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I	
Word	Meaning
I JACKS	Yes, Faith
IDLE	Said of a mine when it has stopped working or has been abandoned.
IDLING	Ticking over. A traction engine running but not actually driving machinery would be said to be 'idling'.
IDN'T / IDN	Is not. 'It idn't like that atall.'
IGGOT/IJIT	Idiot
IGOTTY	The staple into which the bolt runs to fasten a door.
ILDER-BLOWTH	Elder blossom
ILE	An awn of barley
ILES	"Eye-less." The Sundew, a carinivorous group of plants formerly believed to be the cause of liver-fluke in sheep, actually a trematode flat-worm passing a part of its life in snails of marshy land.
ILES	Awns or the 'zeeurs' of the barley. (Awns = slender bristleon the tip of a glume in a grass spikelet!) PP
ILLICK	The Gurnard Fish
ILLWISH	To bewitch; to hold animosity; to wish someone harm or ill.
ILLY	Steep "'Tis illy in these parts, you'd 'ave te be fit toe live up 'ere."
IMAGE MAKER	A sculptor.
IMGROSSERS	profiteers in wheat, etc.
IMPUDENTER	Saucier; more impudent
IN AND OUTER	One who does not go fishing in doubtful weather
IN COORSE	of course.
INARDSN	Intestines (As with innards above.)
INCHING/ MINCHING	To creep forward inch by inch, a police tactic when approaching someone without then ealizing the officer is gettingnearer. Also used in games like marbles i.e. not to move your firing hand nearer the target to gain advantage.
INFLAMMATION	sympathetic pain. An angry looking sore or part of the body like a toe with gout probably where the skin is not broken.
INGNOSSER	Person who bought wheat at 18 gallons a bushel and sold same for 16 gallons per bushel
INHEAD	to incite.
INJIN STACK	High chimney of an engine house, or the chimney of a stationery mine engine, known as a 'Steam Jack'
INJY	India rubber
INJY CHANEY	Oriental chinaware

INKLE	A coarse tape or narrow webbing used for apron-strings. "Do yu know, I've just tramped Camburne town from end te end to git a bit o' inkle fer the nedw apern I made but you an't git it nowhere."
INKLE MAKERS	Makers of said tape above
INNARDS /INNERDS	Inwards. "'Aven stuck the pig, they de slikt right along 'is belly an' liv 'is innards fall out 'pon the floor."
INSENCE	to explain to anyone, "I'll insence him into it."
INSYDOWT/ INSYDOUT	Inside out. "You blind are 'ee Joe? You got yer vest on insysowt."
INYON	Onion. "Come on up an' see my inions, thy're like balls of flour."
IRE	Iron
IRE STONE	Compact greenstone.
IRON CHILL	An iron lamp fuelled by burning fish (train) oil derived from pressing pilchards
IRON MOULE	Iron stain on white laundry
ISH AND ISH	A near thing. That was ish and ish, she nearly scat right inte 'ee."
ISHANS / USHENS/ISHINS	Cereal chaff; originally dust after winnowing. Corn husks and wild plant seed that are cast out at the rear of the threshing machine.
ISS	Yes; to affirm "Goyne concert night are ee?" "Iis, if I can catch up in time."
ISS FATH	Yes sure, or yes of course.
ISSELF	Himself. "Dawn't be 'ard on en, 'e idn isself day."
ISSTERDAY /ESSTERDAY	Yesterday. "I cummed issterday but there wadn' no body 'ome."
IVERS	An exclamation ?? 'My Ivers!' Any help welcome. Ed.

