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Word	Meaning
SA	Stand. Stop
SA	Thank you. Very young children were taught to say Sa before they could pronounce thank you.
SAAFGUAND / SEGGARD	An outer riding skirt
SAAVE	Salve Farmers would rub saave on cows' udders when they were sore or tender.
SABBY	Soft and wet.
SABS	Tufts of grass raked together into piles for burning in preparation for sowing seed.
SADGY	Soggy or marshy ground
SAFFERN / SAFFRON	Used in cake-making
SAM	To partially dry. "To bake in a sam oven" To bake in a partially heated oven.
SAMP	To fill up a glass of Grog when it is partially full; with more water and spirits.
SAMPLE	Supple. Soft
SAMPLE	To assay & weigh tin prior to sale. Presumably derived from the very act of taking samples.
SAMPSON	A drink made of brandy, cider and sugar with a little water.
SAMPSON WITH HIS HAIR ON	Sampson made with a double quantity of brandy.
SAM-SWINDLED	Not well-cooked. Or partly ready
SAND EEL	Lance
SAPPY	Silly. Not wise. "He always was a bit sappy when 'e was a boy, an' 'e idn much better now 'ee's growed up."
SAR'CEN/SARACEN	A heathen. A Saracen. A stranger; foreigner
SARCH / S'ARCHER	Search. Searcher. An exciseman. That ol' sarcher got wind there was sumthin cumin ashore, so 'e got up 'pon top the cliff 'fore we arrived. We stanked right in un yo."
SARTAINLY	Certainly. "Can I use your toilet Mrs?" "Ayse sartainly son."
SARVE	To serve. Work for. "My faather served in te Truthall Farm fer 47 years!"
SAUND-SLEEPER SEVEN-SLEEPER	The Buanet Moth Any ideas what this fella is? Can't find any trace.
SAUNTING	Flirting
SAVE-ALL	An apron or pinny that covers pretty much all of a girls clothes to protect them. It's shape and format was rather like a pinafore dress. A wrap around.
SAVOUR	Fish or meat. "We'll 'ave a savour fer tea
SAW	To sow. Till. Cultivate. We've 'ad a lovely shower, I'm goyne out te saw a few cabbage seed minit'."
SAWAN/SAWEN	A cave at the bottom of a cliff (Similar to Zawn). A hole in the cliff through which sea passes.
SAWDLE / SAUDEL	To cook slowly. To simmer. To spoil
SAWDLED	Sodden. Imperfectly cooked
SAY	Sea. "We're goyn out say dreckly te see fer a few mackerel."
SAY	Vb to 'test' hen for likely egg production
SAYST	Say. Did you say?"
SCAALD	Scald. In making Comish cream. There were two basic methods of making clotted cream. 1. To allow the milk settle usually overnight allowing the butter fat to come to the surface. This would then be gently heated (scawlded) until a crust has formed. This cream is then lifted off with great care and tat's your clotted cream. 2. Milk is

	placed into a geared centrifuge known as a milk seperater. There are two tubes one higher than the other and as a handle is turned the butter fat comes out of one and the skimmed milk out of the other. The butter fat portion (the cream) is again allowed to settle and is gently simmered on Its own, possibly standing in water. This then becomes the cream and it has a distinctly different texture and taste to the former method.
SCAB	The congealed cover to a cut. "That cut 'ave scabbed aver nicely now; went be long 'afore 'ee's all healed aver."
SCABBLE-AN-GOW	Talking as amongst angry women.
SCABBY-GULLION	A stew of cut up meat and potatoes
SCAD	Short, brief shower
SCADE/SCOAD	To spread (manure)
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SCADGAN	A disreputable, disgusting person
SCADGAN	A disreputable ot disgusting person
SCADS	Mackerel
SCAL	A scamp. (Could this be short for scallywag?)
SCALL	A scale of ground. Crumly cliffs or river banks would scall away causing sizable cliff and bank falls. A similar situation would arise in the sides of mine shafts.
SCALPIONS	Dry salt fish as of salt whiting
SCALY	Grumpy. "Faather's real scaly day, you'd think 'e lost half a crown and found a sixpence!"
SCAM	To bend out of shape, to turn over he heel of a shoe
SCAMBLINGS	Scraps of broken meat?
SCAMP	To do work badly. Shoddy. Inferior (A corruption of skimp perhaps.)
SCAO(O)W / SEOW	The elder tree
SCARF	A joint. To join. (Scarf together) "The bottom of the door is gone rottun, I better get the carpenter to scarf a piece in." ('let a piece in'.)
SCARIFIER	Horse hoe
SCARLET RUNNERS	Kidney beans
SCAT	Bankrupt. "I 'ear tell that Woolworths 'ave gone scat."
SCAT	A period of time, may be even a season. Spell i.e. to give someone a break. "You've been Wealden that 'ammer all marnin', leave me give a spell." 'a scat of dryth.'
SCAT	A beat in music. (Like Tregonetha band three scats behind) XDoubtless a shortened form of 'scatter'
SCAT / SCAT ABROAD	To break, smash, knock. To spread around; broken or ruined. 'He gib'm such a scat 'ee knocked en off balance.' Scat-abroad - 'Years back dung would be carried ot to field by horse and cart, and initially pulled out in evenly spaced piles. Later on men would come with evils and 'scat en abroad.'
SCAT ABROAD	To go bankrupt
SCATEREENS	Small pieces, shards
SCAUNCE	Sense. "Now you're taalken scaunce, an' 'bout time to!"
SCAUNCE/SCOANCE/COANCE/CAU NCE	A paved area of cobblestones. I suppose if one had an area outside that was of ash, earth or was otherwise prone to being wet and messy, cobblestones were free and available off the beach
SCAVEL-AN-GOW	The bunch of lies. Rag, tag and bobtail; an ill behaved crowd.
SCAVELYON	Indiscreet person
SCAVENER	Term of contempt
SCAVERNI(E)K/SCAVERNICK/SCAV ARNOG/	A hare. "We davn't see many scavernieks down this way now; they was all coursed out in the 1940's."
SCAVEY	Simpleton
SCAW	Elder Tree – scawsey buds or elder buds. Elder flowers make a lovely cordial or 'champagne' and the berries make a delious red wine.
SCAW	To scatter or spill
SCAW COO	Nightshade
SCAWSY-BUDS	Elder buds
SCETHAN/SKETHAN	A piece of torn material
SCHEMEY	To scheme. To make plans. "They that can't schemy got louster." i.e. Those that can't

	plan ahead will for sure be faced with a lot of hard work.
SCHOOL	A shoal of fish
SCIFERS	Kind of herb that grows all year 'round, something like a small shallot, but more grassy.
SCIFF TO	To close up, to squeeze up and make room
SCLOW	To scratch
SCLUM / SELUMMED	Scratch. Scratched – Past tense sclummed. “She awnly took the pony an’ jingle out wance and she sclummed the side o’b’m terrikble.”
SCLUM-CAT	Spite. (A derogatory term)
SCOAD / SCUD	To spill. Spread. Scatter Son to his farm labouring father –“What ee bin doin day da?” Scuddii’ dunk son, ta’t ee smell it?”
SCOANS	The pavement. “Now make sure you de walk on the scoans when you cum ‘ome from school, they oss an’ carts de go by ‘ere all the time. Caan’t afford te ‘ave ee under won o’ they my gosh.”
SCOGGAN	A mackerel head boiled
SCOLAND	Scholar. “Teacher said , ee’s a very bright scoland.”
SCOLLOCKS/ SCULLOCKS	Refuse from a quarry
SCOLLOPS	Scrolls. Screeds. Melted down innards of pigs!
SCOOT	To rush away. To hurry off. “I shud think she’s late fer school the way she went scooten past me this marnin’.”
SCOOT	Metal plated on the underside of industrial footwear.
SCOOTEN PAW	Sallow slat bottomed boat
SCORAN LODE	A tin lode, only in contre distinction to all other lodes
SCORE	Tin stuff so rich & pure that it scarcely needed cleaning
SCORNY	Scornful
SCOURING GEAARD/ GROWDER/ GROWDYR	Decomposed granite used for scouring tables etc. (I imagine this to be a bit like the ‘Vim’ paste we used te use fer to scour out saucepans an’ the likes. A fine abrasive PP
SCOUTUN	Spreading farmyard manure evenly ovedr the ground by hand
SCOW	To tread especially when making Cob
SCOWVA-ADE	Awkward gait in man or horse
SCROLER	Mackeral cooked on a grid iron
SCOY	Thin, poor, as applied to silks etc. Insignificant
SCRABBLE	To scramble. To scratch for ‘Said of poultry scratching the ground in search of something to eat.’
SCRAFT	Odds & Ends; refuse
SCRAGGEN	Straggly
SCRALL	Quarry rubbish
SCRALLED (UP)	All scralled up i.e. screwed up like a piece of paper in your pocket. “I stuffed the ten bob note in me pocket that Mrs Trehwella gived te me fer change; w’en I got ‘ome ‘e was scralled up like a bit a rag, mawther was teasey as a rat.”
SCRAM	A snack of left overs – anything that’s in the pantry.
SCRAM/SCRAMOOSH	A retort meaning, ‘Clear off!’
SCRAMMING	Searchg around for what can be picked up. “Where ‘ave ‘ee bin?” “te tell ee the truth I bin out ometh ’ fer bit ometh ’ te light the fire with.”
SCRAMMING / CRAMMING	Telling lies. Lying
SCRANCH	To crunch. “I gib’n a nicwe clean folded hank’chief, in two minutes it was scanchd up like a bit o’ rag.”
SCRANNY/SERAMBLE	Contend; strive
SCRATCHY	Annoyed. Angry. “She was quite scratchy w’en I told ‘er the truth about it.”
SCRAW(ED)	to scratch & scratched
SCRAWED	Scorched. Withered. Dried up
SCRAWL(ED)/SCROAL (ED) /SCROWL(ED)	Fish cooked on a gridiron, on an open fire. Modern term would be barb-e-quad
SCREAD	A scrap or a shred “ There w’dn’t a scread of truth in all he said, and th’s the truth!
SCREAD	A scrap or a shred. ‘There wadn a scread of truth in they lies ‘e told!’
SCREAD	Spread
SCREECH	To cry. Weep. “ Her cat ‘ave bin an’ died and she bin screechen all ometh ’. I spose sh’ee git aver it dreckly.”

