cart before spreading. Also handy for lifting potatoes by hand and doubtless other jobs.
TITIVATE	To put in order. To smarten up. "Better titivate meslf up a bit spose, the vicar is coming this afternoon."
TIZZARDLYON??	You can't be serious. It's not the done thing
TIZZY	Bewildered (all of a tizz-waz) "Father is in a right tizzy this marnin' 'e've bin an' lost 'is gols watch!"
TOAD IN THE HOLE	A piece of fat meat baked with a crust round it
TOD	A wad. A snarl.
TODS AND TABS	Clods of earth and grass
TOIT / TOITISH	Off handed. Proud. Stiff
TOKENED	Betrothed "She's tokened te Jimmy Hall yu know."
TOLD	Recogn ised. 'Cornish men can be told apart from any of the others, in many ways'
TOLLER	Collector of dues or royalties for the Mineral Lord
TOM-HOLLA	A rowdy person "Look up 'ere comes Tom-Holla." Help, who or why Tom-Holla?
TOM-TAYLOR	The 'Daddy-longlegs' "Close 'ome the door do, tha's anawther Tom-Taylor come in; ee'll burn 'iself on the globe of the ol' oil light in a minute."
TOM-TODDY	Tadpole "Wha's that yo got in yer jam jar, a Tom Toddy is a?"
TONGUE (TONGUE-PIE)	To scold. To abuse "That boy was nothin' but a pain up chapel but mawther gibn some tongue when she gott'n 'ome.' Or "She gived 'e the length of 'er ton gue when she next seed en."
TONGUE-PAD	A chatterbox. "She's awnly three, but she's a righnt tongue pad."
TOOKED	Taken. Betrothed "I wad'n gone moor then a minite but he took my ounce o' backee whilst my back was turned."
TOOKENED-PATTICKS	Simpletons
TOONIN'	Tunning, humming a tune " I see Terry's gone down long Toonin, spose he's goyne choir practice."
TOOTHPULLER / TOOTHAYLER	A quack dentist "That there Toothpuller made some mess o' Auntie Grace's mouth I tell 'ee, I shan't be goyn te 'ee tha's fer shore."
TOOTHSOME	Palatable, tasty.
TOP-DRESS / TOP DRESSING	To manure on the surface of the land. "Tha's a good job well done, we've Top dressed all the pasture land now 'fore the rain de come." (This is now used in modern parlance in connection with top dressing our roads with bitumen and chippings
TOR	Light turfy soil. 'Tor' in Celtic Cornish is 'promince'. The swell of a mountain
TOTELISH/TOTLISH	Silly, Imbecile. Senile. Doting "Grampa said some funny things te me this mornin' I'm sure he's goyne Totelish."
TOTHER	The other "Tidden that there one, 'tis the tother one."
TOTLE	Stupid. Silly person
TOUBLE / TUBBLE	A double-pickaxe
TOUCHER	A near hit or close miss "That was a toucher 'e missed me by a whisker."

TOUCH-PIPE / TITCH-PIPE	A short interval for a rest in the midst of work, and (usually) a smoke = crib-time.
TOUGHS/TUFTS	Bread splits
TOULD	Told. Informed
TOWAN	A sandy hillock or dune. The sandy links often with maram grass behind many Cornish beaches.
TO-WANCE / TO WANST	At once. Immediately. "W'en do ee want it dun by?" "To-wance fer sure."
TOWNPLACE	Farmyard with outbuildings or the centre of a hamlet
TOW-RAG	Dried cod fish. "we're goyne 'ave a nice bit o' tow-rag fer dinner, I've 'ad'n soaken all night."
TOWSE / TOUSE	Fuss. Uproar. 'Pop an' towse' "There's some towse goyne on over there, both parties are arguin' the toss brave."
TOWSER. TOWCER TOWSSER TOWSER	A coarse apron, worn by women for housework and a hessian one by men for wet and dirty work, tied twice at the back
TOZING ALONG	Going along in a hurry
TRAADE. TRADE	Anything but not much account (value). Commodities, but usually referring to something that hasn't come up to spec or is un der par. A lady might say, "I dawn't want that ol' trade, gib me a nice bit o' brisket any day."
