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Word	Meaning
CAADGE/CAADGIN'	To beg. Begging. "Look up Buller's comin, he's bound te be on the cadge fer somethin'."
CAAGE	A set of used bones or teeth.
CAAGE-OF-BONES / CAAUGE	A skeleton. A very thin person. "I saw un on 'is death bed yo, an' ee was nawthin more'n a cage o' bones."
CA-AH	Stomach of a fowl
CAALED-UN	Called him. To call. "I caaled-un and caaled-un but 'e didn't answer, so I opened the door an' there 'e was gone!"
CAALIN	Calling
CAAN'T	Cannot. You know 'is trouble dun ee? He an't see the wood fer the trees."
CAAS	In case. "Taake yer raincoat jus' in caas."
CAB	Mess, Disorder. "I juss been up to see Mrs. Polkinhorne, my gar, the plaace is in some cab up there since 'er husband's gone."
CAB	A horny 'gall' on the hand; a callous – something similar to a wart I imagine.
CAB AWAY	Verb: to faint, give up the ghost.
CABABBLED	Mystified; deceived
CABAGGLED	Messed yup – dirty
CABAROUSE	Thickening or hardening of the skin – a gall
CABAROUSE	Seaman's term to pull together at a rope whilst singing and shouting
CABBAGING	Diddling
CABBED / CABBED-OVER	Handled. Messed about
CABBING	Making things dirty & messy
CABBY	Dirty. Sticky. Untidy. (see Cab above.)
CABE	To steal fish from nets, pots or carts
CABESTA	Space between hook and lead in fishing line
CABING	Pilfering
CABOOSE	An iron stove as used on fishing boats. "You got ta be darn careful use'n they cabooses on board a boat er you'll catch the plaace alight."
CACK HANDED	Awkward / Left handed (see click handed)
CADDLE	Do house work in an untidy manner, (like caudle.) Caudlin' water is brackish water used for such things as flosin' down the caunce or washing under-bed chambers!
CADDLER	One who caddles/caudles
CADER	A frame on which fishing lines are kept
CADGE	See CAADGE above
CAFF	Waste fish also refuse
CAG	A keg. "We'd better git a few extra cags in, tis Flora day thi weekend."
CAGE	A set (as of teeth) "I bin dentist, and cum 'ome with a new cage o' teeth."
CAGGED	Annoyed, vexed
CAGGLED	Covered with muck, oil, dirt, etc. "He have bin out there changing the oil on the tractor, you should see en, 'e's caggled from'ead te foot."
CAIHAIR BROOM	Coconut Fibre Broom
CAINGEN	Sea Spray
CAKEY	A fool, a poor thing. A bit simple – Put in with the cake and took out with the buns; inferring someone came out of the womb before he/she was quite done!!
CAKEY	Young male with a manner older than his years
CAL	Tungstate of Iron. Also a liar
CALAMANJINO	The Ray with two flowers on its wings

CALCAR	The Lesser Weaver Fish or Sting Fish
CALL 'OME	Usually used ikn the negative regarding bringing someone's name or face to mind.
CALL OUT	Have your bans called/read out in Church. "My lil maid an' me 'ad our first callout in Church last Sunday, two more te go."
CALL.	Coal. "Gone out back minit an git 'nawther bucket o' call, best catch up he fire 'gain for ee got out."
CALL-'OME	Remember - call to mind or memory. "I've bi tryin' 'ard all mornen, but I an't call en 'ome."
CALVES DROPPER	Small yub for feeding calves
CALVES SNOUT	Snapdragon or Antirrhinum
CAMBORNE	A beating. "Give em Camborne, let em knaw woose boss."
CAMBORNE MEN	'Hails'
CAMEL	The camomile plant
CANDRUMS	Nickname for Methodists
CANDTEENING	Twilight, candleteening time (Dummitry Time?)
CAN-IN-THE-PAN	A somersault
CANKER	type of crab
CANNIS	To toss about carelessly
CANNYKEEPER / CANTYKEEPER	The Spider Crab; In Mullion & Porthleven Cannykeeper, elsewhere Cantycreeper. (Long clawed crab)
CANORUMS	Nickname for Methodists
CANT	A fall; fall over; a slope; or to slope. "After the 'oss an' cart ran into en 'e wad'n straight no more.an' 'e bin on the cant (leaning) ever since."
CANT	A long way. "Tis a cant of a way fom 'ere."
CANTER	Square frame upon which to wind a fishing line. "I've bin an' got a bit bigger canter, now I shan't 'ave put so many winds in un."
CANVAS	Linoleum, especially cheap linoleum, it would tear just by looken at en.
CAPE	Large hooded cloak as formerly worn by fishermen especially while resting or sleeping
CAPELING	The outer nets of a Trammel. (Trammel – to hold as if in a net.)
CAPERLONGER	Razor Fish or Shell Fish
CAPPEN	Captain, boss or headman. There were captains of ships, boats and above and below ground at mines.
CAPPENIN	Domineering
CAPPEROUSE / CAPERHOUSE	A row, hubbub or uproar, a noisy frolic
CAR	Carry. "I got masses of tomatoes 'ere, 'ave few car 'ome will ee?"
CARBOID	Carboy
CARBONNA	Accumulation of rich ore in a mine
CARBOOLEN STONE	A stone suspended from a rope and kept constantly plunging in order to secure pilchards in a net and to prevent them escaping
CARE	Mountain ash
CARG	Salted cod. (Tidn bad if you soak 'n fer a Day er two afore you de poach'n in drop milk.) Also said of salted Conger.
CARN	Sepulchural
CARNELS	Chamomile
CARNEY	To wheedle, to caress. "I cud see en carneyin' her as if there was goyne be no tumarra."
CARPENTER'S LOUCE	Bruised finger or Black Man's pinch! A Gwidgagwee.
CARR/CARR'D	To carry – Carried. "He fell down an' broke 'is leg an' I carr'd 'n all the way 'ome."
CARRACK	A rock
CARROTS	Nickname for red-haired person
CARVES	Triangular woodedn boxes to hold lobster ot crayfish
CASABULLY	Winter Cress
CASED TIN	Ingot made of good tin outside and dross inside
CASLING	Prematurely born. "Lil chap is five now but dawn't look too good do ah? Mind 'e was a casling."
CASTE	Verb; to plough furrows away from each other; usually the opening vors then the plowman cud plow both ways
CASUALTIES	Waste from early tin dressing operations; now called slimes.