SCREECH	A quick fire of heath or furze
SCREECHER	Mistle Thrush
SCREED	. A very thin person with a small butt.
SCREEDS	Remains of melted lard
SCREW	A shrew mouse. "I was out plowen, an' one o' they lil screws ran out right under the oss'ess feet, 'ow ee wadn' scralled up I shall never 'naw."
SCRID	To descend slowly by sliding
SCRIDDLE(ING)	Sit in front of the fire. "Uncle Jim 'ave bin up in the parlour scriddelein' all ev'nin, never looked to wash up a dish fer anybody. Always want te be waited on hand 'n foot if you ask me."
SCRIFF	To draw together with cold. To stoop over the fire
SCRIFF-SCRAFF	The refuse or cast-off bits. "I got a few bits o' scriff-scruff 'ere, I'm goyne take them down te the Chapel jumble sale, they might make a shillin." A lot of trumpery, odds & ends
SCRIG	To win all one's opponents marbles
SCRIMP / SCRIMPIN'	To make something out of very little. Hence the saying, 'scrimp and save.' "Ee scrimped and saved fer years so ee cud buy 'iself a lil' car fer to go te work in."
SCRIMP / SKIMP	To give short weight or to cut short measure. "Mawther was maazed when I got 'ome, Mr Varker 'ad skimped me on the yeast again." To pinch. To give meagre quantity; to give short measure; or to cut short measure
SCRINKED	Screwed up. Wrinkled. Grimace. "I dun aw wa's matter but 'is face is scrinked up brave."
SCRINKING	To peep with half closed eyes
SCRITCH	Screech
SCRITCH	A crutch
SCROACHED / SCROLLED / SCROWLED	Scorched. Broiled
SCROAM UP	To arrange roughly like higgledy-piggledy
SCROANCH	To scrape
SCROFF	The foam of the sea. "Some scroff flyin' 'round down the Harbour this ometh ' that'll tell ee 'bout the power o' East wind!"
SCROFF/SCRAFF	Refuse. Small potatoes; inferior goods
SCROGGAN	A worthless person. A gallows bird i.e. someone who deserves to be or is likely to be hanged. (Not now of course).
SCROGGED	Cleared out; bankrupt
SCROLLS	Grieves
SCROOGE	To squeeze in. To push one's way. "Look at ee scrooging 'is way in, who de ee think ee is so important?"
SCROOGE	To walk without picking your feet up. Dragging your heels as we might say. "Pick yer feet up boy, you wore yer last pair o' shoes out in no time scroogen up on the floor all the time.
SCROUL	To crunch
SCROVES	Remains of melted down fat. (Scratchings)
SCROVES	Remains of melted lard
SCROVEY	Mean. She's a scrovey ol' sawl, she wouldn' give the lil children ometh ' fer singing carols to 'er an' they ent up te 'er plaace 'specially too."
SCROW	To scratch
SCROW	Hut, hovel, or shed
SCROWDLE	To shift with the feet
SCROWL	To broil fish over an open fire
SCROWL	To scape or scare one skin after a fall; a frequent children's occurrence
SCRUBM	Threatening of weather
SCRUFF	To struggle, or fight chiefly in play
SCRUFF	The nape of the neck
SCRUFF	To take hold of. To pull about. To fight. "They're awnly 'avin' a biy o' 'armless scruff I bleeve."
SCRUFFY	Someone who was short or stunded in stature
SCRUFFY HEAD	Head full of dandruff; a contemptuous term

SCRUFT	A scruffle
SCRUMP	To hump the shoulders “Wass matter boy, thee’rt scrumpt up like a hedgey boar?”
SCRUMPING	Stealing fruit from orchards
SCRUNCHING / SCRANCHIN’	Crushing a hard substance between the teeth. “I wish you’d stop scrunchin’ that apple like that, yer maaken my mouth water.”
SCUBMAW	Splinters. Bits
SCUD	The crust or scab that forms over a healing wound. “Dussen scratch the scud off err you’ll make en worse.”
SCUD	A smart shower ‘By the looks of the clouds they’re ‘avin’ a scud o’ rain over Tregonnin’ ‘ill way,”
SCUD / SKUD(DING)	To spill. To spread “skud dung” In this later context, a fellow workman of my Dad’s said, “the art of this job is to put a little where there’s none!”
SCUD MANURE/DUNG	Spread dung in a field by hand tool. (An Evil i.e. a four tyned long handled fork
SCUDDER	One who slides
SCUDDER; SKUTLER OR SCUTTLE FISH	West Cornwall name for Mermaid or loose woman, from scuttle – to move quickly or furtively.
SCUDDY-GROUND	Rough, uneven ground
SCUDDICK	Very small amount, krim. Krim = tiny amount
SCUDMORE	Small pieces of floating wreckage. Driftwood
SCUFF	To damage leather in particular toles of shoes
SCUFFLE / SCUFFLING	Similar toHarving (an agricultural term) A scuffler is an implement used to break down hard ground and to eradicate weeds.A scuffler was a much heavier implement than a harrow and it had mini banker type prongs extending down from a raised triangular metal frame .
SCUFFLER SCUFFLED	A heavy iron implement, usually on a triangular frame, with long adjustable with chisel type prongs reaching the ground to brake it up. There was a wheel in each corner; a jockey wheel up front and two fixed wheels at the rear corners.
SCUMBERED	Said of a bird discharging excrement
SCUR	To scatch. “Stop kickin’ that ball around, you scur my new car an’ I’ll give ee one.”
SCURRY	Disappear. Run away.
SCUTE	A metal plate over the toe of a shoe to protect it from undue wear.
SCUTE	Iron on the heel of a boot or shoe, or a leather sole patch
SEAL	Protective under-layer of furze, ferns, and/or brambles to keep the rick material from direct contact with the ground.
SEAM	Purl knitting
SEAM	Quantity of clay, cart or wagonload of clay, manure etc.
SEAME	A horse load
SED-LUP / SEED-LIP	A farming utensil used for carrying seed when sowing by hand.
SEECH	Rush of waves inundating streets at high tide
SEED	Said. Saw (To see) “I seed ‘n now.”
SEEDY	Poorly – off colour “I bin feelin a bit seedy fer the last few days but this morning I have got a full blawn fever.”
SELLUM-CAT	Spite. Spiteful. “She’s a right sellum-cat that one; she’d sceratch yer eyes out fer nawthin’.”
SELVE	Self. “I bin by me selve all day, not a sawl te speak to.”
SEM SEMMEE	Seem “It de semmee te me that twas all cut ‘n’ dried for they got te the council meetin.”
SENSE	Since
SEOOT-A-PAW / SCUTA PAW	A flat-shallow-bottomed boat
SEOPIOUS	Copious. Plentiful
SERG/SERGE	To sift flour. A sieve