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J	
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JAACED	Chased 'My dog Sam, jaaced a rabbit from Carlose all the way te Carzise; took me all af'noon goyn after un.'
JACK	A machine used in former times for turning a roasting spit
JACK HARRY'S LIGHT	Phantom lights seen to play on ships topmasts during storms, and on high ground on dark stormy nights, warning sailors of fiercer weather to come. One reference states that these Lights preceded the storm. (Fact or Fable??)
JACK-O-LANTERN	The Will-o-the-Wisp. Cornish Pixie.
JACK-O-LENT	A slovenly dirty fellow. He's a right jack-a-lent goyne round, I wudn lave en come in my plaace, tha's fer sure." In the easy of the county, at the beginning of Lent afigure dressed in old clothes called Jack-the Lent was carried through the streets, and afterwards was hung. The figure was mean't to represent Judas Iscariot.
JACK-RALPH	The Rock Ray.. The Rasp
JAFFLE	A lot of talk. Also a handful of hay or straw
JAFFLE	An armful of hay (Same as YAFFLE)
JAIL / JANK(ING)	To hurry along. To walk quickly = jailing along
JAKES	A state of untidiness. 'Tis a proper jakes in 'ere, juss look at it."
JAKES	A Sticky mess

JALE	To hurry at a forced pace (I suggest as jank, above).
JALLISHLY BUFF	Yellow
JAMBSTONE	A stone set vertically at the edge of a window or door opening so that one of its faces forms a jamb or part of a jamb.
JAN / JANSY	Two-faced
JAN LUKE	A freebie job done in work time See also, homer.
JAN-JOAK / JAN-JAKE JOHN-JOAK/JOHN-JEAK	A snail. "Somethin' was aten all my radishes, so I put a ring o' salt right 'round them. Went out next mornin' and they john-joaks was pullen of em up, dippin' them in the salt and aten them honey sweet!"
JANKIN	Hurrying at a forced pace
JANKIN	Hurrying (See jank and jakes above)
JANNA(E)CK	An overgrown, blundering lout or bully
JANNARD/WINNARD	The Redwing
JANNER	Said of any plant that have run to seed. I have also heard it said that they have 'bolted'.
JANNER	The Jay
JANT	Jaunt. There is a light two wheeled horse drawn vehicle called a 'Janting Car.' Taking a ride or run just for pleasure.
JAPES	Jackanapee = an impedent or conceited fellow or a saucy or mischievous child
JAR	Stone hot water bottle.
JAUNDERS / JANDERS	Jaundice
JAWIN	Gossiping Idle chat
JAXCKY	Too much black jact or blent in the ore
JAYPIE	The Jay
JE(I)NNYQUICK	A sort of goffering iron
JEALOUS	Suspicious. First person, "I wud'n trust en as far as I cud thraw'n." Second person, "I'm jealous ob'm meself."
JEAWARD	Redwing
JELLYFLOWER	The Gillyflower. The stock
JENNARD	Redwing
JERRY PATTICK	Simpleton
JEST	Just. "You made it jest in time."
JET	To hustle / Push
JEW	A filed Blackbeetle
JEWS FISH	Halbut
JEWS HOUSE	Primitive smelting works (<i>see Blowing House</i>)
JEWS PIECES	Ancient pieces of tin
JEWS WORKS	Tin Streaming Works
JIB / JIBBED / GIBBING	Refusing to pull (as with a horse) 'That 'oss of mine jibbed every time I put 'er in the sharps.' (Sharps = shafts)
JIB/JIBBING	Cutting raggedly
JIBS	Small waste pieces of cloth. "I think I got 'nuff jibs there te make meself a skirt."
JICK /JUCK/YUCK / YOCK/JICCUPS	To hiccough; The hiccups
JIFFY	A wink of an eye, or instantly. "My gar, the dentist chap 'ad my tooth out in a jiffy."
JIG	Mockery – to make a jig of something or somebody

