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ABC -- Australian Broadcasting Commission.
ACTU -- Australian Council of Trade Unions.
Ag.Gaz. -- Agricultural Gazette.
Albury Ad. -- Albury Advertiser.
Albury Bann. -- Albury Banner.
Am.Speech -- American Speech.
AND -- Australian National Dictionary.
Ang.Ind. -- Anglo-Indian.
Araluen Star -- Araluen Star and Miners' Right.
Arb. Court PCS. -- Arbitration Court Pastoral Case Submission.
ASU -- Amalgamated Shearers' Union of Australia.
Arm.Exp. -- Armidale Express and New England Advertiser.
Aus. -- Australian, as both a qualifier and newspaper, The Australian.
Aus.CCA. -- Australian of Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.
Aus.Col. -- Australian Colonist.
Aus.Mag. -- Australian Magazine.
Aus.NZ Mag. -- Australia New Zealand Magazine.
Aus.Quart. -- Australian Quarterly.
Aus.W.Board -- Australian Wool Board.
Aus.W.Mirr. -- Australian Woman's Mirror.
Aus.Work. -- Australian Worker.
Austral. -- Australasian, as both a qualifier and a newspaper, The Australasian.
Austral.Farm. -- Australasian Farmer, a practical handbook for the farm and station.
Austral.Post. -- Australasian Post.
Austral.Sketch. -- Australasian Sketcher with pen and pencil.
AWU -- Australian Workers' Union.

Ball.Cour. -- Ballarat Courier.
Ball.H.Soc. -- Ballarat Historical Society.
Balmain Ind. -- Balmain Independent.
Bell.Cour. -- Bellinger Courier-Sun.
Bell's -- Bell's Life in Sydney.
Berry M.Journ. -- Berry Manuscript Journal.
Bird -- Bird O'Freedom.
Blue P. -- Blue Peter.
BP Mag. -- Burns Philp Magazine.
Braid.Obs. -- Braidwood Observer and Miners' Advocate.
Bris.Cour. -- Brisbane Courier.
Burra.Rec. -- Burra Record.
Burran.Argus -- Burrangong Argus.
CamhNews -- Camden News.
Canb.Times -- Canberra Times.
Cane.Quart. -- Cane Growers' Quarterly Bulletin.
Capricorn. -- Capricornian.
Cent.Mag. -- Centennial Magazine.
Central West. -- Central Western Daily.
Chambers -- Chambers Edinburgh Journal.
Ciba Rev. -- Ciba Review.
c o d -- carry or drag (gate).
Coffs Letter. -- Coffs Harbour Letterbook.
combs. Compounds and other combinative expressions.
Conference -- Conference between Amalgamated Shearers' Union and Pastoralists etc.
Cool.Min. -- Coolgardie Miner.
Cool.P. -- Coolgardie Pioneer.
Coon.Times -- Coonabarabran Times.
Corn.Mag. -- Cornhill Magazine.
Corn.Chron. -- Cornwall Chronicle.
Coun.Life -- Country Life.
Cox Lett. -- Cox Letter.
Cour.Mail -- Courier Mail.
CSIR(O) -- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research (Organisation).
CUP -- Cambridge University Press.
Currency -- Currency Lad.

Daily Mirr. -- Daily Mirror.
Daily Tel.Pic. -- Daily Telegraph Pictorial.
Danger G. -- Dangar, Geddyce and Malloch.
Dep.Ag.WA -- Department of Agriculture Western Australia.
Dep.Pub.Inst. -- Department of Public Instruction.
Der.Star -- Derwent Star and Van Diemens Land Intelligencer.
DSE -- Dry Sheep Equivalent.
Dubbo D.Lib. -- Dubbo Daily Liberal.
Dubbo Disp. -- Dubbo Dispatch.
Dungog H.Soc. -- Dungog Historical Society.

ext. -- extension of sense or function of a term, usually of OED description.


Geelong Ad. -- Geelong Advertiser.
Gipps. Guard. -- Gippsland Guardian.
Gent.Mag.-- Gentleman's Magazine.
Gold.Fleece -- Golden Fleece.
Gold.Mort -- Goldsborough Mort.
Goulb.Her.--Goulburn Herald.
Grazcos -- Graziers' Cooperative Shearing Company.
Gren Rec. -- Grenfell Record.
Guard.-- Guardian.

Hawk.Cour.-- Hawkesbury Courier.
Hill's -- Hill's Life in New South Wales.
Hist.Rec. -- Historical Records of Australia.
Hob.Mon. -- Hobart Monitor.
Hob.T.Chron. -- Hobart Town Chronicle.
Hob.T.Cour. -- Hobart Town Courier.
Hob.T.Gaz. -- Hobart Town Gazette.
Hob.T.Mag. -- Hobart Town Magazine.
Hoofs -- Hoofs and Horns.
Horsham H.Soc. -- Horsham Historical Society.
Howe's WCE -- Howe's Weekly Commercial Express.
Hunt.Riv.Gaz. -- Hunter River Gazette etc.

Intell. -- Intelligencer.
Int.W. Sec.-- International Wool Secretariat.

Journ.A.H.Soc.WA. -- Journal of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society WA.
Journ.Ag.Ind. -- Journal of Agriculture and Industry SA.
Journ.Dep.Ag. -- Journal Department of Agriculture WA.

Kia Ora -- Kia Ora Coo-ee.
Kiama Ind. -- Kiama Independent.
King Her. -- Kingaroy Herald

Land FS Ann. -- Land Farm and Station Annual.
Land T.Mag. -- Land and Transport Magazine.
Laun.Cour. -- Launceston Courier.
Leeton N Shop. -- Leeton-Narrandara Shopper.
Life Mag. -- Life Magazine.
Mac.Chron. -- Macleay Chronicle.
Mait.Merc. -- Maitland Mercury.
Melb.Argus -- See Argus.
Melb.Her. -- Melbourne Herald.
Melb. M.Her. -- Melbourne Morning Herald.
Melb.Punch -- Melbourne Punch.
More.Bay Cour. -- Moreton Bay Courier.
Morn.Chron. -- Morning Chronicle.
Mudgee Guard. -- Mudgee Guardian.
Mudgee Lib. -- Mudgee Liberal.
Nat.Farm. -- National Farmer.
Nat.Rev. -- Nation Review.
Nat.Times -- National Times.
North Advoc. -- North Shore Advocate.
NSW -- New South Wales.
NSW Mag. -- New South Wales Magazine.
NZ -- New Zealand.
NZ AEW.S. -- New Zealand Army Education Welfare Service.
NZ Dep.Ag. -- New Zealand Department of Agriculture.
NZ Land -- New Zealand Land Company.
NZ WU -- New Zealand Woolmen's Union
Oddfellow -- Oddfellow and Independent Citizen.
OED(S) -- Oxford English Dictionary and Supplement.
Otago APS -- Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society Annual Journal.
Omnibus SS -- Omnibus and Sydney Spectator.
Pals M. -- Pals Magazine.
Past.CAC -- Pastoral Case in Arbitration Court.
Past.Farm Gaz. -- Pastoralist and Farm Gazette.
Past Times -- Pastoral Times.
PCS--Pieces.
Port.Merc. -- Portland Mercury and Normanby Advertiser.
Port P.Gaz. -- Port Phillip Gazette.
Port P.Her. -- Port Phillip Herald.
Poult.Farm. -- Poultry Farmer.
PP Board -- Pastures Protection Board Minutes.
Prod.Gaz. -- Producers'Gazette and Settler's Record New Zealand.

Queen. -- Queensland, as a qualifier or the Queensland newspaper.
Queen.C.Life -- Queensland Country Life.
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A, AA, AAA 193,198.

1899 The "A" sort...fleeces that are heavier in condition, i.e., containing more yolk or earth, &c, and which are "duller", "leaner of staple", and less attractive looking than the Firsts'... The "AA" sort, or first combing--sound wool--consisting of all the "lightest", "brightest", "broadest stapled", and most attractive looking fleeces'(Jeffrey 53). 1910 Some squatters call their first and second combings "A1 and A", or "A and AA", and their clothings "B and BB" (Bean 200). 1927-28 'To-day, it is mostly A, AA, AAA, fleeces combing wool, and the clothing is fleece' (Aus.W.Ann. Vol.1.95). 1934 'AA--similar quality to AAA, but shabbier in appearance and carrying more condition, dust or colour. Sound'(Hardie 39). 1941 'The AAA class...one of the longest, soundest, finest, brightest, and brightest fleeces'...The skirtings are usually divided into 1st and 2nd, or AA and pieces'(Goddard 36-37). 1952 'AAA wool from Western Australia is not necessarily the same as AAA wool from Victoria'(Haigh 46). 1961 'It is conventional to call the top line AAA'(Eves 14).
Abb 198,208.
1873 'the abb, a disputed and unintelligible term, meaning a still inferior wool'(Youatt 67). 1895 'Abb...Skirtings from breech'(Hawkesworth 5). 1900 'Abb...the coarse edges of the britches' (Hawkesworth 241).

absentee squatter 125.
1880 The superintendent of the absentee squatter is a man who may never have seen a blackfellow in his life'(Inglis 62).

accommodation combs.
a- house 141. (AND 1843-1933). 1851 'A man named Tilly keeps an accomodation [sic] house here and a shanty'(O'Shaughnessy n.d.). 1877 'no horse feed to be obtained at any of the accommodation houses along the road'(Town.C.Journ.21Jul.90c4). a- paddock 121,141. (AND 1843-1920). 1843 'the Singleton mail...was stopped when it had got about four miles from town, near the accommodation paddocks'(Mait.Merc.18Feb.2c1-2). a- stock yard 121, 141. 1851 'in this gully we found a few rotten posts and rails, remains of an accommadation [sic] stock-yard--where cattle were put--in the earlier days of the colony [sic]--by persons bringing them overland from Sidney [sic]'(Tester 34-35). a- yard 122. 1851 'We passed through 14 miles of mallee out on to a plain 12 miles to the accomodation [sic] yards'(O'Shaughnessy n.d).

ACP 56,57. See conditional purchase.
1883 'I thought you clearly understood that it was an ACP...it was applied for as an ACP to Laurence's selection'(Kemp 5Jun).


after-cutting 187. 1882 'No after-cutting allowed on the body of the sheep'(Armstrong 171).

aged 149.
1958 'Aged--a sheep which is past the most economic period of its life for a particular set of conditions. Generally 5 years of age or older' (East Syd.Tech.3).

agist 134. (OED v.1.) 1932 'Welltown horses from Queensland were brought over and fed and agisted near the Wire Bridge'(Scott 58c1).

agistment 134. 1907 'From A.A.Russ the Grange, Warren, applying for a refund...on 1100 sheep depastured on agistment country on Oakleigh'(P.P.Board 6Nov). 1919 'Mr Stock Inspector Hatten asked the Board's advice on the matter of imposing Travelling Charges on starving stock on agistment in this district returning to their original pastures'(PP Board 28May). 1932 'I arranged...to take 500 of the weakest [sheep] on agistment in his paddock'(Scott 49c3). 1965 '10,000 head of cattle had been shipped out of his area this year to agistment as far away as Victoria and South Australia'(Sun.Tel. 13Jun.3c7).

air, up in the 187. 1956 'Up in the air...Said when a shearer is flashing his handpiece around in the air while shearing cutting more air than wool'(Bowen 158).

Albany doctor 88. See Fremantle doctor.

all aboard 184,205. 1912 'then comes the awaited signal to commence work, a stentorian cry of "All aboard"' (Koebel 122). 1950 '"All aboard! All aboard!' is the cry'(Woodhouse 33).
American axe, fence 81.117.

1824 'the most unsightly of all enclosures, the American [fence], consisting of trunks of trees piled upon each other' (Curr 119). 1864 'He had brought with him a new American axe' (Bris. Cour. 12 Jan. 3c2). 1885 'One of these he picked up—an American axe' (News. Cut. Coffs. 8). 1918 'The tools necessary for squaring a log are... an American axe, a squaring or road [broad?] axe' (Farm. Hand. 186).

Anabranche 84.

(AND 1834–1978). 1848 'all show intricate meshwork of creeks and channels and ana-branches and backwaters' (Mait. Merc. 11 Mar. 4c2). 1851 'we came to the Annab branch—a tributary of the Murray' (Tester 126). 1862 'the Wodonga Creek itself, now an ana-branch of the Murray, was originally the bed of the stream' (Mudgee Lib. 5 Dec. 2c6). 1876 'there are innumerable "billybongs—ana-branches of the river—to be crossed before the main stream can be reached' (Stockwhip 29 Jul. 1249c1). 1882 'crossing a basalt flat reached an Anna branch of the Einasleigh' (Boyd 139). 1902 'He rode round the outside track and came in onto the river just below where the ana-bran ch joins it' (Lawson 3.63). 1913 'Such branches of a river as after separation reunite, I would term anastomosing-branches; or, if a word might be coined, ana-branches, and the islands they form, branch-islands' (Harris 62). 1964 'These [channels] are the ana-branches, swirling torrents during heavy floods, otherwise deep, dry channels' (Idriess 207).

Andy Gilligan's hitch 76.

1904 'an' me hands tied behind me, too, with an Andy-Gilligan's hitch, that no woman could manage' (Palmer-Archer 45).

Angle 121.

1887 'Boys put the horses and rams out of the ewe paddock into the angle [paddock]' (Ulath 16 Sep).

Appraisement (court) 57.

1875 'Started down for the Appraisal Court' (Witten 14 Nov). 1917 'payment will be made shortly after appraisement [of the clip]' (Want. Letter. 19 Jul). 1932 'Another time another run of Mr X's was up for appraisement' (Scott 12c3).

Appraiser 57.

1932 'He was... appraiser for the Closer Settlement Board' (Scott 65c3).

Apron (a) 193.

1900 'Apron applies to the massive folds on the front of the classic stud sheep' (Hawkesworth 171). 1944 'Massive, with two or three folds, the largest being called the "apron"' (Minter 78). 1950 'Apron—the large fold of a Merino ram carried in front of the neck' (Belschner 691).

Apron (b) 193.

1950 'Apron... piece of material suspended under a "teaser" ram to prevent normal service' (Belschner 691).

Arm yard 122.

1862 'the Grove stockman, found Ryley's two horses in the sapling arm yard, and two of Mr. Eadrop's horses taken instead' (West. Post 17 Sep. 2c6).

Artesian bore / well 83. See bore


Ass conductor 104.

1978 'I didn't have a dog when I served as an ass conductor (donkey team driver) in the Kimberleys' (Muse Apr. 6).
Australian saddle 69,105. See colonial.
Australian salute 100. See Barcoo

(auxiliary station 114.
1830 'certain parts may perhaps be used as auxiliary stations for yearling ewes and wethers, under careful and experienced shepherds'(Dawson 382-3).

average 188,189.
1907 'we hear a lot nowadays about shearing averages and shearing tallies'(Syd.Mail 30 Oct.1123c3). 1966 'by lifting this "average" to 100 sheep a day the present Australian sheep population could be shorn by two-thirds the present number of shearers working 200 days a year'(Anderson 93).

away bush 58.
1949 'the men staying at the two hotels had been "away bush" all the year'(Idriess 56).

B-B-M track 102.
1959 'Birdsville is a strategic centre, big mobs of cattle pass it droving down the lonely B-B-M [Boulia-Bedourie-Marree] track, six hundred miles, with neither telegraph nor telephone'(Idriess 128).

B-bows 177. See bow
1905 'I've pipped 'em with the Wolseleys and I've rushed with B-bows too'(Paterson 27).

B combing 208.
1935 "'B (or second) combing"...takes in the coarser combing-fleeces, heavier in condition and duller-looking than the first combing'('Cook 15).

babbler 172,205.
(and 1904-1977). 1919 'Two, and sometimes three, of these dishes (depends on the babbler's liver) are served each morning'(Bull.24Jul.20c2). 1928 'I am the man they call the babbler sometimes known as the babbling brook'(Bull.12Jan.24). 1936 'many babbler are short-tempered'(Walkabout Feb.46c1). 1955 'Th' babbler's comin' with smoko'('Lamond 14). 1964 'that old babbler made 112,000 rock cakes during those four months'(Newton 86).

babbling 172.
1959 'till the cut-out he went about his babbling stripped to the waist'(Tritton 57c1).

babbling brook 172.
(and 1913-1977). 1918 'Becos the babblin' brook's a blanky fool!'('Aussie Vol 2.6c2). 1932 'When our babbling brook became a casualty, someone had to take his place'('Smith's 5Mar. 14c7). 1943 'it's also a fair cow when the babbling brook (cook) makes a stew'('Am.Speech XVIII 253). 1952 'During this period they [shearers] earn high wages and vent most of their fury on the poor old "babbling brook", as they affectionately term the cook'('Cox 103). 1966 'The next job was the "babbling brook". I once had a chap (a cook himself) inform me that there were "cooks, cuckoos, cuckeroos, and cuckeroo "b......s"" ('Newton 65).

back 1.
(a) 105. (OED III.10.) 1857 'better let me back him first'('Cooper 53). 1870 "Backing a colt" meant the first act of riding him after the handling process had been finished. The site chosen to back him was on a piece of ground level for some distance'(Budd 63.2).
(b) 144. 1934 'Any keen dog...can be trained to back when there are others doing so'('Lilico 26).

back 2.
1857 'I went poisoning out at the back'('Wright 57). 1902 'there's places at the back where all sorts sit down together and smoke and drink no end'('Boldrewood 29). 1915 'I came down here from the Back, last year'('Bourke 81). 1949 'A gang of musterers going into the back looked an "army" as they moved with their baggage team'('Crawford 41).
back combs.
(a) ref. country. b- block 64-5. (AND 1870-1980). 1859 'People are beginning these "back blocks"...lands now useless solitudes'(Past.Times 26May.3c4). 1869 'He next succeeded in securing a five-mile back-block...intending to try sheep upon a small scale'(Goulb.Her.16Jun.4c5). 1880 'she announced her departure for one of the back blocks of Riverina'(Innocents 29May.101c2). 1893 'free selection causing the occupation of small outlying back blocks by persons of very doubtful characters'(Pioneer 170). 1925 'In some sleepy backblock, hundreds of miles from anywhere'(Horne 52). b- country 64-5. (AND 1798-1968). 1848 All the creeks in the back country are dry'(Mait.Merc.31May.4c3). 1864 'The extension of squatters in the back country is gradually going on'(Past.Times 17Sep.2c3). 1870 'natives who could not swim were what the old pioneers called "Back Country Blacks" a term meant to include country a certain distance from the river frontage'(Budd 4). 1890 'crossed the then unoccupied back country between the Lachlan and the Bogan'(Truth 17Aug.3c2-3). 1903 'Lots of perishing teams not able to get down out of the back country till now'(Furphy 167). 1918 'Many other squatters in the back country were smashed up the same year'(Gormly Vol.3.107). 1932 'What an amazing youngster the Australian youngster is, especially if he belongs to the back country' (Bull.3Feb.12c1). 1962 'It has always interested me in the back country to study the printed and pictorial matter in shepherd's and rabbiter's huts'(Duff 24). b- creek 84. 1835 'The estate... possesses the decided advantage of the whole of a back creek, constantly with the purest and most excellent water'(Australian 16Jan.3c5). 1865 'This notoriety [bushranger Thunderbolt]... has in company with three others been driving a comparatively safe and comfortable game upon the back creeks'(Tumut.A.Times 4May.2c3). 1880 'the localities open to selectors only consisted of back creeks and scattered patches and fragments of land'(Inglis 384). b- o' beyond 64. (AND 1888-1974). 1888 'These far-out-back-of-beyond places have got men and women to match 'em' (Baldrewood 122). 1923 'at back o' beyond, back of Backobillytop, an English jackeroo was requested to mount an outlaw horse'(Aus.Work.18Apr.10c4). 1925 'The [Far West Children's] scheme applies only to the children from the back o' beyond—and beyond that again' (Telegraph 14Feb.10c8). 1927 'a typical settlement on the very edge of the Back of Beyond, a last outpost in a steadily diminishing rainfall belt'(McCullough 68). b- o' Bourke 65. (AND 1896-1983). 1893 'The long, long road that runs to back o'Bourke'(Campbell 26). 1922 'the reputation of "Stingo" Smith was known from Back-o'-Bourke to the Queensland border'(Aus.Work.30Aug.13c3). 1933 'Choom had come straight from the ship to the back o'Bourke on book-keeping duty' (Bull.20Dec.20c1). 1947 'I'll have to live out Back o'Bourke and become a he-man'(Maclean 115). 1859 'This was the country "back of Bourke," also known as the land of "long leads and short feeds"'(Tritton 54). 1973 'This couple moved back o'Bourke from Hay four years ago'(Syd.M.Her. 27Aug.9c1). b- range 64. 1845 'Each party scours its allotted gullies, creeks, and back ranges' (Mackenzie 128). 1880 'I have been out shooting wild cattle on the back ranges'(Inglis 234). b- run 115. (AND 1824-1858). 1828 'An excellent well-watered FARM... with an extensive back Run for Cattle'(Monitor 10Jan.890c2). 1835 'some excellent land for cultivation...and having an extensive back run'(Aus.23Jan.3c5). 1844 'an interminable back run watered by the Budda lagoon, and capable of grazing a large number of cattle'(Guard.27Apr.53c2). 1856 'The petition of certain Crown tenants, complaining of encroachments on their back runs'(Bath.F.Press 19Nov.inside page c9-10). 1865 'Wild horses, which had never been branded, come in from the back runs'(Tumut.A.Times 28Dec.2c4). b- settler 49. (AND 1829-1911). 1834 'caution the back Settlers to be upon their guard...against the cunning and perseverance of the native blacks'(Independent 3May.3c2). b- station 111,114, 115. (AND 1887-1979). 1881 'The back stations of the interior are nearly all troubled with the presence of wild horses'(Ill.Aus.News 24Aug.154c4). 1892 'he went off next morning to carry a message to the back-station twenty miles away'(Parker 24). 1918 'After leaving the furthest back station from the Lachlan River I took a straight course through the bush'(Gormly Vol.3.108). 1971 'I would canoe along leaving the back station far behind' (West.Her.23Apr.7). b- track 98. (AND 1867-1966). 1893 'the black boys had cleared on the back track'(Barry 163). 1957 'Forty years cooking on the backtracks...that's the way you learn to keep the flavour in the food' (Niland 56). b- valley 64. 1880 'my sporting friends in the back valleys and timbered ridges' (Inglis 136). b- water 84. 1874 'The back water from the Brisbane had not yet come down'(Bris.Cour.1Jan.2c5).
backblocks n. 65,125.
(AND 1870-1981). 1866 'will in my next lay before you facts and figures relative to the backblocks' (Den.Chron.13Jan.3c2). 1876 'it has been...looked upon as dry "back blocks"' (Stockwhip 15Jul. 1022c2). 1887 'A "brush with the natives...in the back blocks" would have speedily convinced them that they had come to the wrong country'(Daly 223). 1899 'On Saturday night it rained vilely, but that didn't prevent a fine healthy audience, reeking of the backblocks, from turning up at the Vaudeville show'(Truth 13Aug.4c8). 1908 'The life in the back blocks is not too good even now; but it is heavenly compared to what it was thirty years ago'(Morn.Bull.7Mar.10c3). 1914 'If the Backblocks ever change the bit of religion they've got they will turn into cloud worshippers'(Bull.27Aug.22c3). 1928 'Here we have a band of children from the backblocks, who have never seen the ocean before, and scarcely any water at all'("Telegraph 31Dec. 6c3). 1947 'She found it useless to argue with this Englishwoman living "in the backblocks"' (Maclean 29).

1977 'A penetrating tale from the backblocks concerns an aged couple...after years of battling and hard living'(Howcroft 91).

backblock(s) adj. 65,125.
(AND 1868-1978). 1887 'nothing but an eye-witness can give a correct impression of back-block hostelries'(Daly 343). 1899 'On a back-block station not a hundred miles from Wilcannia' (Dead Bird 2Aug. 2c1). 1891 'Some were old, and bore evidence in the garb and mien of the hardships of a backblock life'(Bird 18Jul.3c1). 1898 'the old "back block" shepherd "on the spree"'('Walker 112). 1899 'This sanctimonious city...simply swarms with credulous chukcheeheads of the newchum and backblock sort'(Truth 17Sep.5c1). 1899 'Beauchamp's back-block tour from Bourke to Wilcannia, and all through the Never-Never country'(Truth 8 Oct. 2c7). 1903 'And the backblocks bard goes through with it, ever seeking as he goes'(Bull.3Jan). 1925 'Sydney people should think of those little back-block children' (Syd.M.Her.16Feb.8c7). 1927 'The backblocks confraternity...listened with glinting eyes to Jack's pleasant prophecies'(Aus.Work. l2 Oct.5c4).

1928 'In dry summers...the backblock roads were dangerous to travel'(Aus.Work.29Aug.5c1). 1933 'A good many of the backblocks youngsters who were brought to Sydney during the Christmas holidays had sore eyes--a common complaint outback'(Bull. 25Jan.20c2).

backblocker 128.
(AND 1870-1948). 1865 'the backblockers are the worst off...compelled to travel a great distance to water their sheep'(Tumut A.Times 1May.3c1). 1890 'The back-blockers appreciate men with plenty of grit in them'(Truth 5 Oct.1c6). 1899 'Them plains frightens every one but "back-blockers" and old shepherds'('Walker 54). 1905 'No one knows the art of "making the best of things" better than the back-blocker'(Rudd Mag.449). 1918 'the innocent backblocker...is not always the one to get stung [taken down]'('Bull.3Jan.26c7). 1931 'There are only two articles of attire which the back-blocker considers really essential'(Davison 129).

backwards 64.
1868 'I'd a long job splittin' posts and rails...an' other rough work, on a new station, far away backwards'(Houlding 365).

back halve 139.
1826 'the remainder [of a flock] back-halved in both ears'(Aus.16Mar.1c2).

back off 177.
1937 'a good tip for shearers, however, is to "back off" a cutter, that is, to grind it lightly on the back'("Dangar part.6.np).

backs, back wool 192,193,200.
1899 'The backs and necks are thrown into their respective bins as they are taken out of the fleeces'('Jeffrey 51). 1919 'In the dry parts of Australia the backs are full of dust, and this must be allowed for'('Kelly 78). 1927-8 'backs are either classed "Backs" or "Broken Fleece"'("Aus.W.Ann. Vol.1.96). 1934 'If a sheep shows...dust half way down the back wool, it will be advisable to take the backs out when skirting'('Hardie 25). 1935 'The backs are usually in sufficient quantity to be packed separately and they should be branded BKS'('Goddard 19).