TRAAIN-OIL / TRAIN OIL	Train-oil, pressed from pilchards
TRAAPSE / TRAIPE	To walk/gad about "I traipsed all the way up village this mornin' awnly te find the bloomin' shop was shut; tid'n good nuff after all is said an' done."
TRACE	To braid the hair.
TRADE / TRAADE	Stuff, anything you felt was worthless or useless. "There was piles of ol' traaxde up to the auction; wadn't no good te man nor beast."
TRAF / THOH / TROG /TRAY / TRUCK	A trough for washing fish, also referring to the backwash of waves on the seashore. There are several definitions of the words which appear to vary in different parts of the West-Country
TRAISSON	Treason
TRAKLE / TRIKLE	Treacle
TRAM	To transport ore or rubble from the mine workings to the shaft in small trucks on narrow gauge rails. Also above ground to a dumping area. Hence the jocular remark, on enquiry about someone's occupation: "he do wheel wind in the wire netting wheelbarrow, and tram shit from a sittin' goose (sic)"
TRAPSE / TRAPSING / TRAISSIN'	To walk. Walking about. To trudge; to wander about rather than serious walking as in a hike or to earnestly reach a destination.
TRAVELLING	Walking. "I saw 'er travellin' this mornin' with 'er ferial on her back."
TREAG / TRIG	Small shellfish such as Limpets, winkles, etc. 'Trig' in Cornish is 'Ebbing of the sea.' Also means to support, prop-up. (It is still the custom on the Helford River for local folk to go 'Triggin') at Easter.
TREESING	Idling
TREWELY	Truly "It's trewely so I tell ee Mrs Kneebone was there."
TRIBE	Family
TRIBUTE /TRIBUTING	A mining term. Mining-law
TRIDDLE	A Treadle "Mrs bin an' got won o' they we fangled triddle sewing 'chines; she's moppin' on with her sewin' now."
TRIDDLER(S)	People who worked either the treadle powered spinning wheel or loom.
TRIDDLING	Trifling. Talking nonsense "Thee'rt triddling boy, ev'ry thing you de say id triddling."
TRIG	Prop or support – to put a wedge against a wheel to stop the cart/wagon from rollin' off, thus helping the horse take the strain. You can also trig something, probably temporarily to keep it in place for the time being. Eg. A carpenter would trig (wedge) a door in an

	upright position whilst he screwed the hinges into the durns, after which he'd remove them.
TRINKLAMAS	Trinkets
TRIST	Trust "I wouldn't trist en as far as I cud thraw en."
TROACH	To tread underfoot. To tample
TROACH. TROACHER	To hawke goods. A Hawker. To walk slowly
TRODDER	Child just learning to walk.
TRODGERS / TRUDGERS	Trudgers or trodgers. Persons walking (Trudging) "matee next door is gone trudging' up'long, goyne shop sponse."
TROLL-FOOT / TROLLING / TROWL	A club-foot. A foot turned inwards. Turning over at the heel.
TROUCH	To tramp.
TROUCHURR	Man trading in rabbits and poulty from a pony trap
TROUSIES	Trousers "I shud think ee bin weerin they same trosies fer a month, look 'ow foused up they are."
TROWN	(of a she) to tread or walk over on one side.
TROY	A tray "I'm gitten the troy out the cupberd, mawther got stangers fer taa."
TROY-TOWN	A scene of confusion. Disorder. A maze
TRUCK	Trash ('av no truck wiv'en) Have nothing to do with him/her
TRUCKLE	Trundle After workin' all day on the land, if anybody asked her 'ow she was, she'd say, "Not bad sponse, but me backside's out of truckle." (Out of true)
TRUFF	Trout "There's a few more truff in the river this year, that ol' 'eron have satyed away. That de make sum diff'rence."
TRUG	To jog along
TRUG	A hard worker, a good trug.
TRULGY	Darkness
TRUMPERY	Goods. Belongings. Rubbish "I shan't buy this plaace, too much ol' trumpery 'round, I'll take sum cleanin' up 'fore start."
TRURA	Truro
TRVISH ???	Wandering about. Gadding about
TUB	A species of Gurnard
TUBBAN	A clod of earth, turf etc. Hilly ground (A narrow lane in Helston)
TUCK BOATS	Boats used by the Tuckers.