CAT LAP	Derisive rterm for an insipid drink
CAT'S CARRAIGE	Two people clasp hands 7 Carrying a child whiles singing "Carry the baby to London for a rotten onion." Someone (KH) recalls playing this a t school.
CATCH UP	May be used in relation to food, i.e. "Gone in an catch up a bit o' an ning ' far dinner." In this conrtext; compile, put together ingredients.
CATCH. CATCH-UP	Doorlatch
CATCHERS	The ball game 'Rounders' Popular un Junior Schools
CATCHING/CATCHEY	Unsettled, Changeable "The weather's bin catchey all day, I dun aw whether te put the washin out on the line er no."
CATCH-UP	To dry or to light-up (as a fire). Also to complete one's jobs or tasks. "Now, gone catch-up minute for go funeral."
CAT-IN-THE-PAN	Changed ideas. A traitor
CAT-IN-THE-PAN	Summersalt – head over heels
CATLED	Eased referring to the weather. "The rain never catled fer the day."
CATS EYES	Greater Stitchwort
CATS OR DOGS TAILS	The catkins of the willow. "I think I'll pick few o' they catkins, they'll look nice up Chapel fer Easter. God willikn nobody went know where I got them from!!"
CAUDLE. CAUDLING	To slop. To make a mess. A difficulty.
CAUDLER	Dirty or messy worker
CAUDLING WATER	Caudling water not fit for drinking. Washday water used for other mundane purposes like washing floor clothes, bed chambers etc
CAUDY	of sheep infested with liver flike
CAULD	Cold
CAULK	A small drop of liquor
CAULK	To waterproof the planks of a boat by driving tarred or pitched rope between the planks with a hammer and chisel.
CAUNCE. CAUNTS /CAWNSE	Stones (usually projecting) in a paved path, more so a stone flagged yard at the back of a peasant's house. An area of stone paving using 'bullies' from the beach
CAUNCH / CAUCH / CAUCHY	Mess, confusion, messy. Sloppy
CAUNTING / CAUNTED / CAUNTER	Athwart. Diagonal. Cross-handed blow. Leaning
CAUNTS	Stones (usually projecting in a paved or cobbled path.
CAUS	Cemented path or area. Similar to 'caunce' I imagine
CAUSE	Case. "it that's the cause (case) I must do it."
CAUSE	Short form of because. "Ma why 'ave I got wash behind my ears?" "Cause I said so."
CAUTCHERY	A nasty, messy mixture
CAVALAKER	Slovenly person
CAVINS	Useless grain from thresher. (Similar to Ishins)
CAWDLE	To be in rather a mess, busy doing nothing or not seeming to achieve what you intended
CAWDLE	A bit like fooch. "He's goyne caudle round now fer 'alf 'our til dinner time." There is also a term 'cawdling water' I think it is brackish water that has been used perhaps for washing then reused for a dirtier job like cleaning mud off best shoes before polishing, and washing out chamber pots! Busy doing nothing much. A bit like daudle.
CAWDLING WATER	Water that had been used possibly for washing clothes and had become soiled so was reused for washing items tht disdn't demand purely clean water; perhaps wellie boots or chamber pots
CAWED	Sheep affected with the Cawnse ??
CAWEDID	Liver riddled with fluke worm.
CAWNSE / CAUNSE	A paved roadway. A causeway. (Perhaps coming from Causeway).
CAYER/CAZIER/ KAYER	Coarse sieve for winnowing corn
CAZIER / CAYER	A sieve for sifting grain. " I shud think this cazier 'ave been moth eaten by the rats, tis levvin eve'ry thing thruw, grain an' chaff."
CEAGUE	A cheat, deceiver, rogue
CEDGED/CLIDGED/ KEDGED	Stuck fast. Said of a bone that has knitted
CEMENT WASH	A mixture of cement and sand mixed to a thinish slurry. It was brushed over scantle slate roofs to help combat riffles. i.e. slates lifting in storm conditions
CENSURE	To estimate, think, reckon. Opinion. To be of opinion
CENTRY	Church or Glebe

CH'-TOWN	Church Town, the village adjoining the Parish Church
CHACK / CHACKING	Parch. To dry. Thirsty, also chattering. "I'm chackin' my thrawt is as dry as a wooden God."
CHACKPIE	Scolding similar to 'tongue pie'
CHACKS	The cheeks. "When I smack'd en across the chacks, ee didn' like that too much, so 'e backed away an' I never seed en nomore."
CHACKY-CHEESE	The seeds of the marrow
CHAD	Young bream
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CHAFF	Straw chopped for horse feed.
CHAGPIE	Magpie
CHAINY	China. Mawther's goyne git the best chainy out day, Squire's comin round fer the rent."
CHALL	Cattle-house. "Tis time te put the kine (cattle) in the chall over night, tis getting' frosty."
CHALT	Cheat
CHAMBER (IN)	In bed. Bedroom. Upstairs (under bed utensil) (See Charlie above)
CHAMBER(IN)	In bed; Bedroom; Under-bed utensil.
CHAMPION LODE	The principal or leading lode
CHAMY	A toothless person. "what do 'e look like goyne roun' chamy all the time with 'is face screwed up like a cheeld's fert."
CHANEY-BAL	Clay works "If you look aver te St Auzzell way you can see all they Chaney Bals."
CHANST	Chance. "A chanst would be a fine thing!"
CHANST	Chance
CHANTICLUR	Fighting Cock
CHAP	Young farmworker living in. "I see the Pryors 'ave got a farm chap now, I bet they'll make ee git up early in the marnins dawn't you?"
CHARLIE	Chamber Pot. "Do ee see the time? Tis 10 o'clock and there idn a bed made or a Charlie (pot) emptied yet."
CHARLIE	From the Stratton School log book of 1873 6 th June 1873 'In the upper standards nearly all the boys are away pulling weed 'Charlie' for the farmers.' 13 th June 1873 'Charlie' pulling still continues although a few of the bigger boys have returned that were at work' (Probably Ragwort – tis poisoness to animals.) (I presume this refwers to pulling Ragwort, a notifiable weed.)
CHATE	Cheat
CHATE	Cheat. " 'e's an ol' chate, see en slip that card under 'is plaate did ee?"
CHATTY	Not 'talkative' but 'dirty', or 'unkempt' <i>The origin of the words is Mary Jane Burnett (nee Elliot), Wella's maternal grandmother who was born and brought up in Lostwithiel</i> Received via William (Wella) Brown I guess similar to TATTY. Ed.
CHAUNT	To Scold/tell off
CHAUNT / CHAUNTY	To scold, to mutter
CHAW/CHEE-AH	A call to summon pigs to be fed or housed
CHAW/CHOW	Chew "See the jaws o'bm goyne, 'e's a'lays chowin' bacca."
CHE'L'-VEAN/CHILD VYGHAN	Little child, an endearment
CHEAT	A false shirt-front "I 'spect 'is shirt is grafted behind that there cheat dun you?" What we might call a dickie today.
CHEEL FUGGAN	Cake of saffron and currants, given to the first child met when returning from a Christening
CHEEL VEAN	Little child
CHEEL(D)-VEAN	Little child. Term of endearment "Owe are 'e my cheel(d) vean?" i.e. "How are you my old friend?" or "Ow are me dear?" Ve an, (Cornish) = little
CHEELD / CHIEL	Child, usually a girl. "What did she 'ave en yo', a boy or a cheeld?"
CHEELDIN	Woman in labour
CHEEN (Y)	Sprout, potatoes or seeds, to cheen or cheeny, put out to cheeny or sprout. They could then be planted for a new crop or consumed in that state rather like beab sprouts.

CHEENING	The sprouting of grain etc
CHEENS	The loins or small of the back. The quarters of a house. "I got som pain in my cheens, I 'ardly naw w'at te do."
CHEENS	Sprouts on potatoes
CHEENY/CHEENY	To remove sprouting shoots from potatoes
CHEER	Chair "Draw up the cheer boy, a bit nearer the fire."
CHEESE APPLES	Pounded apples ready for pressing
CHEESE-AT	Stop it. "Now cheese-at 'fore I give ee a good 'iden."
CHEEVY	Thin, tiny, miserable-looking
CHEGWIDDEN DAY	White Thursday, one clear day before Christmas, when black tin was turned into white tin. Said to be the day on which smelted tin was first sold in West Cornwall.
CHELDER / CHELDEM	Children. "Tis the chelders' tea treat 'marra'"
CHEMOZZLE	Confusion, even a fracas or general melleise
CHERKS	Cinders, ashes
CHERRY (TO)	To skim flat stones across water
CHERRYING	To swim under water
CHERS	Chores / odd jobs "I'm goyne ploughing' match this afternoon if I cen catch up me chers this morin'."
CHEST WAGON	Wagon fitted with raised sides and usually limited lock.
CHE(S)	Kitten(s)
CHEVY	Great noise or battle
CHEWIDDEN DAY	Jeu-whydn, White Thursday, the Thursday that is one clear week before Christmas day, being the day that black tin was first turned into white tin or metal
CHIBBLE / CHIBBLETS	Kind of small onion (spring onion)
CHIBBLES	Green tops from Spring onions.
CHICH	To fasten. "Chich the door shut please."
CHICK	To crouch down. "Chicky down"
CHICK DOWN	To crouch as a hdn setting
CHICKCHAFFER/ CHICKER	The Wheatear
CHICKELL / CHICKCHACKER / CHICKER	The wheat-ear
CHIDS	Spouts on potatoes
CHIFF-CHAFF	The Chaffinch
CHIFFER / CHIFFERING	To drive a bargain. To haggle. "'e had a good chiffer there, 'e got that pony fer ten quid, lucky bu..er."
CHILDER	Children
CHILL (STONEN)	An earthenware lamp for burning fish oil (train oil) See also Iron Chill) The vessel would hold one or two cups of oil.
CHILLBLADDER	Chilblain
CHILLTH	Chilly air
CHIM(B)LY	Chimney
CHIMBLEY-CLATH	Chimney Cloth. A valance hung from a chimney-shelf
CHIMMING	One of he operations in cleaning tin in a 'kieve' or tub before it is sold to the smelter
CHINA STONE	The production of the granite rock which furnishes the kaolin; but in a less advanced state of decomposition
CHING	Chin
CHIP	The foot of a plough
CHIPPER	The Crossbill
CHIPPING / CHAPPING	Talking in an affected, refrained way.
CHIST	Chest. "Ever since I aver stretched I've 'ad sum pain in hrte chist."
CHITLINS	Stones from castrated lambs/pigs, lovely fried.
CHITTERFACE	Thin face
CHITTERLINGS/ CHITTLINS	Small entrails (usually pigs)
CHIVVY	A row, or a fuss, an uproar
CHOCKS	Slits on fingers. (could this be like chaps?)
CHOCKS	Wedge shaped pieces, either metal or wood put under a wheel to stop it moving off