1941 'it is not economic when sound fleece wool is removed with the backs'('Goddard 35). 1941 'the classing of the bellies and back wool could be extended'('Goddard 37). 1964
Backs...removed in the process of woolrolling to enhance the value of the fleece' (Smith 5). 1965 'Removing back wool is so rare...there may thus be some difficulty in making up saleable lines of back wool' (Henderson 83).

**backwash** 209.
(OED v.2). 1953 'The carded slivers have first of all to be rewashed, or "backwashed" by passing them through soapy water' (Clair 30).

**backwasher** 209.
(OED v.2). 1917 'Backwasher...a machine used for washing tops, etc., to remove all impurities. It also dries the tops after washing' (Smith 181). 1950 'Backwasher...machine for washing wool after it has been carded' (Int. W. Sec. 63).

**backwashing** 209.
(OED v.2). 1912 'Backwashing...second scouring process given to tops' (Hunter 113). 1944 'backwashing...a second scouring operation through which wool is taken, in order to free it from (a) impurities previously held by unopened staples; (b) dust collected in carding or preparing' (NZ AEWS 58). 1946 'After carding, the sliver is subjected to a further cleansing process, known as back-washing' (Gold. Mort 50). 1952 'Now follows "back washing" which takes the wool in sliver form, completes its cleaning, dries it, applies oil in order to lubricate, and blues the wool to accentuate the white colour' (Haig 75).

**backwoods** 53.

**back-wool** 192, 193, 200. 1934 'If a sheep shows...dust half way down the back wool, it will be advisable to take the backs out when skirting' (Hardie 25). 1941 'the classing of the bellies and back wool could be extended' (Goddard 37). 1965 'Removing back wool is so rare...there may thus be some difficulty in making up saleable lines of back wool' (Henderson 83).

**bag** 185, 191, 203.
1902 'bag...a small package of wool; general tare 3 lbs.' (Gold. Fleece 1 Jan. 11). 1932 'It is contemptuously called a butt and takes its place with the bags and fadges—the wool storeman's curse' (BP Mag. 1 Mar. 82).

**bag-boot, -moccasin** 179, 203.
1943 'he would deuce all the back-bent, bag-booted jumbuck-barbers of the shed' (Walkabout 1 Feb. 30c1). 1966 'Bag moccasins are pieces of bag made into slippers used while shearing, an old term well-known in 1915 throughout Australia' (Dillon Note).

1959 'Th' good old Mulga Wire's still functioning...There'll be a leading article about it in th' next bagman's gazette' (Lamond 185).

**bait** 173.
(OED v. II. 4). 1859 'he here baited the horse; but declined taking any refreshment himself' (Lang 11).

**bait layer** 173.
1957 "Poisoner", "bait-layer", "Crippen" (after the notorious murderer), "slushy", and "snag" were all in fairly common use as description titles for cooks' (Wannan 40). 1965 'do some spine-bashing and sample the bait-layer's tucker' (Aus. 18 Feb. 6c9).

**bake** See boil 105.
(AND 1861-1888). 1865 'Two of the horses...were "baked" through the long journey' (Goulb. Her. 25 Mar. 4c2). 1871 'Moke seems rather baked?...Had a hard days work' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 6. 663c2). 1888 'I knowed your horses were getting baked' (Boldrewood 111).
baldy also bally 146.
(AND 1887-1981). 1882 'The old bally bull was shot May 1882 at G [Giant's] Creek'(Hornery 14Dec). 1904 'help the old man up on his old baldy chestnut' (Palmer-Archer 134). 1932 'we got rid of the "Slug" and acquired a smart little brown bally gelding'(Scott 2c3). 1980 'He chased the baldy cattle, / Where the sandalwood grows thick'(Gunn 170).

bale 203.
(OED sb.3.1). 1864 'the packing of the wool in bales became my work'(Armour 14). 1872 'the pack is full, at which time it is called a bale...and it presents a hard unyielding surface, the pack apparently so strained that the wonder is how it holds together'(Eden 98). 1886 'The wool dries clean and white, and is then pressed into bales for market' (Garran Vol.3.758). 1897 'The average size of a bale should be about four feet high, and about two feet six inches square in the horizontal measurement' (Gold.Mort 10). 1912 'Australasian bales of wool weigh about 3 cwt's; Argentine bales about 930 lbs'(Hunter 113). 1935 'Bales should be branded neatly on the cap and the front side, with the owner's mark, description and number'(Goddard 20). 1941 'to turn out only twelve bales, using either press, was a good day's work for two men'(Glasson 10). 1965 'The diary notes that 109 bales of wool...in 1873 realised £2130 14s 8d after expenses' (Anderson 69).

bale (up) 170,203.
(OED v.2). 1884 'The process of baling up or pressing should follow without unnecessary delay'(S 16). 1897 'prevent bits of twine, strands from woolpacks, straws from brooms used in the shed, chaff, or, in fact, anything but wool itself being baled up'(Gold.Mort 7). 1908 'difficulties arose first...where growers used faulty packs in baling the wool'(Aus.C.Life Vol.3.No.12.25). 1956 'A few abandoned the method of baling the wool with a spade and began to use screw presses'(Harte 30).

bale combs.
b- clip 201. 1957 'Wool packs and bale clips should be ordered in plenty of time so that no delay will occur'(East.Syd.Tech.Vol.1.142). b- filler 162. 1971 'Breed your future bale-fillers with these quality Pooginook medium wool lambs'(Land 24Jun.22). b- presser 203. (see presser) 1961 'the wool bins are close at hand to the classer, and to the bale presser' (Jordan 116). b- scoured 204. 1952 'Such wools (locks & pieces etc.) are referred to as "Bale Scoured"'(Haigh 53). b- sheet 204. 1956 'When the bale is branded enter up on the bale sheet its number, grade and contents'(Bowen 95).

Ballarat lantern 80.
1875 'He lit a candle, dropped it into the Ballarat lantern, and away they went'(Wood 21). 1917 'In one hand he carried the letter, in the other a candle-end stuck in a bottle, that was known as a "Ballarat lantern"'(Richardson 62). 1946 'Let me get you a Ballarat lantern'(Devaney 56).

ballooning 139.
1949 'They're pretty good at ballooning out Oobagoooma way'(Idriess 239).

bally See baldy

bandicoot, the 64.
1936 'a brumby selector far up the bandicoot'(Clarke 133).

bandicoota 64,126.
1906 'He was quite tame, however, and belonged, as we discovered later, to that class of settler known as "bandicoota"'(Rudd Mag.Apr.278c1).

bang (tail) 137.
v. (AND 1900-1967). 1857 'Mustered steers and calves and banged their tails before dinner' (Ogilvie 3Nov). 1870 'the brush of each tail was cut off; this was called by cattle men "Banging the tail" to distinguish them from the portion of the herd not operated on' (Budd 27.1). 1908 'suggested bangtailing the cattle during the musters'(Gunn 160). 1948 'We were "bang tailing" the cattle on Dalgona'ly. This is a method used to count the numbers by cutting off the brush of each beast so that one would not be counted twice'(Harney 41).
n. (AND 1931-1974). 1903 'Liver-colour; star and snip; white hind feet; bangtail' (Furphy 41).

bangtail muster 137.

(AND 1886-1971). 1887 'Every third or fourth year on a cattle station, they have what is called a "bang tail muster"... the long hairs at the end of the tail cut off square, with knives or sheep shears' (Tyrwhitt 61). 1901 'And the day we got the buster was just after the bangtail-muster' (Bull. Rec. 157). 1907 'busy having a bangtail muster of the cattle' (Morn. Bull. 5 Feb. 3c6). 1931 'A bangtail muster... to ascertain if the number of cattle on the place tallies with the number on the books' (Davison (2) 122). 1957 'I had decided to make this a bang-tail muster, a form of stocktaking' (Porteous 187).

banjo 81,92.

(AND 1897-1974). 1913 'the proverbial free pannikin of "dust" (flour)... and "banjo" (shoulder) of mutton' (Harris 146). 1975 'a stoker to "swing the banjo", crew talk for using a shovel' (Syd. M. Her. 2 Oct. 12).

banker 88.

(AND 1848-1977). 1848 'its waters looked very muddy, which is a sure sign of its being high, not to say a "banker"' (Haygarth 129). 1864 'one [flood] is hardly by before another "banker" comes close on its heels' (Mudgee Lib. 11 Aug. 3c3). 1874 'Gollinds would have been in to day but Bore Creek was a banker this morning' (Gunnedah 3 Feb). 1886 'Got to Boogery Creek a banker tried to cross had to camp for the night' (Witten 29 May). 1895 'The rivers and creeks between me and my destination were all very much swollen, most of them running a "banker"' (Kirby 208-9). 1908 'Cooper's Creek was a banker; but the cattle swam across quietly' (Morn. Bull. 7 Mar. 10c1). 1918 'it was a banker, and I had to swim it and got wet up to my armpits' (Fetherstonhaugh 132).

1949 The creek was a banker and running swiftly, but neither dogs, horses, nor men hesitated (Idriess 85-6).

banker phrases 88.

b.-, come down a 1879 'At daylight this morning saw the river had come down a "banker"', the flats were then partially covered... great numbers of the cattle surrounded by water' (Macdonald 19 Sep). 1886 'The Bullen River is coming down a "banker"', five miles wide' (Bull. 30 Jan. 12c3). 1915 'Bimbi Creek coming down a banker overflowing all the plain' (Caldwell 20 Feb). b.-, half a 1926 'Mungindi's river has been running half a banker for some weeks' (Cour. Mail 11 Jan. 3c5).

b.-, rise a 1889 'camp creek... rose a banker' (O'Shaughnessy 10 Dec).

b.-, run a 1868 'nothing but a large river, running a "banker", can stop them [cattle]' (Browne 19).

1902 'The gullies are running bankers, and corn and fences washed away in some places' (Tierney 17 Dec). 1917 'near Hill End, and en route had to cross a creek which was running a banker' (Bris. Cour. 6 Mar. 6c6). 1932 'The river was running a banker and the cattle were very dubious about entering' (Scott 25c2). 1965 'Creeks ran bankers, and three Sunlander trains were delayed' (Cour. Mail 17 Mar. 3c1-3).

barb 144.

(AND 1898-1975). 1966 'Davis called the dog Barb, after the black horse which won the Melbourne Cup' (Land 17 Mar. 57c2). 1978 'Top class dog, Barb Kelpie cross, works road, paddock and yard, $300' (Land 20 Jul. 58c5).

barb (wire) 119.

1907 'Put up rest of Barb wire round garden' (Witten 3 Oct). 1917 'when barb wire becomes a little cheaper I think it will pay the station to put barb along this land' (Want. Letter. 23 Feb. 6).

1922 'We had to negotiate a creek... and clamber through a barb fence' (Dorr. H. Soc. 7).

barber

n. 166, 180. (AND 1898-1936). 1898 'The cook, when "barbers" came at morn / To get a snack, would say with scorn, "Tea on the left"' (Bull. 5 May 15c1). 1915 'I've cut mulga, myall, gidya and one or two other kinds to keep "barbers" busy in the back country' (Bull. 16 Dec. 26c2). 1918 'Hawira is an exceptionally clean and fast barber, and is usually the ringer' (Bull. 7 Feb. 24c3).

v. 181. (AND 1910-1929). 1910 'shearers had to barber the jumbucks at the sweet will of the shed bosses' (Bull. 22 Dec. 13c2). 1934 'Shearin' season had started, and most of the sports had
left the district to take on barberin' the woollies'(Bull.13Jun.50c1). 1937 'I have seen shearers barber and butcher a jumbuck all in one operation...unintentionally'(Bull.20Jan.20c3).

barbering 169.

(AND 1912). 1939 'the barbering of that animal was the hardest work he [learner] did in the shed' (Land FS Ann.23Aug.20c1).

barcoo
(a) 99. 1905 'Too muchee jump-up jump-up, too muchee jump-down jump-down; me all barcoo (sick)''(Gunn 86). 1928 'Got a sudden attack of "barcoo" in the shed, and had to be carried home, and put to bed'(Robertshaw 149).

(b) 169,184. 1934 'the electrical storms there [Queensland] called Barcoos...are terrific and take toll of both human and stock life'(Bull.21Nov.21).

barcoo combs.

b- blow 185. 1937 'None of your small and ridgy / A Barcoo blow I take'('Gunn 245). B-challenge 184. 1945 'Barcoo challenge...was a challenge for the day's best tally among shearers' (Baker 44.note 17). B- rot 99. (AND 1871-1968). 1870 'Land scurvy--This is better known in Queensland by local names...such as "Barcoo rot"'(Kennedy 46). 1889 'three months had elapsed, bringing in one case of what the patient called Barcoo rot'(Bull.14Dec.5c4). 1898 'He gets "barcoo rot"--his flesh goes bad, every scratch festers'(Radclyffe 21). 1907 'jest wait till the fever an' the Barcoo rot starts among ye'('MacDonald 236). 1918 'my white moleskins were spotted with blood everywhere where my legs had gripped the saddle. "Barcoo rot" is, I take it, simply skin scurvy' (Fetherstonhaugh 110). 1934 'No old-timer ever has any hair on the back of his hands. Barcoo rot and sunburn wipe 'em out at the roots'(Bull.13Jun.18c2). 1943 'I showed him my sores but he didn't think much of them. "A touch of Barcoo rot," he said''(Bolitho 6).

1959 'those festering sores, called Barcoo Rot, which had been a worry to him'(Lamond 29-30).

1971 'he...barked the posts'(Monitor 20Aug.593c2). 1882 'I finished barking the posts'('O'Shaughnessy 14 Oct).

bare belly 163,182.

bark 70.

1827 'Persons warned against "barking and felling the timber" in private property'('Monitor 20Aug. 593c2). 1882 'I finished barking the posts'('O'Shaughnessy 14 Oct).

bark combs.

b- chopper 70. (AND 1835). 1835 'they [bushrangers] told us they were going to a bark-chopper's hut...they marched us up to where the "barker's" (sic) lived'('Aus.27Feb.3c2). b- hut 75. (AND 1810-1981). 1825 'they had constructed a bark hut in the great bush'('Aus.28Apr.3c2).

1838 'At a..."bare belly" he'd hardly ever scoff'('Worker 11Sep.1c2). 1910 'Bare bellies' should be marked "Not wanted on the run"'(Jackson 94). 1956 'In the old days, there were a lot of bush burns, with the result that bare bellies and bare points were more frequent than today'(Bowen 9). 1961 'Reject "bare belly" types and bare legs'(Jordan 227).
barker 1836 'Some barkers... committed the grossest outrage upon some native women'(Bent's 26Mar. 4c1).

barracks 77.
(AND 1876-1964). 1890 'A roomy, roughly finished building known as the "barracks"... tenanted by young men...who were gradually assimilating the love of Bush land'(Boldrewood 100). 1907 'his quarters are located in the "barracks" with the other "jackeroos"'(Rudd Mag. May 288c1).

barrowing(ing) 173,174,180.
(AND 1887-1979). 1887 "Barrowing" means shearing done by persons other than those engaged to shear in the shed'(ASU Rules 1887). 1904 'you borrowed that first year for Monty Kell'(Emerson 94). 1917 "barrowing" is not permitted if it interferes with the "smoke-ohs"'(Aus.CCA.13). 1930 'by the system of barrowing most youngsters turned into fine shearers' (Aussie May 27/3). 1955 'all the experience I had had was while finishing (barrowing) a few sheep for those shearers'(Barnes 1). 1967 'The employer must not permit barrowing' (Graz. Ann.918). 1975 'though I had done a bit of barrowing here and there, I fluked a learner's pen at Tarcoomba Station on the Darling'(Ryan 126).

barrower 174.
(AND 1911-1917). 1917 'if it [barrowing] interferes...with the smoke-oh or meal hour of any "member"...other than the "barrower"'(Aus.CCA.13).

bash, basher 186.
1956 'bash...A wild uncontrolled blow by a shearer'..."basher...A shearer who uses the above type of blows'(Bowen 155).

Bathurst burr 153,207.
(AND 1853-1977). 1870 'it is evident that the effect of Bathurst burr on sheep-stations results in a great depreciation in the price of wool'(Goulb.Her.11May.6c5). 1899 'Now and again he tramped on a Bathurst-burr, and, in sitting down to extract the prickle, would receive a cluster of them elsewhere'(Rudd 35). 1915 'residents complain of the condition of Oswald Street...covered with lantana, castor-oil plants, Bathurst burrs"'(Syd.M.Her.20May.1c2). 1959 'At that time...Bathurst burrs were the biggest problem the squatters of the Liverpool Plains had to solve'(Tritton 10). 1977 'a two hundred acre paddock badly infested with Bathurst Burrs' (Howcroft 54).

battens 169.
1871 'before any serious disasters arose, the last flock was "on the battens"'(Corn.Mag.Vol.23.87). 1894 'the broken battens of the floor are taken up and relaid to preserve the slender legs of the sheep'(Fison 69). 1915 'The pens and race are floored with hardwood battens, about 1 3/4 inches wide, 1 1/2 inches thick, and 5/8 of an inch apart'(Mathews 10). 1934 'Are any battens missing...broken...or loose? Ten minutes' work may save a few broken legs'(Hardie 10). 1956 'The table should have good fine planed battens with a good space to allow second cuts and locks to drop through'(Bowen 92). 1961 'The spaces between battens allow for droppings to go through the floor to the ground beneath'(Jordan 113).

baulk 120.
1932 'As we came to one of the "baulks" at the Welbon Garah boundary...George did not notice that the gate in the centre of the baulk was shut'(Scott 27c2). 1963 'At the point where the grassed water way entered the gully, two gully baulks were placed'(Aus.C.Mag.Feb.29c3).

Bay of Biscay 84.
(AND 1854-1968). 1909 'To get within shot of the pigeons...crawling for some distance over "devil devil", or Bay of Biscay country'(Searcy 156). 1933 'characteristic alternations of
depressions and rises in heavy soils...have received various local names, of which melonhole, gilgai, Bay of Biscay, devil-devil and crab-hole are the most frequently met' (Bull.20 Dec.34cl).

**beast** 56,109,146.

(OED ext.11.1.a). 1852 'Killed a beast (Morgan's cow) at Redbank in the evening' (Ogilvie 15 Jul).
1874 'Got a beast in to kill' (Witten 27 Jan). 1887 'At...drafting beasts in the stock-yard, there was not a man in the country his master' (Nicol's Vol.1.88-9). 1907 'Killed a beast this night 482 lbs. 2 years old' (Witten 26 Apr). 1970 'Shearers despised a clumsy practitioner who cut or haggled his beasts' (Ward 187).

beat n. 114.

1824 'The sheep, once clear off their own beat, are driven about in various directions, to disguise and confuse their track' (Curr 36). 1838 'I have known them [cattle] find their way back 100 miles to their regular beat' (Monitor supp.29 Oct.2c4). 1870 'Another word used by stockkeepers signifying (sic) the same [as run] was a "Beat"' (Budd 17.2). 1903 'It is only when a man is new on the beat that he falls into that error' (Clow 87). 1912 'a stockman ...having another beat on the opposite side of the river' (Queen.10 Aug.46c1). 1928 'I struck an old beat of the family in the Mitchell country' (Queen.5 Jan.8c5). 1953 'The beat on the top of the hill is known as "the top beat" and the one along the bottom as "the bottom beat". This is rather obvious--but the longest and most strenuous, whether top or bottom, is known as the "outside beat"' (Stronach 24).

beat v. 137.

1842 'a party started in pursuit...beating through the Drummond Creek country' (Port P.Her.14 May 3c4). 1857 'I went with a party of four to beat up the ranges' (Cooper 58). 1912 'Mac was given the job of beating the Southern boundary to keep the newcomers from wandering away' (Queen.10 Aug.46c1). 1932 'This system of beating [to muster stock] was all right in the open country but...[in rung scrubs] it was the "dickens" of a job' (Scott 13c3).

beaten track 103.

1913 'made a departure from the beaten track on Saturday by the elaborate production of the American play' (Syd.M.Her.5 May 4c6). 1922 'he succeeded in tracing two dead Australians well off the beaten track of the battlefields' (Melb.Her.5 Jul.5c4). 1930 'the traveller is still welcomed by those who dwell off the beaten track' (Syd.M.Her.13 Feb.9c8). 1969 'The most exciting things happening in Australia to-day are off the beaten track' (Aus.W.Week.26 Nov).

Bedourie (shower) 89. See Darling.

(AND 1931-1978). 1936 'That Bedourie shower yesterday was a beauty...tons of dust flying through the air' (Idriess 195). 1959 'There's a Bedourie comin'. He was right! That dust-storm, named after the township...came with a rush' (Lamond 32).

bedtick 204.

(OED). 1899 'I saw the little man put something under the bedtick while his mate was being searched' (Rerrincourt 235).

bee tree 93.

1903 'Chron-Opheleos then sighted a bee tree...they could not credit a bee-hive in a tree' (Clow 55).

beef, befer, beeve. 147.

(AND 1873-1977). 1847 'here and there a group of lazy beeves at the creekside' (Harris 234). 1908 'Lifting [stealing] a few cleanskin poddies or even a "beef" or two is good business' (Seagram 18). 1928 'MASSIVE BEEPERS, sold at Homebush' (Daily Tel.Pic.8 Dec.27c5). 1959 'much could be done to eliminate destructive pests [donkeys and dingoes] and replace them with sheep and beevers' (Aus. Work.24 Jun.11c1).

beef combs.

b- fattener 124. 1961 'One with attractions to beef fatteners as well as dairy men...is factory waste' (Aus.C.Mag.Sep.19c3). b- house 78. 1956 'I ain't burnin' down that beef house. It's cost too much in time and tucker to get put up' (Ronan 96-7). b- road 104. (AND 1962-1979).
1965 'Work will begin late this year on an £860,000, 104-mile beef road in the Northern Territory' (Syd.M.Her. 5May.8c2).

beetle bait 95.
1957 'A feature of the farmer's table was a tinned syrup, known variously as "cocky's joy", "beetle bait", "black jack" (Wannan 38).

beggars in the pan, on the coals 95. (AND 1847-1980). 1846 'Our cook had not been idle: there were "dampers", "dough-boys", "feather-jackets", "Johnny-cakes", and "beggars-in-the-pan" (Angus 161). 1908 'Over the grilled chops and "beggars-on-the-coals" the probability of meeting wild blacks was discussed' (Seagram 94). 1936 'Here is the recipe for Johnny cakes ("beggars on the coals") as made by the man travelling with a packhorse [recipe follows]' (Aus.W.Mirr. 7 Apr.42c3).

belah (scrub) 68. (AND 1798-1986). 1903 'She pitied the unlovely belar, when the wind sighed through its coarse, scanty, grey-green tresses' (Furphy 73). 1932 'And your jacket was ripped to ribbons as you raced through the scrub and belar' (Bull. 28 Dec. 20c2). 1965 'toiled up the slope whose top was marked with the dark selvedge of the belah scrub' (Davison cit Ewers 41).

bell (wether) 150.
1892 'Dyker there, is doubtless hunting up his bell-wethers to-day' (Mouat 79). 1907 'Sheep now in Box [paddock] 27 ewes & 2 young lambs & 26 wethers 8 bells' (Witten 11 Jul). 1910 'Branded them with A on back & put them into Tin hut [paddock] with 10 bells on 66 adrift' (Witten 20 May). 1942 'The term "bell-wether" is in use even today' (Glasson 8). 1955 'a bell wether was the Judas sheep of the slaughter yards trained to lead those about to be slaughtered into the killing pen' (Marshall 48). 1986 'Westpac's latest leading economic index, the acknowledged bell-weather [sic] of economic performance' (Syd. M. Her. 8 Sep. 25c1).

bell bag 111.
1949 'And on this hot morning his wind soon gave out, so he [a dog] trotted under the wagon and hopped up into the bell-bag beside Bullocky' (Idriess 80).

bell sheep 150,161.
1897 'And rip 'em through and yell for "tar" and get the bell-sheep out' (Bull. 20 Feb. 3c2). 1908 'For an hour they worked as only shearers work when they're cutting for a bell sheep' (Sorenson 27). 1910 'The sheep caught at the call of time is a "bell sheep"' (Bean 196). 1964 'At Louth I got the bell-sheep, a wrinkly tough-woolled brute' (Ward 227).

belly (wool) 184,185,191,195,199,203. (AND 1851-1980). 1878 'The wool-sorter and his assistant are kept very busy...taking off the skirts and belly wool' (Hodgson 8). 1882 'Bellies to be taken off in one unbroken piece, and placed on one side' (Armstrong 170). 1891 'the shearer had to take the belly wool off first' (Conference 15). 1902 'This bale consists of Good Locks, Pieces and bellies with tagging between each lot' (Witten flyleaf). 1910 'The belly wool must be shorn first, cut off separately, and thrown on the floor' (Bean 193). 1918 'In all cases we advise growers to pack the belly wool separately' (Bridge 7). 1922 'The bellies can be placed in a pack hung on the shearing-board' (Perry 121). 1932 'The shearer commences by removing the belly wool' (Ag.Gaz. 558). 1957 'the shearer has the sheep positioned and the belly nicely rounded to commence shearing the belly wool' (McGarry 5). 1966 'The shearer makes a few deft downward strokes and the belly wool slides to the floor' (Anderson 88). 1975 'flat on his back with a couple of belly wool's as a pillow' (Ryan 52).