SERGE	To rough sew a button hole previous to over-working
SERPENT OR SNAIL CREEP	Thought to be the survival of the medieval 'Farandole' Serpent & Snail Creep dances became very popular during nthe 19 th century, along side the Methodist movement.
SERVE	To treat "He served that donkey some rough, no wonder the poor thing is lame."
SERVY DAY	St Aubyn's Day, i.e. the day after a Feast day when scraps and leftovers are served up
SESS/SOUSE	A grossly fat woman
SET-LET	The right to let pitches in or to sub-let the whole of leased or bounded area. "I 'spose now 'is faather's dead, young Freddie will 'ave the set-let te all they fields up aver the 'ill. Now 'e'll be infer a trifle. (or pretty penny).
SETRUDE	To entice, to worry, or seduce
SETT	Area of ground leased for mining; the lease itself. Also granite square cut stones used to make cobbled areas.
SEYME	Melted fat. Grease. 'Goose seyme' "You an't beat a bit o' geoses seyme when you got a bit o' stummock on the chest."
SHAADDE	A shadow (out of the sun's rays)
SHAAN'T	Shall not, wont, no.
SHAB-RAG	Worn out 'I'm gaspin' I'm shab-ragged shore nuff.' Shabby
SHADDOCK(S)	A slate axe
SHAFFIN CHAINS	Chains on a brichin to enable a horse to back a cart etc.
SHAIP	Sheep
SHAKING UP	Approaching a particular age or other measure. "She's shakin' up seventy ye know."
SHAKING UP	Approaching, nearly often in relation to one's age. "I spose I'm bound feel a few aches an' pains, after all I am shaken up eighty."
SHALE	Scale of a fish, or a flake
SHALLAL-(BAND)	Clashing of tin pans to serenade newly-weds on their return from honeymoon. Also known as Kiddly Band. The assembled ensemble would keep up the racket until the said newly wed couple answered the door and hopefully offered a little hospitality!" A kind of welcome home from honeymoon.
SHALLAL/SHIVAREE	A serenade on kettles, pans or anything that will make a clatter! Given to notorious persons on their wedding night or their return from honeymoon. (Also known in WC as a 'kiddly band.')
SHALLY-GO-NAKED	A flimsy article of dress, from, 'shall I go naked?' suggesting that the garment is a compromise between wearing something and nothing (I'll leave this one alone!)
SHALY	Rich & flakey; peeling off
SHAME	A pity, its wrong. "It's a shame the tea-treat 'ad be cancelled 'cawse of the weather."
SHAMEDY	Confused; ashamed
SHAMMED	Ashamed, Shammick A low mean shuff ling person. Also a cheat. "You aught te be shammed o' yerself doin such a thing te an old lady like that."
SHAMMEL	Stage of boards used in 'old coffins' before shafts were in use. ??? (I don't understand, can someone explain please?)
SHAMMEL-WORKING	A method of working by an open mine, when they followed the lode as far as and to as great a depth as they were able to persue
SHANAGLAM/ SHENAGRUM	A special beer concoction where beer is put into a funnel and then into the pub fire with herbs and other items added. It is then drunk warm.
SHANDY-GAFF	Beef and Ginger beer drink, good for colds. (I sh'think 'twood be kill eer cure meself.)
SHANK	A lump of expectoration
SHANKS	Spokes of a wheel. "I'm walken the mare on slowly, won o' shanks is brock in the near hind wheel."
SHAPE	A condition or state of things, a mess. "e de look in poor shape te me. Or it could mean the opposite.
SHARALIGGE	A land lizard
SHARPS	Shafts (of a cart or wagon)
SHAVE YOUR HEAD AND GO EAST	Term of contempt, possible referring to the time when it was the custom to go on pilgrimages
SHAVIE / SHAVE / SHAY	Chaise. Donkey shay.Two-wheeled vehicle drawn by a donkey, it comprised a two wheeled axle, a pair of shafts and a narrow seat.
SHEATH	Moveable oven shelf or sheet. Also known as a 'shivver'
SHEBANG	A disturbance or period of unrest

SHE-BANG	Kind of candlestick used in the mines
SHEDRICK	Delapidated. "Tis no wonder the cows got out; the gaate was shedrick"
SHEEL(S)	Shells
SHEEPISH	To look sheepish is to look guilty
SHEGEE	Cuttle Bone
SHELF	Bedrock beneath an alluvial deposit
SHELLARDS-WORTH	A shilling's worth. "I'd like a shellards-worth o' bacca please Mrs."
SHE-NAC-RUM	Hot beer, rum, lemon, nutmeg and sugar. A favourite for Christmas. (<i>Listen to Ted Gundry's Interviews.</i>)
CHE-NA GRUM	
SHERD(S)	Broken pottery "I awnly touched the corner o' the sideboard with me backside, next thing I knawed that lovely cloam pot was on the floor in sherds.'
SHERMER	Pilchard that play on the surface of he water
SHERMING	Big.. Large.
SHERN	A cream dish. "Here's a fern to measure your shern, please give a mossel of bread and cream" A May Day song when parties of children visited farmhouses, bringing with them ferns to measure the dishes. If one was big enough to go around the dish, bread and cream were given.
SHET	To shoot, also to shut
SHETTLE	Horizontal or diagonal pale of a farm gate
SHEVVER	The bar of a gate
SHEVVER / SHIVVER	A removeable metal sheet used in a Cornish 'slab' oven on which to rest your roasting dish.
SHEVVER / SHIVVER	The bar of a gate, also a flat iron plate in ovens of Cornish slabs also known a a sheath.
SHIG / SHUG / SHIGGED	To cheat or trick in games or in play. "When yer firin' yer taw keep yer 'and still – no shuggen."
SHIMSHAMMING / SHIMSHANKING	Mean. Shuffling
SHIMSHANKANIN	Prying
SHINE	Upoar. Row. Fuss. Stir "Never seed such a shine in me life."
SHINER	Sweetheart "Le's gone out see fer a shiner."
SHINER	A man's non-serious relationship with a young lady. E.g. "Wheer 'e goyn this evenin en£?" "Aw goyne see fer bit shiner I 'spect."
SHININ' LIKE A CAT'S ASS IN THE MOONLIGHT	"Her brasses are shinin like a cat's ass in the moonlight."
SHIPPEN	Cows house
SHIPPEN	Cows' House
SHIVE	Shy as a horse
SHIVER	Wooden bar of a field gate
SHIVER	Moveable metal shelf of an oven
SHIVER	Wooden bar of a field gate. (See shevver below)
SHIVER	A flat wooden rake for levelling out (as in spreading tar) Eng. Maluting rake.
SHIVEREENS	Minute pieces. Something smashed up into small bits
SHOAL / SHOALER	To sponge or hang on to others; to scrounge
SHOAL/ SHOALER	To sponge or hand on to others
SHOALING	Imposing on someone's good nature. Sponging
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SHOCKS	Stooks of sheaves of corn to hasten the ripening and drying of the corn before being carried to the Moyhay, where it would be ricked. Each shock would comprise approx a dozen sheaves.
SHOCKS. SHOCKING	Com stacks (stooks). Making stook. Approx ten to twelve sheaves make a shock and approx ten to twelve shocks make a mow.
SHOOT / SHUTE / CHUTE	A water conduit. A stream of water I'm goyne down shute fer a pitcher o' nice cold water.'
SHORTAHS	Masses of loose slate rubbish in slate quarries that have fallen in and filled cracks and vents
SHOT	A species of trout
SHOT	Something that is iridescent like a magpie in sunlight
SHOT	A fish closely resembling a trout

SHOWL	Shovel, the Cornish pointed type
SHOWL HILT	Shovel handle. All long or short handles be they for a shovel, rake, broom , hammer, etc were called hilts
SHRIM	A cold shiver or a chill
SHRIM / SHRIMMY	A cold shiver. A chill. "Feeling all shrimmy"
SHRIMMED	Shrunk with the cold
SHRIMMED	Shrunken with the cold
SHRUB	A drink of sweetened fruit juice, and although considered a temperance drink, spirit was often added, diluted with hot or cold water! (Rum & Shrub was a favourite as was Rum & Lovage.) Lovage is an old English sweet herb.
SHRUMP	To shrug
SHRUMP	To shrug 'Cold are 'ee, thee'rt shrumped up like a hedgy boar.'
SHUDDEN	Should not 'I shudden go out there in this weather.'
SHUDDIN'	Should not. "I shuddin if I were you, you might come down a real grunter."
SHUDDLE	Should
SHUFFLER / SCUFFLER	A cultivator (Agricultural machine horse drawn in early days.)
SHUGGER-KISS	The bubbles risen from a dissolved lump of sugar.
SHUL	Shall 'Shul uz go football Sa'reday er no?'
SHULES	Traditional long handled Cornish shovel
SHUNE	Strange
SHURD	Shard or gap in a bank needing erepair
SHUT	Casting crab pots or nets into the water
SHUT / SHETTE	Shoot (To fire a gun) Here's a true story: One Saturday afternoon my uncle Eddie was walking back through some lanes after a days ferreting and hunting. He had his 12 bore over his arm. He came across a rather contankurous old farmer leaning over a field gate. As uncle approached he called out, "'ere Phillips, if ee saw a partridge flying across one o' my field shut en wood 'ee?" Spontaneously uncle replied, "Dun'aw might miss un!"
SHUT / SHUTTIN'	Shoot. Shooting Many years ago my late uncle Eddie was returning home through the lanes after a hard day's rabbiting where he come across farmer Harvey leaning over a field gate. He was a surly old man and he turned to uncle and said, 'hey, Phillips if 'ee saw a partridge flyin' 'cross my field shut en would ee?' In an instant uncle replied, "Dunnaw, might miss un!"
SHUTE	A spring of water for drinking, a communal place to collecrt drinking water; an alternative to a well.
SHUTTLE(S)	Horizontal Bars of a gate
SICH	Such
SID(D)ER	Consider. "Tis time fer 'ee te sidder w'at you're goyne do wi' yer life me son."
SIDEBARDS	Sideburns; gents hair style
SIGGER/SIGURE/ ZEGHYR	To ooze, as in puss from a wound or water from a hose. Seep or simmer
SIM. / SIM(S)TE ME.	Seems. Seems to me. 'Well, sims te me, Mrs Read got tazey with Ranter so 'ee up an' hit go to her.' i.e 'as I understand it or it seems as ...'
SIMMINLY	Seemingly
SING	The noise a kettle makes just before it actually boils.
SISS ALONG	Hurry along
SISSLING	Snore uneasily in one's sleep
SKADE/SKOUT	Spreading farmyard manure over the ground evenly by hand
SKAINER/SKEANER	Fast runner
SKAL	Calling out (Abusive term)
SKALLING	Fooling around
SKALLIOCK	Fool 'He's out there stankin' around like a proper skalliock.'
SKATE/SKEAT	To tear or rend
SKATEING	Spreading farmyard manure evenly by hand
SKATEREENS SHIVEREENS	Broken into small pieces (Skat up proper.)