	downhill.”
CHOD	A stew – also a stodge
CHOOG / CHOOGY	Little pigs – also calling pigs to their meal
CHOUST	A cheat or to cheat
CHOW	Chew
CHOW	Twist of Tabacco
CHOWIN BACCA	Tobacco for chewing rather than smoking
CHOWTER	Female fish vendor
CHRESTMAS STOCK	The Christmas log for the fire, which in strictness should last through the holidays and a piece saved to light next year’s stock. ‘Part must be kept. Wherewith to teend, The Christmas log next year.’
CHUCK	Throat. “Dry about the chuck” also To choke. (Someone might have a coughing fit and asked if they have a cold. The reply might be, “No, go a bit a chuckage yo, tha’s all.”
CHUCK	Something that’s too dry to eat, possibly stale. “This cake is as dry as chuck.” (Sometimes – dry-chuck)
CHUCK CHEELD	Allis Chad, fish full of bones, (a young Bream
CHUCKED / STARVED	Famished
CHUCKED-SHEEP	Nothing to say. Contempt
CHUCKIN	Very thirsty Have heard of ‘chackin’ for very thirsty – this relates to chacks = cheeks. Ed
CHUCKIN	Vile smell In modern parlance ‘chucking up’. Choaking because of the evil smell. Ed
CHUCKLE-HEAD	Stupid person
CHUCKY CHEESE	Fruit of the mallow plant
CHUFF	Sulking. “EE’s chuffen now ‘c ause I told en off.”
CHUFF	Healthy-looking. Full-faced. “A’b’m seen ee fer ages but I must say yer lookin’ chuff.”
CHULL	Truly
CHUR	Chores, odd jobs
CHURCH-HAY	The churchyard. I see somebody ‘ave cut the grass in the Church-Hay, lookin grand tis too.”
CHURCHTOWN	Village around the church
CHURER	Charwoman
CHURING / CHURER	Charring. Charwoman. “She got go out churin’ to make end meet.”
CHURKS/CHERKS	Clinkers. Cinders. “The raked out the firebox o’ the traction engine, olut in the rawd, I’ve just bin out and picked aver the cherks. There’s still a bit o’ burnin in they tha’s fer sure.
CHURL CHORES	A small job. Housework. I’ve caught up all me cheres so I’m goyne put up me best apern an fit the taa.”
CHURREY	Charring
CHYWOLLACK	Redwing
CIDER-POUNLD	Cider press
CIVES	Small Leeks
CIVIL WAR	Wordy strife
CLABBY / CLIBBY	Wet and sticky. The weather’s clabby day shure nuff, we’ll ‘ave thunder shouldn’ wonder.”
CLACK	The flap of old non-return valves allowing water to flow in one direction only. Used in mikne lift pumps.
CLACK HANDED	Left handed – also ‘cack-handed’
CLACKER	A woman’s tongue. (Say no more!!) Tongue “The ol’ clacker ov ‘er was goyne nineteen te the dozen.”
CLAIN	Clean. “That there sink idn very clean me dear, put a bit o’ Vim on yer cloth an’ do en again.
CLAIN OFF	Proper; at once
CLAM	A tree-trunk or plank across a stream
CLAM	A footbridge. Cobbler’s wooden spring vice. “I can see Mr. Rosemergy now with the clam ‘tween ‘is kn ees knocki’ sprigs into the soles of farmers’ boots.”
CLAM	Starfish
CLAM	A footbridge
CLAM	Fainting fit

CLAM / CLAMMED	Out of health ??
CLAMBER / CLEM	Climb “That bouy de luv clemberin aver they there rocks.”
CLAMMED	Out of health. Often ill
CLAMMERED	Ailing, weak, sickly
CLAMS	Cobblers wooden spring vice
CLAP	Prattling, chattering
CLAP	“’ave ee seen Joe anywhere ‘round?” “No, I haven’t clapped eyes on en.”
CLAP (P)	A clap or roll of thunder.
CLAPS	A clasp. “Clap the door ‘fore go bed will ee?”
CLAT	Turf cut with Cornish shovel. Cut to shape not a tob.
CLATH	Cloth
CLATHETS/CLATHERS	Clothing
CLAVEL / CRAVEL	Beam over Cornish cooking range, usually granite
CLAVES	A wooden instrument on which the hooks of a long line are arranged.
CLAW	A cleft wooden instrument on which the hooks of a longline are arranged
CLAWDY	Fish entrails used as bait
CLAYS/CLAYERS	Small clay marbles that have been fired
CLEAN-OFF	Cleverly. Completely. “I flinked me’ands an’ knocked the glasses clean off the sideboard.”
CLEB	To cleave; adhere
CLEETA	A taboo name for a ‘Day Mark’ Church tower
CLEEVES	Cliff-tops. Huers used to stand on the cleeves waiting to sight showells of mackerel .
CLEMES	Fish and potatoes, fried togwether
CLEMMED/CLEMMIN	Thirsty; sticky like glass
CLEVER	Tolerably well. In good health. “’ow are ee boy?” “Aren’t feelin too clever tell the truth.”
CLEWED	Benumbed
CLEWYOW	A great fuss. “cutting a brave clewyow
CLIBBY	Sticky Also used in reference to damp/dank misty weather or atmosphere. (see Clabby).
CLICK	fasten, “click the gate”
CLICK	Clique. Gus on, I don’t have nawthen do with that crowd, they’re nothing’ more than a big click – wan fer all an’ all fer one in a way o’ spaaken.”
CLICK / CLIP	A sharp blow. “I gib’m a click ‘round the ear’ole.”
CLICK-HANDED CLICKY	Left-handed. Awkward. Clumsy (see cack-handed above) <i>Dorn Kledk or glikin</i> (Cornish) left hand.
CLIDERS	Goose grass of the Rubiaceae family
CLIDGE	To cling, to join together; stuck. They sweets ‘ave bin in my pocket fer ages, now they’re all clidged together.”
CLIDGE JAW	Treacle Pudding
CLIDGY NICEY	Boiled sweet mixture. Often stuck together in a lump
CLIDGY/CLODGY	Sticky toffee. There are a number of Clodgy Lnanes & Road about. I understand this was the nearfest to the town centre that leppers were allowed.
CLIG/CHIGGED	Cling; to cling
CLIGGARD	A species of Lance fish
CLINCHED	Married
CLINK	Gaol or Lock-up. Perhaps from the distinctive noise a large bunch of heavy keys make when jangled .
CLINKER(S)	Slag, embers, residue from burning coal, coke anthracite, etc
CLINTLERS	Goose grass
CLIPPER	One who turnas the ground
CLISTY/CLODGY/ CLUSTY/CLITCHY	Soft; sticky
CLITCH	To latch
CLITS	The toes of a cloven footed animal . “Best gone out and clip the clits of the goats er they went be able te walk fitty.”
CLITTER	A confused noise. To clutter up