Belyando spew 99. See Barcoo (AND 1889-1976). 1918 'all the ills that flesh is heir to in a new and tropical country to harass us, such as... Belyando Spue (pyrosis or water brash)' (Fetherstonhaugh 205). 1957 'But the worst of the lot / Is Bel-y-ando spew' (Wannan 40).
bend, take a 139.
1926 'We'll take a bend out of them there brumbies first'(Prichard 66).

beyar, beyanst, beyond 64, 65. See boundaries, beyond the 1898 'an occasional agricultural labourer who came from "beyant"'(Dyson 99).

big combs. (See AND big 3.a.b.c)
b- blow 182, 186. See blow 1902 'the big blow! Whoof! the neck is opened up'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan.31).

1937 'more than one manager of "big gun" teams...reckoned he [Harry Livingstone] was 10 to 20 sheep per day better than any other shearer in the shed'(Dangar final page).

1959 They...talked and joked about our ambition to become big-gun shearsers'(Tritton 8).

b- lot 206. 1962 'The aim [of bin sorting] is to ensure you will get the best possible price for all of your clip-not only the big lots which you can prepare in the shed'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct.33c1).

b- nose 176. 1934 'a big consideration with the big nose of the outfit'(Macleay Chron.25Apr.6c4).
b- scrub 69. 1902 'Jack and I had been out shearing at Beenaway shed in the Big Scrubs' (Lawson (1) 7).

1913 'Lantana and weeds of every description literally took possession of what was some of the finest land in the big scrub country'(Syd.M.Her.5 May.7c4).

1923 'They lived long up in the Big Scrub country in northern N.S.W.'(Aus.Work.18Jul.1c5).

1964 As the Big Scrub fell along those northern rivers and was burnt off the land was being planted with sugar cane'(Idriess 8).

b- squatter 54, 125. (AND 1845, 1888).

1922 'made enough money out of carrying to evolve him into a big squatter'(Aus.Work.12Jul.5c1).

bilby hole 83.

1903 'there happened to be a bilby-hole close in front, and she fell in the sort of trough, with her head down the slope'(Furphy 192).

billabong 84.

n. (AND 1836-1986).

1838 'Father looked ahead and found that there was better grass on the Billabong Creek' (Docker 6).

1851 'In crossing the small billabongs the water would run over our first row of bags'(O'Shaughnessy 5).

1864 'we had been at what they [natives] call a "billibong"--water-holes without springs and liable to dry up'(Goulb.Her.2Apr.8c1).

1876 'there are innumerable "billybongs"--ana-branches of the river--to be crossed before the main stream can be reached, several of which are as formidable as the river itself'(Stockwhip 29Jul.1249c1).

1902 'You know what those billabongs are: dry gullies till the river rises from the Queensland rains and backs them up till the water runs round into the river again and makes anabranches of 'em'(Lawson (3) 63).

1913 'If suitably enclosed the billabong would keep four to five hundred alligators'(Bull.2Jan.15).

1937 'Numbers of shooting parties from Darwin visit neighbouring billabongs every week-end during the dry season'(Cour.Mail 9Dec.16c8).

1947 'According to my informant, a billabong is a backwater of a river, or was so until the water receded and left the billabong isolated'(Maclean 92).

1956 'It ensures his grass for the future and his water in the various dams and billabongs'(Aus.Work.14Nov.6c2).

1967 'And every day by the billerbong we danced to a German band'(Aus.Work.14Jun.9c4).

1994 'In the Northern Territory, billabongs are stream channels that have just pools left in the river bed over the dry season'(Syd.M.Her.14May 11c4).

v. 84. 1908 'It was out of town just then, up-country somewhere, billabonging in true bush-whacker style'(Gunn 1).

billabong fence 118.

1988 'To make a billabong fence, one large log was placed on top of another, each being held in place by strong cross-legs. Another log was laid in the fork to bind the structure together'(Cannon 89-90).
billy 78,79,97.

(AND 1839-1980). 1838 'there was a frying pan and some pannicans, also a billy for making tea'(Docker 10). 1849 'and singing, near the wooden fire, is what is called the billy, or tea kettle' (Wilkinson 79). 1862 'Those who are washing do not talk of ounces being obtained, but pannikins and billies of gold'(Yass Cour.15Mar.3c1). 1880 'one could make water boil by merely putting a billy full out in the sun'(Balmain Ind.25Dec.5c3).

1892 'Roast mutton and brownie are given us to eat, and with a billy of tea beside us we are comfortable enough, prisoners and all'(Parker 36). 1923 'For the last time a fire was lighted and the writer mused while the billy boiled'(Aus.Work.28Feb.13c4). 1931 'Bert, went on ahead with the dry containing the axes...as well as the old black billy and the tucker box'(Davison 104).

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billy combs.

billy, boil the 97. (AND 1839-1979). 1901 'The men boiled the billy, made the tea, which we drank out of tin pots'(Franklin 186).

1912 'Dan was just boiling the billy'(Syd.Mail 3Jan 31c5). 1924 'She remembers the many ways they boiled the billy and cooked the chops'(Aus.Work.2Jul. 5c5). 1947 They did a little shooting, boiled the billy, spent a day on Kallara station'(Maclean 85). 1959 'When we tired, we camped and boiled the billy'(Trinton 29).

b- can 78. (AND 1870-1980). 1894 'he...had two billy cans of tea ready by the time the party arrived, famishing with thirst'(Ryan 70). 1907 'The finest and most unique Billy Can ever made. Looks like an ordinary Billy, but it's a teapot, a Billy and a kettle combined'(Mom.Bull.6Feb.7c4-5). 1913 'another employee arrived with a billy-can of tea for his mates'(Syd.M.Her.5May 11c6). 1924 'Has with him [a wanted man] a black dog, which will carry a billy can around for a collection'(Milton H.Soc.80).

1933 'At 62 he died in a setting that he would have desired...with the big gums around him and a billy can by his side'(Aus. Work.8Feb.19c3). 1939 'Mrs Blore...passed on her way to the hotel with a billy can for the evening beer'(Tennent 231). 1950 'Four destitute children in Greece lining up with billy cans for food'(Aus. Work.5Jul.9c2). 1974 'neighbours brought her little presents of food: a billy-can of giblet soup, moulded veal with hard-boiled egg'(White 184). 1981 'eumours are as much a part of the bush as billy cans and limping dogs'(Sun Her.4Jan.83c3).

b- fire 97. 1928 'I showed Bob how to make a billy fire, and how to hang the billy above it on the end of a thick stick, and how to put a green twig across the top of the billy to keep the smoke out of it'(Lee 33). 1964 'even where the billy-tea I

billy, sling/swing the 97. (AND 1848-1981). 1879 'Joe's just going to sling the billy in the cave; we never light a fire here'(anon. 131). 1891 'Making a good bush fire, we slung the billy, ate our pork and damper with a relish' (Fenton 31). 1933 'At 62 he died in a setting that he would have desired...with the big gums around him and a billy can by his side'(Aus. Work.8Feb.19c3). 1939 'Mrs Blore...passed on her way to the hotel with a billy can for the evening beer'(Tennent 231).

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billy goat 107.

(a) 1888 'Rode to Norman's mount to shoot 2 Billy Goats. We found them but they were too wild to get a shot at them'(O'Shaughnessy 1 Oct).

(b) 1962 'A bit of a hump-up, a billygoat or two and he'll want to settle down to work, to canter away'(Aus.C.Mag.May.45c1).

bin 185,191.

(AND 1865-1970). 1888 'Bins for holding different sorts of fleeces were ranged against the wall' (Grant 44). 1904 'If you did not skirt, and roll, and class, and pitch the fleeces into their bins, there would be wool all over the shed'(Farm.C.News 8 Oct.1904.11). 1930 The bins are nearly full, but now that the lambs are in, they (pressers) will soon catch up'(Syd.M.Her. 7Jun.11c1). 1964 'There should be at least six bins for fleece and seven for skirtings'(Munz 140). 1975 'He
made a sweeping gesture towards the bins..."Righto you bluetongues... get stuck into it!(Ryan 124).

**bin sorting 197.**

1962 'The function of Daloan Bin Sorting Service is to class wool into precise trade types and sell it in big even lines'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct.33c1).

**binning 197.**

1935 "Binning" is a term applied to any wool which has been sent in by the grower for his broker to either skirt and class or class only'(Cook 27). 1944 "Binning" is a much more efficient method of treating small lines of wool'(NZ AEWS 46). 1956 'Binning...is a system of classing of fleece wool and sorting oddments in which there need be no restrictions on the sorting or classing plan' (Henderson 124).

**binder 200,201.**

1. 1900 'These binders play an important part in connection with wool, and, according to their position on the staples, so, approximately, the age of a sheep, from which the fleece was cut, can be told'(Hawkesworth 153). 1950 'On very old sheep the binders join the staple at the bottom near the skin'(Munz 150). 1961 'the staples are held together by cross growing fibres called "binders", which hold the fleece together'(Jordan 171).

2. 94. (ext.OEDS 9). 1948 After my morning binder, camp duties would occupy me'(Newton 131).

**bindy eye 153.** (AND 1896-1981). 1904 'his coat is thick with grass-seeds, and bindies'(Palmer-Archer 204). 1907 The sheep cut heavy fleeces...though some of the sheep were full of bindy eyes' (Morn.Bull.3 Oct.7c7). 1941 'the busker could find some comfortable little parking-place that was neither...full of bindy-eyes and other assorted prickles'(Tennant 186). 1957 'Promptly he sat down and started to pull the bindy-eyes out of his feet'(Bris.Cour. 9Apr.lc11). 1962 'caught some bindy-eyes in his socks when he was out on a picnic'(Aus.C.Mag. Feb.85c2).

**biological wool harvesting, BWH 183.**

1991 'the procedure...known as Biological Wool Harvesting (BWH)...involves injecting sheep with a protein, Epidermal Growth Factor...After six weeks...leaving the wool free to be easily removed by hand'(Sun Her.4Aug.39).

**bits 166 , 167 ,169,170 ,185,193,195.**

1900 'I had just slipped a light ragged fleece into the belly-wool and "bits" basket'(Lawson (2) 32). 1966 'Two wool rollers quickly skirt the burry dirty bits from the edges and throw them on the next table, to the piece picker'(Anderson 88).

**bitty 190.**

1895 'second pieces are bitty, not so good a colour, generally dirty'(Hawkesworth 7).

**black combs.**

b- **bread 95.** 1868 'make me eat...black bread. It's white enough, but made for the blacks...There's stuff in it--as they use at the sheep wash'(Aus.Journ.Vol.3.498).

b- **disease 152.** 1938 'Black disease can be prevented, but it cannot be cured'(Syd.M.Her.2Dec.7c6).

b- **hat 47.** 1876 'A "black hat", in Australia parlance, means a new arrival'(Aus.Town C.Journ.15Jul.). 1890 'he generally contrives to get hold of a "black hat" at least once a year'(Boldrewood 21).

b- **leg 152.** 1833 'We are sorry to hear that the black leg, is committing dreadful havoc among the herds of the interior'(Currency 4May.2).

b- **north easter 88.** 1912 'A snapshot during Saturday's black Nor'-Easter'(Syd. Mail 3Jan.29).

b- **sheep 48.** 1866 'Every black sheep takes as naturally to horsebreaking and stock keeping as the duck takes to water'(Aus. Journ.Vol.1.425c1).

1902 'An' suppose some poor devil of a newchum black-sheep comes along, staggerin' from one side of the track to the other'(Lawson (3) 97).

b- **soil, spring 83.** (AND 1882-1986). 1848 'a narrow rill, rising out
of some rich dark soil, known in Australia as a "black spring" (Haygarth 98). 1898 'This spring or soakage...is in black sand...it must be something of the nature of what are called "black soil springs"(Carnegie 39). 1901 'a fine, black soil estate...eighteen miles from Llangollen'(De Satge 97). 1903 'the level black-soil plains of Riverina Proper mark a straight sky-line, broken here and there by a monumental clump or pine-ridge'(Furphy 2). 1934 'from the spacious mallee areas to the black-soil country'(Aus.Work.14Nov.11c2). 1900 'a rigmarole of details concerning...the black stump'(Bull.31Mar.31). 1953 'a letter from a storekeeper way out near the old black stump'(Cour.Mail 3Jul.1cll). 1972 'The greatest bloody knowall this side of the black stump'(Hardy 134). 1981 'Stagger's was the greatest [yarn] spinner this side of the black stump(Sun.Her.4Jan.46c1).

blackleg 172. fig. See blackleg above.

(blacks camp 135.

1917 'It appears that at the black's camp...there has been a little unrest'(Bris.Cour.1Jan. 6c5).

blade, bladesman 180,186.

1871 'Red Bill, Flash Jack, Jem the Scooper, and other roaring blades, more famous for expedition than faithful manipulation'(Corn.Mag.77).

blade combs.

1943 'from the early blade days to the present, great shearsers have come and gone'(Walkabout 1Feb.29c2). 1953 'there were a few of the old-time blade guns at that shed'(Aus.Work.17May.18cS).

1937 'probably the world's record for blade shearing stands to the credit of Jack Howe' (Dangar final page). 1957 'The record generally accepted for blade shearing stands to the credit of J.Howe ... 321 sheep in seven hours 40 minutes'(Guthrie 209).

1965 'They are, in general, more suitable for such purpose than the usual conception of what a blade shed should be'(Pearse 125).

blades 157,168,177.

1902 'that's what he calls his shears at work--he calls them "blades" in songs' (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.26). 1912 'A man can learn to shear with the machines in as many days as it would take him weeks with the blades'(Tait 7). 1929 'crutched...248 cast stud by blades'(Gibson 27Mar). 1932 'Blades are still used in many countries, and even in Australia a number of owners have their sheep shorn with blades'(Ag.Gaz.1Aug.557). 1946 'Hand shearing by blades...has been outmoded and nowadays is practised only in isolated cases' (Gold.Mort 17).

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sheep about' (Newton 166). 1973 'Jack Howe was the master of the blades, shearing 321 sheep in seven hours 40 minutes' (Aus.Work. 14 Feb.3c6).

**blanket** 94. 1887 'nothing but tinned meat was to be had, a flavourless substance rejoicing in the name of "blanket"' (Daly 55).

**blending** 197. 1950 'Blending: (a) For marketing...mixing of small lines...to produce large even lots. (b) For manufacture...mixing of wools of different type or origin to produce a special effect' (Belschner 691). 1960 'taking wools of a similar nature, type and yield and tipping them into one pile...became "blending" [by brokers]' (Aus.C.Mag.Feb.44).

**blight** 100. See also **sandy blight** (AND 1807-1929). 1830 'It [eye inflammation]...is well known to the Colonists by the Name of "Blight"' (Hist.Rec.Ser.1.Vol.15.374-5). 1836 'The most uncomfortable wind...producing oftentimes a disease of the eyes called "the blight"' (O'Connell 89-90). 1853 'The only disease at all prevalent was the blight, or disease of the eye caused by the flies' (Mossman 59). 1862 'The medical man's eyes were afflicted with blight' (Polehampton 125). 1885 'Got the Blight in one eye very painful this night' (Witten 3 Jan). 1899 'Terrible were the flies, particularly when you had sore legs or the blight' (Rudd 8). 1903 'I think he's gittin' a cancer; mebbe it's only blight' (Furphy 23). 1947 'there's some children...so bad that they're already blind with the blight' (Maclean 123).

**blind** combs. 1961 'He then starts the "blind" blow, going up the neck from the brisket' (Jordan 240). b- creek 84. (AND 1834-1905). 1888 'the blood began to run like a blind creek after a thunderstorm' (Boldrewood 57). 1908 'The blind creek which runs through Cessnock was a "banker" for many hours' (Bris.Cour. 11 Jan. 6c6). b- gully 136. (AND 1852-1899). 1862 'He lived by himself in a small tent, a little distance up one of the "blind" gullies' (Braid.News 23 Apr. 3c1).

**bloat** 152. 1962 'Sod-seeding grass into clover-dominant pastures helps to reduce losses from bloat' (Aus.C.Mag.Vol.13.14).

**block** 1. 114,116. (AND 1833-1879). 1829 'permission has been obtained...to select...two blocks, to comprise 220,000 acres, in the districts just described' (Widowson 196). 1847 'Blocks of twenty-five square miles, or four thousand sheep, are to be rented at £10 per annum' (More.Bay Cour.6 Feb. 3c4). 1867 'The land in the country to be discovered must be taken up in "blocks", each block being estimated to sustain four thousand sheep, and six hundred and fifty head of cattle' (Morison 50). 1890 'had opened up new blocks of country' (Couvreur 45). 1907 'Valuable five acre block, fenced, and containing two-roomed residence and conveniences' (Morn.Bull. 18 Feb. 8c2). 1916 'It is obvious that the Plain blocks will be thrown open for selection soon...they will be only too glad to let us have it for 1/- per acre' (Want.Letter.26 Aug. 5). 1925 'These estates have now been subdivided into blocks' (Syd.M.Her.8 Jan.6c1). 1931 'The Queensland Lands Department has decided to make available about fifty blocks per month for tobacco growing' (Aus.Work.29 Jul.10c1). 1943 'They were all die-hard returned soldiers...embittered by the heavy debt structure upon their blocks' (Harris 116). 1959 'soldier settlers who have gone on to their blocks' (Aus.Work.21 Jan.8c7). 1970 'the shepherd who saved every penny of his wages would have been able to buy his own "block" after seven years' (Ward 101).

**block-hand** 129. 1952 'Tell the commissioner the different classes of work you carry out...as a general block-hand' (Aus.Work.19 Nov.4c3).

**blocker** 116,128. (AND 1890-1968). 1867 'Ned the Blocker sank to sleep after an unusually large draught of the "pure" spirit of Jamaky [rum]'(Aus.Journ.9 Feb.376c2). 1892 'it is an excellent proof of what
sixteen hours a day blockers could do on many other tracts of land' (Hallack 10c2). 1943 'The blockers would come with their family parties down to the lake every Sunday' (Harris 116). 1973 Farmers, or "blockers" as they are colloquially called, make their own furrows and guide the water to where it is needed' (Burt photo caption page est.24).

**blockie** 116,128.
(AND 1944-1986). 1970 'The blockie is the owner or operator of an irrigated block... producing dried fruits' (Woll. Exp. 9Sep. 26). 1986 'a gradual influx of "blockies"...small subdivision farmers... has picked up most of the slack' (Syd. M. Her. 15 Feb. 7c1).

**blockworker** 128.
1946 'I will be in Mildura district for some time now working among the blockworkers' (Aus. Work. 16 Oct. 15c6).

**block 2.** 139.
1971 'The [ear] mark was a little square--called a "block"--taken from the bottom of the ear with a pair of pliers' (Willey 50).

**block-and-rail 118-19.
1967 'Nearby, samples of pioneer fences have been reconstructed..."dog-leg" and "block-and-rail"' (Wom. Day 23 Oct. 118).

**blocky (tip) 166,199.
1911 'The short black-tipped (both shotty and blocky) much wrinkled...was all the fashion a few years ago' (RAS Ann. 64). 1934 'Instead of the square, blocky merino tip, it [wool staple] may tend to run to a point' (Hardie 45). 1962 'Being dense, with a good, blocky tip, it resists dust and rain' (Aus. C. Mag. Vol. 13. 78).

**bloom 198.
1946 'Merino and Comeback descriptions...are not regarded as having lustre; rather in their case the term "bloom" is applied' (Gold. Mort 25).

**blotch brand 139.
(AND 1880). 1872 'a blotch brand occurs when the animal, being imperfectly secured, by struggling causes the instrument to move about' (Eden 72).

**blow 177,185,187.
1. (AND 1870-1979). 1871 'Every "blow" of the shears is agony to him, yet he disdains to give in' (Corn. Mag. Vol. 23. 82). 1882 'In shearing the first side of the sheep, each blow should be continued round until the back-bone is passed' (Armstrong 167-8). 1886 'They kept up blow to blow, sheep to sheep, until slashing Bill hit out and passed his opponent with ease' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 1. 825c2). 1899 'where the wool has not been taken off clean at each blow, it is better to let it remain' (Jeffrey 39). 1912 'His latest style was to...take five or six blows up over the back from the hindquarters to the head' (Tait 41). 1932 'He would go from the stern to the shoulder with one sweeping blow and as clean as possible' (Scott 52). 1939 'To the uninitiated watching the graceful, sweeping blows of the expert, shearing was apparently as easy as cutting grass on a lawn' (Land FS Ann. 23 Aug. 20). 1956 'On good-average shearing crossbred sheep anything from fifty to sixty blows is satisfactory' (Bowen 6). 1964 'When he completed the last blow the fleece was always a clear six inches away from the sheep and was the easiest to pick up and throw I've struck' (Newton 42).
2. 153. 1920 'owners were being caused some anxiety because of stock "blowing" on clover and like feed' (Syd. M. Her. 10 Sep. 7c4).

**blowie (ey) 100,158,196.
(AND 1916-1981). 1902 'No blowey can't get in there, eh' (Baynton 53).

**blowfly strike 158. See flystrike
1957 'A well-shorn crutch and tail is an effective measure against blowfly strike' (McGarry 14).

**blowfly trap 158.
1931 'Of Interest to all Pastoralists. The "Kelpie" Blowfly Trap. The most economic and effective trap made' (Bal. Beac. 15 Oct. 2c3).
blue cattle dog 143. See also blue heeler
(AND 1909-1923). 1966 'The blue cattle dog is thus older than the kelpie and the barb'..."Bluey" is a breed evolved from four distinct strains in quite recent times, a variation in type and colour must be expected occasionally'(Land 17Mar.57c4).
blue flyer 153.
(AND 1851-1873). 1851 'Towards evening, we started a herd of more than a dozen kangaroos of the largest and swiftest kind, called old men, and blue flyers'(Henderson Vol.1.212-13). 1977 'The blue flyer...is very fast and depends on its speed to keep out of trouble'(Penn 107).
blue heeler, bluey 143.
(AND 1908-1986). 1908 'The blue "heelers" or cattle dogs'(Ogilvie W. 52). 1955 'fondling the ear of the blue heeler that lay at her feet'(Palmer 7). 1971 'They took the precaution of driving...around the house just to make sure of the whereabouts of the blue heeler'(South.Cross 18Jan.1). 1978 'The blue healer (sic) bitch was the star attraction'(Syd.M.Her.27May.6).
bluestone 77.
blue tongue  See rouseabout
1. 190. 1906 'Among the rousers, or blue tongues as they were called, was an old man named Johnston, nicknamed "The Lizard"'(Rudd Mag.Jan.1157c1). 1956 'Australians sometimes called this hand [rouseabout] a "blue tongue"'(Bowen 157). 1973 'Come on you blue-tongues, hurry!'(Aus.Work.14Mar.7c2). 1980 'No blue-tongue may dare to venture in there [with the upper class]'(Gunn 87).
2. 149. 1962 'bluetongue would be catastrophic to the sheep industry in this country'(Aus.C.Mag. Vol.12.7c2).
board 168,169,181. See shearing board
(AND 1857-1979). 1873 'The floor, on which the shearers absolutely work, is called "the board"'(Trollope Vol.1.126). 1882 'Have the board swept as soon as the shearer finishes shearing his sheep'(Armstrong 169). 1895 'Their [shearers] portion of the shed is termed the "board", and consists of a space 70ft.long and 8ft.wide'(Gould 211). 1908 'Built of stout slabs and uprights and roofed with galvanised iron, it consists of a raised floor called "the board", on which the shearers shear the sheep'(Ogilvie W. 36). 1917 'Roy hosed down shearing board and managers quarters'(Harden 21 Sep.). 1927-8 'The ram is dumped on the board and placed in position'(Austral.W.Ann. Vol.1.96). 1937 'Most shearers have seen rams die on the board at some time or other'(Dangar pt.1 n.p). 1951 'shearers cease at 5.15 pm on Fridays in order to allow the shed hands to clear away any wool and wash the board'(Austral.Work.14Feb.7c4).
1965 'It is most important that immediately the fleece is picked up the board be cleanly swept'(Henderson 78-9).
board locks 193.
1918 'The trimmings or board locks are meanwhile swept up by another picker-up, and placed in a basket'(Queen.SW Ind.26). 1931 'the board locks will always need looking over in order to remove any large pieces of wool that may become detached'(Crowley 73). 1945 'In larger clips the locks or sweepings from the shearing board should be baled separately'(Pearse 327).
board, all on the 184,204.
1956 'he [sheepo] should sound the call "all on the board!" to let the shearers know that the finish of the mob is coming'(Bowen 96).
board, off the 163.
1900 'I have dipped regularly right off the board, hand shorn, with...poisonous dips, and I have known an instance of a cut getting bad'(Syd.S.S.Journ.20Feb.2c6).
board(s), on the 170,182,184.
(AND 1879,1891). 1859 'Ten shearers on the board. Too good to last'(Peppin 17 Oct.). 1879 'Thirteen shearers on the boards'(Macdonald 23 Oct). 1899 'There are twenty shearers on the board' (Goode 91). 1904 'Twenty-four held place on the boards...stripped each to greasy trousers and singlet'(Lancaster 78). 1931 'When shearing has started wire the company stating the number of shearers on the board'(Grazcos 9). 1956 'Five days later he had forty-two shearers on the board, though they were rather a tough lot'(Gardner 132). 1966 'That made nine shearers
on the board and they were putting out 1200 and more a day' (Newton 19). 1981 'A lifetime "on the boards" has given Dave Bodel more than enough time to form an opinion about the men' (Wagga Lead. 13 May. 39c1).

board, over the 175. See also boss of the b-
(AND 1896-1937). 1902 'the overseer, or "man-over-the-board," as he is generally called, rings the bell' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 28). 1914 'it was shearing time, my brother being over the board and I at the sheep wash' (Hamilton 93). 1932 'The knowledge stood me in good stead, when over the board afterwards' (Scott 27c2). 1939 'In a few years, he had an eight-stand shed, and was "the man over the board"' (Land FS Ann. 23Aug. 21).

board, put over the 152.
1973 'Sheep with cancerous growths must be "put over the board" and destroyed' (Aus. C. Mag. July 46).

boards 191.
1912 Bluey advanced with his [lamb] boards to pick up the shorn wool' (Tait 42).

boardy 200.
1901 "I could shear him," said he, regarding the closely wrinkled "boardy" fleece, "if he was covered with bloomin' pinwire" (Boldrewood 38).

bobby 143, 146.
1915 'The yarding was of fairly good quality, and consisted chiefly of bobbies' (Syd. M. Her. 26 Aug. 9c5). 1961 'Rearing bobbies...a profitable sideline raising vealers' (Aus. C. Mag. Sep. 20c1). 1971 'Best bobbie calves $32 to $43' (Wagga D. Ad. 8 Jun. 8).

boco, boko 106.
(AND 1847-1953). 1906 'I'm going to ride the boco' (Paterson 243).

body bullock 108-110.
(AND 1872-1968). 1872 'the remainder [excluding "specialist" bullocks] being called the "body bullocks", and it is not necessary to be particular about their being thoroughly broken in' (Eden 36). 1959 'The body is the bulk of the team, sometimes 20 or more' (Tritton 36c2).

body (blowfly) strike 158.
1944 'high withers...indicate a weak constitution and let the weather in, and this is a major cause of body-strike' (Minter 75). 1963 'To prevent body strike, the nozzles [jetting equipment] are combed through the wool in a 6-In wide band along the backbone from the neck' (Aus. C. Mag. Vol. 15. 43c3).

bog-eye See bogghi

bog full 185.
1961 'the blades were bogging full' (Aus. C. Mag. Sep. 71c1).