SKAVELLING – GOW	Riff-raff (See skallock above.)
SKAW	Elderberry tree
SKEAT	Skate
SKEAT	A heavy fall of rain ‘We’ve ‘ad a braa ol’ skeat o’ rain in the last half hour.’
SKEAT / SKEET	To squirt as with a syringe, as in cleaning windowa
SKEATER / TEACER	Small tube of water for squirting
SKEDGEWITH	The privet bush
SKEDGWITH/ SKERRISH	Privet
SKEENY	Sharp or gusty wind
SKEERED	Scared or afraid. “She come round the corner all quiet like and skeered the life out o’ me.”
SKEERED SCARED	Afraid ‘She’s skeered stiff in the dark.’
SKEERING	Fluttering about
SKEERING	Fluttering about. “The swallows are skeerin’ round brave this evening; time far them to be off spose.”
SKEESING / SKEEZIN’	Frisking about. “They young heifers are skeethin’ about brave.”
SKEESING/SKEEZIN	Frisking about. “Good te see the lambs skeesin’ about this time o’ the year, I luv te see it.”
SKEET	Squirt. To squirt with water, to syringe windows in the act of cleaning them.
SKEET	A squirt or to squirt water ‘They winda’s are filthy, I’ll give ‘em a squirt over with the ‘ose in a minute.’
SKEETER	The syringe
SKEG	A kind of oats
SKELLYMIDGE / SKELLYMUDGE	A jumping jack toy whose limbs were moved by strings; a scaramouch. Sound like a kind of puppet.
SKERD.	Abraided ???
SKERRET/SKIVET	A compartment in a wooden chest
SKERRICK	The smallest remnant
SKERRIMUDGE/ SKILLYMUDGE	A grotesque human shaped toy
SKERRY	A safety fuse
SKERRY	A great riot
SKERRY-WERRY	A slight active person
SKETHANS	Strips. Tatters
SKETHANS/ SKEETHANS	Strips; tatters; pieces of fish cut up for bait
SKEVER	A skewer
SKEW	To eschew; to shun; seek shelter from
SKEW / SKIFF	A slight driving shower. Misty rain. ‘Rainin’ is a? ‘Well not heavy, it’s that skewy sideways rain,’
SKEW-WIFF	Athwart; Out of place
SKIBBAT / SKIBBET SKIVET	A small compartment often with secret drawers fitted into a chest. (Also described as a tiny box inside ‘clothesbox’ for studs, ties etc.
SKIDDAW	Guillemont
SKIDDER	To slide, to slice. “‘e skiddered out on the ice.”
SKIDDERY/SKITTERY	Slippery like on ice.
SKIDDLE	A copper funnel used for heating beer to make a drink called Shanagran; a mixture of beer, lemon juice, nutmeg etc
SKID	To skate on ice
SKIM	Part of a plough. It was a small ‘shear’ than turned top growth into the vor before the ploughing shear turned the furrow; ensuring all weeds etc were buried.
SKILLY	Skimmed milk
SKIMMER	Perforated disc for skimming cream, also known as reaming
SKIMP	To skimp a job. To do shoddy work
SKIMPER	One who does work hastily
SKIMPINGS	Small stones and grit for road making.
SKIMPINGS	The lightest and poorest part of tin ore, in the dressing of it.
SKINKED	Wrinkled. “‘is face is all skinked, looken like a sun dried tomata.”
SKIN-SCOP NIGHT	(Padstow) The night in November when boys struck doors with stones in a sling and asked for money for the Feast; or push in winkle shells & dirt.

SKIPE	A mean, sly, under-handed person. "She's a right skipe, did 'ee see 'ow she weedled 'er way into that old woman's 'ouse did ee? All she wanted wus te find if if there was anyting worth 'avin' in there.
SKIRT	To 'half-plough stubble in autumn
SKIRT/SKEERT	Short. "her coat was some skirt."
SKIT	To skim or bounce stones on the surface of water
SKIT BOTTLE OF	A bottle of pop
SKIT OR SKEET	To squirt saliva through teeth. To splash. "'e skit me leaken." i.e. He soaked me right through.
SKITT(ING)	To spread farm manure by hand evenly over the ground
SKITTER	To make ducks and drakes on water. To slide
SKITTER	To scatter
SKITTERY	Slippery
SKIVER	skewer
SKIVET/SKERRET	A 'safe' an interior drawer inside a cabinet
SKOW TREE	The Elder
SKRIM / SKRUM	To shiver with cold
SKRUGE / SCOURGE	To touch obliquely. A light touch; to glance against something or someone.
SKUART / SKUIT	A legacy. A windfall. I 'ear twell old man Ivey 'ave died and left 'is grand chield a braa skuart."
SKULDRAGIN'	Hair-pulling. Did ee see that there dirty wraasler did ee? Ee was skuldragin all the time 'til the stickler disqualified en."
SKULLERING	Leaving material or objects about untidily. E.g. 'Don't leave your toys skullering all over the floor' <i>The origin of the words is Mary Jane Burnett (nee Ellilot), Wella's maternal grandmother who was born and brought up in Lostwithiel</i> Received via William (Wella) Brown
SKUTE / SCUTE	The iron on the heel of a boot or shoe
SKWORE	A three cornered tear in a garment
SKY BLUE	Milk and water mixed. A handy substance to feed to young calves.
SKY-BLUE AND SINKERS	In 19 th century, breakfast was almost invariably 'sky blue & sinkers', a dish prepared in the following way. ' a crock full of water being put on to boil, a small quantity of barley flour was mixed in a basin with some 'scald(ed@ milk. This was added to the water in the crock and simmered for a few minutes; after which it was poured into basins in which sops of barley bread had been placed. These sops remained at the bottom , nothing being visible but the light blue liquid which gave the mixture its name. NB. Scalded milk is the milk from which the clotted cream had been reamed.
SKYBOOSH	Info given, 'The awnly day w'en we de 'ave a bit o' 'SKYBOOSH' Is this a special treat at mealtime or a bit of a shindig? Helps!!
SLAB	Cornish cooking range. Gravestone
SLABBERDASH	Mixture of lime, cements and fine grit brushed onto slate roofs, to help stop them lifting in high winds
SLACK	Coal dust used by blacksmith
SLACKET	Thin – slight person
SLADDOCKS	A cleaving and splitting tool used on slate
SLADS	Horizontal Nars of a gate
SLAGGY	Wet. Miry. Mity rain
SLAM BANG	To bang or slap down, to place exactly. " E 'it en slam bang in the middle."
SLAMMERKIN	A loose gown – a slovenly dressed woman, a slattern, (see below.)
SLAMS/SCRAMS/ SCRAMBLINGS	Scraps of meat
SLAP-DASH	Rough-scat , plaster on outside walls
SLAR	Roofing slate
SLAT	A slate slab or thin lath or strip of thin timber, as in a binder canvas
SLATTERN	A dirty untidy woman – slovenly
SLAW-CRIPPLE	The slow-worm
SLAWTERPOOCH	Ungainly, slovenly person
SLEDGE (Hammer)	For stone breaking. He's a good man with a sledge, boy, 'ee can swing un all day, and not slaw up.' (Also used for driving in wooden posts, tent pegs, (Big Top) etc.
SLEEP	Mildew, discolouration due to condensation