CLIVVER	A cleaver. Give es that clivver aver there an' I'll whip 'is 'ead off."
CLIVVER	Clever
CLOAM / CLOME	EarthenWare, crockery, oven or other
CLOAMERS	See Clays
CLOB / COB	Clay mixed with straw for building use
CLOB STANKERS	Heavy boots
CLOCK	Crop or craw ?? Have heard of 'Clock' in the context of registering who or what something is and what they are about, as in 'I've marked his card,' but not crop or claw. PP
CLOCK	The crop of a bird
CLODGY/ CLODGEY	Boggy. Muddy (Clodgy Lane) Clammy or sticky. In Clodgy Lane I understand it also to be as close as lepers were allowed to come to the town. Ed
CLODHOPPERS	Feet
CLOES	Clothes
CLOME-AUV'N	Earthen Ware Oven. Used principlly for baking bread.
CLOMEN	Made of earthenware "He's an ning' like a cloamen cat."
CLONK	Verb; to gulp down quickly. To swallow. A chap asked an older fella what was wrong with 'is donkey. "I dawn't rightly knaw, all I can tell ee is he an't clonkey ner 'ee an't dungy."
CLOP / CLOPPER. CLOPPING	Limp. A lame person/animal. Limping. "Fred is cloppi'n along there like one with a wooden leg!."
CLOSE	Reticent – reserved – introverted. Person who keeps oneself to oneself. "You went git nought out of ee, ee's too close fer that." We might say today; "He plays his cards c lose to his chest."
CLOSE	Reserved. Reticent "He's close eeis, ee de kepp his cards close te 'is chest.
CLOSE HOM	Shut home the door – Shut to.
CLOUCHING / SKULKING	Unreliable (person) Being moody equiv to sulking
CLOUT	An old cloth or rag – even clothing like work wear. "Never cast a clout 'til May is out." Is a very well known saying.
CLOUT	Verb; to swipe or thump. "I shou'dn't stand no buck from un yo, I shud cloat go to en."
CLOUT NAIL	A short nail with a large head as used to secure felt to a roof. The larger head helps stop the felt from pulling through the nail.
CLUBBISH	Handle roughly; Churlish;brutal; rude; rough
CLUBBISH	Cruel. Brutish. "He's one o' they clubbish types, I shudden 'ave nawthen do wi' edn if I was yu."
CLUCK / CLUCKY HIN	A sitting hen, abroody hen. "Still gvot they gleeny eggs 'ave ee mawther, cause there's a bantam gone clucky out in the pen. She'll sit on they as tight's a gin."
CLUCKY – DOWN	Squat as in milking an animal without a stool
CLUE	To grasp or to hold
CLUET	Wattled grass
CLUFF	Slink in
CLUM	Hands benumbed with cold
CLUME-BUZZA	Earthen pan A different pronounciation fir 'Cloam'.
CLUNK(ED)(T)	Swallow(ed) / gulp(ed)
CLUNKER	The uvula. The wiggly little thing that hangs down in back of the mouth. Clunca (Borlase) Adam's apple? Throat
CLUSH	Hide or stoop. "The hen wouldn't clush her chicks."
CLUSHY-IN	To draw neater together. "Gosh tis bitter up on these moors, less clushy-in."
CLUSTY	Said of close bread. (I presume bread that has not risen, so is not springy, rather remained close and tight
CLUT	A gap in the hedge. To fall in a heap. "We want fer te mend these few cluts in the 'edge te keep the sheep in."
CLUTCHY	Sticky
CLUTTY DOWN	To crouch down. Squat (See Clucky Down)
CLYNE	Seabirds feast. Indicating a shoal.
CLYSTY / CLISTY	Moist as badly made bread or a bad potato.
CO	Come, or go
COADY	Dirty; nasty; sloppy

COADY / CAWED	Liver disease of sheep, liver-fluke.
COAGERS END	Cobblers wax used to strengthen and waterproof cobblers thread.
COAJER'S-WAX	Shoemakers wax or polish
COANSE	Stone paved yard scoaned – stones. (See Caunce)
COARSE / COOSE	Cold (of weather). “The weather’s a bit cossey idna boy?”
COARSE TOWSER	Rough hessian apron, protection worn over workclothes
COATS	Petticoats. “Missis de put up they there flannel coats cum cold weather!”
COB	An animal larger than a pony but lighter than a horse. A very useful animal on small Cornish holdings.
COB	Forelock/fringe. A crest of hair or feathers, a young seagull. “Cum ‘ere minute lem me cut yer cob, ‘tis gittin in yer eyes.”
COB	horse’s mane, also boy’s forelock, similar to a girl’s fringe. “Tis time fer ee te ‘ave yer cob cut, tis gittin in yer eyes.”
COB / CLOB	Above, clay and straw for walls to break into small pieces with a cobbing hammer
COB / COBBA	Gull. [C.S.W.] Also, jocularly, a simpleton, a lout
COBB	A lout
COBB'D	Beat or thumped. ‘Ee ob’d ‘ell out obm.’
COBBATY CUT / COBBLEDENUT	“Down nut, jee jaw, first blaw” A game with hazel nuts. ??? Can anyone explain?
COBBE	A bungler
COBBER	A bruiser of tin ore, one who cobbs
COBBET	Blow
COBBING	Breaking ore into small pieces with a hammer and done by Bal Maidens.
COBBING HAMMER	Hammer used in breaking ore
COBBLE-DE-CUT-NUTS	Hazelnuts
COBMORE / COGMORE	Clubroot in cabbage.
COBOUTS / COBNUTS	Hazelnuts. Game played with nuts on string
COBSHAN / COPTION	Money or savings. (Caption, old legal term.)
COCK	To cock hay into a pile
COCK AN BAWBA / COCKEN BABA	Toy boat.
COCK ROBIN	Red campion (Lychnis dioica)
COCK'S EYE	Halo round the sun or moon. “We’re goyn have frost boy, see that cock’s eye round the moon .”
COCKABELLE/COCKLEBELL/CONK ERBELLE	Icicle
COCKABELLS / CONCUBBELLS / CONKERBELLS	Icicles.
COCKAGE/COCK-HEDGE	Green privet (or similar) hedge. ‘I’d better sharpen the shears, I’m goyne out te cut the cockage.’
COCKATHODON	Manx shearwater.
COCKATHRODON	Manx Shearwater (also crow)
COCKBOAT	Attend the mackerel seine.
COCK-BUTTON	The burrs of the burdock
COCKCOMBS	The Montbretia plant
COCKDAYKA	?? Can anyone help please?
COCKDOLLAR	To discharge excrement, to let fly with heels as of a donkey.
COCKED UP	Turned up out of its natural place. Like a cocked hat. Akimbo
COCKEDGE / COCK HEDGE	Low fence of thorn or other plant.
COCKETT	Small load
COCKFIGHTER	Game with plantain heads.
COCK-HAW	a game played with hazel nuts.
COCK-HEDGE	A privet hedge
COCKING- JACK	Guillemot
COCKLE	Schorl or Capel. Rock derived from Killas.(See Cockle above)
COCKLE BELLS (BUTTONS)	Cockle buttons, cockle dock: the burdock plant. From cuckold buttons?
COCKLE UP TO	To confront
COCKLE/CAPEL/CAPLE	Schrol ; Black tourmaline: a mineral that is a complex borosilicate and hydroxide of aluminum containing iron and magnesium and calcium and lithium and sodium;