Bogan combs.
B- gate 119. (AND 1980). 1966 'Bogan gates--those hastily contrived arrangements of barbed wire and stout sticks and frequently cursed barriers in the outback' (Knox Note). B- hitch 76.
1978 'the stretcher was carried to the buggy and tied in place with pieces of wire that Emmy called Bogan hitches' (Garvey 198). B- scrubs 69. 1902 'he had a job of poisoning dingoes on a station in the Bogan scrubs' (Lawson (1) 196). B- shower 89. See Darling (AND 1904-1953). 1933 'Nature visits the settlers' sins / With the Bogan shower that is mostly dust' (Paterson cit. Wilkes 297).

bogghi, boggi, bog eye (also on the-) 178.
(AND 1915-1982). 1915 'he always alludes to his handpiece as a "bog-eye"' (Bull. 14 Oct. 24). 1943 'The city man hears little or nothing about the topnotch bog-eye pushers' (Walkabout 1 Feb. 29c2). 1956 'boggi (pronounced bog-eye)... A shearer's handpiece. The early models being shaped like the Boggi lizard' (Bowen 155). 1961 'You might have to take up the boghii before
long. It's a handy thing to know'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct.89c3). 1963 'the shearsers waving their bogis and doing intricate waltz steps'(Aus.C.Mag.Sep.56c4). 1973 'Down the belly, up the neck, the boggi swings in low' (Aus.Work.14Mar.7c1). 1977 'bogghi... implement used for shearing--so called because of its shape resembling a boggi lizard'(McCullough 219). 1981 'Mel Johnston has managed to win plenty of accolades "on the boggi"'(Land 11Jun.1c1). 1983 Then I got a chance to pick the bog-eye (shearing piece) and...I've been shearing ever since'(Land 10Mar.3c1).

boil See billy, boil the.

(b) 105. See bake. 1948 'too fast a pace will overheat the steed which will be rendered useless. They call this "boiling a horse"'(Harney 29).

boil (down) 147.

(AND 1843-1942). 1844 'Any parties...please address him [a boiler-down] by letter, stating the number of sheep or cattle they have to boil'(Guard.18May.76c4). 1844 'The Boiling Establishment at Ben Bullen...is capable of boiling down 3,500 sheep, or 300 head of cattle, per week'(Hob.T.Cour. 18Jul.1c4). 1853 'Collected the remainder of the bang tails for boiling'(Ogilvie 18May). 1857 'The lease...together with all the improvements, comprising a residence for gardeners and labourers; a boiling-down place, with stabling, sheds for cows and poultry'(Syd.M.Her.14 Dec.6c6). 1861 'Large "boiling down" establishments were placed near the banks [of the Yarra], adding their liberal quota of animal refuse to the witch-broth as it sluggishly crept by'(Meredith 188). 1873 'The boiling down is an old trade in Australia, and has followed naturally on the growth of wool...and tallow can at any rate be exported'(Trollope Vol.1.55). 1902 'I have a vision of those big, black, boiling-down pots, of the heaps of dry bones'(Pracd 52).

boiler 147.

(AND 1884). 1867 'One of these large holders of Crown lands...could send into market every year twelve thousand head of fat cattle, independently of spare stock, such as "boilers", that is, cattle only fit for boiling down' (Morison 136). 1870 'From 20 to 30 of these carcases...taken to another higher floor, called the "boiler platform"'(Carter 171).

boiled dog 94.

1895 'wishing to vary his diet from the ordinary routine of Irish apples and boiled dog'(Cool.Min. 10Apr.6c1).

bold (ness) 198.

1896 'She is a noble ewe...and cut 14ib. of high-conditioned, bold wool, of good character'(Gordon 13). 1907 'It is a bold fairly free staple, well crimped right to the ends...for which there is a great demand'(Ag.Gaz.Aug.710). 1944 'Bold...Well grown wool with deep staples' (Minter 67). 1952 'It spins well although in staple appearance it inclines towards "boldness"'(Haigh 45). 1958 'Bold...a term applied to well-grown wool of good character'(East Syd.Tech.3).

bombora 88.

(AND 1871-1972). 1933 "Bombora" is an Aboriginal word applied to the high-crested wave, which breaks, even on windless days, over submerged rocks'(Bull.24 May.27c1). 1968 'A bombora is a whirlpool of breakers off the coast caused by a sunken reef'(Broome Note).

bond 18,40,42,46.

(AND 1800-1902). 1834 'If the committals [for crime increase] were new hands (bond or free) we should understand it better, but this is not the case'(Monitor 10Jan.2c6).

boner 147.

1934 'all bulls, stags, stores, "boners" and "crackers" are sold in the far end of the yards'(Cour.Mail 1May.20c2). 1961 'The other is for boners that find their way into small-goods'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct. 52c1). 1971 'and several pens of crackers and boners'(Wagga D.Ad.8Jun. 11).
boo eye 65. 1955 'He could have been out there in the boo-eye, thrusting his body into the wind and rain' (Niland 67).

book muster 137. 1931 'the number of cattle on the books--the book-muster' (Davison 122). 1948 'often the "book-muster"--that is the number down in the station book--is many more than the actual number on the run' (Harney 41-42).

boomer, booma 156. 1824 'Juno snapped the booma's haunches and he turned round to offer battle' (Curr 111). 1846 'if your Honour would not mind my banging my piece off at a booma, that would be worth a cartridge' (Rowcroft Vol.2.68). 1857 'finding continual objects of chase in the woods... sometimes starting a grand booma, or great red kangaroo' (Howitt Vol.1.47). 1865 'no sooner did the kangaroo see the lad than the boomer seized him by the body' (Tumut A.Times 21 Sep. 3c1). 1872 'A tall old Booma, as the natives call the male kangaroo... tears his antagonists the dogs most dreadfully' (Millett 195). 1908 'Never more shall we wheel to her shout / That told of the boomer at bay' (Dryblower 73). 1929 'A flock of kangaroos... and an old boomer or two' (Prichard 238). 1956 'and they had brought back the old boomer slung across his saddle' (Stow 171). 1983 'the boomer and their kin outnumber us' (Syd. M. Her. 16 May 1c8).

bootslace 187. 1956 'having the skin wrinkled you are much more likely to bootlace the sheep--i.e. cut the wrinkles off in long thin strips of skin' (Bowen 41).

bore 85. 1897-1986. 1902 'if the next bore or tank is five miles on, and the next twenty beyond, you camp at the five-mile water to-night and do the twenty next day' (Lawson (3) 139). 1907 'Mr. R. Brown, who is sinking a bore...is down 2,500 ft., and has struck a flow' (Morn. Bull. 28 June 6c7). 1920 'He was the best-known man in the district, the man who had put down the first bore' (Palmer 5). 1937 'The immediate response in the first zone of the area is contrasted with the lesser sensitiveness of "bores" situated elsewhere' (Cane. Quart. 1 Apr. 136). 1964 'the drover, and any traveller who does not carry his own supply is dependent on artesian bores, spaced at intervals of some thirty miles' (Age 15 Feb. 21c2). 1977 'we don't want the tourists to come round and look at the bores and say, "You're not allowed to go swimming"' (Gilbert 151).

bore combs. b-creek 85. 1964 'two days negotiating sand ridges and bore-creek bogs' (Age 15 Feb. 21c4). b-drain 85. (AND 1914-1980). 1902 'Bore drain completed to boundary fence' (Ulah 20 Oct). 1932 'her [horse's] hind legs slipped crossing a bore drain and she dislocated her back' (Scott 15c3). 1953 'Bore Drain... Small surface canals cut to carry water from artesian bores' (Lamond 281). 1964 'and brolgas frequent the cooler ends of bore drains' (Age 15 Feb. 21c3). 1980 'And the bore drain had to be double delved, because he stopped the flow' (Gunn 145). b-sinking 85. 1980 'They [water diviners] are a great annoyance to the bore-sinking contractors' (Syd. M. Her. 17 May. 14c2).

bore hole news 85, 101. 1966 'the latrines [in a Victorian army camp, 1943] were bore holes in the ground...From this meeting point rumours would be spread and these became known as bore hole news' (Telford Note).

boss 125, 176, 196. See also boss of / over the board. (ext.OED sb.6). 1868 'he will then be a "boss" himself, and in consequence will have nobody to worry him or interfere with him in any way' (Browne 36). 1879 'In shearers' parlance, the master is "boss" the superintendent the "cove"' (Gent. Mag. 571). 1887 'No one knew better than the overseer that "the boss" would have muddled everything' (Nichols Vol.1.251). 1902 'Everyone, from the "boss" down to the tar-boy, was desperately anxious to get it over' (Gold. Fleece
The old boss appeared to be as wild as hell, and I told him I was surprised at him allowing his wool to be chopped about (Shear.S.Bull.25Aug.3). The boss must be prepared to meet the shearer in reasonable requirements and give him the co-operation and backing he deserves (Bowen 11).

boss cocky 128.

(AND 1879-1981). He gives "drawing rooms"...at which may be seen ancient cattles-duffers, boss cockies and thriving retailers of whisky nobblers (Bull.27Nov.12c4). Mr. Michael O'Mara was, without doubt, "boss cockie" of our district; he was considered an authority on everything (Bird 10Mar.3). First comes ther Boss Cockie--Strike me pink, but 'es a treat (Wise 4).

boss drover 141. I got on right enough with the sheep and the two dogs, but the boss drover was a bully of the first water (Dead Bird 6Dec.6c1).

boss of the board, shed 173,175,175,188.

(AND 1893-1979). Amongst the owners, managers, overseers, and "the boss of the shed", nothing is talked of in leisure moments...but the one great subject...wool (III.Syd.News 29 Oct.10 c1). It's just a bit off for the Boss-of-the-board (Bull.11Dec.29c1). The narrator had been boss-of-the-board out beyond Bourke (Franklin 186). The "boss-of-the-board" did not dress him down and dismiss him (Bean 179).

boss's boots 176.

1897 The shearsers qunit along the board to catch the boss's boots (Bull.20Feb.3c2).

Botany 195.

1912 Botany...Synonym for Merino wool; fine wool (Hunter 113). Botany yarn has been sold at prices which will necessitate a further depression in merino tops (Syd.M.Her.8Jan.7c7).

Botany Bay greens 93.

(AND 1802-1873). Botany Bay greens are abundant; they much resemble sage in appearance; are esteemed a very good dish by the Europeans, though disliked by the natives (Barrington 263). Botany is fine merino wool. The term originated from Botany Bay, as the first merino wool in Australia was produced in that district nearly 150 years ago (Goddard 42).

Botany bale 203.

1952 Botany bale...the container has four sides and two ends, is oblong in appearance, one end is open with a lid attached (Haigh 4).

Botany Bay greens 93.

(AND 1802-1873). Botany Bay greens are abundant; they much resemble sage in appearance; are esteemed a very good dish by the Europeans, though disliked by the natives (Barrington 263). Atripex Halimus. Barrilla. Botany Bay Greens (cit.Morris 1898).

bottom wool 187.

1848 They [shearers] are apt to skip the wool nearest the skin, or, as it is called, the "bottom wool", which is the hardest to cut, but the most weighty and valuable (Haygarth 47).
bough shed 78,168.
(AND 1902-1968). 1956 'He ran through the bough shed...which was already showing the ravages of white ants and windstorms'(Ronan 57). 1959 'They went down to the boughshed in the late afternoon. The fire was warm from the midday cooking'(Stuart 15). 1964 'The boughshed grew into a bark hut and...the family were comfy'(Idriess 62).

bough yard 121.
(AND 1848). 1847 'One of our huts with its two boughyards for the sheep'(Harris 372). 1861 'a couple of black boys and some bushmen...to build huts and bough-yards, till I came back with the sheep'(De Saige 1901.151 note of 1861). 1883 'I set all hands to work to make a bough yard for one of the flocks'(Curr 84).

bouille 94.
1826 'has just received...oxtail soup, vegetable ditto, soup and bouille'(Aust.19Apr.2c2).

boundary combs.
b-s, beyond the 49,54,64. (AND 1835-1893). 1842 'Settlers are thinking seriously of moving their stock beyond the boundaries, which will become very expensive'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.8Jan.3c5). 1848 'Weather-board cottages...are looked on as a sort of unnecessary luxury, beyond the boundaries'(Haygarth 14). b- fence 113,154. (AND 1843-1917). 1891 'The rest are camping at the boundary fence'(Praed 113). 1911 'Outside the boundary fences they went very seldom'(Bruce 23). b- keeper 133. 1865 'as flocks increased, this [folding] became more difficult, so larger stations employed boundary keepers'(Vance 45). b- rider 117,120,129,133. (AND 1864-1981). 1868 'A boundary rider has poisoned himself at Alexandra'(Den.Chron.26Sep.2c7). 1879 'a couple of boundary riders to see that there are no [fence] breakages'(Gent.Mag.571). 1888 These men are called "boundary riders," and though their life is of course monotonous, their work is not usually very severe'(Cassell Vol.2.220). 1899 ['squatters] being merely "boundary riders for the banks"...crushed and weighted by the overdraft'(Truth 1.Oct.3c5). 1905 'With the boss of the board, the boundary rider, and three lads, the number of hands totalled ten'(Rudd Mag.Jul.651). 1913 'On some out-stations the boundary-riders have to forage for themselves'(Harris 59). 1927 'There was a boundary-rider on the place who couldn't read or write'(Aus.Work.27Jul.13c2). 1933 'Buster the boundary-rider's camp was connected by telephone with the homestead'(Smith's 7Jan. 19c7). 1962 'Ernie has been employed as a boundary rider by the NSW Wild Dog Board for about 10 years'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct.63c3). 1972 'The term boundary rider is a link with a romantic, but slower and less efficient past'(Sun Her.24 Dec.17c5). b- riding 117,33. 1891 'Jack and I at this time filled the exalted position known as boundary-riding on a station'(Bird 24 Oct.3c1). 1904 'unless we had some very big streak of luck before long, Dad...would be only boundary riding for the bank' (Palmer-Archer 211). b-s within the 52. (AND 1822-1849). 1893 'The country round [in a township] was what was termed "within the boundaries"'(Demarr 49).

bounty 44.
1839 'Immigrants at Port Phillip, for whom it is intended to claim Bounties'(Port P.Gaz.30 Oct.2c3).

bounty combs. 44-45.
b- cargo 1844 These parties are of a more respectable class than the usual bounty cargoes, consisting of persons well recommended, and the relatives of respectable tradesmen'(Hawk.Cour. 22Aug.1c1). b- emigrant (AND 1840-1846). 1844 'the bounty emigrants will find ready employment on their arrival'(Windsor Expr.15Feb.1c2). 1893 'They were what then were called "Bounty Emigrants"...all the waifs and strays which the ship's charterer and his agents could collect together, they being paid so much a head, when landed in Sydney'(Demarr 20). b- immigrant (AND 1842,1851). 1841 'I cannot swear how many passengers were on board; we were all bounty immigrants'(Monitor 10Feb.2c1). b- money 1842 'the bounty money was only to be payable in Australia'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.15Feb.4c3). b- order (AND 1842,1844). 1842 'an issue of bounty orders had taken place far beyond the circumstances of the colony to discharge'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.14May. 2c5). b- ship (AND 1840-1848). 1838 'the vessels being chartered by private merchants, are called "bounty
ships" (Monitor 30 Dec. 1c1). **b- system 45.** (AND 1839-1854). 1838 'the other private agency [for immigration] ... is called the bounty system' (Monitor 30 Dec. 1c1).

**bow (s) 108.** See also double, single bow
1892 'A man had been filing a deep notch across the bow of his shears' (News.Cut.PL 129).
1904 'when he [a shearer] becomes used to these bows they will last him for five years' (Farm. C.News 5 Apr. 8).

**Bowen method 186.**
1966 'the Bowen method [of shearing] is taught in wool-producing countries the world over' (Sutherland 72).

**bowyang 179, 180.**
(AND 1893-1981). 1896 'I should define bow-yangs as pieces of string, or anything tieable, commonly used by labourers to hitch up trousers under the knees'(Bull. 4 Oct. red page). 1908 'Bow-yang...in its English sense of a strap or band below the knee, it is simply a corruption of bow-yank, yanks being an old English term for the leggings worn by agricultural labourers' (Lone Hand Nov. 116). 1918 'So tie yer bowyangs on yer pants' (Aussie 18 Jan. 8c2). 1934 'bowyang'... originated in Yorkshire...a small leather legging fitting between knee and boot-top' (Bull. 17 Jan. 11c3). 1957 'Bowyang...string or leather thong tied around the trousers near the knee...usually worn after a shearer has shorn his first hundred sheep' (Ryan 207). 1977 'They tied strips of kangaroo hide called bowyangs below their knees' (McCullough 76).

**box 120, 123, 133, 136, 138, 169, 191.**
v. (AND 1864-1959). 1845 'Father's sheep are "boxed", and the job's ahead of me' (Tucker 83).
1862 'the droppers managed to get boxed with the strong mob last night' (White 6 Jan). 1870 'driven the ewes and lambs a considerable distance, to prevent them boxing with the dropping flock' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 6. 14c2). 1879 'It is a great nuisance to have them [wet and dry ewes] boxed' (Macdonald 18 Jul). 1888 'All the mobs of different aged lambs which had been hitherto kept apart were boxed up together' (Grant 185). 1895 'if two flocks get boxed it means a lot of work, for they had to be driven to the home station and hand drafted' (Kirby 140-41). 1908 'The gang [of sheep stealers] contrived...so that the mobs could be boxed...soon after leaving the sheds, and thus prevent detection' (Sorenson 104). 1916 'His sheep are to be shorn next week and he has them all boxed up' (Want. Letter. 12 Nov. 2).
1927 'All sheep should be drafted before shearing, to take out...any that have boxed with them from other flocks' (Aus. Wool Ann. Vol. 1. 96).
1932 'I rode and found the missing sheep were boxed with a Tulloona shepherd's flock' (Scott 38c1). 1942 'Even when mobs belonging to different owners became "boxed" they have been known to completely separate themselves' (Glasson 15). 1955 'Take them...to box with the mob Mr. Robinson will have there...to be boxed after Mr Robinson's lot has been counted' (Lamond 161).
1966 'If you open the gate, are they [dogs] good enough to prevent the sheep from boxing?' (Mills 74). 1980 'A tree falls over [a fence], stock do box, / Suspicion starts of stolen flocks' (Gunn 72).

**n.** (AND 1868-1917). 1872 'a "box," as it is technically called, causes an infinity of trouble' (Eden 67).

**box combs.**
**b- cart 109.** 1844 'instructions to sell by public auction...Dray and box cart' (Guard. 20 Apr. 45c1). **b- press 204.** 1935 'A box press can be made at very little expense and is quite effective' (Goddard 19).
1941 'The essentials are...a box press, and at least two wool bins' (Goddard 17).
**b- seat 108.** 1864 'Upon the box seat was one of that numerous set of young, up-country gentlemen' (Ill. Syd. News 15 Oct. 10c3).

**branches, up in the 187.**
1964 'When a shearer is not cutting wool close enough to the skin...i.e. leaving too much wool on the sheep...he is "up in the branches"' (Newton 161).

**brand free 191.**
1965 'there is a clear trend towards marketing of a brand-free clip...they [brands] should be completely skirted out' (Henderson 83).
branding combs.

b- panel 123. 1848 'The fence...is provided with what is called a "branding panel"...a sort of screen behind which the men take refuge, if suddenly charged by an infuriated animal'(Haygarth 70).

b- race 123. 1912 ' Provision is made for two 3ft. wide by 84ft. long branding races' (Stock.Guide 89).

1932 'we kept them running through the branding race past him and he branded them as they ran past (with tar, did 5000 in an hour!)'(Scott 36c1).

1953 'These two counting pens should be connected up with a branding race...invaluable from a point of view of mouthing, culling, marking and branding the shorn sheep'(Cooper 35).

1966 'The shorn animals are steered into a branding race...a washable branding fluid is used so that the wool is not damaged'(Anderson 90).

1975 'Clements hurdled a couple of fences, came over and leant on the branding race'(Ryan 38).

b- season 139. 1850 'the "branding season," the season at which all the cattle [from all stations] are got together...branded to prevent confusion as to their owners'(Woolley 21).

b- tallies 139. 1902 'the copying out of branding tallies for the station log'(Praed 156).

bread and treacle cocky 128.

1956 'My father a bloody rich man...not a bread-and-treacle cocky that can't get any white fellers to work for him'(Ronan 262).

break 201.

1865 'the sickly-produced fibre at the break or joint...is quite obvious...even without the aid of a microscope'(Omega 37).

1870 'in "break" this [closing of fibre pores] takes place but partially' (Graham 86).

1898 'The next fleece may be to all appearances quite sound, but when tested shows an unmistakeable "break"'(Prod.Gaz.May.362).

1902 'Break in wool...usually caused by change from good to bad feed, or vice versa, or through illness'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan. 11).

1911 'Break in wool renders the fleece absolutely worthless for any combing purpose...it can only then be manufactured into a class of goods for which inferior wool is used'(Stewart 153).

1922 'Such a break of weakness detracts very largely from the value of the wool, as in the combing of the wool the fibre will break and produce an excess of waste short pieces'(Perry 129).

1930 'By "break" is meant a sudden change in the diameter of the wool fibre...thinning down of the fibre due to drought conditions'(Austral. 4Jan.31c4).

1941 'Break refers to a distinct break in the staple that can be seen when the wool is closely examined'(Goddard 42).

1950 'break...is caused by a sudden change of pasture, want of feed or water, sickness, bad lambing, or faulty dipping'(Belschner 692).

1965 '[fibres] typified by a short defined region of unsoundness, are best known as "break"'(Henderson 58-9).

break out 185.

1956 'the neck wool, being partly cut, is easy to break out, and then, without losing control of the head, can be broken with an outward turn of the handpiece'(Bowen 33).

break-weather, wind 73.

(AND 1832-1943).

1832 'Late in the evening we visited the Aborigines in the three huts or "breakwinds" that have been erected for them'(Backhouse 83).

1840 'their original mode of shelter, a break weather formed by the boughs of trees'(Russell 84).

1846 'the natives never formed their break-winds of branches of trees, but always of slips of bark'(Rowcroft Vol.2.79).

1853 'a burning log, close to which stood a sloping "break-weather" of bark and branches'(Mundy 491).

1903 'our abode...was surrounded by gum branches that were used as "break- winds"'(Craig 148).

breakaway 138,147.

(AND 1881-1955).

1916 'He had done her a service in regard to a breakaway in a small mob of sheep which she was droving townwards'(Age 1Jan.13c7).

1963 'He [sheep dog] must manoeuvre quickly...to keep the sheep on course or to block a breakaway'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct.39).

breast guard, plate 179.

1931 'A breast guard is a leather or canvas reinforcement held on by straps down the chest of a shearer to stop fouling of clothing by sheep's hooves and skin irritation by burrs and other impurities. Sometimes sewn on to front of shearer's singlet'(Allen).

1963 'renewing the breast
plates on his "Jacky Howes" (Syd.M.Her.17Aug.11). 1975 'Mitchell put on a dark blue singlet with a stained, white drill breastguard, and ankle-tight dungarees reinforced down the front of both legs, over mocassins' (Ryan 35).

**breast knot** 193. See also haslock 1900 'All sheep have this small lock of Haslock which is sometimes called Breast knot, and can be covered by the tip of a finger' (Hawkesworth 176).

**breech / britch (wool)** 158,191,193,199.

1873 'The livery--principally the skirtings and edgings, and the short coarse or breech wool, that which comes from the breech of the animal' (Youatt 67). 1902 'Britch or Breech...the extremity of the fleece towards the tail-end of the sheep' (Gold. Fleece 1 Jan. 11). 1919 'Watch particularly for coarse breech wool, in pieces of plain wool or short, harsh stuff' (Kelly 71). 1927-8 'The breech wool is different from the shoulder, neck and back, which are a type of their own' (Aus.W. Ann. Vol. 1. 195). 1935 'It is preferable, however, to stain a little breech wool, rather than lose the ewe through septic poisoning' (Goddard 11). 1943 'facilities are provided within the shed for...grading the necks, britch, belly, locks, stains, lambs' wool and crutchings' (Walkabout Nov. 24 c1). 1945 'only the breech wool, the gummy or sweaty edges along the side, and the neck fold or collar need to be taken off' (Pearse 319). 1957 'take hold of the fleece by the two ends of the britch and draw it towards him...remembering to keep a firm hold on the ends of the britch' (Guthrie 215). 1964 'No.7 britch wool--a coarser wool than the other portions of the fleece and in many cases inclined to be kempy' (Munz 146). 1965 'Rolling is then commenced from the britch by reaching across the body, gathering in the end, and folding it forward some 15 to 18 inches' (Henderson 85).