SLEUCHIN'	Slouching. Dragging the feet. Lazy (See sloodge – below)
SLEW	To turn on one side. To twist around. “‘ee idn goyne fit like that, we’ll ‘ave te slew un round a bit.”
SLEW	A drag or brake for a cart/wagon wheel
SLEWED	Drunk. Intoxicated. Look at the way ‘e’s waalkin bit, an’ ‘is voice is slewed too; h’e drunk sure nuff.”
SLEWED	Cheated, made to pay too much
SLEWED	To slide sideways
SLEY	Sloping roof
SLIDDERY / SLIDDING	Slippery. “Sliddery quay”
SLIDE	A sledge (See sledge – above)
SLIGHT	(Of persons) Feeble. Sick. Unwell “How’s Mr Harvey me dear?” “I’m sorry to say but he’s pretty slight, but thankee fer askin’..”
SLIGHTS	In his slights. Partly dressed. Knock – knock on the bedroom door. – “‘ang on minit’ I’m in me slights.”
SLIGHTS	Kettle broth, made from boiling water, bread, salt, pepper & butter. (A fill-me-up) I’d say
SLIMES	Very fine waste left from dressing tin ore, containing tin residue
SLINGER	Jobber. Will take any job. “He’s a slinger sure nuff, ‘e’ll turn ‘is ‘and te anything.”
SLINKIN’ SLIDE	In a mine, rocky wall; grooved and cut as with a chisel and highly polished
SLINTRIM	An incline
SLIPE	‘Runner’ at base of plough
SLIPPER	Slippery
SLIPS	Aborted (still-born) calf. I.e. a cow had slipped her calf.
SLIPS	Young pigs of at least six to eight weeks of age, would be known as slips.
SLISH	Slice. “Ayse, I’ll ‘ave a slish of bread and butter with me jelly mind to.”
SLIT-FIG	A very stingey person
SLIVER	Thin pieces of anything but particularly, stone. A stone hedger might say to his mate, “I caant do wi’ a sliver in ‘ere te keep this raw tight.”
SLOANS	Sloes. <i>Sloany-wine-</i> sloe wine
SLOCK / SLOCKED	Beguile. Entice. To lead astray. “My Jimmy would never ‘ave stole they apples, if they other boys didn’ slocked ‘in on see. PC Mutton is comin te see en this afternoon, then the balloon will go up.”
SLOCKER	An enticement. “I see en give ee a pound note, that was a slocker far ee.”
SLOCKING BONE	Hip joint or bone
SLOCKING STONE	Rich, enticing stone of ore
SLOCUM	A slow heavy person. An idler. “He’s a right slocum sure nuff, dawn’t do nawthen all day but fooch around.”
SLOG	Hard work
SLONE(S)	Shoe(s)
SLOOCH. SLOUCH	Dragging one’s feet. Slouching along. (See Sleuchin above).
SLOODGE	Drag one’s feet. ‘Stop sloodgin’ an’ pick yer feet up boy!’
SLOOGE	Fine dust caused by working a drill. “It must be as dry as chip, see that slooge goyne away from that there drill.”
SLOOT/SLOODGE	To scrape or drag one’s feet along the ground when walking.
SLOOTS	Old shoes and slippers. “I gawt quite a few pairs of slots ‘ere, I think I’ll take them down jumble sale.”
SLOSH	To flush with water. “The poor thing looked dead te me so I sloshed drop cold water aver en and ‘e perked up grand.”
SLOSHY	Wet and muddy. “It was real sloshy out shooten day, the mud an’ mire was cummikn up te the tops o’ me willies.”
SLOTTER	To spill about. “‘old that bucket steady, thee’rt slotteren water ev’rywhere, went be nun left time yu git en ‘ome.”
SLOTTERY	Damp. Muddy water
SLOUDRISK	Uncooth person
SLOW CRIPPLE/SLAW CREPPLE	Slow worm. (See slaw-cripple above) or blind worm
SLOW(ER)ED UP	Slowed down/up. “She ‘ave slowered up these laast few months
SLOW-SIX-LEGGED-WALKERS	Lice

SLUIDGE	To drag one's feet. "Stop sluidgin' yer feet boy, they shoes went last two jumps te rthe back door doin' that."
SLUMMOCK	A dirty, slatternly woman. "She's a right ol' slummock, grafted you might say."
SLUMP	An unskilled careless worker, male or female.
SLUNGE	To plunge or the sound of a plunge
SMALE	Small. "She's a bit smale – born smale I shud shink."
SMALL PEOPLE	The fairies. (There are Small People at the bottom of every fairy-tale garden!)
SMALLY-SMALL	Puny; small or thin
SMARTIN'	Stinging – as in a skin graize
SMEAD / SNADE / SNATH	The pole handle of a scythe. "There idn much curl in this 'ere smead, I spose th's why the blade de keep diggin in the ground like that."
SMEECH	A strong disagreeable smell (particularly of buming) particularly refered to if a pot or pan has boiled dry and caused much smoke or smeech in the room.
SMEET. SNEET	To sneer. Snigger. Laugh. Gloat. Giggle. "'ee went be smeeatin' in a mimit' when I smack to en one."
SMICKET	Woman's undergarment. Chemise, shift
SMIDGEON	A smudgeon of luck. Just a little quantity. "'ave a bit cake will 'ee?" Ayse, mind to, but just a smidgeon, I've just 'ad dinner."
SMILKIN' / SMALKIN'	A filthy person. "She a smilkin shore nuff, you cud smell 'er a mile off."
SMILL THE EER	Smell the air, may be it's the ozone near the coast or the richness of the soil or hedgerow. Also, to take an airing.
SMITHERINES	Small, broken pieces. "She scat en off the table and brock en inte smitherines.
SMOOTHY	" All on one side like Smoothy's weddin'"
SMUDDER	A cloud of smoke or dust. To choke
SMULK	A dirty disagreeable woman. (Similar to smilkin, above.)
SMUT	Disease in cereal crops
SMUTTIES	Blackened brfanches of burnt furze, which were much regarded for the fire, either kindling or general burning.
SMUTTY	Sooty
SNAP	A short spell of weather. "we 'ad a cold snap last week, with they two nights of frost – burnt my tattwes shameful."
SNATCH/SNOTCH	To notch as in putting a notch into something to mark its place perhaps. (I think a snatch is also a loop tied in a rope to help take up a sudden shock.)
SNAVEL	The pivot of a back chain of a horses harness
S'NAW	Don't you know
SNEAD/SNEED	The handle or snaith of a scythe. (See below)
SNEATH	The handle of a scythe (See Smead, snath and Snath above)
SNEETIIN'	Sniggering "Stop yer sneetin' boy err I'll give ee somthin' te sneet far."
SNEWY	Low, mean, or cunning
SNIDDERWID	The nose. "She 'ad a snidderwid like a Roman soldier."
SNIFTING CLACK	A valve in an old steam engine or pump so named because of the noise it made. Clack = clack valve.
SNIFTING VALVE	Exactly as above
SNIP	A bargain. "I went auction, there was a very nice cart there, I thawt 'e'd make good money, but I bid far'n an' managed te git en fer a snip."
SNIPPER	A sprung trap with nothing caught
SNIP / SNIPPET	A little bit. "Did ee 'ear 'bout Jan Stone steallin' Cap'n Giles's chicken?" " I didn' 'xackly 'ear 'bout it but I did see a snippit in the West Briton."
SNITCH	Gripper used when drenching a horse
SNITCH RAG	Handkerchief
SNO	You know. "Theese (knew) or sno
SNOB	A nasal secretion. "I shudden think they 'ad any hankchiefs 'ome, that boy 'ad snob 'angen down 'is nawse by the yard, thick an' green t'was too!"
SNODDERWIG	A black beetle. "I picked up a old sheet of galvanise in the mow'ey an' twas livin wi'" snodderwigs underneath."
SNOFF-RAG	Handkerchief. One often hears these days, 'snitch rag'.
SNORTLEYWIGGANS	They de all cum out at night Refering to Spriggans, knockers and the like who come out and are active at night.