	it is usually black but occurs in transparent colored forms that are used as gemstones
COCKLEHEAD	To turn over heels in bed; part of a rhyme. A Dick head.
COCKLY(-LEE) BREAD	Early morning bread
COCKOO	Harebell or bluebell. "The woods is full o' cuckoos, tis a mass o' blu' all over."
COCKS AND HENS	Plantains.
COCOR	"Quiver, scabbard"
COD	Bag of a trawl net.
COD	Humerous aggravation – tall story or tease "What yer tellin' is nathin more then a load o' ol' cod's wallop." (which of course is water!
CODDLE	see CAUDLE. A mess
CODDLE / CODDLING / CHURS ALSO CAUDLE	A mess. Wet and dirty jobs. Coddling water was soapy brackish water at the end of washday. It was used to wash dirty things in including chamber pots. Then 'twas thraved away!
CODDLE/ CAWDDLE	Be busy doing nothing. A mess, a spatter; CODDLIN CHERS = wert & dry jobs. "You shud ov see en wealding that there distemper brush, he got in some cawddle I tell ee."
CODDLY	Messy
CODGE / CODGER/CADGER	Untidy, Slovenly..... A slovenly worker, originally a kind of Pedlar – to bodge. "Look at that, 'tis a right codge of a job I de call it, nawthen don't fit fitty."
CODGY-WAX	Cobblers wax
CODLIN' WATER	water unfit for drinking. (probably drawn from a stream & used for feeding animals & washing down walls & floors.)
CODLING WATER	Water in a pan or bowl for washing the hands (See coddling)
CODNOR	Stew. "This is a nice bowl o' condor mawther, this'll make yer navel buzz!
CODSWALLOP	Water or a load of old nonsense – derived strangely enough from the Codd bottle patented by Hiram Codd
COE / COW	Small hut of clods or boards over a shaft to keep it dry.
COFFAN / COFFEN	Open tin work.
COFFER	Small water trough which receives the tin cleaned of its impurities.
COFFINE /COFFINS	Hollows in the earth caused by subsidence due to underground workings
COIN	Corner stone – quoine
COIN STONE / COYN / COIGN	Corner stone
COINAGE	Tax on smelted tin
COINING	Breaking a piece from a corner of a block for assay
COLD ROOZ	'Close the net' s command given in pilchard fishing
COLD ROSTE	A trumpery thing, i.e. an attractive article of little use or value.
COLE / COIL	Squid, cuttlefish.
COLE/COLEWORT	Cabbage
COLEMOUSE	Coaltit
COLL 'OME	Verb; to remember. (See CALL 'OME)
COLLYBRAN(D) / COLLABRANZ	Summer lightning. O.E. col brand. Also smut in wheat from supposed cause.
COLLYBRAND	Sheet lightning. Also black ears of corn
COLLYWOBBLES	Stomach rumblings
COLP	Short rope for carrying sheaves from rick to barn
COLP	Cuff. Thump. "You'll git a colp 'round the ear'ole if you don't behave. Strike. O.Fr. collop. Colloping: a thrashing.
COLP / COLLOP	Thump
COLPAS	Cowlpress, Coupres, Colpice, Colpress: the fulcrum of a lever. (Fulcrum in older English was "underset")
COLPERRA	Lent Crocking. The throwing of crocks at doors on Shrove Tuesday. Here's pretty much the full story:- Bands of children would call at houses and chant songs in return for a gift of flour, eggs, or milk. When enough had been gathered they would return home and make their Shrove Tuesday pancakes from the proceedings. As with most of these door to door collections there was a penalty should a gift not be forthcoming. The miserly household would have a handful of heartily thrown broken china aimed at their door. One of the chanted verses goes like this: <i>'Lent crocks give me a pancake Or a fritter for my labour</i>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Or a dish of flour or a piece of bread; Or what you're pleased to render. I see by the latch There is something to catch, I see by the string There's a good Dame within. Trap, trapping, throw, Give me my mumps* and I will go!.</i></p> <p>*Check out mumps in a modern dictionary.</p>
COLT	Indiscriminately used for either sex. ??
COMBE	Earth ridge made by plough. "You got a nice straight, even comb there boy, you aught git a prize."
COMBE	To rake. "combe the arrish" "Git they arrish rakes down from the rafters, we'd best go out an' combe the arrish."
COMBE / COOM	Valley. "Tis nice an' sheltered down in the coom."
COME EER'	Call to horse to turn left. (Reminds me of the shepherds with their 'come bye'.
COME-BY-CHANCE	Accidental. An illegitimate child. (It seems that these things do happen)
COMED	Came. He comed 'ere yest'day I told en then we 'ad no scrap, kick 'is ass out of here."
COME-OUT	Quarrel. Fracas
COME-UPPING	A flogging. "I'll give ee sum come-uppin' in a minute, if ee dawn't behave."
COMFORTABLE	A person deemed to not be in want although not considered to be rich. Some one comfortably well off.
COMFORTER	A term used by a farmer when referring to a stick he used to persuade his cattle to keep moving along the road, rather than hold up traffic. This use of a Comforter also has a direct link to William in the Bayeux Tapestry.
COMICAL	Temper
COMICAL	Moon struck or Comet struck. "Never make a mock of a maygum; you may be struck comical yourself one day"
COMIN' TO COME	Starting to work out. Getting there when turnig cream to butter.
COMISH PIES	Squab pie. Nattlin pie. Fishy pie. Muggety pie. Star-gazey pie. Likkey pie, Conger pie. Tetty pie. Parsley pie. Giblet pie. Herby pie. Tiddago pie. Lamby-pie. Bottom pie. Piggy pie. Sour sab pie
COMMIS-ZON	Come on "Commis-zon err we'll miss the bus." ('Come on now.') said in earnest.
COMMONACK	Pigeon of mixed breeds
COMPARTNER	A companion. A consort. "I see shee aver the road 'ave got a compartner now; seems te be all the go these days. Dawn't she like 'er awn compney er w'at?"
COMPOSANTS	Jack Harry's Lights, St. Elmo's fire. (This is a weather phenomenon seen in thunder& lightning storms – luminous plasma.) Meteor, caster pullux; ominous to sailers
COMPREHEND	Be equal to a task
COMRPRESSING	Fleeting, sliding away
CON	Intention. "More by hap than con."
CONDIDDLE	To get anything by stealth.
CONDUCK	Conduct
CONDUDDLE(S)	Conceit(s)
CONFAB / CONFLAB CONFABULATION	Having a conversation. "They're 'aven a good old conflab over there, spose they're taalken 'bout the football."
CONFINED	Child-birth (confinement) 'Ess she's gone into confinement this morning.'
CONFLOPTION	Great Flurry, Minor disaster. "The wind blawed the show tent down an' all the exhibits in en. Twas sum confloption w'en we got up there."
CONGER DOUCE/DOUST	Dried conger, powdered to make fish soup..
CONKERBELL	An icicle. "We 'ad some storm last night, wind rain an' 'ail, see they conkerbells hangen off the tin roof, that'll tell ee w'at weather we 'ad."
CONSAIT	A notion, conceit. "He's some consaited, never know 'ow te take en I don't." Also a fancy
CONSARN	Concern. 'Tis nun o' your consarn is it, w'at I de do in me awn plaace is my business?'
CONSART	Concern. 'I'm sum consart about 'en, 'ee idn the man 'ee was.'
CONTINNY	Continue. "I'm goyne continny up the row 'ere."
CONTUS ROOF	Plastered roof where the slates cannot be seen

CONVENTIONARY RENT	A nominal rent payable by tenants of land in the Duchy Manors when they were held under perpetually renewable leases.
COOCH HANDED	Left handed.
COOCHY	Lefthanded person. Cp. Fr. gauche. See "click handed"
COOKS / KOOKS	Quoits
COOL / COOLER	A Well bucket. A salting tub. An oval bussa
COOL-PERRA	A tradition in Landewednack; on Shrove Tuesday children begged for Cool-perra. Whatever its meaning, they expected ½ d or food. The formula repeated was, "Hen cock, he cock, give me a tubban (morsel) or else cool-perra shall come to your door.
COOMBE	Hollow between hills open at one end only
COOR, CORE	Shift or spell of paid work. "out of coor" working on the side fer cash in hand.
COORAM	Decorum; Order; "Le's 'ave a bit o' coorum 'ere please."
COORAM / CORUM	Order. Decorum, "keep coram!" i.e. Keep order
COOSE	Water course
COOSE	Cold.. "Coose edna?"
COOSE. COOSING	Chase / Hunt / Pursue, as in hare coursing. Also said of someone who is always in other peoples' houses. A chase. "I bin coosen the pigs 'round all morning tryen git 'em out of they broccoli."
COOSIGEN	Blood caused by nip
COOSIN'/CURZIN	Coursey go – gossiping
COOSTOM	A drop of coostom (custom) is a drop of brandy after goose, plum pudding etc.
COOSY	Short, rough, coarse
COOSY	To talk, as in gossiping; to chat
COOT	Metal plate on sole of shoe
COOT	"Bald as a coot" "as poor as a coot"
COOT	Thrash or a thrashing
COOTING	Same as 'kiting' "He slipped on the ice an' went cooting."
COOYER	Overhanging mass of rock
COOZE / COOZING	Idle gossip. Wasting time chatting. Going from houswe to house idley gossiping and rumour mongering.
COOZY	To loiter
COP	a tuft of feathers. Coppie: a fowl with a cop. Cp. Cob
COPE	Verb; to jump over
COPE-COPE-COPE COOPE & CUP	Used to call cattle from the field at milking time
COPINS	Rubbish [thistleheads etc] from thresher.
COPPER	A large 'iron' vessel, with heavy lid, usually bricked around for support and to keep the 'het' in and with a fire box underneath used to boil water for 'washday'.
COPPER-FINCH	The chaffinch
COPS	Iron shackles used in gates. A jeweler in Penzance was asked, "did they sell any copeses for the arms?" i.e. bracelets.
COR CRI	Criss-cross.
COR CRI	Corpus Christi
CORB / CORVE	Floating crab box.
CORD	See Gard, Guard
CORDWINDER	Cobbler. Cordwainer
CORE	Spell of work. A shift of work. "On night core". One reference says, 'eight hours' I doubt whether a core was an exact length of time.
CORE / CHORE	A spell of work
CORGEL	An accordion or concertina
CORISY	Hatred, ill feeling, ill will. "'is mawther never left en a penny in 'er will, now e's as full of corisy as a jug is full o' milk.
CORISY-CORROSY	Hatred. Ill-feeling. Ill;-will. An old grudge or grievance.
CORKER	Usually (a fair corker': exceedingly and unexpectantly good. (could be an exceptional team player or an item.)
CORNCRAKE	The Landrail

