

ADAM COVE-poor beggarman usually dressed in ribbons and rags
ADAM-TILER-one who takes the stolen goods immediately from the Toyle to the Stalling Ken so she is not caught with the stolen property
ANGLER-using a stick with a hook to steal from windows, behind grates or out of baskets
ARD-hot, usually related to weather
AUTUM-referring to elements of church life
BAWD BASKET-used by Bo Peeps and Irish Toyles to carry pins, ribbons, chapbooks etc. ostentatiously to sell
BEL WETHER-the boss of a particular group within the crew
BENE-verb meaning good or fine
BLIND MANS HOLIDAY-nighttime usually with no moonlight
BO PEEP-lookout, rarely seen or recognized as such
BONE(S)-straight or 'ungimmicked' die or dice for gaming
BONED-arrested
BOWSING KEN-tavern
BUBBLE-an easily cheated person
BUM-bailiff or sergeant
BUMPKIN-person of less than average intelligence of the ways of the world
BUTTER-to smoothly and easily cheat a person. Also to double or triple the bet to try to get back earlier losses.
CAACKLING CHEATS- chicken
CAACKLING FARTS-chicken eggs
CANT-secret language of Rogues, Thieves, Beggars, etc. etc.
CANTING CREW-a group of thieves, cutthroats and ne'er do wells joined for mutual benefit
CAPTAIN QUEERNABS-poor, poorly dressed man
CATERPILLAR-soldier
CHATTER BREW-tea
CHEAT-literally translates to 'thing' (Ex. 'Cackling cheat' is a 'cackling thing')
CHUB-someone not familiar with gaming or how 'Sharps' work
CLAPPERDOGEON-a beggar born and bred also called a 'Palliard'
CLEYM-a false sore or raised area on the body
CLOY-to steal
COG-cheat at dice
COMB THE HAIR-scold
COTTON-to disagree
COVE-man
CRY BEEF-sound an alarm
DAB-well versed in Roguery
DISHED UP-gone broke usually by being cheated at gambling
DOXY WAP-beggar wife within the Canting Crew
FAKE-implies action upon an object (Ex. 'Fake a ken' is to rob a house)

FAM-fingers also to feel or handle something
FAMBLE CHEATS-rings or gloves
FAST AND LOOSE-gambling game using small rope or chain
FAYTOR-one claiming to know future based on birthdate
FAULKNER-street jongoulier, a performer of magic tricks
FLASH CRIB meeting place for Rogues, usually a known tavern or inn
FLAYBOTTOMIST-schoolteacher who regularly uses the rod
FLOGGING COVE-the Beadle or watchman
FLYING STATIONER-balladeer and ballad seller
GINGERBREAD-money
GLAZIERS-eyes
GLIMFLASHY-angry or upset
GOBFOUNDERED-very hungry
GRAY-two headed coin
GREAT TAWNY PRINCE-head of whole crew, can be 'king' or 'queen'
GRUNTING PECK- pork
GULLGROPER-userer who hangs around gambling areas to lend money
GYPSIES-(Egyptians) early name of Canting Crews in the 16th century before the Roma took the name.
HAND IN POCKET SHOP-Inn that sells food for money or valuables
HEDGE TAVERN-meeting place for Sharpers, usually a known tavern or inn
HOW DOST THOU BUFF-familiar salutation among canters
HUMS-people (congregation) at church
IRISH TOYLE-woman that goes from door to door or on the street with a bawd basket and often a baby to 'case' a place or person to rob
JOSEPH-a coat or cloak
KEN-literally translates to 'place' usually a building
KINCHEN (COVES/MORT)-begging children
LACED MUTTON-woman
LAY-implies to a crime (Ex. 'Roost lay' is to rob a henhouse)
LIGHTMANS-day time
LULLABY CHEAT-child
MARRIAGE MUSIC-children's cries
MILL-see FAKE and LAY but with much violence
MORT-woman
NAP THE BIB-cry
NICK NINNY-foolish
NIGHTMANS-night time
NIM-to steal
NIPS YOUR SCRAG-hanged by the neck until dead
NOSE AND GAG-to offer information to the constabulary, usually wrong
OLD ROGER-the devil
PALLIARD-see 'Clapperdodgeon'

PLAY LEAST IN SIGHT-run away
PLUMP IN THE POCKETS-a person with ready money
PRIG-verb meaning to steal usually animals
PROG-meat
QUEER(E)-verb meaning bad or poorly done
RATTLE THE TATS-playing with crooked or loaded die
RHINOCERICOL-wealthy
RIGGING-suits of clothing
ROGUE-non specialized general thief
RUM-verb meaning good
RUMP AND KIDNEY MAN-musician who plays wherever in exchange for food
SCOTCH MIST-rainy weather
SCRATCH-money
SHARPER-gambling cheat, monte and thimble rigger, usually of the more 'genteel' sort
SNILCH-to watch or observe closely
SPREAD THE BROADS- three card monte
SQUEEZER-hangman
STALLING KEN-shop for selling stolen property
STAND BUFF-not give away secrets of the crew
STOP HOLE ABBEY-main rendezvous point for entire Canting Crew, changes as needed
SUGAR SOPS-toasted bread soaked in ale sweetened with sugar and grated nutmeg served with cheese
SWELL-gentleman
SWEETENER-shill that works with Sharpers to sucker others to bet
TALLY MAN-a renter of women's clothing by the week, month or year
TAT(S)-die or dice that have been 'gimmicked' or 'loaded' to cheat
TAT MONGER-professional dice cheat
TATTERDEMALION-poor beggar man, usually in ragged clothes or almost naked
TEAGUELAND(ER)-Ireland/Irish person
THIMBLERIGGING-shell and pea
THROW THE BONES-playing at dice
TIB-girl
TIPS OF THE BUTTERY-a goose
TICKETS-cards used to 'throw' a monte
TIGER IN PETTICOATS-female sharper
TOGS-clothing
TOM OF BEDLAM-an Adam Cove that steals clothes from children
TOUT(ING) Look around (also a lookout for another who does the thieving)
VAGARIES-wild or extravagant frolics
WHITHER D'YE GO-overbearing demanding wive
WHOW BALL-milkmaid

WIPER-handkerchief or stealer of handkerchiefs
WORD PECKER-one who plays with words/puns
XANTIPPE-a scolding woman/Socrates scolding wife
YAM-overeat
YELPER-town cryer
YORK-to stare at something rather impolite
ZNEEZY WEATHER-frosty and cold
ZNUZ-frozen