JIGGER	Something ill-made, bodge job.
JIGGERY-POKERY	Up to no good, something underhanded. ‘What jiggery-Pkery are they boys up to now, you an’t trust them as far as yu cud thraw them.’
JIGGETY-JIG	Jog-trot, such as riding in a shaky vehicle.
JIGGING	An ore dressing process
JIGGLE / JIGGLING	To shake / Shaking ‘Stop jiggling yer legs like that boy, want go lavatree do ‘ee?’ ‘Iss Ma.’ ‘Well guss on an’ go.’
JIMMERY-CHRY	Surprise. Exclamation
JINNY NINNY	Simpleton
JINNY QUICK	A gophering iron. = A heated iron used to create pleats and folds in ruff, collars and cuffs
JOAN-BLUNT	Outspoken woman. “She’s a right joan-blunt, I tell ee; she de say zackly w’at she de think.”
JOANEY	Wooden Doll
JOBBERS	Agents who brought cotton and other yarns to cottages to be spun and woven
JOHNNER	A kind of starling
JOHNNER	The Magpie
JOHNNY-COME-FORTNIGHT	Traveling draper or itinerant salesman who came around to country villages on a regular basis. (usually fortnightly!)
JOICE	Juice
JOLLOP/JULIP	Medicine
JON JAKE	See Jan Jake
JONEY	Ornament particularly Staffordshire. “they’re a nice couple o’ joneys you got on yer mantle shelf missus, want sell ‘em do ee?”
JONNICK	Fair Someone hard done by might say, ted’n jonick is a Pard?” Scottish – to play fair, to be genuine.
JORAM	A large cup. Earthenware vessal. (There is only one thing better than a joram of tea; and that’s two of them!”)
JOSING	Scolding
JOUDLAM	Squashes flat
JOUDLUM	Squashed to a joudlum (See Jouds below)
JOUDS / JOWDS	Pieces ‘Squashed to jouds’ Smitherines maybe. Or Potsherds
JOUDY	Walking in the sea with boots and sock on!
JOUSE	To jolt. To hustle
JOUSTER / JOWSTER	Hawker of butters, eggs, fish.
JOUSTIN’	Hawking fish
JOWDLE	To jolt; to shake
JOWDS/ JOWDERS	Bits and pieces. Mushy food, mash, bits. ‘Boil to jowds’
JOWST	To hawk fish
JUBE	Gum sweet
JUDAS HOLE	Peep hole in a house
JUDAS TREE	Elder
JUDDER	To shiver or shudder
JUE	You
JUMP THE COUNTRY	Run away. Bolt. “I ‘abm seen en fer ages, ‘e must of jumped the country ‘spose.”

JUMPING	Term of contempt; annoyed. “‘ee told me a bare faced lie; I was jumpin’ yow, I cud ‘ave scat ‘n te te floor.”
JUNG	Young
JUST ALIVE	When ore in a lode can hardley be seen. Just about existing.
JYST	Joist. “I took the floor board up and the kjyst was as rotten as a pear.”

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KAIG/KEG	Nail. Misshapened or thickened finger or toe nail
KAIL	Keel. “that baut lost ‘er kail on ‘er last trip, so they’re goyne put a new won on.”
KAN KAYERS	Tricksters, a group that unites to undervalue. Fillybustering
KAPING OWT THE ROAD	Shamefaced, lying low for what ever reason eq.” I’m keeping out of the road, for a bit and until the dust settles.”
KARN / CARN	Hard rocky ground
KATTY BALL	Child’s ball
KAY(H)ER/CAYER P	Sieve. This earth is a bit stoney, so I’ll pass en thru’ the kayher.” Pronounced kay-yer
KAYBEN	Stealing
KAYGER/KEYGAS/ KEGGIES/KAIYER	Hemlock or Cow parsley
KAYLING	Skittles. “I’m goyne dwon Blue Anchor te see if anybody de fancy a bit o’ kayling.
KAYS	Keys. “I bib an’ lost me kays, now I an’t git in.”
KEARN	Harden / Fill up. E.g. Harden as in ripening corn. ??
KEARNED	Turned from flower to fruit
KEARNING	Filling up or hardening grain of corn. “The corn is kearning a bit now; went be long ‘fore we can put the binder in un.”
KEAVE	To separate short straw from threshed corn
KECK LIKE A ‘OSS	A strong blow or strong kick. ‘That goalie ‘ave got a keck like a oss.’
KEDDEN	To encrust. Cover over
KEDDENED	Botted with mud
KEEL ALLEY	A skittle alley. Keel = skittle. (The Blue Anchor – Helston have still got one.) Is it because when you hit them they ‘keel over?’
KEELS / KEEL-ALLY	Skittles / Skittle alley
KEEM /KEM / KEEMING COMB	Comb. “Hang on a minut’ I’m juss goyne keem me ‘air minute ‘fore go outlong.”
KEENEL	Looking keenly. Promising