CORNCROW	Wood pigeon
CORNE OUT	Fracas; a good turn out
CORNISH	To Cornish together. Sharing a cup
CORNISH	Use one glass for several people; also tobacco pipe.
CORNISH DIAMONDS	Quartz crystal
CORNISH GIFT	Give someone something either you don't want, don't like, or is otherwise useless. E.g. My cousin once said to me, "want a shirt do ee? There's nawthin wrong widn, but I abm 'ad nawthen but bad luck since I've 'ad en!"
CORNISH HAIR	Rough wool of ancient sheep
CORNISH HUG	A powerful wrestling grip or lock
CORNISH ORGAN	Bellows
CORNISH PIES	see Jago p. 143
CORNISHMAN'S GIFT	Item unwanted by the donor.
CORNIWHILEN	Lapwing
CORNIWILLEN	The lapwing
CORODIN'	Gnawing
CORRAT	Pert, impudent. "As corrat as Crocker's mare".
CORREESY / CORIZZY	Feud, old grudge., hatred. Anglo-French: corrocier.
CORSHIP	Game resembling hopscotch.
CORTILLY	Cortilly weather. Foggy or misty
CORTILLY	Foggy, misty weater. (stress on second syllable). .
CORVE	Floating crab box
CORWICH	Spider crab.
COSENED	Of a tool, sharpened or hammered into shape. Vb. Cossen. Also to repair a worn out tool by beating metal onto it where worn. Presumably with the help of a forge!
COSTAN	A flat straw basket into which babies were put to sleep. I don't know if this was their prime purpose. Please help
COSTAN / COSTEN	A flat basket, usually made of straw (or cane). Babies were often placed in them to sleep.
COST-BOOK COMPANY	A mining partnership in transferable shares
COSTEAN / COSTEAN PIT/ COSTEANING	Getting surface tin, wood tin. To examine back of a lode by digging pits.
COSTEEN PIT	Exploratory hole when looking for a lode, a mining term
COTHAN	Old undisturbed stratum. (Borlase)
COTNERS	Thatch ropes running over the rick and weighted at the ends with stones. See BROACH.
COTT	Cottage, house
COTTER EL	Pot-hook or trammel to hang a pot over a fire; dim. Of cotter. "Mind w'en you hang that pot over the fire, that there cotter el will be rid 'ot."
COTTLEDALE	Fix the extreme ends of the net to the batch.
COTTON-ON	Grasp the idea. Comprehend. "'e nodded right nuff so I think 'e cottoned on te what I was tellen."
COUGING	Shuffling. Walking with heavy tread. "Must of bin a long day, Fred is gone uplong couging, I could 'ear 'is boots scroodgin 'long the gravel from in 'ere."
COUNTHOUSE	Mine management office building.
COUNTRY	The ground itself near an excavation. We have the well known area of North Country on the way to Porthtowan etc.
COUNTRY JANNER	Country person
COUNTRYMAN'S TREACLE	Garlic (Carew) "Triacle" was any remedy, medicinal mixture, also of certain springs of water.
COUR/CORE	A period of work, a shift. If you were paid a wage, you were said to be working 'in coure' but if you were working outside of your normal job, you was 'working out of coure'.
COURANT	Cow's courant??? Cows and young heifers in particular do kick their heels in rthe air and runa bout at the same time.
COURANT / COURANTIN'	Capering. Romping, a running romp. Numbering the pushes for a child on a swing. (Courant is a form of dance, does anyone know what it is?)
COURSEY	To go gossiping

COURTLEDGE / CURTILEGE	yard at front or back of house. The boundary of any domestic property.
COUSIN JACK	Cornishman out of Cornwall. All <i>Gladiolus byzantinus</i> .
COUSIN JACK	Local term of contempt. They used to say, 'wherever in the world there's a hole in the ground you'd find a Cousin Jack at the bottom.
COUSSE / COWZEY / COURSEY	A chat; to gossip. To go a gossiping
COVERCLOUTS	Spatter-dashes.
COVERSLIT	A blind. You had to be careful that there were no holes in your coverslits during the wartime blackout.
COVERSLUT	Clothing slipped on to cover dirt.
COVER-SLUT	One who takes blame for someone else
COW / COWL	Moveable part of an oast-house; a windlass.
COW CHAWL/CHOL	Cow shed
COW PARSLEY	Hogweed
COW(AL)L	Fish basket – carried on the back by fish sellers, fastened by a broad band around the forehead.
COWAL /COWL	Basket held by strap on head, as carried by fisherwomen on their backs.
COWAL(LE)	.A fish-basket
COWBLAKES	Dried cow dung used for fuel.
COWBROOZ	a pasty made from pilchards.
COWE	Fish bladder
COW-FLAPS	Wild parsnips; hogweed
COWL	Fish basket
COWL ROOZ	"Cast net"
COWLD IRON	Unwelcome clergyman
COWLECK / COWLAKE	A glutton.
COWSEY / COOZEY	Chat, gossip, to loiter.
COWSHEM	Cowdung. Dussen, stank in that cowshem there, ee de look pretty fresh te me."
COWSHERNY	Dull colour of turbled sea. Cowshern; cow-dung. O.E.
COWSLICK	Hair hanging on forehead
COXY	Pert. Saucy. "She was a bit coxy didn't ee think?"
COYNE /COIGN	End stone of a building. I think this must relate to 'quoin', a cornerstone.
COYNT	Toss the head.
COY-YCH	Rotten mess
COZ	Flagged or cobbled area of a farmyard, usually near the house. Similar to caunce I imagine.
CRAB	Verb: to run off line. Eg when ploughing. A vehicle going forward and slightly sideways at the same time.
CRABALONG / CRABALORGIN	Spider crab. (As above)
CRABBED	Irritable, Artful
CRABBET (AT)	Scarf, or cravat. Also: very clever person.
CRABBUT	Crabpot. "we're goyne load these crabbuts onta the van te take down te the boaat."
CRACE	Ridge Tile
CRACKED	Mad, insane
CRADLE	Raised sides of a corn tiff. ?? Help!!
CRAFE / CRAFF	To codge up. To mend. To stitch roughly as in mending sails. "You 'ave crafed that up shure nuff look at the puckers in the stitch'n". A bodge job
CRAFFING	Rough, mending
CRAFT / CRAAFT	Croft. Uncultivated land
CRAIKING	Moving about stiffly as with rheumatism.
CRAIL	Basket.
CRAIMEY MOSSEL	Piece of bread and cream.
CRAKE / CRAKING	A harsh cry. To complain
CRAKER	Missel thrush.
CRAM	Crush, crease. Noun: a white lie.
CRAM	A tall story – a white lie. "That was a cram shure nuff, b'leeve it did ee?"
CRAME	To creep.
CRAME	Also Cream. "Our new Guernsey cow is given sum 'ansome drop o'crame."
CRAMMER	A huge lie