SNORTY WIGGAN	Black beetle
SNORTY WINK	Catepillar
SNOT	Snob (Not sure whether it referes to snob from the nose or an aloof sort of person.) Help!!
SNOT	A haughty person; one who is snotty.
SNOT	'Tis not "I tell ee snot like that 'tall."
SNOWL	To loudly crunch or chew. "Close yer mouth when yer chewin' boy, they'll 'ear 'ee next door in a minute!"
SNUFF	To be affronted. "To be snuff."
SOASE / SOUST	To wet. Drunk. Wet to the skin
SOCE / SOAS/ SOAS VEAN	Friend or friends. Gossip, goodfellows. "Cumus 'ere maid I got bit soas te tell 'ee." (a form of endearment, especially to a child)
SODEN / SODENLY	Sudden. Suddenly. "Grampa said he was up te the station w'en they cut the first sod te build un."
SODGER	A red herring.
SODGER	also a soldier. "W'en the 'tendance officer opened the classroom door, we all stood up like sodgers."
SOG	Fitful sleep or unconsciousness of sick person. To doze "I dawn't go much on en, 'e's got a tempeture an' an' is soggen all the time." Numbness.
SOGGAN	Cold and dreary place.
SOLAR/SOLLAR	Securing an open mineshaft. 'Years ago w'en they used te solar over a' old mine shaft they'd thraw anything over the 'ole to catch the rubble an' concrete, even ol' bedsteads.'
SOLDIER	Red Gurnard
SOLID	Sober, Grave. "He's as solid as a judge."
SOLLAR	Stage of boards down in a mine
SOLLAR	Mine landing places
SOLLS	Seals
SOME.	Very. "I'm some proud obm"
SOMEFIN	Something. "Got somefin nice fer taa 'ave 'ee mawther?"
SOND	Sand
SONNY	Son
SOOANT	Smoothly
SOOARTS	Info given, = 'Rain comin' like cats & dogs.' Can anyone improve on this please? Ed
SOODLING	Comforting, fondling,caresseing, or flattering
SOONS	Charms written or spoken given by white witches
SOPS	Bread and milk. "Granfer used te luv a bowl o' milky sops 'fore go bed. Used te say did settle 'is stomach."
SORDES	Dregs & leavings from tin dressing
SORY/SCRY	The report of the approach of a body or shoal of fish, such as pilchards
SOULE	Soul. "My Lord an' soule, what ever on earth is goyn 'appen next?" (Never more apt that today –July 2016)
SOUN	Sound. "I'll say this fer 'ee cap'n the oss is sound even if 'tis a bit small fer w'at I want."
SOUND AWAY	To laugh at length, and until silent.
SOUNDIN'	Fainting. "Catch me quick, I'm soundin."
SOURSOPS/SOURSABS	The sorrel plant. Soursops & nettles were supposed to have curing properties.
SOWAN	A hollow place
SOWL/ZOWL	To sail
SOWLE(S)	Seals
SOW-PIG	Woodlouse (Grammersow) . "I lifted up bit o' old galvanise and there was they ol' sow pigs by the hundred crawlin' 'round
SOWSP	Heavy or 'with a thud. Szaid of someone carrying something heavy; i.e. "She put un down on gthe floor, sowsp."
SPA-ADE	To skim off spen before ploughing
SPADIARD/SPANYER/ SPANJAR	A Spaniard
SPAL / SPAAL/SPALL	To fine for loss of time. I was awnly a minurt er two late one orning' last week and they buggers spaaled me five shillin's yo."
SPALIER/SPALYER	Espalier = a method of pruning to produce fruit, along the lines of the Cordon method

SPALLED/SPALED/ SPILED	Fined to absence from work or loss of work time
SPALLING / SPALL	Cracking stones. "I've bin spallin' that there blue elvin all day, my arms are 'bout te fall off me shoulders."
SPALLING-HAMMER	Small hammer for breaking stones
SPALLS	Fragments of stone or metal. "See that pile o' spallin's aver there, well git a wheel barra' and bring then over 'ere."
SPAN	A measure. Span definition, the distance between the tip of the thumb and the tip of the little finger when the hand is fully extended.
SPAN / SPANJAR	A tether. A fetter. If someone had a horse or pony that was liable to jump field hedges or had limited grazing, they would put 'ankle' straps on one fore leg and one on a hind leg with a shortish piece of rope or strap to join them . This would cure the problem. I think today we's call it a hobble.
SPANGING	Pronounced Sprang-UN. It refers ro a 'V' shaped area fenced off in a river to allow cattle to reach the water in a river to drink, but preventing them from walking up the river and maybe accessing another farmers land or land that had been tilled for cropping
SPANKER	A fine specimen. Large. "Father grawed a savoy cabbage too big fer 'ee te git your arms 'round un, a proper spanker twas."
SPARBLES	Nails for boot/shoe soles, also known as 'sprags' or 'sprigs'.
SPARE	Work that barely or does not repay the time and labour spent doing it.
SPARE	Boring
SPAREY	To be frugal. "Go sparey with the saffron it de cost a ortune'. "Scanty"
SPAREY /SPARINGLY / SPARY	Tedious or needing care. Fine work as in single thread needlework. "This single thread 'black work' is some sparey I tell ee."
SPARKING	Courting; Flirting
SPARKY	Said of a cow or horse that is mottled or spotted in colour
SPAROC	Hedge Sparrow
SPARR	To disagree, to nag, to argue. "Nathen, is ever right far en, 'ee's fer ever sparren."
SPARRS	Split rods to secure thatch , like a piece of hazel twig cut into a Y or V shape, usually with one side longer than the other.
SPAR-STONE	Granite
SPATTY	Bespattered or spotted, perhaps through damp.
SPEAR-'OOK	Hokk for splitting spars for thatching
SPEAR-STICK	Wooden spar for fixing thatch
SPECKETTY	Speckled, as in poultry. There is a modern beer called the 'Old Speckled Hen.'
SPECKING	Just starting to rain
SPEEDY GROUND	Teary ground in a mine, (Shailey) and easy and quick to dig (because of irts small joints and sissures)
SPEEDY(UP)	To quicken one's space. "Come on, we better speedy up a bit er we'll be late."
SPELL	To give someone a break and take obver the job yerself. "'Ere boy, give us the showl, yer looin' tired, I'll give 'ee a spell."
SPELL (yourself)	Take things in short spells. (Someone who perhaps is unwell but want to do a few jobs around the place would be told to spell yourself out.)
SPELL FOR	Aiming to achieve/eager to obtain. "He was spellin'fer a fight, tha's w'at 'e was spellin'for." (One might even say, psyching one's self up for something.)
SPEN	Tough, matted root system of old grass
SPENCE	A larder or cupboard under the stairs or beside an open chimney or the Talfat.
SPERRITS	Spirits (Alcoholic drink)
SPIELIE	To blow a fire with a bellows
SPIFF / SPIFFY	Smart, dressy. "You're lookin. Quite spiffy in yer new outfit."
SPILE	To bore a hole in a barrel – the peg to fill such a hole
SPILE / SPILING	Casks if certain alcoholic liquids had to be drilled (Spiled) with a gimlet or similar tool, to vent gasses. The hole was later plugged with a tapered soft or hard wood plug.
SPILLIR/SPILTER	A ground line with many hooks for fishing
SPINNING DRONE	The Cockshafer
SPIT/SPLIT	The depth of the shovel when turning over ground. "I'm goyn try this new idea of turnin the ground to spits deep."
SPITTING ALONG	Hurrying
SPIZE-OUT	To squirt out under pressure

SPLAT	A plot of ground. Also a flat surface for putting things on, usually for loading onto a vehicle or cart, as in Milk Platt
SPLAT	To splay. “‘e dropped a bucket o’ mortar an it went down wi’ sum splatt I can tell ‘ee.”
SPLAT	Splay (Also a flat surface area as in ‘plat’) Every farm gate had a splat from whence milk was collected by the commercial dairy.
SPLATTY	Spotty; patchy. May be said of someones complexion or a crop showing different characteristics in a field, or maybe material that has deteriorated.
SPLAYED	Chapped hands or thighs due to extreme cold
SPRAYED	Exactly as above from WC
SPLET-FIGS	A skinflint
SPLIT/SPLITTER	A soft bread roll, traditionally eaten with jam and clotted cream; that’s the proper cream tea not scones! Regularly served at Bowling teas, where they are known as ‘Touchers’. The split & jam represent the ‘wood’ and the cream represents the ‘Jack’. Hence a toucher.
SPOOK	Insert a ring usually in a pig’s nose, to curb their muzzling of the earth’s surface.
SPORE	Spur
SPOS(E)	I suppose “I spose so yo.”
SPRAGGLING	Sprawling; slouching
SPRAWL	Energy. “I ‘abm got no sprawl at all today som’ow.”
SPRAWL	To fetter, fall or falling
SPRAWL	A disease for ducks.
SPRAY(ED)	To roughen, to have a chap on the skin. “Ma, I bin an’ falled down an’ grazed my knee.” Oh! Dear le’ss ‘ave a look. Tis awnly a bit a spray, I’ll put some Zam-buck on en.” (I think in particular it refers to skin condition due to wind exposure; also babies get it due to wetting themselves.)
SPRAYING/SPRESSING	An east wind is a spraying wind.
SPRIGGAN	(Knocker or Knacker, spiteful, deceitful creature or underground spirit)
SPRIGLY	Split as in a cracked wort
SPRIGS	Small almost headless nails used in shoe making and repairing.
SPROIL	Pilf. Top waste of a cornfield (Can someone be a bit more precise, please?)
SPRONNCY	Lively, jolly, excited.
SPROOSEN	Unitdy, ungartered woman
SPROUNCY	Cheerful; jolly; or slightly intoxicated
SPROUNING	Treading heavily or stamping one’s feet
SPRUCE	An old Cornish harvest drink made from lump sugar, hot water, tartaric acid, ground ginger.
SPUD	A troublesome child Iso potato
SPUKE	A roller with two spikes for thrusting up a pig’s nose instead of a ring. These devises were to stop pigs tearing up good pasture.
SPUR	A spell (period) of time or work “You’ve bin sum spur doin that lil job.”
SPUR	A space of time
SPURT	Temper, Rage. ‘To bed in a spurt
SPURTICLES	Mischievous boys
SPUTTER	To stammer with rage
SQUAB	To crush flat, to squeeze
SQUAB	A young domestic pigeon – hence ‘Squab Pie’.
SQUABBA	Small pieces, ‘Scat te squabba.’
SQUAB-PIE	A pie of apples, onions, mutton meat, raisins, with a bottom of either young cormorant or squab. (Squab + young pigeon)
SQUAD	(Mining term) loose stones of ore mixed with earth
SQUAIL(ED)	Cry(ied), weep(ept) Anguish. Very much used in reference to pigs ‘Squailen fer their next meal.
SQUALL	To cry, to weep. “W’at are ee squallin’ far, I abm dun nawthen to ee.”
SQUALLASS	Crybaby
SQUANCH	Quench, as a Blacksmith might plunge hot metal into cold water, or on e might quench one’s thirst with a cool drink.
SQUARD(E)	Tear, to rend., ‘Squardin’ about. Someone in a great haste.
SQUARED	To split or tear open