KEENLY	Lookin keenly = looking promising/possible/favourable. “Goyne te the skittles night are ‘ee?” ‘The ol’ dear is in a good mood so ‘tis lookin keenly fer me te go, so mite see ‘ee later.”
KEENLY GOZZAN	Used in mining for a promising (keenly) lode
KEEPING COMPANY	Sweet-hearting. Courting ‘Our Mary is keepin’ company with a nice lil’ chap from down te Barripper, Jonathan they de all’n.’
KEEPING COMPANY	Sweathearting, courting. “I see our Jan is keepin’ comp’ney with that lil maid from down te Relubbus, spose ‘e’ll bring ‘er ‘ome sometime.”
KEEP-ON /KEEPING ON	To nag/ nagging. ‘Don’t keep on so, I’m doin’ me best”
KEER	Mountain Ash
KEG	A small water barrel
KEGGAS	Tall umbelliferous. See also Kayer
KEGGAS	Hemlock
KEGGLE	Filthy, vagarant, slut.
KEKEZZA	A particular type of heathland
KEKEZZA	A variety of heath
KELLAS	The earth nut. Common pig nut
KELLIMORE/ KILLIMORE	Pig nut
KELTER/KILTER	In dis-array. Rather like KILTER below.
KEM / KEEM / KEEMING COMB	To comb with a small toothcomb
KENACK	A weakly or un healthy child
KENDLE TEENING	Candle lighting time
KENNAL	drainage channel in middle of road for rain and waste water. In fact they are mostly along the sides of the roads, as in a number of towns in Cornwall.
KENNEE	Can you. ‘Kennee jus nip up shop an’ git a ounce o’ bacca fer us yo?’
KENNEL	. A sty on the eye
KENNEL	A water course (like in Helston’s streets)
KENNEL	A styein the eye
KENNING HERB	Thse Crow Foot – used to cure problems in the eyes.
KENNING/KENNEL/ QUILAWAY	Ulcer on the eye
KENTE/PATHEN/GY	Wooden pin in a stone anchor, used in punts
KEP NET	Net dfor hanging vegatables
KEP OR KIP	Cap
KEP! KEP! KEP!	Calling a horse or cattle (See Cop, cop, cop)
KEPEN	Captain (Superintendents, and Inspectors of mines were called Captains as were shift (core) bosses.)
KERCHY	Cursty an act of civility, respect, or reverence made mainly by women and consisting of a slight lowering of the body with bending of the head.
KERLS	Swollen glands
KERN	Curdle. “This saltry weather de make the milk kern quicker ‘en ightning’.”
KESSE	Kiss. “Gee us a kesse.”
KETCH EEN	Catch sheaves and throw them to the rick builder
KETCHED UP	Slightly burnt or frozen
KETCHY	Shoery or unsettled weather
KETELEY/KITELEY/ KIDLEY	Hot water on bead with salt, pepper and cream. Also called seps or sops