**breechlocks** 191.

1884 'the inferior portions such as pieces, necks (if seedy), breechlocks, &c., removed and placed in separate receptacles' (S 14).

**brickfielder** 88.

(AND 1829-1915). 1832 'The prisoner stated in his defence, that on the morning of the day in question, it blew a regular brickfielder, which unhooked the trousers, and deposited them in the gutter' (Hill's 20 Jul. 2 c2). 1846 'he saw nothing but an impenetrable cloud of dust, not unlike a brickfielder' (Bell's 3 Oct. 3 c2). 1853 'when the "brick-fielders" came on, they could hardly be faced from the sharp quartz and gravel that was flying about nearly blinding you' (Read 38). 1864 'But even this climate in its brightest moods is subject to hot winds and "brick-fielders"' (Goulb. Her. 9 Apr. 7 c5). 1877 'it must have been the brickfielder today; the dust was plaguily thick' (Walch 18). 1890 'On the third evening after that brassy sunrise comes the "brickfielder" a wild tempest of red dust' (Nisbet 1). 1936 'A "brickfielder" frightened and prostrated her' (Franklin 20). 1939 'These dust-winds are named "brickfielders" locally, from the direction in which they come' (Mourot 32).

**bridle road, track** 103.

(OED sb.6). 1833 'There has been a small party for some time employed in making a bush or bridle road' (Hob. T. Mag. May. 166). 1867 'I had been obliged to ride thirty long miles over the most wretched bridle tracks imaginable' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 3. 5 c2). 1880 'there is a bridle track leading down to the ford on the River Styx' (Goulb. Her. 20 Mar. 5 c2). 1899 'it was only by its [lightning] assistance that a belated traveller could keep his horse on the bridle-track' (Favenc 180).

**brigalow scrub** 68.

(AND 1844-1884). 1845 'being impeded by a tremendous brigalow [sic] scrub, we determined to make our way through it' (Hawk. Cour. 25 Oct. 1 c2). 1846 'open forest land...interspersed with long stretches of almost impassable bricklow [sic] scrub' (Morn. Chron. 28 Mar. 2 c2). 1899 'barely able to distinguish a brigalow scrub from a dog-leg fence' (Truth 3 Sep. 5 c7). 1920 'most of it was open forest...though patches of brigalow scrub were seen' (Queen. 19 Mar. 4 c3).

**bright** 198.

1886 'the Australian climate generally caused even the wool of the Spanish sheep to grow softer, brighter, and more elastic' (Garran Vol. 3. 750). 1896 'Mr. Murray's wool is...a bright, lustrous
wool, exceedingly clean'(Gordon 4). 1934 'The top line of pieces should comprise all the bright, bulky wool of good length'(Hardie 26). 1941 'The fleece will be of good weight, of nice quality, good length, and soft and bright'(Goddard 13). 1965 'Wool from the Merino and its derivative breeds, the Corriedale and Polwarth, are classified as being bright'(Henderson 30).

**brightness** 198. 1895 'Brightness...refers to demi-lustre; a softer shade of lustre'(Hawkesworth 7). 1902 'Brightness ... a soft shade of lustre of white appearance found mostly in Merino wools'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan.11). 1946 'Brightness...applicable to the wool of the Merino and Polwarth; clean pure colour; bright without brilliancy'(Vic.Dep.Ag.37). 1950 'Brightness...a term used to describe the white colour and light-reflecting power associated with the finer types of wool'(Belschner 692).

**brisket** 182,190,191. 1962 'Finish off blows from brisket around the neck'(Aus.W.Bur.7).

**brisket pieces/wool** 193,194. 1964 'No.5 brisket wool--similar to shoulder wool...usually a little heavier in condition'(Munz 146). 1965 'Brisket pieces...very small proportion of total. Coarse partially cotted and very yellow' (Henderson 86).

**broad** 199. 1941 'Broad refers to strong Merino wool of 60's quality or lower'(Goddard 42). 1950 'broad...a term applied to wools which are on the strong side for their quality number, or for their type'(Belschner 692).

**broad axe** 81. (OED). 1890 'Cutting pines and taking two sides with the Broad Axe to 3 inches in thickness' (O'Shaughnessy 6Jan). 1981 'Those Smith boys were all born with a broadaxe [razor sharp for trimming railway sleepers] in their hands'(Adam Smith vii).

**broad gauge (comb)** 179. 1947 'One shearer using a broad gauge [comb] which I reported to the Branch Secretary'(Aus. Work.17Dec.6c3).

**broken (wool) / brokes** 192-3,196,203. (AND 1880-1950). 1895 "Broken" contains all the big, free, and clean [pieces] (Hawkesworth 7). 1899 'Brokes...short locks of wool found on the edge of the fleece in the region of the neck and belly'(Sinclair 64). 1907 'Broken...specially good pieces made where deep skirt ing has been carried out'(Jeffrey 148). 1918 'The same system of branding could be adopted with the broken, pieces, bellies and locks'(Bridge 9). 1934 'The top line of pieces should be branded "BROKEN"'(Hardie 26-7). 1957 'Skirtings are usually separated within each quality range...the bulkier, cleaner wool becoming what is termed "broken"'(Guthrie 217). 1967 'Bellies not to be included with Broken'(Woodbridge 244).

**broken mouthed** 149. 1838 'Broken mouthed ewes are called crones in Suffolk; kroks, or crocks, in Scotland; and drapes in Lincolnshire'(Blacklock 15-16). 1843 'in debt two or three thousand pounds for a thousand old broken-mouthed ewes'(Caswall 47). 1863 'an eight year old sheep would be what is called a broken-mouthed creature...it would have lost some of its teeth'(Butler 38-9). 1878 'The ewes were pretty fair, and not broken-mouthed'(Boldrewood 50). 1893 'he was a broken-mouthed, miserable old cull, who ought to have gone to market as a wether years ago'(Barry 111). 1907 'When the teeth begin to break or fall out, the sheep are termed broken-mouthed, and their general usefulness is rapidly on the decline'(Jeffrey 78). 1950 'A sheep is described as "broken mouthed" when some of the incisor teeth have fallen out or become badly worn and irregular'(Belschner 692). 1965 'even broken-mouthed ewes will winter quite well and rear a good lamb'(Gascoigne 13).

**brokes** See broken
brombee, bromby
See brumby
1881 'I will only here mention...that they [wild horses] are called "brombies", that they are
descended from valuable horses escaped from an old stud farm, and that they are broken in
without much difficulty'(Senior 66).
1893 'Suddenly the silence was broken by the peculiar long,
rumbling whinny with which a straggling horse greets the presence of others...Hang all
brombees'(Barry 15).

broom 195.
1961 'A good, sappy mob with plenty of broom on them'(Aus.C.Mag.Aug.83c1).

broomie 191.
(AND 1895-1982).
1915 'the "broomy," sweeps them [pieces] to the piece-pickers...pickers-up and
broomies have to dodge shearers who are continually crossing the board'(Mathews 12).
1956 'very often shearers are blamed for not making clean blows when it is the fault of the
"broomy"'(Bowen 65).
1961 'the shed overseer is also concerned with the "broomie" (and the
picker-up) because the wool on the board must be constantly removed'(Jordan 183).

brownie 95.
1883 'The bread contract business...before the bench...the Brown Tommy (brown enough God
knows) being re-produced, re-examined'(Monitor 6Apr.372c3).

brownie gorger 173, 190.
1939 'Joe was one of the "brownie gorgers" [shedhands]'(Bull.26Apr.20c4).

Bruce cart 109.
1936 'the cook's wagonette in the mustering camp (commonly known as a Bruce Cart in the
outback)'(Walkabout 1Feb.45c1).

brumby 106, 155.
(AND 1880-1986).
1882 'Dave & I went out brumby shooting got a mare & foal'(Ulah 7Sep).
1899 'Not that she had any brumby element in her...she would have been easier to yard if she
had'(Rudd 40).
1905 'we dashed to the lead of the brumbies, and wheeled them for the big cattle
yard about ten miles away'(Rudd Jul.671).
1928 'a beautiful chestnut stallion...was running with a
brumby mob'(Aus.Work.26Sep.5c1).
1932 'The brumbies came to drink at night and the men
would be lying in wait'(Scott 20.c1).
1947 'The catching and taming of brumbies to supplant the
horses that were poisoned'(Syd.M.Her.4Jan.11c1).
1955 'And what of the brumby round-up on
1965 'South Australian Alec Rabig goes
mustering brumbies on a motor-bike'(Sun.Mail23May.15).
1985 'I remember him yoking into a buggy, beside a big reliable chestnut nag, a newly-mouthed half-brumby colt'(Queen.5 Dec.2c1).

brumby fig. 106.
(AND 1890-1980).
1912 'they [bush children] were as wild and frightened as newly captured
brumbies in the presence of a stranger'(Hennessy 54).
1927 'The Labor men who have broken
away...he described as "a lot of brumbies"'(Aus.Work.6Jul.3c4).
1936 'She was merely a human brumby...a high-spirited tomboy'(Clarke 133).
1946 'will you stand still, you son of a
brumby' (Devaney 15).
1952 'He was a small man, but tough and wiry as a mountain
brumby'(Cleary 4).
b- runner, running 106. (AND 1897-1945). 1928 'I'm up here in advance of the police, looking for a chap that used to be "brumby running" on the Dawson'(Queen.19Jan.8c5). 1932 'This was when the brumby running was on and all hands, brumby runners and all were requisitioned to search for the missing sheep'(Scott 13c3).

brumby selector 164,126. 1931 'She was the daughter of a brumby selector far up the Bandicoot' (Franklin 48).

brush 68.
(AND 1789-1977). 1804 'followed them by tracks thro' the Brush'(Syd.Gaz.22Jul.3c3). 1826 'Now the brushes or woods, for 15 miles around this place, are large'(Aust.22Jul.3c2). 1842 'There is a good deal of brush and other rich land cleared and fenced in on this farm'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.1Jan.1c5). 1853 'Brush is forest with occasional underwood, but not so dense as scrub'(Sherer 98 note). 1883 'Brush was allotted to the growth of large timber on alluvial lands, with other trees intermixed, and tangled vines'(Rusden Vol.1.67 note). 1910 'By brush we mean soft timbers, such as cedar, beech, pine, etc., growing dense and tall, with heavy undergrowth of vines, fern, and bushes'(Kaleski 9).

brush combs. 68.
b- farm 1843 'Dan Quitrent ain't satisfied with his own BRUSH FARM, without trying to turn a furaow (sic) upon his neighbour's STUBBLE GROUND'(Sat.S.Chron.8Apr.3c3).
b- fence also 117, 118. (AND 1824-1980). 1824 'Those lands that are protected from depredations...are generally surrounded either by a brush fence or...the American [fence]'(Curr 119). 1882 'Neil put up brush fence between home padk & Burnell Padk'(Macdonald 20Dec). 1891 'I started early and walked up Stoney Creek to its head where a brush fence crosses the gap'(O'Shaughnessy 15Jul). 1942 'entirely different from the post-and-rail or brush fence, the two types then in general use'(Glasson 3).
b- flier 1888 'had as much chance...as a cattle dog of catching a "brush flier"'(Boldwood 62).
b- hook 1925 'The undergrowth was so thick that it was only by the use of axe and brush-hook that the trees could be reached and felled'(Telegraph 11Aug.7c3). 1954 'These are then cut down with brush hooks and the stalks stacked and burnt'(Cane Quart.1 Oct.53cl).
b- kangaroo (AND 1802-1962). 1926 'When he wanted something to eat, he made damper and snared brush kangaroo'(Prichard 27).
b- land 1828 "brush land", being that which is situated on the banks of, and running parallel to the rivers. This land... produces larger and heavier timber than other lands, and also a thick jungle, or underwood'(Dangar 99).
b- paddock 1839 'A paddock of 30 acres...adjoining which is a brush paddock of 130 acres, fenced in with a substantial fence'(Austral.Chron.2Aug.3c4).
b- range 1841 'Comprises eighty seven acres...with brush ranges, well covered with good black butt and other timber'(Omnibus SS.30 Oct.39c4).
b- sawyer 1847 'no more is done by the brush-sawyer than just to break the logs down into planks, many of which contain four, five, six hundred square feet'(Harris 60).
b- yard also 121. (AND 1835-1980). 1851 'Abandoned brush yards and old huts--prophesied a new Station not far distant'(Tester 239). 1870 'You will see a brush yard on a sand hill'(Aus.Journ. Vol.6.14c1). 1878 'a rough, upper-shepherd sort of individual who counted sheep and helped to make brush yards'(Boldwood 41). 1895 'To each of these huts it was customary to erect a brush yard to put the sheep in at night'(Kirby 157).
1914 'The putting up of these buildings and brush yards were the first steps towards forming a station'(Hamilton 47).

brushing 68.
1890 'Sorting rails out of the brushing so that they won't get burned when the fire is put in'(Towner 22 Oct).
brushwood 68.
1905 'interlocked with fallen brushwood'(Penny 1). 1911 'any clump of brushwood, any old log or little knoll or grassy hollow might hide the one she sought'(Bruce 233).

brute 180.
1887 'the shepherds did their best...but the stupid brutes wouldn't move'(Nicsols Vol.1.126).
1959 'Great, hulking brutes they were, wrinkled like concertinas and twice as heavy as the Merinos' (Tritton 28).
1980 'You've shorn the brutes, and kicked 'em down the shutes'(Gunn 135).
buck 106.
(AND 1848-1981). 1849 'a rough-rider mounts him, and he then often commences bucking; thus contracting a habit which he seldom afterwards abandons'(Townsend 48). 1867 'the horse she was riding being a spirited animal, began to buck, and threw her'(Den.Chron.14 Dec.4c1). 1887 'I get "bucked off". They stick to their seats like very centaurs'(Suttor 78). 1972 'the horses trying to buck their brands off while the going was still bad'(Hoofs Feb.41).
buckjump 106.
n. (AND 1873,1882). 1863 'with a sudden buck-jump, the horse pitched me off and fled'(Graham 257).
v. 1862 'attention was called to a man whose horse was buckjumping in a most extraordinary way, the rider sitting in his saddle apparently at perfect ease'(West.Post 1 Oct.2c3).
buckjumper 107.
(AND 1838-1981). 1848 'An expert "buck-jumper" usually begins when his rider is in some degree off his guard'(Haygarth 78). 1859 'He had not been able since to make any use of the horse, which turned out a buck-jumper'(North.Times 11 May.2c5). 1868 'although brought up in the midst of an Australian bush, I was never astride a buckjumper'(Aus.Journ. Vol.3.564c2). 1881 'From the manner in which he stands, and the caution displayed by the men in approaching him, it is evident he is a buckjumper of the first force'(Ill.Aus.News 24 Aug.155c1). 1898 'most impressed by the fact that he could ride a "buck-jumper"'(Queen.19 Nov.969c1). 1911 'the olive-skinned boy who could sit a squealing buck jumper with the crack riders of the Paroo and the Gregory'(Dorrington 27). 1920 'I rate myself as only second class at riding buckjumpers'(Bull.22 Jul.22c4). 1935 'As a rider of buckjumpers--well, their brands were more likely to be bucked off before Mackay'(Aus.Work.27 Nov.10c3). 1959 'It was the end of Bobs as a buckjumper, for he could never be persuaded to buck again'(Tritton 15).
buckjumping 106.
(AND 1838-1980). 1845 'The horse instantly sprang up again, and commenced buck jumping'(Morn.Chron.19 Mar.3c2). 1859 'Young horses often have an ugly habit called "buck-jumping"...usually practised at a time when the brute thinks its rider is unprepared for it'(Burrows 144). 1866 'hardly was I well in the saddle ere my brute of a horse took it into his head to initiate me into the mysteries of "buck-jumping"'(Stamer Vol.2.21). 1882 'the gallant but mutinous steed...try no more buckjumping tricks with this horseman'(Austral.Sketch.11 Mar.70c3). 1896 'That animal, being young and "touchy", immediately exhibited a fair imitation of that well-known Australian gambade known as "buck-jumping"'(Boldrewood 207-8). 1915 'The new-chum was gazing with astonishment at the exhibition of buckjumping'(Bull.5 Aug.22c3). 1933 There was a circus and buckjumping show here about four winters ago'(Aus.Work.12 Apr.5c5).
buckjump combs. 107,108.
b- rider (AND 1917,1919). 1938 'Only nineteen and champion woman buckjump rider of Australia'(Pix 31 Dec.10c1). 1959 'He was a familiar figure...sporting an outsize in sombereros like a buckjump rider on Yankee cattle ranches'(Aus.Work.7 Jan.7c4). 1981 'they reckoned there wasn't a greater buck-jump rider in the west'(Sun.Her.4 Jan.83c1). b- riding 1925 'Even the navy and the carpenter rode to work, and buckjump-riding in the streets was a common sight'(Aus.Work.8 Jul.13c2). b- show 1959 'He was no longer interested in boxing, but had a buckjumping show'(Tritton 21c1). 1965 'Bill says it's a Buck Jump Show. He won't have this rodeo business on. It's too American'(Canb.Times 26 Apr.2c1).
buggar on the coals 95.See beggar
1940 they talked about many things...even to the best way of making a damper, or a "Buggar on the coals," as dampers were called by many bushmen'(Rixon 72).
bulk classing, bulking 197,202,203.
1941 "Bulking" means the pooling of the wool of mixed bales and bags into standardized classes'(Goddard 32). 1950 'Bulk classing...The classing of small mixed lots from a number of owners into large lines in a broker's store'(Munz 150). 1961 In bulk classing you can do your own skirting...and bale your own wool in a way in which you can reap the greatest benefit'(Jordan 179).
bulky 199. See dense
1900 'Bulky... wool, long or short, being over the average in its bulk or growth for its class' (Hawkesworth 179). 1907 'Bulky... solid, a wool which fills the hand'(Jeffrey 148). 1941 'Bulky refers to wool that when grasped fills the hand and cannot be squeezed to a small bulk'(Goddard 42). 1950 'bulky or dense... shafty wool closely packed on the sheep; staples carrying a great number of fibres'(Munz 150).

bull (dog / joe) ant 100.
(AND 1880-1985). 1868 'This man...has split on his pals and we've left him [tied up] to the Bull-dogs [ants]'(Aus.Journ.Vol.3.292c1). 1895 'lunch was of a rather frisky sort as plenty of Bull Dog Ants and other crawling insects helped to make things lively'(Barbour 7). 1897 'Go and drink your tea...there's a bull-dog crawling up the side, and it won't taste nice in a minute'(Turner 43). 1907 'Nothing is missed--snakes, horses, sheep and even bull-dog ants'(Morn.Bull.4 Oct.4c5). 1941 'A number of bull ants had come shaping up belligerently round them...so they had prudently shifted'(Fowler 88).

bull dust 89, 104.

bull-frog squatter 125.
1846 'I mean "bull-frog squatters,"...millionaires by anticipation, speculating monopolists, birds of passage &c'(Mait.Merc.2 Dec.3c3).

bull the clock 173.
1969 'The phrase "bull the clock" was used in my shed recently, and on checking round the pubs, found it to be well-known'(Craig Note).

bull(ock) combs.
b- bell 111. 1908 'In the place of a whistle, bold Donald McRae / Had an old bullock bell, which he used in its stead'(Spencer 99). 1912 'The clanging of a bullock bell announced to the family that the teacher had arrived and dinner was ready'(Hennessy 23). b- cart 109. (AND 1805-1971). 1825 'To be sold by auction...one bullock cart, one dray'(Austral.14 Apr.1c1). 1833 'A small flock of sheep...a bullock cart, and a great variety of agricultural implements'(Tasman.24 May.162c4). 1847 'she sent the two children out to the bullock cart to see were the chains in it'(Bell's 30 Oct.2c6).

bull dust 89, 104.

bull the clock 173.
1969 'The phrase "bull the clock" was used in my shed recently, and on checking round the pubs, found it to be well-known'(Craig Note).
stage at sheep washing'(White 27Jan). 1874 'To "swear like a bullock driver" implies a very high mastery of this objectionable class of expletives'(Austral.Sketch.5Sep.86c2). 1904 'He chatted with the stockmen and bullock-drivers on the hotel verandah'(Palmer-Archer 280). 1981 'the giant...retired policeman started life as a bullock driver'(Sun Her.4 Oct.13c1). b- hunting 137. 1834 'our native lads prefer bullock hunting and rural occupations, to being confined to a desk'(Monitor 18Feb.3c2). b- persuader 111. 1916 'Bullock persuaders vary in their methods like other artists'(Bull.6Jan.24c3). b- puncher 109. See bullocky (AND 1856-1956). 1859 'demon yells of the savage bullock-puncher...another sobriquet for the teamster, whose whipshaft is always armed with a spike to punch an over-obdurate animal'(Kelly Vol.1.172). 1866 'the famed "bull-puncher" is rapidly becoming extinct'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.569c1). 1872 'the "bull-puncher," as the bullock-drivers are familiarly called, would have won his bet [to beat a train up a steep grade'](Eden 49). 1882 The genuine black soil "bull-puncher" with his team well bogged in a bad crossing can hold his own with the mate of a Yankee whaler and curse a Thames bargee into...an early grave'(Gibson 12). 1902 'He commented in the language...used by the bullock-punchers of the good days as they pranced up and down by their teams'(Lawson (3) 85). b- punching 109. (AND 1868-1934). 1867 "You've never done anything else but look after stock all your life?" "Not much, sir, unless you reckon a little "bull punching" by which I means bullock driving"'(Aus.Journ.Vol.2.Feb.379c1). 1907 "bull-punching" should come quite handy to men of their nationality [Spanish]'(Towns.D.Bull.4Jul.3c5). 1908 'He had decided to give bullock-punching a turn as a change from stock-keeping'(Gunn 76). 1959 'Billy Harlow was undoubtedly a professor in the art of bullock punching'(Tritton 36c2 ref.1905). b- shed 110. 1833 'a new barn...a four-stall stable, bullock sheds and piggeries'(Tasman.24 May. 163c1). b- team 104,106. (AND 1829 &1947). 1851 'In the midst of my reflections--the sound of a bullock whip fell on my ear'(Tester 8). 1866 'By George, Jack, your'e a regular bullocky boy' (Boldrewood (1) 121). 1905 'The "bullocky" is yoking up his team of twelve fine short-horns, to take out a load of posts to a fencing contractor'(Life Mag . 15Nov . 1073c1). 1932 'The next time I saw him he was in a bullock team in the streets of Moree'(Scott 44c2). b- whip 111. (AND 1846 &1870). 1882 'James Markham took his bullock team and I went with him out to the pines and cut a load of rafters' (O'Shaughnessy 13Nov). 1916 'But when Uncle Billjim wasn't in a hurry he used to harness up his bullock-team to the waggon'(Bull. 10Jan.red page c1). 1934 They were fellow-teamsters, brother bullockies and, as such, had certain interests in common, one being the thirst engendered by a day spent in shouting at a string of oxen through heat and dust and flies'(Smith's 13Jan.14c1). 1947 'I case treacle, bullocky's joy'(Hill 176).
bullswool 76.
(AND 1881-1981). 1898 'Bullswool—colloquial name for the inner portion of the covering of the stringybark tree...a valuable tinder for kindling a fire in the bush'(Morris 64).

bully beef 94.
(OED sb.5). 1916 'the men [soldiers]...set fire to piles of boxes containing abandoned bully beef and biscuits'(Queen.8Jan.12c2).

bung 100.
(AND 1912-1928). 1895 'We took bees nest. They stung me all over the face. Bunged up both eyes' (O'Shaunessy 9Nov). 1898 'The flies 'a' got me bunged blind as a pup'(Villiers 28). 1953 'the fly-sting which was the prelude to a bunged eye'(Lamond 154). 1971 'with its eyes and mouth bunged up with dust'(West.Her.21May.1).

bung blight 100.
1903 'Butler, he's laid up with the bung blight in both eyes'(Furphy 283).

bung(y) eye 100.
(AND 1892-1967). 1892 'it [sandy blight] is also known as "bung-eye"'(James 242). 1902 'Why did she not keep the flies out of her mouth and eyes? She'd have bungy eyes if she didn't'(Baynton 19). 1918 'to harass us...[with] sandy blight, bungy eyes, and dysentery' (Fetherstonhaugh 205). 1920 'If you survived these three without a bung eye, try to prove to any scrubber that his watch doesn't keep the correct time and you'll stop one'(Bull.22Jul.20c2). 1965 'came in bung-eyed, to sit at the head of the table'(Boyd 29). 1980 'With fat stock all around you, and a pair of bungy eyes'(Gunn 210).

bung the mill 94.
(AND 1895-1907). 1869 'he had to "bung the mill" or grind it, with his own hand, and hand-sift it afterwards before he could use it'(De Boos Vol.4.578c1). 1907 'At that time "Bunging the Mill," as it was called, was largely practised on the stations'(MacAlister 122).

bungarra 94.
1908 'He who dines on caviare,/ Or on boiled bungarra,/ Murmurs, as he breast the bar,/ "Comeanavajarrah"'(Dryblower 25).

bungwa, bungwall 94.
(AND 1824-1978). 1824 'The natives...showed them where to find and how to use the bungwa...a very nutritious root, something like a ferne (sic)...but larger; it is found in swamps'(Aus.No.2.2c2). 1830 'the Bungewall ground...covered with a species of fern...upon the roots of which, when pounded between two stones and roasted, they had subsisted'(Dawson 318). 1839 'His gins were particularly attentive to his wants...pounded and roasted his bungwall'(Austral.21Mar.2c7).

bunyip aristocracy 124.
(AND 1853-1972). 1853 'he supposed they were to be favoured with a bunyip aristocracy'(Syd.M.Her.16Aug). 1892 'They had been twitted with attempting to create a mushroom, a Brummagem, a bunyip aristocracy'(Parkes Vol.1.35). 1973 'Then there were the WASPs—the aloof, pathetic, insufferably arrogant remnants of the bunyip aristocracy'(McGarrity 160). 1976 'They [Unions] said the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, is trying to create a "bunyip aristocracy"'(Sun 1Jun.3c1).