TUCKED	Shortening of new born babies long robes "I got bruther's jacket up, mawther 'ad put tucks in the sleeves fer te make them fit."
TUCKER	Men who man the tucking boats (See Tuck Boats)
TUCKER	A lace frill or collar
TUCKING	'An operation in seining by which the net is gradually drawn together
TUCKING MILLL	Or Fulling Mill is a mill where woven cloth is dipped and stretched. (From the Cornish, velyn-druckya; velyn = mill druckya = tucking.
TUCK-NET	The net used in tucking
TULGY	Darkness, also a slovenly woman "She was a right ol' tulgey, she was, grafted from 'ead te foot."
TULLED	Paid toll
TUMMALS	A quantity. A good crop of corn, 'good tummals' Suppers were often barley cakes, or perhaps pies made from stewed potatoes and turnips, the latter 'not very fattening but sweet and plenty tummals', as the farm boys used to say.

TUNAGGLE	The fastener of a gate
TUNG-TAVAS	A chatterer. Gossiper. "She's a right ol' tung-tavas, 'er tongue dawn'tnever stop."
TUNTREE	The pole of an ox-cart "The oxes wus pullen se 'ard they pulled the tuntree right out the frame o' the cart."
TURBARY (RIGHTS)	Turbary rights endowed tenants with the privilege of cutting turf over a set number of acres of land.
TURF	Surface peat used for fuel. It was gathered into ricks before burning.
TURF SQUARES	Turf for fuel was cut in squares and a substantial farm house would require 1,000 squares per anum. I cannot find any details as to what size a satandard square would be.
TURMENT	Torment
TURMOT. TURMUT	Turnip. Swedes "Got a 'ansome crop o' turmots this year all fer one er two are goyne rotten in the ground."
TURN	A spinning wheel. Spinning & weaving cotton & wool was quite a cottage type industry throughout Cornwall in the 1700's – 1800's. (from <i>Hamilt njenkin's 'Cornish Homes & Customs'</i>).
TURN	A spinning-wheel
TURN (DONE TO A)	Anything that is cooked/baked just right. "They buns 'ave awnly bin in the obbem twenty minutes an they're dun to a turn.
TURN (GOYNE FER A)	Down te Porthleven, if you was goyne fer a stroll out the end of the pier an' back, before you left 'ome you'd say, "I'm goyne fer a turn." Everybody would know zactly where you wes goyne. Is it a particular kind of walk where you go the distance and then return the same way?
TURN OF WATER	To Fetch water from the well. The quantity carried on one journey. (Similar to above i.e. going out (to the pump or well) and back the same way.
TURNED UGLY (OOGLY)	Very cross. Loss of control. Temper. Also said of the weather when a storm is brewing or has arrived. "Ansome this morning wadna yo? But eeve certainly turned ugly now, I'm goyne 'ome for I'm drenched through."
TURNED UP	Moved to a higher class at school. "What happened at school today Richard? "Mummy, I've turned up!"
TURVY-ASHES	Ashes of the turf
TUSS	A nuisance
TUSTER	An uncertain meaning
TUT	A footstool. A hassock (usually padded)
TUT-WORK	Piece-work. (Mining term)
TWADDEN	It was not. Also Twadden'tall (at all) "It twadden like that 'tall, I told ee 'fore the truth of it, an' aren't goyne tell ee 'gain.)
TWICK	A sharp pull or jerk. To snatch. "The dog was pull, pull on the lead so I gibm a twick, 'e soon cummed te 'eal."
TWIGGLE / TWINGLE	Wriggle. To squirm
TWITCH	A sharp, sudden pull. Also a turned rope in the nose of an animal to make it conform to the handlers wishes!
TWITCHED	Method of getting sand ells and lance out of sand. A job usually done by women & children, using a specially designed hook.
TWO SKATS BEHIND	Just like the drummer ofBand! (Attributed to several village bands) or 'like Corporal Jones in Dad's Army!'
TWO-HANDED-FELLOW	A clumsy worker (man)
TWOS AND ONES	Favourutes. The schoolmaster de 'ave 'is twos and ones, there's no doubt about that."
TYE / BED-TYE	A feather bed. 'Ty in Celtic Cornish 'To cover' To roof. To thatch
TYFLINS	Bits of thread - ravelling's

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