

Thieves' Tongue

Being a collection of some words wot we's Honorable Gennelmen speak round the unnerworld of Nuln and such, on account of so no chickens rumble our pie.

Collected for heducational purpusses by Bloody Jacob an' his lot, wif assistance from Dan White and Steve Darlington.

Baker - A con man

Bald - In the open

Banging iron - Incarcerated/imprisoned

Barber - Murderer/killer/assassin

Belly-button - A Halfling

Bleak house - Crypt

Blind - Stupid

Bloated - Greedy

Bridge meeting - A truce

Brow-beater - A religious type, priest i.e. "The brow-beater has a bleak house full of crates."

Bulls-eye - Target or mark

Bully - Strong, tough, intimidating

Bun - Con-job, confidence trick

Catching pigeons - On the roof, up high

Cheese - A bribe

Chicken - A member of law enforcement i.e. "The chicken's laid an egg in the congregation."

Chicken farm - Guard station

Congregation - Gang

Cooking a pie - Coming up with a plan i.e. "We need to cook a pie"

Covered in black - Hidden i.e. "The surgeon's arms are covered in black."

Crate - Loot, swag, hence A stack of crates - Lots of loot, a big job

Crate breaker - Fence

Cutlery - Weapon

Dancer - Elf

Double - A forgery

Double-dealer - A forger

Double handed - Someone who's cooking the books or taking backhanders

Draught - Trouble i.e. "The foot race is causing a draught."

Dregged - Drunk. Also Paying the innkeeper's daughter.

Drinking ditchwater - Laying low

Dropping the can - Making a mistake i.e. "He really dropped the can this time"

Egg - An informant

Fingerman - Pick pocket

Flower - A well dressed person, a wealthy person i.e. "The flower is stuffed"

Fly-trap - Beggar

Foot race - Competition, rival gangs

Gathering wool - Collecting money i.e. "The shepherd's gathering wool"

Glass - A manor house or other rich dwelling

Goblin - ugly

Grab, the - The take, the amount made on a job

Had his haircut - Wounded

Handling the plate - Skimming the takings

Holding up the roof - An unprofitable job i.e. "We were holding up the roof on that one"

Honey-trap - Prostitute

Juggling - A diversion

Looking after the baby - On surveillance or casing a building

Looking-square - A window

Making new clothes or Planting seeds - telling lies, making up stories

Medical - Bloody, or excessively violent. "The flower went for his cutlery, and it all got medical"

Medical Man - A thief or thug who enjoys or even prefers violence

Nailed shut - Well guarded i.e. "The glass is nailed shut."

Needlework - A fight

Needle worker - A warrior

Nibbling on cheese - Taking a bribe

Out chopping wood, out gathering wood - Taking care of business, doing the job

Page - a new inductee to a gang. "He's bully, for a page"

Paid his taxes - Dead

Painting the wall - Bored

Paying taxes - Dying

Playing the flute - Talking, especially to the authorities or in other inappropriate circles. "The statue's been playing the flute all over the Big Smoke"

Priest - Boss i.e. "I'll take you to the priest of the congregation"

Pulling teeth - To blackmail i.e. "I want you to pull his teeth."

Putting meat on the table - Doing a job, on a job

Rain-drop - Someone who's gloomy or pessimistic

Re-arranging the furniture - To beat someone up

Ripped his cloak - Escaped or to escape i.e. "The whistler ripped his cloak after getting snagged on a nail." Or "We're going to help him rip his cloak."

Running on brown - Scared

Screamer - An insulting term for a mark i.e. "The screamer's running on brown"

Selling the bun - To con someone, to be running a bluff. i.e. "I want the baker to sell him the bun"

Shepherd - A Racketeer

Shimmie - Silver Shilling

Shinny - To climb

Shinnyman - Cat Burglar/burglar

Showing his tusks - Angry

Shown the cobbles - Beaten up i.e. "I want you to find this barber, and shown him the cobbles"

Smoke-hole - Chimney

Snagged on a nail - Caught/captured

Sticky - Corrupt i.e. "The bloated chicken is sticky"

Statue - Person marked for death or doing something that will obviously get him killed

Stoner - Dwarf

Stuffed - Rich

Surgeon's arm - Weapon

Tasty - Profitable

Tasty pie - A good plan

Throw down - Surrender, give away

Tickler - Thug i.e. "The tickler showed me the cobbles"

Top-brick - Top floor. Also 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th brick - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th floor i.e. "Get the Shinnyman to the top brick catching pigeons"

Tree-topper - Tall person

Trim the candle - Hurry up, quickly i.e. "We need to trim the candle lads"

Trinket box - Carriage or coach

Vampire - Person who will take the blame for an operation, patsy. "If we drop the can on this one, we'll just throw down the vampire"

Vulture - Mercenary

Warehouse - Safe house or headquarters

Waving a flag - Drawing attention i.e. "The whistler's really waving a flag"

Whisperer - Experienced thief

Whistler - An inexperienced thief i.e. "The whistler got snagged on a nail."