Burdekin vomit 99. See Barcoo
(AND 1918). 1918 'the Northern men termed it [water brash or pyrosis] the "Burdekin vomit"'(Fetherstonhaugh 272).

burling 208.
(OED vbl.sb.1). 1912 'Burling...removing surface imperfections from cloth'(Hunter 113). 1944 'This process of "burling" cost money, and it did not improve the cloth'(Mather 65). 1950 'burling...removal of burrs and other vegetable matter, slubs, thick threads, and other irregularities from cloth'(Int.W.Sec.63).
burn off v. 59,71.

(AND 1793-1981). 1832 'It has several enclosed paddocks for the purpose of grazing--125 acres fenced in, cleared and burnt off'(Currency 29Dec.1c3). 1845 'The gang, or party, under the orders of overseer Joe was at present employed in burning off the trees'(Tucker 81). 1879 'Pat Markham and I grubbing and burning off'(O'Shaughnessy 1Nov). 1896 'Hawkins burning off heaps of briars in heifer paddock'(Bedervale 4 Sep). 1902 'whilst burning off yesterday at Crystal reek, had one of his legs fractured by a log falling on him'(Syd.M.Her.16Apr.5c6). 1984 ref.1880s.'Then y' can go back to the clearing and burn off. I need the land reclaimed'(Lawrence 98).

burning off (up) 71.

(AND 1804-1981). 1811 'The prices paid for...felling forest timber, 10s per acre; for burning off ditto, 25s per acre'(Mann 39). 1824 'another has to undertake the laborious process of felling and burning off, before he can put the plough into the earth'(Curr 112). 1832 'I was employed away from the house burning off'(Hill's 21Dec.2c5). 1911 'Summer was very late that year, and "burning-off"...had been carried on much longer than was generally possible'(Bruce 23). 1913 'In the aftermath of the burns-up came the gooseberries, cherry tomatoes, passion fruit and raspberries' (Dorr.H .Soc.).

burr combs. 67, 149.

b- camp 1955 in the burr-camps as a cook'(Niland 72). b- cutter 129,153. (AND 1890-1964).1880 'Claude went and saw burr cutters and Lane and home paddocks'(Macdonald 23Apr). 1904 'I met her at a burr-cutters' dance at Mimosa Crossin'(Palmer-Archer 278). 1899 'If there is anything worse than burr-cutting or breaking stones, it's putting corn in with a hoe'(Rudd 8). 1903 'Work's scarce; contractors camped for want of water; too late for burr-cutting; nothing doing'(Furphy 267). 1955 'they would take a job burr-cutting, walking about with a long handled-hoe, and not minding it, so long as the burrs were not too plentiful'(Niland' 27).

b- ganger 153. 1955 'I been a burr-ganger in some of the biggest camps in this country' (Nilard 29).

burry 161,200,207.

1899 'Burry wool is a source of trouble to some manufacturers'(Jeffrey 42). 1971 'Burry types met a strong demand at relatively high levels compared to other wools'(Wagga D.Ad.S.Jun.7).

burst up 88.

1902 'It's too warm to be natural...I'd say we're not far from a burst up, either wind or rain' (Boldrewood 157).

burster 88. See buster

(AND 1854-1903). 1864 'Often in the saddle from daylight till dark over ranges and gullies, heedless of "crabholes" and "bursters"'(Ill.Syd.News 16Dec.12c1). 1881 'Scarcely a "burster" ever comes up from the South without leaving a tale of disaster to be told after its departure'(Balmain Ind.16Apr. 4c4).

bush n.

(a) 58. (AND 1790-1978). 1817 'a man of the name of William Drew...having been found dead in the bush near Burne's farm'(Hob.T.Gaz.11 Oct.1c2). 1855 The bush is the term applied by the colonists to the woods throughout the country'(Caldwell 103). 1874 'There wasn't a sound to be heard / The bush was as still as the dead'(Walch 81). 1914 'The native idea of being up to date is...go into the bush and slaughter as many pigeons, doves and parrakeets as he can'(Bull.6Aug.26c1). 1930 'When I was a little girl there were plenty of paddy-melons in the bush, and their little runs or tracks were everywhere'(Aus.Work.22Jan.5c1). 1945 'The Australian does not speak of "the woods" or "the forest", but of "the bush"'(Allan 166). 1958 'Beyond the valley again, the bush took all to itself, clothing the far hills as though with moss, till all was lost in the misty blue of the great ranges far away'(Chauncy 40).

(b) 58. (AND 1825-1903). 1844 'they go into the interior, or bush, as it is termed, beyond the occupied parts of the country'(Atkinson 104). 1867 'The murder of Carrol...is bringing to light
the state of society which exists in the bush of that neighbourhood'(Bath.D.Times 26Jan.2c2).

1868 'it was such a change up in the bush for us to look upon anything but long lines of eternal brick and stucco'(Aus.Journ.Vol.3.390c2). 1880 'for the dwellers in the bush ready-made clothing or none is the only choice'(Inglsis 16). 1899 'i know you fellows from the bush like to get into these quiet spots now and then...away from the ken of your fellow-men'(Walker 1).

1907 'the life led by the patriarchal Hebrews must seem strangely familiar to those who lived in "the bush" when Australia was first settled'(Burfitt 2). 1922 she told me she had spent 60 years in the bush before becoming a woman of the suburbs'(Aus.Work.19Jul.15c4). 1936 'i'm always glad to get back to the bush'(Wicking 121). 1966 'the outstanding physical characteristic of the continent is "the bush", as the inland countryside is called'(McGregor 18). 1987 'and there is the general hostility towards the A.L.P. [Australian Labor Party] that builds up in the bush when times are hard'(Syd.M.Her.5 May 12c2).

bush (it) v. 58.

(and 1825-1894). 1838 'we bushed for the night under a low scrubby tree, with nothing for the horses to eat, and no water'(Monitor 9 May. 4c1). 1846 'i, in common with many others, have felt an inking to bush it in search of something wonderful and new'(Bell's 27Jun.1c4). 1851 'i'm not a bushman like you, i'm only a tyro at bushing'(Tester 33). 1862 'their "bushing it" being on a much more primitive style'(Albury Bann.26Jul.4c4). 1896 'i had had so much "bushing it" during the past two months'(Price 164).

bush combs. 39-63,102-106. other page references given where needed.

ab- arab 1910 'the golden West is...inhabited by grizzly whiskered "bush arabs" who search for gold'(Sun.Sun 23 Oct.12c5). b- bachelor 1923 'most bush bachelors have some wood to chop at the week-end'(Aus.Work.21Mar.13c4). b- bailiff 1843 'wishes to know what lord Blatherum...the bush bailiff, does with the money he receives for impounding cattle' (Sat.S.Chron.8Ap. 3c2). b- bank 1896 'the tapestry of notes on the wall behind the Barrow Creek bar...called the "bush bank"...at a later date they need only reclaim the money and keep on drinking'(Syd.M.Her. 1Feb.44c5). b- bashing (and 1967-1986). 1896 'fied's "life of variety" includes...a few years of bush bashing'(North.Advoc.2Jul.10c3). b- bellows 1856 'stooped down to apply the bush bellows' [by blowing] (Bonwick 52). b- biscuit 93. (and 1840-1975). 1852 'the bush cattle are...lacking in bush caution, the new mate' (Mundy Vol.1.315). b- bread 1896 'But the bush carpentering is not guided by very accurate rules either of measurement or style' (Mundy 492).

b- bridge 1850 'a bush bridge at Dean's Creek'(Vic.Colonist 27Mar.2c2). b- bridle 1878 'he is fitted with a regular bush bridle, which by simply unbuckling the bit becomes a headstall when occasion requires it'(Ill.Aus.News 27Dec.218c1). b- buggy 1889 'with a bush buggy and riding horses fastened to the posts'(Couvreur 179). b- candle 80. 1843 'boil them down for their fat to make bush candles'(Rowcroft 93). b- carpenter 105. 1853 'breaking into his "bush carpenter" which he maintained for about an hour'(Mundy 492). 1910 'he let him swing along at his long bush carpenter'(Cameron 15). b- carpenter (and 1841-1980). 1850 'the hut of a man, a bush carpenter by trade'(Melb.M.Her.24Jan.2c5). 1879 'he followed no trade or profession, but he was an excellent bush carpenter'(Hamilton 47). 1899 'he was reckoned the best bush carpenter on monaro'(Truth 17Sep.8c2). 1914 'saw a bush carpenter cut a piece of glass in two pieces the other day'(Bull.27Aug.24c2). 1943 'pine logs and slabs shoved together by bush carpenters'(Bull.24Mar.12c3). b- carpentering (and 1901-1923). 1880 'bush carpentering is not guided by very accurate rules either of measurement or taste'(Ill.Aus.News 6Nov.203c2). b- carpentry 1896 'but the "hut" of split slabs, with wall-plate top and bottom, and all the refinements of bush carpentry, was to be the real mansion'(Boldrewood 45). b- cart 1837 'there is likewise a good bush cart road from it [a farm] to Launceston'(Corn.Chron.13May.2c4). b- cat 154. 1870 'how dare you...you saucy old bush cat'(Houlding 58). b- cattle 1842 147. 'the bush cattle are too wild to suffer footmen to separate the working bullocks from them'(Aus.23Jun.3c1). 1847 'a scarcely less wild flock of bush-cattle galloping down upon you'(Harris 239). b- caution 1902 'lacking in bush caution, the new mate used the half bucket of water to boil the salt mutton'(Baynton 37). b- champion 1936 'we are
apt to be sceptical regarding the merits of "Bush champions" (Sportman, 4 Jan. 1833). b-constable (AND 1826-1870). 1825 'A military party... accompanied by bush constables, was instantly despatched... to the protection of the settlers' (Aust. Nov. 3c3). 1833 'John White, conditionally emancipated... obtained his freedom for services as a bush constable' (Tasman, 15 Mar. 87c2). 1841 'Mr. Jorgenson has figured in every sphere of life, down to a bush constable in Van Diemen's Land' (Laun. Cour. 25 Jan. 2c2). 1890 'Peter Bourke was the very beau ideal of the bush constable' (Pastoralist, 3 Jan. 9c2). b- cook (AND 1873-1979). 1861 'The model bush cook makes excellent light bread' (Miner, 10 Aug. 3c1). b- country 1928 'With a parish as big as Scotland... all travelling had to be done on horse-back and over wild bush country' (Sun. Tel. Pic. 2 Dec. 6c5). b- cow 147. 1847 'there is no place to confine a beast till wanted, and it is necessary for milking bush cows' (Harris, 287). b- craft (AND 1851-1980). 1845 'I cross-examined Mulga as to why his bush-craft had failed him' (Tucker, 101). 1880 'Skilled in bushcraft, well acquainted with the almost inaccessible country they took refuge in' (Town C. Journ. 33 Jul. 6c4). 1901 'Peter... possessed sufficient instinct and common bush-craft with which, by hard slogging, to amass money' (Franklin, 265-6). 1930 'By my travels in these open spaces valuable bushcraft was acquired' (Melb. Argus, 4 Jan. 9c5). 1970 'be prepared to follow tedious but essential rules of bushcraft' (Walkabout, Mar. 45c2). b- dandy 1880 'A bush dandy is a wonderful sight, resplendent in all the colours of the rainbow; frilled shirt front much embroidered' (Inglis, 16). b- dinner 1854 'a "bush dinner" of mutton, damper, and tea' (Capper, 33). b- doctor 1899 'Dad came to be away one day when his great presence of mind and ability as a bush doctor was most required at Shingle Hut' (Rudd, 73). 1929 'I'm a bit of a bush-doctor... an' with all respect to you, you mightn't know as much as I do about it' (Bruce, 145). b- dray 1897 'The bush-dray, the only vehicle used in New South Wales for the conveyance of wool and other produce, is open and low' (Haygarth, 48-9). b- education 1851 'as a preparatory step in bush education, I set him to work to cut a small sapling for our tent' (Foster, 21). b- experience (AND 1869-1929). 1881 'The appearance of yonder wily fellow at once invites him with a halo of bush experience' (Ill. Aust. News, 29 Jan. 2c1). 1929 'Innocent of what is called "bush experience" in Australia' (MacQuarrie, 123). b- experienced 1863 'strong and bush-experienced men of good character and horsemanship' (Yass Cour. 28 Feb. 2c3). b- fare 93. (AND 1827-1852). 1841 'our friends had partaken of our bush-fare--a very frugal meal' (Syd. Her. 1 Jan. 3c1). 1868 'we dine off the inevitable Australian bush fare--tea and bread and butter... to refuse partaking what is "going," is considered almost in the light of an insult' (Aust. Journ. Vol. 3.662c1). b- farmer 1847 'Men of large capital are the best wool-growers, but men of small capital make the best bush farmers' (Sidney, 17). b- fashion (AND 1843-1975). 1846 'discovered a hut built in the bush fashion' (Mait. Merc. 26 Sep. 2c6). 1866 'Gong was not employed there at all, only visiting, bush fashion' (Goulb. Her. 11 Jul. 2c3). 1902 'He tilted his hat, till, bush fashion, it "ung on one air," and went inside the shanty' (Baynton, 92). b- feathers 1901 'The mattresses were placed on a layer of "bush-feathers", as Dick Evans called them' (Boldwood, 39). b- feed 134. (AND 1841-1897). 1843 'The late rains have done much good by giving "the start" to bush feed' (Mait. Merc. 11 Feb. 2c4). 1866 'The recent rains have quite changed the colour of our bush feed... the young grass springing up rapidly' (Tumut A. Times, 5 Feb. 2c5). b- feed-stall 1907 'he took chaff and oats, which he placed in a bush feed-stall, consisting of a slit bag nailed to posts' (Spielvogel, 54). b- fence (AND 1828-1936). 1903 'sparely bisected by the primitive bush-fence' (Cambridge, 96). b- fire (AND 1832-1903). 1838 'we lay down to rest by the bush fire' (Monitor, 26 Mar. 2c3). 1845 'Your scanty food on a bit of bark, / Where bush fire only illumines the dark' (Oddfellow, 6 Sep. 3c5). 1891 'Making a good bush fire; we slung the billy' (Fenton, 31). b- flower 1911 'Our little maid's jus' grown up like a bush flower' (Bruce, 15). 1968 'Australian bush flowers have a charm all of their own' (Wom. Day, 18 Nov. 86). b- folk 1908 'we are just some of the bush-folk of the Never-Never' (Gunn, xi). 1939 'some scientists proclaim that a bird's call never varies... bush folk argue fiercely to the contrary' (Syd. M. Her. Supp. 3 Apr. 19c1). b- furniture 1866 'a few articles of taste added to the "bush furniture"' (Aust. Journ. 1 Jan. 304). b- girl (AND 1849-1915). 1922 'Two Bush girls worked and sobbed by turns amongst their pots and pans' (Bull. 16 Feb. 47c1). b- gossip 101. 1852 'Occasionally bush-gossip let out that the "black fellows" were going to get "a dose" [poison]' (Mundy, Vol. 1.232). b- grass 134. 1827 'the discord of 3d an acre rent for the use of His Majesty's bush grass' (Monitor, 24 Jul. 534c3). 1831 'The bush grass' (as well as artificial
grasses in paddocks) is rank and luxuriant'(Monitor 25Apr.3c2). 1878 'it is evident he has not been quite dependent on bush grass for feed'(Ill.Aus.News 27Dec. 218c1). b- grazing 135. 1847 'who would venture to farm efficiently on an annual bush-grazing licence'(Sidney 16). b- gun 81. 1841 'STRONG BUSH GUNS--Double and single fowling pieces' (Monitor 11Jan.3c5). b- gunyah 1899 'I came on a party of three brothers in a bush gunyah, hard up, and without tools'(Derrincourt 217). b- hand (AND 1850-1902). 1863 'I found my mate an old bush-hand, first rate at cedar-sawing, and at splitting and fencing, and yarning and smoking'(Graham 52). b- hatter 1984 'they [news papers] grated a local image; that of the bush hatter...beyond the company of men'(Malouf 188). b- hawker 1981 'the old-time living of Bush Hawkers had become defunct'(Keessing). b- hay 1838 'Barley, 3s6d to 4s, scarce--Bush hay, £1 per load--Lucerne, £8 to £10 per ton' (Monitor 9Jul.2c2). 1869 'Donald has given the nags some "bush hay"'(Aus.Journ. Vol.5.116c2). 1908 'Six pounds in bush hay is supposed to be the allowance for a single sheep' (Bris.Cour.2Jan.2c3). b- herd 1844 'The rude manner in which most of the cattle are bred in the bush-herds rendering them wild and untractable'(Atkinson 111). b- horrors 1951 'But some were not so prudent, and ended their lives with the "bush horrors"'(Barrett 29). b- horse (AND 1842-1975). 1847 'An excellent large straw yard, for bush [half-wild] and unbroken horses'(Bell's 18Dec. 3c4). 1866 'But the most difficult matter is to get clear of the bush horses which overrun so many stations'(Goulb.Her.11Apr.2c6). b- hospital 1955 'I staggered into a bush hospital; they patched me up'(Aus.Mag.3May 29c4). b- hospitality (AND 1855-1963). 1835 'the expression "dampers and shakedowns"... sort of generic phrase for bush hospitality'(Town C.Journ.12Mar.82c4). 1846 'with true bush hospitality offered me the share of his damper'(Bell's 27Jun.1c5). 1908 'For bush hospitality is something better than the bare housing and feeding of ghosts, being just the simple sharing of our daily lives'(Gun 82). b- hotel (AND 1865-1928). 1880 'Glenrowan consists of about half a dozen houses, inclusive of two bush hotels'(Ill.Aus.News 3Jul.106c3). b- house (a) (AND 1837-1981). 1846 'bush houses have many little comforts scarcely expected in the bachelor's hall of a bushman'(Bell's 27Jun.1c5). b- house (b) (AND 1890-1979). 1912 'Gardening can be successfully carried on with pleasure and profit in the bushhouse'(Syd.Mail 3Jan.5c1). b- hunting 1825 'bush hunting is toilsome duty...they were overpowered with sleep before they were overpowered by their prisoners [bushrangers]'(Aus.18Aug.3c2). b- hut (AND 1830-1979). 1834 'there was a bush hut near the place made of boughs'(Monitor 10Sep.2c3). 1851 'they discovered a good building, superior to most of the bush huts' (Geelong Ad.23Jul.2c6). 1870 'The bush hut...with the bronzed, sooty rafters of the roof, which shone like burnished oak'(Aus.Journ. Vol.5.636c2). b- inn (AND 1851-1910). 1848 a bush-inn in Australia creates little of that eagerness to "give satisfaction" (Haygarth 8). 1868 'a comfortless bush inn, after a wearisome day's journey on horseback'(Houlding 81). b- innkeeper 1848 'the chief source of profit to a bush-innkeeper is the custom of the labouring classes'(Haygarth 8). b- knowledge 1862 'I thought it advisable not to display too much bush knowledge'(Albury Bann.26Jul.4c4). 1929 'Have either of you any bush knowledge'(MacQuarrie 102). b- lamp 80. 1851 'their beds on sheets of bark along each side [of "gunyah"], and between them a bush lamp to read by'(Intell.15Jul.88c7). 1870 'The Bush or Australian natural lamp constituted of two pieces of pine bark about two foot long laid flat together and lit at one end'(Budd 68.1). b- land 1896 'He will...wander the great wide bushland through' (Dyson 68). 1915 'Those pacans from the bush-land and the town'(Bourke 70). b- language 1853 'expressing himself...in bush language (which may be better imagined than described)'(Read 124). b- lawyer (AND 1835-1985). 1848 'Those freebooters are generally "bush-lawyers", ever alive to points of roguery'(Goulb.Her.19Aug 3c3). 1868 'he was put up to it by the old hand, who is a bit of a bush lawyer'(Browne 68). 1884 'Beaver up about Pub half screwed a regular bush lawyer' (Macdonald 20Nov). 1895 'This "bush lawyer" has nothing to lose and everything to gain; so don't get in his clutches'(MacArthur 41). 1907 'their discontent...was greatly due to insidious bush-lawyers andagitators among themselves'(Towns.D.Bull.2Dec.2c4). 1937 'A bush lawyer friend of mine...was fined £2 and costs'(Bull.6Jan.14c4). 1965 'Integrity Hanson was a bit of a bush lawyer' (Hardy 61). b- life (AND 1833-1927). 1827 'the ennui which is ever concomitant on a bush life' (Monitor 27Apr.400c2). 1842 'Such old hands are...acquainted with bush life, and long accustomed to its roughness'(Hunt. Riv.Gaz.12Mar.4c1). 1866 'drays were loaded with the great essentials of bush life--rum and gin'(Aus.Journ. Vol.1.569c2). 1895 'The customary group awaiting one of the great events of bush life [new arrivals]'(Boldrewood 8). b- light 80. 1882 'my prisoner lit the bush-light which consisted of mutton fat in a pannikin, with a piece of rag for a wick'(Tolmer 81).
liquor 1899 'I have seen too much of the effects of "bush liquor" to have any fancy for it' (Derrincourt 147).

loafing 135. 1866 'THE CAUSE OF BUSH LOAFING--The employed shepherd, stockman, and hut keeper are thus enabled out of their surplus stores to feed the loafers'(Burran. Argus 21Apr.4c3).

lofe (AND 1862-1977). 1890 'That period gave the boys a lesson in bush lore that they are never likely to forget'(Cleland 112). 1915 'he found in us apt pupils in bush lore, the driving of bullocks, and the handling of cattle etc.'(Hay 208).

shepherd, stockman, and hut keeper are thus enabled out of their surplus stores to feed the loafers'(Burran. Argus 21Apr.4c3).

lunatic 1893 'the fellow... thought he had struck a bush lunatic'(Bird 2Sep.3c2).

B - riding (AND 1848-1935) 1846 'he knew the trick of bush riding... what gullies to shy, what hills to avoid, and how to take advantage of the ground'(Rowcroft Vol.3.186).

road (AND 1827-1963). 1827 'The road leading to Parramatta, then a great bush rider, Sleigh elected to abandon the horse and take to the bush, thus checkmating the police'(Baynton 2).

b - luggage (AND 1974). 1899 'her alarm and horror and sense of utter isolation, almost amounting to the well known "bush madness"'(Walker 195). 1869 'The Hamilton paper had a notice making the same basis whereon to erect an engine of offence against "bush mania, grog shanties and delerium tremens"'(Aus. Journ. Vol.4. 752c1).

b - mare 1821 'no barren or wild Bush Mares will be received'(Syd. Gaz. 27 Oct. 4).

b - meal 1850 'I found supper smoking on the table, and we made a regular "Bush" meal'(Goulb. Her. 19 Oct. 2c3).

b - mile (AND 1862 &1976). 1902 'Wind and rain and darkness lay before her on the walk of three bush miles to her mother's home'(Baynton 2).

b - mining 1899 'a fruitless search after a man of long experience in bush mining'(Derrincourt 321).

b - monument 1926 'As a rule the bush monument is a tree, marking some important event, some tragedy, or the end of a noted career' (Aus. Work. 6Jan. 13c1).

b - native (AND 1801-1962). 1863 'Manns is a regular "bush native", rough in exterior, and... a thorough stockman'(Goulb. Her. 7Feb. 2c6).

b - navigation 1847 'The ramification of bush navigation having proved too difficult for our perception''Bell's 4Dec. 2c3).

b - nurse (AND 1909-1986). 1932 'In all districts where there is no doctor the bush nurses are invaluable'(Queen. 13 Oct. 4c5).

b - nursing 1936 'The Public Health Department administers food and drugs, hospitals... and bush nursing'(Aus. Work. 20 May. 15c5).

b - oyster (AND 1936). 1933 'we had our annual bush picnic at Darriwella'(Bull. 5 Jul. 20).

b - pipe 1833 'The servant took a dram in moderation... lit his bush pipe'(Hob. T. Mag. Jun. 193).

b - poles 1845 'the bush poles of which it had at first been composed'(Tucker 136).

b - population 1863 'The man [would],... put the entire bush-population of New South Wales in the power of a few "jumped up" squatters'(Mudgee Lib. 26 Mar. 2c6-5).

b - pot 1979 'BUSH POT... Oval Quart Pot... $7.95'(Hoofs Feb. 61).


b - picnic 1933 'we had our annual bush picnic at Darriwella'(Bull. 3 Jul. 20).

b - races (AND 1880-1947). 1982 'Bush races... are usually the only opportunity these days... to take part in the exciting sport of flat racing'(Hoofs Sep. 107).

b - rafters 1907 'She looked up towards the high bush rafters [tree tops]'(Partridge 38).

b - rag 1899 'From a bush-rag's advt. column'(Truth 11 Jun. 5c3).

b - registry office 1847 'Bush Registry Office [advert. heading]'(Bell's 31 Jul. 4c4).

b - ride 1847 'The ramification of bush navigation having proved too difficult for our perception''Bell's 4Dec. 2c3).

b - riding (AND 1848-1935) 1846 'he knew the trick of bush riding... what gullies to shy, what hills to avoid, and how to take advantage of the ground'(Rowcroft Vol.3.186).

b - road (AND 1827-1963). 1827 'The road leading to Parramatta, then a "bush" road that is wide enough for a cart to pass' (Monitor 28 Jun. 292).
1852 'several Bush servants on the tramp had also taken refuge from the downpouring just heard by bush telegraph of a new game'(Bal.Beach.15Jan.13cl2). 1947 'the shearers sent word the ordinary Victorian bush town, except that it has a more prosperous look than some of

b- roof 1897 'There are a tin roof and walls to house the winding engine, tin roof and hessian walls to house the battery, tin roof and no walls for the blacksmith's shop, bush roof for the fitter's shop'(Antipodean 60).

b- run 1963 'a large-scale improved pasture program to give young sheep a good start before they are turned out into the bush runs [unimproved] '(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.20c3).

b- saddle 1844 'He has a large supply of...Good Bush Saddles...£2 10s'(Hawk.Cour.29Aug.3c3).

b- seach 1899 'a disease which causes the most loathsome ulcerated sores; I think the colonial surgeons call the disease the "bush-scab"'(Widowson 192).

b- scholar 1902 'being a bush scholar knew 'twas a dingo, when a long whine came from the scrub'(Baynton 24).

b- school (AND 1852-1975).