BROTH	
KEVERAN	A piece of leather that joins two pieces of wood together in a flail
KEW OR CUE	A metal 'U' shaped device nailed onto heels of boys & men's she heels to extend the wear.
KEWNY	Lichen Also used for anything that's gone off a bit. 'It's gone all kewny.' (not nice). Anywhere where a culture or fungus has grown where it shouldn't be. From the Cornish meaning Moss.
KEWSE	To talk. Rather like coose, going around all day chatting to this one and that. One can see how just hearing a word can affect the eventual spelling.
KEX	Dried stalks
KEY/KIX/KISKY/ KESKY	Dried stalks; hollow stems
KEYLES/KEELS/ KAILLES	Ninepins, Table-top skittle game
KIB	To repair a gap in a hedge with thorn. To put tobs on the top.
KIBAYLE	To make oneself dirty on a job
KIBBAL / KIBBLE	Iron bucket for raising dirt (mining term) Also used for the bucket during the days of the village well for drinking water. Usually tall, galvanised and rugby ball shaped but with a flat bottom and open top. (See kibble below)
KIBBAT	Slap or blow 'He gib'n such a kibbat tha nhe drawed bood straight away.'
KIBBING	Repairing fences
KIBBLE	A metal mine or well bucket (A full kibble would probably fill two pails of water. In the mine situation they were much larger)
KIBBLED	Cracked maize, barley or wheat
KIBBLING	Stealing fish; probably raiding somebody's store pot. "He ab'm been out long nuff catch they there fish, 'e bin kibbling somewhere."
KIBBY HEELS	Chapped heels
KIBBY/CABBY	Sticky
KICK NO SPRAWL	Lacking fighting spirit. "'ee ben poorly fer saw long 'e abm go no kick nor sprawl left in en."
KICK UP	Make a fuss or disturbance
KICKER	Small mizzen sail used by fishing boats
KICKLISH	Unsafe. In an unstable position. Risky. The word 'kicklish' was also used for anything that looked a bit shakey.
KICKLISH	Ticklish also Tottering
KICKSHAW	Od person badly dressed
KICKY	To stammer or hesitate in speaking
KICKY HOW	An exclamation
KIDDAW	Guillem. Research shows guillem, a, as an equivalent to William; also as any first name that is also used as a surname.
KIDDLE	A crock used in open chimneys for baking bread underneath, thus forming a cloam oven.
KIDDLE BOY	A beginner in the clay work industry. In olden days his first task was to warm the mens' pasties and boil the kettle!
KIDDLE/QUADDLE	Fidget or dawdle
KIDDLEWING / TIDDLYWINK	A beer shop. An ale house
KIDDLEY BROTH	Also known as Kettle Broth . Can anyone help with possible ingredients, please?)
KIDDLING	Tricky
KIDGE(D)	To join together (as bones). To heal? To join or mend as in a broken bone
KIDLEY/AILING	Petty ; insignificant

KIDNEY	Big head,
KIEVE / KEEVE	A large tub, also a potato store
KIGGAL	A distaff
KIGIS	Hemlock
KILL COW	Killer. "That hill yup from the beach is a kill cow(killer) for horses, when the cart is full.
KILLAS	Slate, general term in Cornwall for sedimentary rocks – from the Cornish Carrick Layer of blue/green rock
KILLIA(E)RS	Rough ferney ground – croft land. "I de keep ten acres but then, three ov em are that there killiars, but the rates man de still want full payment far them!"
KILLICK. KELLICK	A grapple used as an anchor for boats
KILLIMORE	A pig nut (earth nut)
KILLIN	Holly
KILLIN' IN IT?	It beggars belief. Too good to be true
KILLYGREW	The Chough
KILT UN DEAD	Killed him/it.
KILTER	Coulter on a seed drill
KILTER	Of the same kind
KILTER	A state of dis-array
KILTER – OUT OF	Out of Sync, could be the timing of an engine or a building leaning over.
KING CROWNER	A startlikng answer
KING CUP	Marigold
KING GEORGE	The Tortoiseshell Butterfly. At Mawgan also the Peacock Butterfly
KINGE	A crevice
KINGS	Donkeys
KINKY/KITY	Slightly deficient person
KIP	Cap or net
KIP KIP	A call for horses
KIPES/KIPPS	A tall, lanky person
KIPSEY	Lanky or freakish
KISKAN	A small sheaf of corn 'ere, take this kiscan down chapel fer harvest festival. They went 'ave won less we give 'em one'
KISKEY	A hemlock stalk.
KISKEY	Brittle, mouldy 'I shouldn't use that, 'tis looken a bit kiskey te me.' Also dried salks of umbilliferous plants. The thistle.
KISKEYSHANKS	A person with shrunken calves
KIT	The buzzard or kite.
KIT	Kindred (Kit & kin), crew, gang, 'The whole kit
KITEY	Flighty. Not dependable 'She's a right kitey one she is, one minit' she's with he the next she's with somebody else, yu caan't trust 'er yo.'
KITING	Thrown kiting - tripped up in quite a dramatic way. "I tripped on that orange peel and went kiting (flying)
KITTENS	Kidneys. "'e punched en in the kittens an' 'e went down like a stone."
KITTEREEN/ KITTERRENE	A van. A kind of omnibus. A public conveyance
KITTING	Stealing 'He's bin out kitting again, the plaace is full o' stuff I've never seen before.' (Stealing from a mine)