CRAMMING	Lying, telling lies
CRAMP	Starfish
CRAMS	Tall stories “ees always tellin cramses that one.”
CRAN	800 herrings
CRANT	Amusing situation or prank
CRAPPLE	A Cripple
CRATERS	Creatures
CRATES	Creatures
CRAVEL	The lintel over a chimney (granite)
CRAW	To Crop
CRAW	Also a crow
CRAWB	Dried sheep skin.
CRAWGEN	Limpet shell . Croagen, crogan; a small matter.
CRAWN	Dried sheep skin
CRAYS / CRAZE	Crease: the middle head of a buddle. Also ridge tiles of a roof. Also ridge of earth on the bank of a leat caused by continual scouring of leat. (See pednang last, parts of a Buddle.)
CRAZE MILL	Stone mill formerly used to crack large sized tin ore.
CREAG	A crack. Cp. W. cryk.
CREAG / CRIG	Burrow, barrow, tumulus. “Tis full o’ they creags out to Goonhilly.”
CREAMY MOSSEL	Bread and cream
CREASE	A building term for the ridge of the roof
CREASER / CRESSER	Half grown bream. Also a person who exaggerates.
CREDDLE / CROWDLE	Loiter. “See that stranger aver there do ee? ‘e bin creedlin’ round they push bikes all af noon. Gus on over to en an’ see w’at he’s up to.”
CREECHER	Missel thrush. Originally Screecher E.D.D.
CREEM	To squeeze. Trembling, fear
CREEM	Also to grip firly in jaws, or vice “Creem un right up tight ‘e’ll stay there then.”
CREEN	Of stone, readily split, to shale away. Cp.
CREEN	To griev, to pine or complain
CREEN(ING)	To grieve. Complain (complaining)
CREENER / CREENING	An ailing sickly person. Complaining. “A creenin’ woman will live fer ever!” Old people are sometimes said to be creeners. <i>Crene</i> , Cornish
CREEPY STOOL	Very low stool for the smallest children to set pon in front the fire.
CREEPY-CREEPY	Trembling
CREEVED	Food improperly cooked. ‘Half raw’
CREEVED	Partly-cooked; half raw. Please see CREEVED above, which is it, can someone help please?
CREGSER / CRYSER / CRESSHOK	The kestrel.
CRELL / CRILL	Frayed ends of a border. See Crully.
CRELLAS	Ancient broken down hut. From shaken down. “an excavation in a bank roofed to make a shelter”
CREMMED WITH LOUCH	Full of rubbish “Our backhouse is cremmed with louch, you an’t eben standup in un ees sa full.”
CREPPLE	Cripple
CRESSER	A fish resembling a Bream
CREVAN	A dry hard crust. “I nearly brock my false teeth on that crevan you gived me.”
CREVEN	Crust
CREW	Manx shearwater.
CRIB	To break bits off or to crumble. “That there plaster on that wall ‘ave cribbed away brave aver the last few months, p’raps there’s mundic in en.” Or to crumble away naturally.
CRIB	Light luncheon. Crouse. Breaktime
CRIB	Comb or crest.
CRIBBAGE FACE	Thin wrinkled face
CRIBBED	Broken china ornament, especially a projecting part.
CRIBBED AWAY	Worn away. ‘the road has cribbed away at the edges.
CRIBBEN	Part of the harness of a “Vore” horse
CRIBBER	A small eater –‘picker of food. “She’s a real cribber at meal times she dawn’t think

	nathin ‘bout the waste of good food.”
CRIBBIN’ THE FLINT	Removing edges of flint
CRIBBLE	To fray out. . Also, a grating across a stream (stream-works) (To wear out by friction)
CRICK	Crick-stone. Another name for the Men-an-tol or other ancient holed stone, derived from its power of curing children’s complaints, particularly Ricketts..
CRICK(L)ING	Collecting items for marriage. “Now they’re engaged, they’ll be busy crickling stuff for the ‘bottom drawer’.
CRICKEN / CRICKS / CRINNICKS	Dry sticks at end of a furze rick; hedge kindling wood.
CRICKET	Low, three-legged stool. “ We de sit down on the cricket te milky the cows.”
CRICKETY	Frail, rickety (brickly)
CRICKIN’	Picking sticks & odds & ends
CRICKING	Picking up loose dried sticks from hedgerows. (See CRICK above.)
CRICKLE	Of a prop in a mine, to break or totter under weight.
CRICKLIN	Breaking down from overweight
CRICKLY	Frail, rickety
CRICKMOLE / CRICKMAL	Somersault. “Seen that clown up te the circus ‘ave ee? ‘e can do a thripple crickmole; I’ve never seen othing’ like it.”
CRICKS	Dead twigs, particularly those lying in the countryside hedgerows. “Clear up they cricks round the front door will ‘e the wind must of blawed them in.
CRICKSTONE	A holed stone, with supposedly magic powers to cure a crick in the back ikf gthe sufferer could crawl through it
CRID	Curd from mastitis affected milk,
CRIDDLE	Curdle
CRIDS	Cruds
CRIG	A round mow of corn
CRIM	To shiver with cold. “Tis keen nuff this marnin to make ee crim with the cold edna?
CRIM / CROOM / CRUMMET	Crumb. Also, a short time, “wait a croom.” A tiny amount
CRINGLE	Gate or door hasp. “The cringle on the outhouse door is brock now, Mrs will ;ave git a new one w’en she next go in te town.”
CRINION	Barley bran.
CRINK	Turn or twist. “it en with the hammer an’ crink en aver.”
CRINNY	To shiver. (See crim above)
CRIP(B)	To bereak a small bit off
CRIPPLE	Any creeping thing. Long or Slow cripple: the slowworm or blind-worm.
CRIPPLE	A lame or disabled person, probably one who has some form of eformity and unable to work.
CRIPS	Crisps “Put a packet of they there crips in my crib box will ‘e mawther?”
CRIPSE	To craze or crack glass or earthenware .
CRIPSED	Nicely browned
CRISS-CROSS ROW	The alphabet. (In the old books is was always headed with a Cross. See WIKIPEDIA on line)
CRISSEY-CROSSY	The pattern made on heavy cake i.e. criss cross
CRITCH	Crutch
CRITICAL	A critical parish: one difficult to deal with.
CRO	Mine spirit, the zellan. ?? Anyone any ideas what a zellan is??
CROAGER	Very small matter
CROAKE	Complainer
CROCK	Three-legged iron cooking pot. Less put the crock on the trivet an’ warm up that stew, my pots is rattlin”
CROCK	Large cast iron open vessel hung on the crooks at one side of the open hearth. (Similar to above.)
CROCK ON	An invitation to take one’s arm! (How very romantic)
CRODER / CROWDY	A fiddler. “That ol’d croder is comin round again with ‘is cap in ‘is ‘and. I’m goyne un latch the door and go out back.”
CROFTS	Unbroken rough ground; much of this was broken in pre and during WWII to help feed us all.
CROG(G)AN / CRAWGEN	Limpet shell
CRONECK	The toad. Cor. Cronek

CROOK	Hook, - eg. Boot-crook
CROOK / CROOPY / CROOP	Bend, to stoop down. "I 'ate picken they vilolets, it de just kill yer back croopen down all the time."
CROOKED	Arm in arm. "I see Alfred and 'is new girl friend are gone outlong crooked up together; true romance spouse."
CROOKS	Wooden hoops supporting panniers.
CROOKS	Two iron hooks suspended from a bar across the the chimney ; they were adjustable for height and could be slid sideways to bring them over the fire. [see CROCK]
CROOM / CRIM	A small quantity. "Cud I 'ave a crim of sugar please Mrs. Varker?"
CROON	To wail.
CROONY	Foolish. Imbecile. "He's a proper croony sure nuff."
CROP	Best of the concentrated tin.
CROP OF THE BUNCH	Best of the family either human or animal. Prettiest
CROPE – CROPISH	To be miserly – greedy or stingy person. "She's a right ol' crope, she dawn't put nothing in the offertory box up Chapel of a Sunday; I've watched 'er week by week, tis always the same."
CRORGY / CROUGING	Miserable person; always complaining. Also, shuffling. "She's always crouging, nawthin is ever right far the woman, she dun aw 'ow well off she is."
CROSENS	Limpet shells
CROSS CUT	Mining term. Also, contradictory person, "always on the cross-cut."
CROSS SIGHTED	Squinting.
CROUGIN'	Shuffling
CROUST / CROWST	Food taken between meals (Also see Crib)
CROW	Top sheaf at the ridge of a rick.
CROW	Pigsty (rhymes with 'now')
CROW / CRAW	Boast. Brag. "Dammy 'tall, what are ee crowin' 'bout now, you've awnly won third prize."
CROWD	A fiddle. To press. A crowder is a fiddler
CROWD	Purr like a (cat)
CROWD / CROWDER	A slow-coach. Dawdler. He's a proper crowder, always three scats be'ind the rest."
CROWD/CROWDY-CRAWN	A sheepskinned bottomed corn measure, used as a tambourine.
CROWDING	Purring. 'The cat's crowding'
CROWDLE (ING)	Loiter, Loitering. (See crowder above)
CROWDY	To play the fiddle. Cor. Crowd, a fiddle. "He can crowdly real 'ansmome, you just hum it once an' ee can play it."
CROWDY CRAWN	Wooden sieve with sheepskin bottom used for oddments and as a tambourine. (see Crowd above)
CROWDY-SCRATCH	The fiddle stick. "look up, he've bin an' brock a string on 'is crowdly-scratch."
CROWNER	Coroner. "The crowner said, 'accidental death'. But I still bleeve 'e was pushed."
CROWNING	An inquest. "At the crowning the jury took ages te make up their minds."
CROWS FOOT	Kenning Herb (Hemp)
CROWS-AN-WREA	Witches croft
CROWSECK	Cross tempered.
CROW-SHEAF	Top-most sheaf in row of corn Cp. Welsh, crewyn, last load of corn.
CROWST	A meal eaten at the workplace. (See also Crib & Croust)
CROWST / CROUST	Aforenoon snack (crust)
CRUB	Angle of blade to shovel handle (hilt)
CRUCKEY	Verb: to crouch down. (See also clucky)
CRUDDLE	To curdle, go sour. Also off ice; "too rudely to go skating." ?? This is a bit obscure, assistance please.
CRUDDLY	Curley
CRUDDLY	Curly. "With this damp air see 'ow 'er air is gone cruddly."
CRUDGS / CRUDDY	Sour milk formerly taken to Penzance market, carried in pitchers on women's heads. "This milk is all gone cruddly ma, I an't drink this."
CRUEL	Cruel-hard. Extremely difficult. "That job you gived the boy te do was a bit cruel wadna?"
CRUEL	Emphatic interjection. "cruel shape", "cruel wisht."
CRUEL FINE (GOOD)	Very fine; Very good