SQUAT(ING)	To eat immoderately. An uncomfortable position
SQUEEZE	An old frump, “ He’s a proper ol’ squeeze an’ bore.”
SQUIDDLE	Squirt
SQUILKY	Frog (possibly an abbr. for Quilkin
SQUINGE-GRUB	A stunted, shrivelled apple, never fully grown
SQUINNY	Squinting. To turn the eyes; to look sideways
SQUINSEY	Quinsy which is a particular form of tonsillitis.
SQUITCH	To jerk or twist, to squeeze out
SQUITCHES(INGS)	Jerks, Jumps, Twitches, Fidgets‘She’s got the squitches’.
SQUIZZLE	Cry easily
SRINKING	Looking with half closed eyes – squinting/peeping
ST TIBB’S EVE	An imaginary time. ‘I’ll do it St Tibb’s Eve’ (Sounds a bit like dreckly dawn’t ee think!)
ST. AGNES TOTLE	Silly old fool
ST. AUBYN’S DAY	The day after a Feast when inferior guests were invited to eat up the leftovers.
ST. MAWES CLOVER	The Spotted medick
ST. TABBS/TIBBS EVE	A day which never comes! “I’ll do that next St Tabb’s Eve.”
STADDLE	Stone mushrooms used to help make the base for a rick. Also used to keep wooden fruit store sheds off the ground out of the way of rats and othe vermin. The large circular heads worked on a similar principle to discs on ropes by which sailing ships were moored to the quayside.
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STAFF ‘OOK	Long handle hook or ‘slasher’ for trimming hedges esp in accessable locations
STAG	A young cock bird particularly a turkey
STAGG	Nightmare,
STAGG	One who is unable to move
STAGGED	Busy, perhaps a corruption of ‘stacked’ “I dunn aw w’en I can cum an’ fix your doors John, I’m ometh shore nuff at the minit.”
STAGGED/STUGGED/SAGGEN/ST OGGIE	Coated in mud and muck. To be suck in mud or bog. Muddy.
STAIN / STEAN	A coarse earthenware vessel. Can anyone explain, is it a small domestic vessel or something akin to a bussa?
STALEIN / STEALIE	Stealing. “Let’s go over an’ stealie that push bike, nobody will knaw.”
STAM BANG	To plump down i.e. drop down heavily; or to slap down
STAND	A crop of cereals or grass – a braavy stand.
STAND TO WORK	To work on a farm as a general labourer rather than as specialist worker e.g. hseersman, waggoner, shepherd
STANDARD	Wrestling term. He who throws two men becomes a Standard for the future contestrs in the ring.
STANDING	Stall at a fair.
STANE	Earthenware tub for ‘salting’ pig. Seems similar to the WC Bussa.
STANK	To tread heavily, to stamp one’s feet. Also used when referring to someone who has made a bloomer. “He stank right in en.” “More than that ‘e stanked in en with both feet.
STANK	To tread in something, usually something unpleasant. “Of all the pavement I ‘ad to walk on I ‘ad te stank in that dog’s s..t.” Also refers to someone who Has made a gaff; someone might say, “you stanked right in that won bouy.”
STANK(ING)	To stamp with your feet, even when walking
STANNARY	An administrative body for tin mining also a medieval tin working
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STANNING	Stalls at fairs and market places. “We got a good stanning up Royal cornwall, ‘tis right by the main ring.”
STARE	Starling
STARES	Irregular spots or blotches
STAR-GAZY-PIE / GAZY-PIE	Pilchard pie with thweir heads sticking up through the pastry crust. The festival is celebrated on Tom Bawcock’s Eve, 23 rd December in honour of a 16 th century local

	fisherman of that name.
STARTUPS	Gaiters
STARVER	A small loaf of bread. "I'll 'ave a 1d starver please Mr. Baker." (1d is an old money penny)
STAT	Stoat
STAVE	Starling
STAVE	A vertical wooden plank in a building or structure
STAVE	To break something by forcing it inwards. "the door was staved in." To thrust or to strike
STAVER	A go-ahead person, one who is energetic.
STAY STOMACH	Light snack to tied one over 'til the next meal time
STAYED /STAID	An aged person
STEAD	Base for a rick, comprising furze, bracken ertc, to keep the lower sheaves off the damp ground & sometimes staddle stones. (see above).
STEAD /STEED	The base for a rick, to keep it off the damp ground. Made usually of furze, braken, brambles and the like. Can also refer to a base set out on granite mushrooms for the same purpose.
STEAN	Large earthenware pot; one imagines it to be something like a bussa.
STED	Instead. "Sted of goyne down that muddy lane, why dawn't ee go oaver the stile an' across the meada'?"
STEEDED	Supplied
STEEVE	A draught of wind
STEEVED	Frozen. "I'm steeved right through with the cold.
STENNACKS	Tin ground; tin workings – occurs in names of open works and fields. Also a copse or small wood.
STENT/STENTS	Rubble left behind by Tin Streamers in their 'workings.'
STEP	Distance. Bravy step = long distance. "That lil' shield walked all round Royal Cornwall Shaw yessday, and tha's a brave ol' step ya know."
STEPPONS /STIPPONS	Stepping stones, as found in a stream; also stone steps
STERACOOSE	A bustling effective woman, one who steers a course in life? . "e's a real stiracoose, neigh on runnin' ev'rywhere 'e goes."
STERRICK	Small amount
STEW	A fuss; a rage. "E've bin an lost 'is gold watch, an' ee's in some stew I can tell ee."
STEWAN	A slap with the hand. "I gib'n a good stewan 'cross the chacks fer bein' sa cheeky!"
STEWER	Dust, also a fuss; "She's never 'appier then w'en she's kickin up a stewarter.
STICK	Fire wood usually of reasonable size. "John gus on out an' bring in a bit o' stick fer the fire willee?"
STICK	The traditional way of slaughtering animals by slitting (sticking) their throats
STICKED	Stuck. @somethin' was sticked in 'is uzzle.'
STICKINGS/ STRICKINGS/ STRIPPENS	Last drops of milk in a cow's udder when hand milked
STICKLER	A judge at Cornish Wrestling. (Hence 'ee's a stickler fer to 'ave things right.' Now a general term fer someone who likes things dun zackly!
STIDDLE/STOODLE	Post in a bullocks house to which cattle are tied.
STIFF LACED	Proud, perhaps even hauty
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STILLERS	Steel yard or weighing scales
STILLIARDS	As above only WC
STILL WATERS	Distilled peppermint water; a favourite cure for wind in the stomach.
STILLING	The walling of a pit shaft within the tubbin above the stone head. A small piece of wall built to keep back ground and prevent it sliding forward. A retaining wall.
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STINGDUM	The fish Cottus Scorpius (Sea Scorpion) Looks like a cross between Lobster & Crayfish!!
STIRACOOSE	Bustling woman. "She's a rigler stiracoose."
STITCHWORT	Shimmy shirt. Stitchwort is the common chick-weed 'Stellaria Media'.