KITTLE	A crock used as an oven in open-hearth cooking
KITTLEBAGS	Coarse pieces of cloth used as leggings or gaiters, even straw bands were used
KITTLE-BRATH (BROATH) BROTH	A drink made by pouring boiling water on crusts. My grandfather had no teeth so he had a dish of milk poured over broken up bread, similar to above; his was also called 'Bread Sops'. (bread sopping wet I suppose.)
KITTYBAGS	As above
KITY	Slightly deficient person
KIVULLY	Loose, hollow shiloing ground??
KIVVER	Cover 'Better kivver up you're tattes night there's goyn be a hard frost.'
KLAGGER	Thick rol of pastry 'round a dush of baked meat & potatoes
KLIDGY / CLIDY	Sticky. Adhesive
KLOP	To walk lame 'He's klopen along lick a lame duck.'
KNACK(ED) /KNOCKED/ KNACKERED	To stop working. 'The bal's nocked' To hit or strike someone or some thing so as to make them fall.
KNACKERS	People who killed animals for food, usually by hitting them in the middle of the head with a heavy sledge hammer! Also refers to people who by deceased animals to render down.
KNACKERS	Term for testicles
KNACKERS/ KNOCKERS	Spirit or little folk in a mine. They were said to be the souls of jews who crucified Christ, sent by the Romans to workas slaves in tin mines
KNACKING	A handkerchief
KNACKING-ON	Proceeding normally 'Now we're knackin on grand, 'ope we don't 'ave any more hinderensses.' Also a form of greeting; "ow are 'ee knocking on?" I.e How are you doing? How are things in general?
KNAP	The top of the hill. "Now we're up knap, tis all down 'ill from 'ere." (See knip below)
KNATTED UP	Ears of cereal almost 'sprouting'
KNATTER	Tieing mechanism on a binder or baler
KNAW / KNAWED	Know. 'I knawed her ol' faather ol' man, I knawed her ol' faather ol'man , 'e blawed in the band, goyne up Camburn 'ill comin' down.'
KNICK	Cheat, deceive, steal
KNIP	Hillock 'Tis a brave ol' knip when yer whalen up un, you don't notice it when yer up riden 'pon donkey shay, do 'ee?
KNITCH	Bundle of reed or 'longstraw'
KNITSTER	A female knitter
KNOCKERY	Business affairs
KNOCKIN' ON	Getting on in years
KNOCKS/KOWKS	The feet (in contempt) "Great kowks"
KNUCKEY	To be like Knuckey, stay as I am
KNUCKLE-DOWN	To give in. To submit also to commit i.e. 'He's knuckling down te his studies like a good un.' To put one's back into his work.
KNUCKLE-IN	To submit."Don't knuckle-in to'en"
KO	Exclamation of surprise or entreaty
KOOK	Type of game of quoits
KRIM	Scuddick, tiny amount
KRUB	Shovel set too angled with its hilt
KU	A small ulceration in the eye

KYBOSH	Display affection; pretence; wages or money
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