1896 'You remember when we hurried home from the old bush school'(Lawson prose works 1935 Vol.1.1).

b- scrubber 1898 'Bush-scrubber--bushman's word for a boor, bumptkin, or slatternly person'(Morris 72).

b- seat 105. 1899 'the real bush seat, an easy, slouching oneness with the beast beneath'(Praed 267).

b- selector 1921 'A man from the outside said...to a bush selector, "A man is mad to come into this country to farm"'(Sargent 10).

b- servant (AND 1842-1856).

1852 'several Bush servants on the tramp had also taken refuge from the downpouring torrents'(Goulb.Her.28Aug.1c1).

b- service 1846 'the Mounted Police, who appeared in better discipline for bush service than for escorting the new dignitary'(Bell's 8Aug.1c1).

b- settler 1833 'One bullock was sworn to [as to ownership] by a bush settler'(Syd.Her.25Apr.3c1).

b- shanty (AND 1885-1965).


b- shirt 1929 'He was a tall, thin fellow...clad in breeches and a bush shirt'(Bruce 99).


b- slang 1879 "Jackaroo"...is bush-slang for "Johnny Raw"'(Goulb.Her.17Mar.4c1).

b- slouch 1902 'The coat was...wrinkled across the back with his bush slouch'(Baynton 83).

b- sofa 1864 'Hall was within laying [sic] on a bush sofa'(Mudgee Lib.3Mar.3c4).

b- stable 1853 'I could not obtain men for thirty shil1ings a day

b- store 1851 'a hut or of a small creek' (Hawk.Cour.28Aug.2c2).

b- stock 1833 'assisting them to pack up a store of supplies for a bush stock'(Independent 14.Dec.2c5).

b- stretch 1844 'He has a large supply of...Good Bush Stretchers--making a stretcher of bags and saplings, on which Chadwick was carried'(Daily Tel.Pic.4 Dec.4c5).

b- style (AND 1838-1986).

1851 'we had a blazing fire, with tea and

b- telegraph (AND 101).

1844 'the Mounted Police, who appeared in better discipline for bush service than for escorting the new dignitary'(Bell's 8Aug.1c1). 1898 'bush telegraphs' for him'(Walker 106).


1964 'But the drovers' bush telegraph would warn them far

b- table 1868 'the favourite bush table...three planks on a barrel'(Aus.Journ.18c1).

b- taking 1828 'The men were mustered for the purpose of viewing the fatal effects [a hanging] of bush-taking'(Monitor 21Feb.991c1).


1863 There is a strong suspicion that a "bush telegraph" exists in this very township'(Yass Cour.11Feb.2c5).

b- telegam 101,140. (a) (AND 1864-1976).

1878 'The police are baffled by the false reports of the confederates and the number and activity of the bush telegraphs'(Aust.Vol.1.507). 1899 "Sly-shanty" keepers, shepherds, "old hands"--even blacks, all seemed to act as "bush telegraphs" for him'(Walker 106).

b- tonge 1902 'the adjectives...proved him to have readily and fluently mastered the lurid bush tongue'(Baynton 113).

b- town (AND 1874-1955).

1953 'Morton-Stewart was found in an Australian bush town'(Cour.Mail 2May. 1c7).

b- township (AND 1880 &1976).

1882 'differs very little from the ordinary Victorian bush township, except that it has a more prosperous look than some of
them'(Ill.Aus. News 2Sep.138c4). 1892 'The weatherboard store, hotel, school and blacksmith's shop are of the regulation pattern of the "bush township'"(Mennell 32). b- track (AND 1837-1979). 1869 'only a bush-track, not much travelled on'(Aus.Journ.Vol.4.674c2). 1881 'it gradually ceases to be a civilised roadway, and assumes some of the objectionable features of the bush track'(III.Aus.News 29 Jan.3c1). 1930 'They loitered about the bush track all the afternoon'(Lindsay 263). b- tracker 1864 'a bush tracker started in pursuit...running down the tracks'(Past.Times 8 Oct.3c3). b- tramp 1874 'there remain but three [seasons], during which a bush-tramp can be undertaken with any degree of satisfaction'(Stamer Vol.2. 260). b- traveller (AND 1834-1855). 1866 'The freemasonry of bush travellers in Australia would scarcely admit of one passing another without speaking a word'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.329c1). b- travelling (AND 1844-1888). 1865 'a piece of basil, to be used in bush travelling for the purpose of making a damper'(Tumut A.Times 6Mar.2c3). b- tucker (AND 1895-1986). 1969 'There is in fact a wide range of such plants, all grouped with everything else edible as good "bush tucker"'(Abbie 58). 1886 'There is a lot of bush tucker out there--they [Aborigines] won't starve'(Syd.M.Her. 14Jul.3c7). b- turkey 1880 'the shooting at rabbit, Wonga-pigeon, or bush-turkey is not bad'(Inglis 60). b-, up the 58. 1839 'killed by Savages on the coast, pretty prospect that for your noble Servant going up the bush'(Hargrave 31Mar). 1862 'I shouldered my "swag", and went further up the Bush' (Polchampton 180). 1893 'Many sailors "go up the bush"'(Barry 23). b- weed 1911 'And with the powerful odour of bush weed was blended the milder perfume of a cigarette'(Brady 24). b- week (AND 1919-1986). 1957 'She had the light on in there all night. What's she think it is, Bush Week' (Niland 157). 1968 'the annual Bush Week celebrations of the Australian National University'(Sun. Tel.28Jul.6c2). 1975 'What do you think it is--bush week?'(Ryan 74). b- whacker 60. (AND 1896-1981). 1897 'bush whackers go down like shot, and most of them are working a dead horse [income paying off debt] for twelve months to come'(Costello 118). 1902 'she'd got an idea that I was shy and poetic, and I'd only shown myself the usual sort of Bush-whacker'(Lawson (1) 20). 1916 'shy backwardness was gone; here was now no raw "bushwhacker," but a man self-possessed and self-assured'(Queen.11 Nov.42c3). 1930 'I wasn't goin' to have these city blokes pickin' me for a bushwhacker'(Lower 159). 1953 'I must have looked a regular bushwhacker the day I stepped out of the train on to Central Station' (Caddie 36). 1965 '[an American travel writer] believes all that "bushwhacker stuff" is "charming" but misleading'(Sun 9Jul.32c3). 1970 'the modern amateur bushwhacker need no longer undergo the painful toughening-up process [sleeping on the ground]' (Walkabout Mar.44c3). 1981 'our general appearance which branded us as bushwhackers(Adam Smith 78). b- bushwhackery 1965 'Bushwhackery [sub head]: Time Means Tucker, by Duke Tritten [sic] '(Aus.20 Oct.11c3). b- whisky 1879 'some of the neighbouring residents...joined him in the bush-whiskey speculation'(anon.13). b- work (AND 1846-1973). 1844 'having myself seen and conversed with several, thoroughly acquainted with bushwork'(Guard.27Apr.50c3). 1880 'He should understand bush-work, and be able to put up a fence or a rough building, and do repairs of all kinds'(Goulb.Her.31May. 2c2). 1868 'BUSH WORK--Quotes given on all Fencing, Sheep and Cattle Yards, Telephone lines etc.'(Walcha News 17 Oct.3). b- worker (AND 1891-1980). 1893 'some shearers have accepted references, "badges of servility," which every bush worker should strenuously oppose'(Aus.Work.5Aug.1). 1923 'Plenty of bush workers...supply an illustration of the saying, "Leaving off work to chop wood"'(Aus.Work.21Mar.13c4). b- yard (AND 1846-1930). 1847 'we knocked up a rough bush-yard of our own and got a stock keeper'(Harris 258). 1878 The out-stations were chosen, the flocks drafted and apportioned, a ration-carrier selected, bush-yards made'(Boldrewood 48). 1883 'I had now to turn to and work, making small bush yards, and preparations for lambing'(Pioneer 50). b- yarn 1864 'The sermons were bush yarns, often amusing, often obscene and profane, adding fuel to the fires of depravity'(Goulb.Her.9Apr.7c4). bushed 58. (AND 1844-1981). 1847 'Should a person on horseback get bushed, he must not over-fatigue his horse'(More.Bay Cour.17Jul.4c1). 1851 'At nightfall I was bushed, and after riding and walking for three mortal hours, found myself again at one of the encampments'(Geelong Ad.19Aug.2c2). 1868 'A shepherd takes a wrong turn in the scrub, and gets bushed'(Browne 55). 1877 'more than one adventurous explorer has experienced the discomfort and anxiety of being "bushed"'(Austral.Sketch. 17Feb.182c3). 1886 The chance of getting "bushed" when you have a flowing stream to go by seems remote, but all things are possible to a "new chum"'(Clarke 121). 1893 'we are on the wrong track--we are bushed among the ranges'(Merri 22). 1904 'it
was impossible to get ten yards off the track without being bushed (St. Geo. Call 6 Feb. 7).

1917 'the scrub gets thicker, too, and we don't want to get "bushed" to-night'(Queen.30 Jun. 46c1).

1923 'His... flock of amateur seconds had evidently got bushed in the vast spaces between dressing sheds and ring'(Smiths 7 Jul. 8c2). 1933 'on their first tour of the state, the Vice-Regal party had got "bushed" beyond West Wyalong'(Wom. Week.10 Jun. 3c4).

1947 'the intrepid, experienced Clapperton admitted, after some hours, that he was "bushed"'(Maclean 142). 1958 'Deane was keen enough to get out of it; but no sense in getting bushed'(Barrett 22).

1970 'it is unusual for a normally sensible car driver to get hopelessly bushed' (Walkabout Mar. 48c1).

bushfire (59).

(AND 1832-1985). 1827 'the dry weather, accompanied as it was by some large bush fires on the north and south shores of the harbour'(Monitor 13 Sep. 639c1).

1845 'There have been numerous and extensive bush fires in every direction of late, but we have heard of no serious losses of crops'(Morn. Chron. 19 Nov. 3c1).

1865 'Lexington run has also suffered considerably from bushfires'(Den. Chron. 21 Jan. 4c5).

1987 'If we do not beat all records for bushfires... it will be because of improved fire fighting methods'(Aus. Work. 7 Jan. 4c3).

bushfire brigade (59).

1970 'the Mount Druitt bushfire brigade'(Sun 29 Sep. 19).

bushian (147).

1838 'These wild Bushians... are famous leapers; a bullock, 900 or 1000lb. weight, will go over a five railed fence when put to it'(Waugh 25).

bushie (e) (60).

(a) (AND 1887-1986). 1879 'I think we poor "busheys" should be very thankful for having a train at all' (Goulb. Her. 22 Sep. 2c2).

1890 'Presently a splendid specimen of the "bushie" tribe slouches in' (Truth 3 Aug. 2c6).

1900 'they are bushies... and they do not understand the rules as yet'(Bradshaw 12).

1934 'The surest test of a bushie! He looks round for a rail to lean his elbows on, while the townie negligently leans up against a post'(Bull. 19 Dec. 20c1).

1949 'Like some other "bushies" Billy looks nothing in particular on the ground, but is a picture on a horse'(Idriess 185).

1956 'That was just an ex-bushie's way of saying he'd not had a better day out in his life'(Mirror 5 Apr. 44c4).

1986 'Ever since they started treating bushies like dirt, I've stopped being keen on the bastards'(Syd. M. Her. 15 Feb. 6c3).

1992 'Like some other "busbies" Billy looks nothing in particular on the ground, but is a picture on a horse'(Bull. 19 May. 15c2).

bushman (59-60).

(a) (AND 1825-1979). 1834 'he [a bushranger] is considered one of the best bushmen in the country'(Syd. Her. 7 Jul. 2c3).

1847 'A good bushman lives in the centre of a run, perhaps ten miles square'(Sidney 14-15).

1861 'the efforts of the inexperienced bushman to regain his path will only render his position more hopeless'(Gipps. Guard. 15 Feb. 3c1).

1871 'By the term good "Bushmen" it is meant that they should be thoroughly "at home" in the Bush and its ways'(Carrington 194).

1890 'harvesters and shearers break down their cheques, and bushmen periodically paint the town red'(Bath. D. Times 9 Jan. 2c1).

1902 'A long-bearded bushman... with a stock-whip coiled like a snake on his arm'(Baynton 81).

1912 'Joe was usually a man of few words, as are many fine bushmen' (Hennessy 3).

1931 'no bushman has ever rolled a swag like that'(Aus. Work. 5 Aug. 10c4).

1949 'the reputation of Australian bushmen, high throughout the world, was being injured'(Sun Her. 16 Oct. 9c5).

1962 'Don is a bushman of wide experience who knows his broad hunting-grounds better even than the nomadic Aborigines'(Aus. C. Mag. Sep. 62c1-2).

1980 'the two experienced bushmen... have stayed one jump ahead of the law'(Sun Her. 23 Mar. 7c1).
(b) See bushie (b) (AND 1827-1897). 1963 'There is quiet competition among members to learn skills and practices of the experienced bushman-hunter' (Aus.C.Mag.Aug.23c3).

e See bushie (c) (AND 1900-1931). 1990 'Colonel Otter was to go to the Cape in charge of the Bushmen's Corps' (Melb.Her.Stand.26Feb.1c6).

bushman's combs. 59,60.

b- attention 1942 'Standing to bushman's attention, with one leg crossed over the other, we drawled that we did not know' (Langley 258).

b- Bible 70. (AND 1888-1973).

b- bread also 94. 1893 'lock-up keeper put into our cell part of a damper (bushman's bread)' (Demarr 176).

b- carnival 1934 'it was decided to organise a bushmen's carnival early in March to pay off the debt' (Cour.Mail 1Jan.2c6).

b- companion 1959 'He repaired the swingle-bar with the bushman's companion (fencing wire)' (Idriess 65).

b- couch 1855 'The log for my pillow, saddle cloth for my bed and great coat for my covering—a bushman's couch' (F.H.Wilson 5Mar.5).

b- curse 1970 'it didn't matter a bushman's curse to us' (Wom.Day 24Aug).

b- hot dinner 1966 'bushman's hot dinner...(damper...and mustard)' (Turner 116).

b- sandwich 1925 'A bushman's sandwich is a lizard between two pieces o'bark' (Truth 19Apr.4c5).

b- siftings 1846 'the washy stuff produced by these brewers only to be compared to the bushman's siftings...keep it a fortnight and a glass of vinegar would be preferable to it' (Bell's 4Apr.3c2).

bushmanship 59.

(AND 1848-1967). 1848 'when he has been accustomed to this kind of "bushmanship" at an early age, generally proves he's [the Aborigine's] superior' (Haygarth 134).

1880 'he very naturally did not place much confidence in my bushmanship' (Stevenson 9).

1954 'listening to his vivid and deliberately gay account of various incidents connected with his training in bushmanship' (Fowler et al.6).

bushranger

For detailed discussion and quotations for the varied senses and combinative forms of this term, see J.S.Gunn, A word history of bushranging, 1980.

bushwoman 62.

1880 '[Ned Kelly's mother] that class known as bushwomen, hardened by a rough and almost savage life, exhibited that maternal instinct and solicitude which is hardly ever absent' (Town C.Journ.3Jul.9c4).

1893 'But the bushman and bushwoman are never long happy anywhere else than among their rustling gum-trees' (Adams 153).

1918 'She was a thorough bushwoman, and a good mate for Nat, who was the best bushman I ever met' (Fetherstonhaugh 271).

1930 'the best that could be done...was only a fitting reward for the arduous work and splendid courage which the bush women displayed during adverse conditions' (Austral.4Jan.14c1).

bust up 144.

1963 'the dog has been obliged to bust up "stuck sheep"' (Aus.C.Mag.Nov.54c3).

buster 88. See burster.

(AND 1873-1985).

1903 'we're goin' to have a real old-fashioned buster before many hours' (Craig 203).

1911 'The air was still hot and breathless, but little gusts of wind began to rise, the first signs of a coming "buster"' (Stone 85).

busting 187. See racing.

1897 'the merry game of busting [shearing furiously] is begun' (McKee-Wright 100).

butcher 181. See tomahawk.

1947 'I never call myself a big-gun shearer, but I don't like butchers' (Palmer 9).

butt 203.

(ext.OED sb.10). 1897 'Avoid packing in bags, fadges, or butts...as such parcels are...offered separately from either the main or star lots, and...realise prices unsatisfactory to the grower' (Gold.Mort 10).

1911 'Every bale, butt, and bag sold by Principals' (Town C.Journ.4Jan.4c1).

1934 'a big proportion of the ultimate profits derived from the sale of butts and bags is alienated
from the producer and the state' (Cour. Mail 10 Jan. 1980). 1950 'Butt... a parcel of greasy wool in a recognized wool pack weighing less than 200 pounds gross (New South Wales)' (Belschner 692).

**buttonholing** 166. See also **pizzle ring**

1965 'It is usual to carry out a very light crutching in autumn, an operation most commonly called "buttonholing"' (Henderson 89).

**by track** 103.

1896 'Along the track... are by-tracks leading on to large clearings, where farming, of a sort, is carried on' (Queen. 4 Jan. 21c4).

**by wash** 86.

1967 'Four and a-half inches of rain... filling the dam, the water running 3ft. deep over the by-wash' (Morn. Bull. 18 Feb. 6c6).

**C combing** 208.

1935 'C combing'... applies to a merino clip in which are found a number of fleeces of very fine wool, but having that heavy greasy tip on it' (Cook 15).

C.L. See **conditional**

1932 'About 1892 on brother Jim's advice we bought a C.P. and a C.L. near Mungindi' (Scott 45c1).

C.P. 55. (see **conditional**)

1883 'You are in error in supposing Waugh's selection to be freehold, it is still a C.P' (Kemp 5 Jun). 1893 'What do you mean by having 500 acres of C.P. land' (Beard Letter 2 Aug). 1932 'I used to frequently see them there on my rounds as C.P. inspector' (Scott 62c3).

**cabbage tree** (hat) 24, 55, 93, 129.

(AND 1802-1981). 1835 'had on when he absconded, a fustian trowsers, dark mixture jacket; and a cabbage tree hat' (Aus. 20 Mar. 3c4). 1846 'a young man... as game a chicken as ever threw his cabbage-tree into the ring' (Bell's 7 Mar. 2c3). 1852 'the simplest of costumes, a check shirt, wide open at the breast, no braces, moleskins, and a cabbage-tree hat' (Mundy Vol. 1. 52). 1866 'wearing a cabbage tree hat of the finest texture' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 1. 425c1).

1872 'head surmounted by a dingly "cabbage-tree" that had apparently borne the dust, and sun, and rain of many a journey' (Ill. Syd. News 8 Jun. 91c2). 1902 'an old, nearly black cabbage-tree hat rested on the butts of his ears, turning them out... and rather dirty sprouts they were' (Lawson (1) 95).

1916 'a spear, hurled down from the branches of a tree, plunked through the rim of his cabbage-tree hat... and stuck into his saddle' (Queen. 24 Apr. 43c1). 1957 'a barefoot boy of fourteen... hair sprouting through the roof of his cabbage-tree hat' (Niland 47).

1964 'Around his cabbage-tree hat is wound... a large puggaree of spotless white... two long tails flowing down the back of the neck' (Idriess 64).

**cabbage tree mob** 132.

(AND 1848-1973). 1847 'so strong is the national feeling of the cabbage-tree mob' (Bell's 16 Oct. 1c2).

**cackling** 179.

1931 'machine cackling... is most noticeable when the machine is being used at furthest point from the stand' (Grazcos 5).

**call the odd** 137.

1955 'Call the odd... Give the number between tallies of a count' (Lamond 268).

**camel pad** 105.

1896 'No teams had ever been along the camel pad, and I was told that all the bullocks... would not be able to take a waggon over the sandhills' (Queen. 4 Jan. 23c3).
camel punching 105.

1929 'He had knocked about the country with teamsters and Afghans, camel punching'(Prichard 70).

camp n.

(a) 135. (AND 1790-1929). 1827 'he who still calls Sydney, with its population of twelve thousand inhabitants, the camp...recollects the few earth-huts and solitary tents...(known properly then indeed by the name of 'The Camp')'(Cunningham Vol.2.62). 1834 'It was necessary, however, for him to go to Camp, as Hobart Town was then called'(Hob.T.Mag.Jul.245). 1887 "Camp" was still the name by which we designated the inhabited portion of the settlement'(Daly 184).

(b) 135. 1845 'They entered the camp...a collection of huts'(Tucker 77). 1871 There was a "camp" by the track'(Aus.Journ.Vol.6.662c1). 1901 'An assemblage of tents and hastily constructed shelters ...proclaims the "camp" or temporary abode of the expectant shearsers and rouseabouts [etc]...upon every large run at shearing time'(Boldwood 21). 1915 'found them [lost girls] at sundown in a patch of scrub only half a mile from camp'(Bull.9Sep.51c2). 1931 'Contractors [ringbarkers] must engage a camp of men'(Bal.Beac.13Apr.8c1). 1959 'That completed the camp: four shepherds, a cook, horse-tailer, and a boss drover'(Lamond 46).

(c) 135. (AND 1845-1976). 1874 'Put top end of Spring Station camp on'(Witten 16Feb). 1887 'A run is roughly divided up into several parts, in each of which a convenient "camp" has been chosen on which to muster the cattle'(Tyrwhitt 56). 1916 'dragged a trail from Camp [paddock] up Paddy's gully over to Mail Camp'(Witten 29Feb). 1932 'the less expert riders, jackeroos and visiting station hands, were assigned the task of keeping the cattle on the camp until the time came to draft their stock when each cut out his station stock'(Scott 17c3).

(d) 97, 135. (AND 1899-1979). 1874 'Fine weather. Had a camp [rest day--his usual Sunday entry]' (Witten 4Jan). 1885 'Had a camp in the morning went up to Gaske's in Evening'(Witten 5Dec). 1904 'Sup't Nolan home & at night left Charley G at fire & with M I came home for a camp'(Ulah 5Dec). 1916 'Had a good camp'(Witten 25Jun). 1932 'At the dinner camp that day' he was sitting down and looking at a hollow limb above his head'(Scott 25c1). 1955 'I'm going to have a camp'(Palmer 189).

camp v. ref. b. & d. above 135.

(AND 1848-1949). 1849 'A bushman...never, when travelling, enters an inn, but "camps out," with his opossum cloak, in all weathers'(Townsend 209). 1853 'we furthermore determined to "camp out" as much as possible'(Clacy 33). 1871 'The bullock-drivers...invariably "camped" under their own drays'(Carrington 211). 1883 'The spot at which we had camped...a very safe one, with abundance of feed'(Curr 76). 1902 'The carriers camp for dinner and boil their billies while the bullocks droop under their yokes'(Lawson 108). 1929 'Geary and Bob camped on the veranda for the night'(Prichard 112). 1932 'I'll follow him [bull]...where he camps I'll camp, but I'll yard him in the end'(Scott 8c3). 1959 'When we tired, we camped and boiled the billy'(Tritton 29). 1977 'I am informed that...the girl camps with her mother by day'(Bre.H.Soc.Letter.22 Oct).

camp v. ref. e. above 135.