CRULLED	Encrusted
CRULLY / CRAIL	Curly and verb, to curl.
CRULLY-HEAD	Curly-head. "The child is just born but 'e got a crully-head already."
CRUM	When the angle made by a tool shaft to the blade is small, it is crum.
CRUM	A little bit of anything, in other parts of the kingdom a crum(b) is generally confined to bread or cake. <i>Crwth</i> Welch
CRUM-A-GACKLE	Perplexity; bother
CRUMBED / CRUMB	Very fine. Drawn together with cold. Numb fingers. Bent
CRUMPTINS	Small reformed apples. "I've jus' picked up a pail full o' crumptions, I think I'll feed them te the pigs."
CRUNK	To croak, of Ravens. Cp. Runky. ?? Anybody?
CRUSELING	Being fretful (grizzling)
CRUSHIN'	Ailing, Failing in health,. "Poor ol' Sam is crushin' now ina bouy?" "Es, you can see it in en caan't ee yo?"
CRYING THE NECK	Harvest field ceremony. When the last sheaf is cut the harvest is complete, thanks be to God.
CRYKY	An exclamation like Oh! My gosh.
CUBY LICK	House-leek (<i>Sempervivum</i>) . A parish jest? CRUCKLE DOCK,
CUCHY	To cuddle
CUCKABOO	Bucca or Scarecrow
CUCKHOLD BUTTONS	Burdock. See COCKLE
CUCKLEDOCK	Burdock (Cuckfold)
CUCKOLD	Red Gurnard.
CUCKOO	Jack Ralph; Wrasse
CUD	A quid of tobacco. (Quid is a piece of chewing tobacco)
CUDDEN	Could not. "I cudden but over 'ear what he said."
CUDDEN	Cousin
CUDDLE/CODDLE	A cuttlefish
CUDDLING	Doing light work (Almost wasting time.) "He' spent all mornin' there cuddling away time an' nuthin te shaw fer it." (See cawdle)
CUDDY	To hide. Also, a cluster, cache. A group, a collection
CUDGE	Nestle
CUDGELLING	Fencing
CUDGY WAX	Cobblers wax
CUDRIDDEN	A disturbance
CUE	Protective iron on heel of boots & shoes; an ox shoe. Also to put on such... Go down te Mr Rawe an' axe en te put up heavier cues this time. These didn' last two jumps te the back door!"
CUFF	A piece of leather or old gum-boot worn over the back of right hand and fore arm when paring thorns and brambles. "These brembles are pretty spikey, I think I'll put up me cuff."
CUFF	To hit someone. "I'll cuff go to ee if you aren't careful."
CUFF AWVER	Verb: to come to terms, to settle a deal perhaps
CUFFAN / CUFFERN	Hen crab.
CUFFED	Bruised (scuffed) "they taties are all cuffed in they picking machines."
CUKOO	A small plant with purple flowers like a iniature foxglove in flower april, may
CULFER / CULPHER	Damage done to crab pots.
CULFER/CULFERED/ CULFERING	Beat; beating
CULFERAS	An ungainly disagreeable person
CULFERED	over cultivated ground.
CULIACK / PILLIACK	A Good for nothing person. Helston (1933) Cor. culyak? from cul, lean, or col, chaff.
CULIAK	A good-for-nothing person. "He's a lazy lout in fact I'd go as dfar as to say, he's a culiak."
CULKIN/QUILKIN	Frog
CULLER	Man whow deals in state rubbish
CULLOPING	A good thrashing or beating

CULVER	Pigeon or dove
CULVER HOUND	The nurse hound. ??
CULVERHOUSE	A dovecote
CUMMIS-ZON	Come along also let's go "Cummis-zon, we're keepen these good people out o' bed!"
CUMMIS-ZON	Come on. An invitation. "Cummis-on and don't be se stubborn."
CUNDARD /CUNYARD	A conduit. Waterhole. Usually square sedctioned with flat heavy slates on top.
CUNDY	To shift a baulk of timber from side to side to bring it parallel with another. Also, winding in and out.
CUNEY / CUNY	Moss. Lichen. Mildew, . Also, slippery. "mind the cuney on the footpath or you'll go kiting."
CUPBOARD BED	A built-in bed, lit-clos.
CUPEL	Small vessel used in assaying.
CUPLAW / COPLAW	see [C.S.W 79.].
CUR'L(S)/CUR'LLS/ CARLLS	Carols. Glands of the neck. "Less join the others an'd go sing a few curls to the old folk. <i>Karol</i> , (Cornish) a choir or a song
CURL(E)Y	Curlew
CURL'NT	Curled it
CURM	To set, as mortar.
CURRANTY HOBBIN OR HOGGAN	Pastry rolled up with currants
CURRIDGE / KERRIDGE	The pluck of an animal or afterbirth.
CURWILLET / CAWILLY / TOWILLEE	The sanderling, also the ringed plover. Both are small wading birds.
CURZING	Talking idly, gossiping
CUSH	Oyster spit
CUSH NOW	Relax. Said to comfort a person who is upset.
CUSKY / KISKY	Corky, brittle wood. "gone all kisky" Wood with dry rot is like this.
CUSSAL / CUZZLE	Deceitful. "He is as cuzzle as a wagon load o' monkeys."
CUSSANT / CUSS'NT	Cannot. "I've tried and tried bit I cussant do it."
CUSSY-MUSSELS	Cowrie shells (Cowrie = shell fish from Bali, Indonesia)
CUST	Can. Quote from 'Cornish Homes & Cusoms' 1933. 'Go's thy way homemy dear and live as long as thee cust.'
CUSTA/CUSTNA	Can you? Will you? "Custa sew a button on fer us please?" "Sorry I custna 'til after denner."
CUSTANCE	Punishment, in game of marbles, when one is moved while in play.
CUSTICE	A blow across the hand with a rod or cane
CUSTIS	A wooden hand-slapper, as used in dame schools
CUSTOM	Raw smuggled spirits
CUT-EEN	Verb: to plough first furrow for "Gathering"
CUTIT	Pert. Impudent. Sharp in reply
CUTROUND	Bap or Split (bread) "I'll 'ave a dozen cutrounds please Mr Baker."
CUYN	Coin, as in money
CUZZAL / CUSSLE	Soft, slow, quiet. Softly and fairly. Also, to deceive.
CUZZLE	Soft & fair
CYCLEPT	Species of fish caught in the Fal.
CYPRESS	Tamarisk.

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