STOANS	Stones
STOCK	Large block or log of wood <i>Christmas stog</i> (See stog below.)
STODGE also STEAM STODGE	Food served thick or stale. Steamed pudding.
STOG	Stump of a tree or stake “They bin sawin’ up that tree all togy g’ but there’s still a brave ol’ stog there still.” Hence the phrase attributed to a thick-set person, ‘of togy build’.
STOGGED/STOGGY /STAGGED	Stuck fast in mud. Also lagged in mud from working in it. “I’ve bin up te me knees in muck & bullets all this day.” A phrase taken from war trenches to emphasis one’s plight.
STOGGY/STOCKY	A thick set person, a typical Cornish build
STOITING	A shoal of fish leaping out of the water. Also the colour of the water caused by the above.
STOMACHER	Hand embroidered bodice of a ladies dress, usually exquately intricate and bright.
STOMPSES	Stamps, but more particularly the heavy vertical rods that broke the ore
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STOOD	To stay. “He stood in bed fer a fortnight when he ‘ad the ‘flu.”
STOOL CRAB	The male edible crab
STOPE	Bottom of a mine digging. The void from whence rock and ore have been removed. Mining twerm for ‘Stull’, Winze or Rise.
STOUNDS	Sharp shooting pains.
STRAAKING	Wandering; walking quickly
STRAKE	An appliance for cleaning ore
STRAKE	To sweep lightly and carelessly. To stray
STRAKE	Used of Mica pits, or long shallow places; an old mining term
STRAM	To lie. “You’re strammin boy, I can see the lies onyer lips as you’re tellin of em.”
STRAM	To stride purposefully. Bustling; ‘strammikng about’.
STRAM	A day’s work
STRAMMING	Of the door or window, wide open, letting in the draught; ‘stramming wide open. <i>The origin of the words is Mary Jane Burnett (nee Ellilot), Wella’s maternal grandmother who was born and brought up in Lostwithiel</i>
	Received via William (Wella) Brown
STRANGE	Queer, crazy. “’ave ee noticed ‘ow strange Alfie is gone an ly, I an’t make en out”.
STRANGER	Sid to someone you haven’t seen for a long time, especially if the actually live quite close to you. “Hello, you’re a stranger, abm seen ee fer ages.”
STRAP/STROP	A bit of string or a small piece of cord
STRAPPIN’	Big and strong
STRAT	To drop, of animals, as in ‘astrat calf’ of a cow aborting.
STRAWL	Litter, confusion, disturbance, turmoil,
STREAM	To clean windows by flosing (tossing) a little water at them
STREAM	To rinse clothes Wash days mawther would say “I’m just goyne stream the last of these clothes minute, then we’ll ‘ave cup taa.”
STREAM	Also used when referring to it pouring down with rain.
STRICK	To strike or kick. “Strick toe to en.” Kick him
STRIKE OUT	To prepare straw for thatching
STRIVE	To argue, to contend “He strove me down that it ‘appened last Thursday, but I was right, it wadn ‘till the Wednesday!”
STROATH	A regular stroath of work, quick & reliable, fluster. “She went stroathen down the road, like a bat out of hell.”
STROATH	To walk quickly/ Hurrying
STROIL	Couch grass, a persistant weed, it throws out runners everywhere.
STROLL(OPY)	A mess, a state of untidiness. A mass of rubbish
STROLLOP	An untidy woman (person). A slattern, even a slut or harlot
STROME	Squirt of milk from a lactating female
STROMP	Walk heavily
STROP	A piece of string or cord.
STROP	A leather/canvas strap apprx 2” – 3” wide and approx 1’ long on a swivel because each

	side was different which men used to hone their open/cutthroat razors before shaving.
STROTHER/ STROATHING	Someone who is always in a hurry. "Ev'ry time I see ee theer't always stroathing."
STROVE	Argue a point. "She stoved me down that I wad'n there."
STROVE	To be in a hurry perhaps from 'strive' "I see Mr Blewett 'ave bin an' strove up the road in a braa ol' stank, I wonder what the trouble is."
STRUB	To grub-up usually furze
STRUB / STRUBBING	To rob a bird's nest. Steal, to rifle
STRUDDLE	Timber support of the 'Deads' in a mine.
STRUNTY	Misty – foggy
STUAN	A blow
STUB	To dig up stumps or roots of trees. A tree stump
STUBBER(S)	Green Apples
STUBBINS / STOGS	Roots of furze, tough and slower burning and blended with other fuels.
STUDDLE / STIDDLE	A stall post for tying cattle. Or the iron bar (attached to the wooden post) to which the cow's neck chain is attached.
STUDDY	Steady. "Studdy on there my 'ansome, we aren't in no race."
STUFF	Ore
STUFFLE	Stifle or suffocate with smoke
STUG	Earthenware Jar for lard. "The stug 'ave dropped 'pon the floor and smashed te smithereens."
STUG ALONG	To walk with quick steps
STUGGY	Thick-set. Short and stout (of typical Cornish build) (See also 'stog' above.)
STUGGY	Post of a stall for tying cattle to. ('Studdle' above.
STUGGY	A thick set person
STULL	Place to receive ore.
STULL	Timber placed at the back of levels to prevent rubbish falling.
STURCH	Starch. "Now, tha's the washin' done, juss got sturch Reggie's collars minit, got abm lookin fiddy fer Sunday."
STURRIDGE	Uproar, Confusion
STURT / START	Progress. Gain. "Well at least we've bin an' made a sturt." A run of good luck. A jobless man seeking work might say, "Will ee give us a sturt?"
SUANT / SUENT	Even. Level, Running smoothly. To spread evenly and with a smooth finish. Perfect
SUBBAN	A sop, to break pieces of bread in basins before pouring on broth or milk. Its known as bread sops, in WC
SUCHY-MEAT	A pudding made of small entrails!
SUCK HOBBA	A fool an idiot; moonstruck person
SUCKED	Said of fish partially dried; in a semi-putrescent state.
SUDDINT / SUDDINTLY	Sudden. Suddenly. "W'en the driver saw me 'ee pulled up all of a suddint."
SUDLESS EEL	A lumping eel
SUE	To go dry from milk. "The cow is gone te sue".
SUENT	Level, contiguous as it should be. Touching, continuous as in consecitive
SUGARY CANDY	When new boots squeaked, they were said to have sugary candy in them! (I always heard, when new boots squeak they hadn't been paid for!
SUGARY MAW	A piexce of cloth or rag with soaked sugary bread, given to children to suck.
SUGARY QUARTZ	A very crumbly or pulverulent quartz.
SUMPMEN	Men who work at sinking mineshafts and wells.
SUNBEAM	The gossamer
SUR / ZUR	Sir. "now sur, things went like this"
SURE 'NOUGH	Certainly. Truly. "Uncle Jessie's gone up country fer a 'oliday," "Is a sure-'nough?"
SURVEY	Ledting work in a mine.
SURVEY	An auction
SUSHABBLE	Sociable. "They new party aver the road aren'r very sushabble are they? They Dawn't say bee nor baw."
SUT	Soot. "The ol' fire bin smocking awful lately, so we 'ad the man out and the chimley was full o' sut."
SWA(D)LING	Burning croftland. "Well the birds 'ave finished nestin so I think we can do a bit o' swailikn' up in the Croft now without doin' any 'arm."
SWABSTICK	A mining implement for cleaning a hole. "The drain was chucked up somethin' awful,

	so I made up a swabstick and pushed that down in un. That axed a question.”
SWAG	A stump
SWAILING	The burning of heathland (before bird nesting time) to encourage new growth of pasture etc the following year
SWAISE / SWAIZE / SWAIGE	To wave or swing the hands. “She’s a’ways swaisin’ her ‘ands about; I bleeve if you cut them off she wooden be able say a word!” Waving one’s arm whether walking or talking
SWAISING	Swinging one’s arms
SWAMISHING	Fancying oneself
SWAP	The Gadfly. A Gadfly is on that bites animals particularly, and includes, the Horsefly, Warble-fly, the Botfly and others.
SWARR / SWAILED	Scorched or crumpled. “I abm bin up ‘ere fer 40 years, the ol’ cottage an’ out’ouswes are all swailed up brave.”
SWEE	The sound made by a young bird
SWELED	Singed. ‘A sweeled cat’
SWELLACK	Winnard (the Redwing)
SWETTARD	Sweetheart. “‘allo boy, I seed ee walkin out with Miss Jane from down to Rebubbas got bit new swettard ‘ave ee?”
SWIFF	Swift. “Must be summer the swifts ‘ave urrived.”
SWIFT	well/fit e.g. Not very swift te tell ee the truth = unwell, in decline.
SWIKE	Twig of heath
SWIMMING STONE	Stone of yellow gossan colour found at Nancothan Copper Mine, Redruth, so cellular that it will float on water
SWINGING	Large. Heavy. Cumbersome A lumbering sort of person.
SWIGGER	To swagger. To boast. A scolding
SWORD	Iron bar at the front of a cart used for tipping the load
SWOUN(D)	Swoon
SWOUNDIN'	Fainting. “I’m swoundin’, catch me quick”
SYE / ZYE	Scythe. “make sure you sharpen yer sye afore ‘e start usin’ ubm otherwise you’ll pull yer arms out their sockets.”