(AND 1843-1980). 1849 'the flock attacked [by catarrh] should be removed to the head station (if practicable), and folded, or camped, every night upon newly ploughed ground...so as to keep them from feeding'(Duggan 3). 1870 'The method [of preventing stock loss] consisted in rounding them up at night this was called camping them'(Budd 36.1). 1879 'he staid [sic] an hour and went back to where his cattle was camped'(O'Shaughnessy 27Nov). 1886 'Fine night cattle camped real well' (Witten 21May). 1903 'Dungalear stragglers camped here tonight'(Ulah 8Jun). 1908 'mix them up as you like; but, by some work of nature, all the mates [sheep] will camp together that night just the same'(Morn.Bull.29Jul.6c7). 1918 'We visited [unintelligible] where sheep camped over night' (Harden 13Jun). 1946 'At nights we will camp the mob in some corner against a bluff at the junction of two rivers...or anywhere we think they think they will settle down quietly for the night' (Macfarlane 20). 1957 'Thousand cattle ex Boatman camped at 14 mile Brewarrina Rd Tuesday night' (NZ Land 14Mar). 1970 'the camping cattle were caused to rush (the bushman's word for stampede)''(Land 22 Oct.30).
camp combs.
c- draft 135. (AND 1951-1977). 1966 'Old-timers, however, still look a bit askance at the use of rodeo instead of "campdraft" or bushman's carnival'(Sun.Mail 9 Oct.4c1). 1971 'These are the pony club members...who took out trophies in the final of the campdraft'(King.Her.9Jun). c- drafter 119. (AND 1942-1976). 1935 'Old horses seem to be the best camp drafters'(Bull.3Apr.20c1). c- drafting 135. 1932 'He won a camp drafting competition...riding a very fast grey horse "Zulu", really too fiery for an ideal camp horse'(Scott 17c3). c- fire 135. 1868 'Camp fires were scattered far and near, like a wide-spread village'(Aus.Journ.Vol.3.308c2). 1903 'there was no sign of a camp-fire'(Furphy 134). 1920 'journeys over dry, blistering tracks and the nights around lonely camp-fires'(Palmer 6). c- horse 107,135,136. (AND 1886-1976). 1902 "why didn't you ride that mare the boss gave you?" "We-ell, I shouldn't think she'd be much of a camp horse"'(Praed 48). 1906 'He was round like a camp horse, and dropped the colonial experience chap over his tail'(Rudd Mag.Jan. 1177c1). 1912 (transcript of 1885 document) 'A "camp horse" will do his work without need of bridle or spur once he divines the particular beast his rider is after'(Bowes 97). 1920 'the overseer...had caught a quiet camp-horse himself'(Palmer 28). 1932 'I broke him in as a camp horse and he turned out one of the best on the station'(Scott 30c2). c- kettle 78. (AND 1805-1902). 1890 'appeared with a very black camp-kettle, or billy, of hot tea, which he placed on the floor' (Boldrewood 24). 1912 'Brownie, damper, and scones baked in a camp-kettle'(Tait 15-6). c- muster 135. (AND 1933). 1933 The camp muster was an annual event in the old days before general fencing, when...men from all the stations came along to identify and cut out their own cattle, with trials of horsemanship as a sideline'(Bull.9Aug.21c3). c- oven 80,94. (AND 1832-1882). 1827 '[for sale]...fire irons, camp ovens of all sizes, flour and corn mills'(Monitor 8Jun.430c1). 1833 'Nine cases of hardware, containing corn mills...boilers, camp ovens, saucepans, cross-cut saws, tea kettles'(Tasman.25 Oct.338c1). 1842 'Received by the Undersigned...Iron pots, camp ovens, steel mills'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.1Jan.1c3). 1853 'But richer than his neighbour, who has neither camp-oven, pan, nor grid-iron'(Geelong Ad.30Sep.back pg.7). 1864 '...a happy idea came to me of cooking it [a large mass of dough] in a large circular camp oven. I...set the vessel on a bed of red-hot cinders, and heaped plenty of the same upon the lid'(Armour 33). 1881 'when well baked in a camp-oven, [a damper] will furnish him with bread for nearly a week'(Austral.Sketch.3Dec.390c2). 1887 'the scones and cakes which we consumed so ravenously were baked by my mother in a camp oven'(Daly 55). 1905 'the camp-oven is one of the principal utensils. It is used for both frying and roasting meat and baking bread'(Rudd Mag.May.452). 1929 'Mrs Fussle made scones on her camp-oven' (MacQuarrie 261). 1950 'a camp oven...does rather resemble a flatliss casserole or entree dish made of quarter-inch cast iron and standing on three short legs about three inches long'(Barns-Graham 141). 1965 'there was good yeast bread, the dough being put in round camp ovens to rise as they jogged along, and later baked in ember-filled earth ovens'(Durack 26). 1981 'long hooks...to hold the big iron kettle and her iron camp oven. The kettle was always boiling and the oven (a circular iron pot with a close fitting lid and three little legs) was always simmering'(Adam Smith 76). c- pan 80. 1833 'The following Copper work is manufactured by him...Turbot, Amlet, and Camp-pans' (Tasman.2Aug.247c4). c- stove 80. 1855 'a three-legged iron pot and a camp-stove for every man, woman and child in the colony'(Caldwell 16).

canary (stain) 200.
1900 'Canary...means a slight yoke stain...distributed through the wool when washed, giving a delicate yellow'(Hawkesworth 250). 1904 'Saw Rams and "Canary" sheep'(Ulah 8Jun). 1917 'Canary Stain...A light yellow stain found in some Queensland wools which cannot be washed out'(Smith 181). 1945 'difficulties encountered in dealing with "canary stained" wool and wools with other abnormal yolks'(Pearse 192). 1950 'canary stain...A bright yellow stain in the fleece which is not removed by normal scouring processes'(Belschner 692).

cancelled selection 56.
1889 'I came out to Brula and went on to an old cancelled selection'(O'Shaughnessy 9Jun).
cane cocky 128. 
cap rail 122.
(AND 1849-1935). 1889 'establishing yourself...on the cap or top rail of the horse-
yard'(Pastoralist 5 Jul. 13). 1931 'all is calm, until the auctioneer mounts the cap rail of the
yards'(Bal. Beac. 10 Sep. 7c2).

capped 206.
(ext.OED v.3). 1941 'Capped refers to the removal of the cap of a bale, to enable buyers to
inspect the contents'(Goddard 42). 1950 'Capped... a term applied to bales from which the cap
has been removed... to facilitate close inspection on the show floor'(Belschner 692).

carbo type 208.
1950 'Carbo types... Very burry wools, usually short, from which the vegetable fault cannot
economically be removed by mechanical methods'(Belschner 693).
carbonize 208.
1926 'An immense quantity of wool is carbonized, i.e. burrs and vegetable matter
extracted'(Chard 23). 1962 'the burriest portions of the fleece... the portions most likely to be
carbonized(Barnard 8). 1971 'There were also prospects for skins and carbonised wool'(Wagga
D. Ad. 9 Jun. 7).
carbonizing, carbonization 206.
1899 'There are many methods of carbonizing... a very simple and common one, is that of using
a solution of sulphuric acid and water'(Jeffrey 103). 1918 'In the case of short crossbreds, the
damage done by the trefoil burr cannot very well be remedied... as such wools would be regarded
purely as carbonizing wools'(Bridge 16). 1941 'Carbonizing, a chemical process for removing
burrs from wool... it consists of steeping wool in a weak solution of sulphuric acid, then drying at
a high temperature'(Goddard 42). 1953 'There are two processes, wet and dry carbonization, the
former making use of an acid solution in which the wool is steeped, the other depending on the
action of hydrochloric acid vapour'(Clar 22). 1962 'It is usually preferable to eliminate the burr
by a process known as "carbonizing"'(Barnard 8). 1981 'Often associated with scouring is
"carbonising" — use of an acid process to disintegrate vegetable matter'(Rouseabout 1).

card 209.
(OED v.1). 1935 'Length... is the main deciding factor in determining whether wool is to be
carded or combed'(Goddard 14). 1944 'the woollen textile mills will... give you some idea of
what the wool has to contend with, for all wool must be carded'(Mather 69). 1950 'These [seed
and burr] have to be removed before the wool is "carded"'(Int. W. Sec. 28). 1962 'The raw wool
fibres are scoured (washed) to free them from grease and dirt, then "carded". This process teases
apart the fibres that have become matted in scouring'(Barnard 6).
card clothing 209.
1943 'These cylinders are covered with card clothing equipped with millions of fine short small
diameter wires— similar to a steel brush'(Walkabout Nov. 25). 1953 'These cylinders are covered
with a large number of short, fine steel claws known as "card clothing"'(Clar 28).
carder 210.
(OED 1). 1868 'The carder is a machine precisely similar to the scribbler in principle, but with
numerous cylinders, and with wires or teeth of a finer texture'(Jondaryan 18). 1899 'Carders use
a "clothing wool", i.e. a short wool'(Jeffrey 42).
(OED sb.1). 1848 'If there be any objection to the length of the staple, it is as regards carding,
and not combing'(Southey 10). 1905 'Carding is common to both woollen and worsted
processes'(Ag. Gaz. 245). 1912 'Carding... The teasing-out of fibre by the aid of fine steel wire
points set in rubber or leather foundations and mounted on cylinders'(Hunter 113). 1944
'Carding... a process which thoroughly opens and separates the fibres by pin action and delivers
them in film or sliver form'(Minter 68). 1957 'The vegetable matter... may be removed when the
wool is opened in the subsequent carding process'(Guthrie 20). 1964 'The next stage in treating
the wool is known as carding'(Anderson 57).
carding combs.
c- engine, machine 209, 210. 1918 'the carding engine eventually brings the filaments together,
and these... form a rope or "sliver"'(Ormerod 112). 1922 'Shorter wools... are put through the
carding machine' (Perry 136). 1943 'It is "fed" on to a carding machine consisting of cylinders of various sizes revolving at different speeds and in opposite directions to one another' (Walkabout Nov. 25c3). 1964 The carding machine used today was developed from one made by Arkwright in 1775' (Anderson 57). c- sorts 210. 1941 'The worsted manufacturer needs combing wool, and the woolen section requires carding sorts' (Goddard 32). c- wool 209, 210. 1882 'Those which are much waved, and have many serratures, are called carding-wools, from their being simply prepared for spinning by a carding machine' (Armstrong 55). 1898 'Carding wools are classed differently from combing wools' (Prod. Gaz. 364). 1941 'Carding wool refers to inferior wool types that are carded and not combed' (Goddard 42).

card shuffler 106. 1978 'The bushmen would call a "card shuffler" because of his ambling gait' (Garvey 48).

carpet (wool) 209. 1907 'It could be what was called in the wool industry "carpet"' (Morn. Bull. 1 Feb. 3c7). 1920 'The wools that are classed as "carpet" are of low quality, in fact, they are but hairs or Kempy products' (MacDonald 142). 1950 'Carpet wools... very coarse wools of counts usually from 22's to 34's' (Int. W. Sec. 63). 1962 'The first main subdivision is to apparel wools and carpet wools, the latter requiring a proportion of hairy fibres' (Barnard 40).

carrion 110. (ext. OED sb.A.5). 1903 'The other feller he goes out in the mornin' on foot, thinkin' to fine his carrion among that mulgar'... 'this feller's wagon was standin' there yet; an' no sign o' him nor his carrion' (Burphy 16, 17). 1974 'Father always referred to his bullocks as carrion, pronounced the same as "Karen"' (O'Neil Interview).

cart wheel damper 142. (AND 1900-1948). 1946 'The food provided for us was plentiful, but somewhat primitive, being salt beef and heavy "cart wheel damper"' (Collinson 24).

cart track 108. 1833 'The grants of Captain Stewart... where there is now a cart track' (Tasman. 24 May. 163c4).

cast 144. n., v. n. (ext. OED v. 60). 1890 'Again and again Ralph lost the trail, and much time was lost in making casts to one side and the other in search of it' (Davenport 106). 1963 'The good sheep dog can make a good wide cast into position behind his sheep' (Aus. C. Mag. Oct. 39). v. 1932 'She would drive and work very well but did not learn to run wide (cast)' (Scott 22c1). 1963 'The dog is cast for the muster' (Aus. C. Mag. Oct. 39).

cast (for age) 141, 146, 149. (AND 1930-1977). 1907 'Cast for age... Ewes or rams that can be spared from a flock owing to younger sheep taking their place... much sought after... by men wanting to stock up' (Cooper 60). 1912 'Mr. Robert Rand purchased the Wanganella cast-for-age Stud Ewes' (RAS Ann. 150). 1929 'Shifted about 600 old ewes & 200 cast studs' (Gibson Apr). 1937 'They... set about making up their numbers without any unnecessary delay... 7000 cast for age ewes in lamb were purchased from Yallaroi station at a high figure' (Gunn 108). 1945 'Sound-mouthed cast-for-age breeders are a much better proposition, though there is a danger with them if the change of conditions... is very drastic' (Pearse 152). 1959 'I'll buy cast-for-age flock ewes' (Lamond 194). 1966 'The old ewes from the hill country, commonly referred to as "cast for age" ewes, are bought as either four-, five- or six-year-olds, and are retained on the lowlands for one to three years--- depending on age, constitution, and teeth condition' (Du Faur 139).

cast (fleece, line, sort, wool) 199. (AND 1921-1980). 1891 'Cast... a rough, coarse, bad-bred fleece' (Hawkesworth 8). 1899 'The Cast Sort... composed of all inferior fleeces, such as "extra heavy", "discoloured", "kempy", "extra coarse", "matted", or fleeces of "two year's growth"' (Jeffrey 53). 1910 'Others come along matted or wasty. They are shot... into a bin labelled "cast fleece"' (Bean 200). 1931 ' Provision must be made for "cast" sorts. These will consist of fleeces showing fault, such as tender, discoloured or dingy, very straight, ill-bred fleeces as well as those that are cotted' (Cowley 124).
1934 'These cast fleeces make one line, which may be kept open and added to from all merino flocks' (Hardie 39). 1941 'A cast sort is made to protect the main lines' (Goddard 42). 1944 'Cast... an inferior grade of wool which is either cotted, very dull, dingy or very tender. It should be separated from better wools' (Minter 67). 1953 'Cast... badly bred fleeces which will not fit in the ordinary lines of a clip; rough, cotty, doggy, tender and / or dingy' (Cooper 29). 1964 'Cast Line... heavy discoloured cotted fleece that would spoil a standard classing line. Cast line would probably be bulk-classed' (Smith 5).

catarrh 131.
(AND 1837-1942). 1838 'the disease, commonly called the influenza or catarrh in sheep and lambs' (Corn.Chron.10Nov.1). 1848 'The scourge of the sheeowner is the catarrh; a disease peculiar to Australia...it has hitherto baffled all attempts to discover either a prevention or a cure' (Haygarth 50).

catch n. 161,162,169,184. (AND 1933-1982). 1897 'to gain a catch the ringer makes a dash' (Mckee-Wright 100). 1956 'A "catch" of course is the sheep a shearer has on the board when the gong goes for time up, he then being allowed to shear or finish it' (Bowen 48). 1965 'The "bell sheep", or "the catch" as it is often called, may be an easy one' (Gunn i.7).

v. 185. 1871 'This enclosure is divided into minor pens, each of which fronts the place of two shearers, who catch from it until the pen is empty' (Corn.Mag.Jan.75). 1882 'No shearer to catch sheep while his pen is being filled' (Armstrong 171). 1956 'The first part of shearing is to catch your sheep and get it onto the board in the correct starting position' (Bowen 19). 1964 'Nearby is an opening into a sheep pen from which two shearers catch for shearing' (Anderson 45).

catcher (of lambs for marking). 149,158. 1882 'Two fast cutters at work...will require eight or ten catchers' (Armstrong 139). 1917 'The employer is not required to provide catchers' (Aus.CCA 7). 1955 'Lake, with two ear-markers and a tar-boy, stood outside the pens for the eight catchers to lift the lambs on the rail for him' (Lamond 118).

catching (catch) pen 161,169,174,182,190. (AND 1857-1980). 1863 'making gates, flooring and roofing catching pen' (White 26Jan). 1874 'Then twenty men make a dash at the catching pen; twenty sheep are lugged on to the floor, and twenty pair of shearers commence clicking' (Stamer Vol.2.279). 1888 'The shearer first seizes a sheep from one of the pens, called the "catching pen", and sets it on end, with its fore-legs under his arm' (Cassell Vol.2.222). 1894 'Then he dashed into the catching pen, and seized the smallest of two sheep that remained' (Robertson 3-4). 1902 'On one side are the "catch-pens", each holding woolled sheep for two men' (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.28). 1911 'at the first jingle of the bell there is a wild rush into the catch-pens and a scramble for sheep' (Sorenson 239). 1915 'The three catching pens, each 10 feet by 10 feet, are big enough to allow of two shearers catching from each one' (Mathews 10). 1927-8 'Shearers are waiting at the catching pen door, wool-rollers and piece-pickers are at their tables' (Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.96). 1932 'The sheep is caught under the neck and carried out of the catching pen, the shearer walking backwards to his stand' (Ag.Gaz.1Aug.557).

1941 'The woolly sheep stood in a large catching pen which was in front of the shearers, and used by all of them' (Glasson 7). 1956 'The sheep are driven up this ramp into the catching-pens that run down one side of the shed floor' (Dutton 102). 1962 'Enter the catching pen, and after catching a sheep, walk backwards through the gate to the board' (Aus.W.Bur.2). 1975 'Fetlock loaded up his handpiece, and walked over to the catching pen' (Ryan 115).

catching pole 137.
1849 'This roping-stick or catching pole [for cattle]...handily managed by both hands' (Harris 129).

catching yard 122.
1903 'Next morning, whilst I caught and equipped my horses, Jack tailed his own two into the catching-yard' (Furphy 277).

cat's head (weed) 153. See staggers.
cattle combs. Second elements may also be key words.
c- camp 136. (AND 1845-1976). 1880 'the tribe they belong to...are suspected of having gone near the Gondary cattle-camp'(Inglis 64). c- cockie 128. 1980 'The cattle cockie [they] seem to hate, / For all with one accord'(Gunn 31). c- country 66. 1838 'the land improving, passed over some fine cattle country well watered'(Monitor 9May.4c1). 1841 'Clarence River' a very superior cattle country, but too low and damp for sheep'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.11Dec.3c3). c- dip 157. 1907 'John Francis Scott, station hand...was found dead at a cattle dip three miles from Bajool'(Morn.Bull.6Feb.6c6). c- dog 143. (AND 1868-1981). 1845 'All being now mounted and followed by a few cattle-dogs'(Mackenzie 128). 1908 'Only a full-sized, particularly sturdy-looking fox-terrier against expert cattle dogs'(Gunn 122). c- drover 141. 1908 'In them every rank in bush life was represented, from cattle-drovers and stockmen to the owners of stations'(Gunn 81). c- hunter 136. 1848 'many stockowners who have arrived in the colony late in life, become themselves excellent cattle-hunters'(Haygarth 62). c- hunting 137. (AND 1829-1885). 1829 'From what I have seen of cattle-hunting, I must confess that there is more fuss and noise made than necessary'(Widowson 159). 1848 'Cattle-hunting (mustering and cutting out) in Australia is excellent sport'(Haygarth 61). c- jobber 50. 1847 'sometimes a bullock was turned over to the travelling cattle-jobber'(Harris 54). c- man 124. 1920 'It's the way any cattleman would [act]'(Palmer 9). 1974 'Jack's a cattleman, proud of it and of the men he worked with'(Aus.28Dec.14c1). c- muster, mustering 136-9. (AND 1845-1955). 1845 'the readiness with which our neighbours will assist you at a cattle-muster' (Mackenzie 132). 1864 'there had been a cattle muster, and fourteen men...were sitting smoking and talking by the fire'(Goulb.Her.2Apr.8c1). 1874 'The man who can't keep his seat as long as his horse can keep his legs, has no business to go cattle-mustering'(Stamer Vol 2.245). c- pad 108. (AND 1910-1980). 1908 'we zigzagged through scrub and timber, visiting water-holes and following up cattle-pads'(Gunn 91). 1919 'I watched from a nearby cattle-pad'(Bull.23Jan.24c3). 1930 'a little cattle-pad that led off the road at right-angles'(Palmer 232). c- punching 134. 1911 'It's a better game than cattle-punching, I should say'(Dorrington 42). c- pup 133,142. 1878 'Dingos are most common on cattle runs, where they do no end of harm by killing the young calves'(Browne 55) . 1878 'They are buying up unstocked country or cattle runs, and putting on ewes by the ten thousand'(Boldrewood 8). 1908 'Breakfast at sun-up...dinner at noon, and supper at sun-down, is the long-established routine of meals on all cattle-runs of the Never-Never'(Gunn 80). 1829 'Butcher's Hill is an immense cattle-run, some hundreds of square miles'(Macquarrie 151). c- ship 112. 1836 'to obviate the difficulty and delay of bringing his (cattle) ships round Cape Pillar, intends...to land them at Spring Bay, and drive them over land'(Bent's News 30Jul.4c3). 1846 'the Ariel cattle ship...was lost on the bar of the Port Albert'(Bell's 29Aug.3c5). c- station 115. (AND 1832-1986). 1848 'word sent to the adjoining cattle-stations'(Haygarth 59). 1868 'three persons having the appearance of diggers called at Mr.W.Broughton's cattle-station'(Goulb.Her.16May.4c3). 1895 These men, mostly reared at cattle stations of the far interior'(Boldrewood 81). c- track 140. (AND 1849-1960). 1838 'He would have done much better if he had...followed the cattle track, which would have formed a better road'(Monitor 24Aug.3c2). 1869 'The hoof-rutted cattle track'(Aus. Journ.Vol.5.24c2). 1903 'I found the river on my right, with a well-beaten cattle-track along the bank'(Furphy 100). c- trucking 1881 'that exciting operation known as "cattle trucking", when the fat beasts...are driven up inclined planes and into various travelling carriages'(Walch 38). c- walk 114. 1903 'it is to this never failing pasture land that the Queensland squatter often sends his bullocks when grass and water have become scarce on his own cattle walks'(Clow 22). c- yard 122. 1888 'There was a spring that ran all year round near the cattle-yard'(Boldrewood 292).

celestial 28.
(AND 1841-1971). 1851 'I cooied to old pigtail...and in a few minutes stood face to face with the celestial'(Tester 11). 1880 'The game of "fan-tan", so popular among Celestial gamblers'(Innocents 15May 82c2). 1899 'few people would vote for the total exclusion of these
Celestial visitants' (Furniss 70). 1973 'a division in society as sharp as that between the diggers and the "celestials" on the goldfields'(Murray 10).

central classing 196.
1960 'Independent firms--basis here is a pool [of wool]...here the term "central classing" came into use'(Aus.C.Mag.Feb.44).

Centralia 63.
(AND 1888-1980). 1925 'We were camped on the edge of a desert well on the edge of Centralia' (Bull.12Feb.24c3). 1935 'Travelling through Centralia we met with natives who had recently encountered members of a university anthropological expedition'(Bull.16 Oct.11c4).

century 189. See ton
1905 'some had got the century who'd ne'er got it before'(Paterson 28). 1920 'Swiftly the electrically driven shears shredded compact mats of dirty wool...the ringer of the shed piling up his double century'(Lone Hand 1Nov.32). 1959 'Dutchy fought hard for the "century" but first failed'(Tritton 61).

chaff burner 105.
1965 'Thornton gave him the drum [advice] to back a one-time Bunbury-trained chaff-burner called Denallie'(Daily News 17Feb).

chalky 200.
1965 'wool from the Down breeds of sheep such as the Southdown...[classified] as "chalky"

channel country 63.
(AND 1947-1981). 1966 'the annual "wet" which occurs in the summer months...may even start water flowing through the normally dry river-beds of the channel country'(McGregor 160). 1968 'Many channels...diffused, divided and joined together again to form the Diamantina River, which waters Queensland's "channel country"'(Walkabout Nov.18c2).

character 153,198,201,209.
1867 'The sheep I saw were...thickly covered with wool, which when opened was hard, by no means fine, and with a total absence of all character'(Jordan 10). 1896 'She is a noble ewe, of great covering, and cut 14lb. of high-conditioned, bold wool, of good character'(Gordon 13). 1902 'character...evenness of quality, with regular crimps and fine serrations, and true, sound staple' (Gold.Fleece Jan.11). 1919 'The Merino wool is noted for the "character" displayed'(Kelly 46). 1937 'character.implies that the wool possesses all the best characteristics...as soundness, trueness in the fibre, evenness in the formation from bottom to top colour, softness and freedom of growth' (Wool.Man.27). 1950 'A well-bred wool of good character will generally show even, pronounced, crimp and clear-cut staple formation'(Belschner 693).

charcoal stain 200.
1965 'Charcoal stain occurred when wool was discoloured from grazing on burnt-out country' (R.Ryan Interview).

check pen 123,169.
1887 'Put top rail on check pens'(Ulah 27Jul). 1890 Boys went out to drafting yard making another check pen'(Ulah 2Aug). 1915 'a small tank placed in the check-pen corner, will be very welcome...especially during the summer months'(Mathews 29). 1945 'it will be found convenient to have large check pens and divide them so that the sheep will not be running into the pen where checking is being done'(Pearse 87). 1956 'these are then handled by the drafting pens, check pens, and holding yards'(Bowen 120). 1964 'From the race they go into "check" pens where they can be checked for mistakes in the drafting'(Newton 162).
cheesy gland 152.
1931 "Caseous" means cheesy, so it [Caseous Lymphadenitis] is commonly known as cheesy gland' (Grazcos 29).

chemical branding 139.
1973 'Chemical branding--acid or alkaline solutions produce a brand similar to the fire brand' (Ag. Gaz.340

chemical shearing 186.
1974 'chemical shearing (or defleecing) could become the first shearing innovation in a hundred years' (Aus. C. Mag. Apr. 24).

cherry picker /picking 147.
1862 'Brought in three head of cattle for killing--slaughtered one, a regular "cherry picker" (White 12May). 1991 'it was a case of cherry picking...[they] are taking the best from the proposals and leaving out the bits they don't like' (Syd. M. Her. 9 Sep. 25c3).

chicken feet 179.
1957 'Chicken feet...expression used sometimes to indicate fork yokes [on the handpiece], as they resemble a chicken's foot' (Ryan 207). 1965 'The correct speed of modern chicken-foot or auto-rock handpieces should be at least 400 to 500 r.p.m. faster on the friction spindle than the old spindle type' (Pearse 338). 1973 'Note the webbed yokes (chicken feet) the fore-runner of the modern self-aligning yokes' (Aus. Work 14 Mar. 7c4). 1983 'The cutter oscillates above the comb, held down against it by two triangular devices called "chicken's feet"' (North. Mag. 8 May).

chiller 147.
1934 'Chillers are required to be prime at about 2 1/2 years old...about 1100lb. live weight and about 680lb. dressed' (Bull. 16 May. 28c3).

chinaman 193.
1956 'Chinaman...a lock of wool missed by the shearer and left unshorn on the sheep's rump' (Bowen 155).

Chinaman's track 103.
1898 'Did you ever see a Chinaman's track? It's a curious thing, simple, yet sufficient' (Bull. 20 Aug. 20).

Chinese hundred 189.
1955 'I hoped, by hook or by crook, to put up the "Chinese hundred" (fifty) opposite my name on the tally board' (Barnes 11).

Chinese nymph 98.
1832 'the "Chinese nymph of tears" Green tea, is to the rustics of this colony...an evil, of more than ordinary magnitude' (Hill's 14 Dec. 4c5). 1846 'Carriers are sometimes said to shake a tea chest, when they want a pot of the Chinese nymph' (More. Bay Cour. 7 Nov. 2c4).

Chink (ie) 28.
(AND 1876-1982). 1894 'Botany had been on the heathen Chinkie's trail' (Bird 1 Dec. 5c3). 1923 'Thursday Island...that stewpot of Chinks, [other Asian races follow in a list]' (Aus. Work. 21 Mar. 13c2). 1936 'There's a lot more in that old Chink head than comes out' (Franklin 145).

chip 138.
1974 'the great Australian Cow-Chip-Throwing Championship...two chips (pats) a thrower--and no gloves allowed' (Syd. M. Her. 9 Oct. 1c7).

chit 50.
1831 'In the earlier period of the Colony, little form was required in giving "chits" but they were always held equal to a grant' (Monitor 18 Jul. 2c2).
chock and log 118.
(AND 1869-1984). 1873 'Hinz had burnt down a nice little patch of chock and log fence in the big paddock' (Schrader 30Sep). 1903 'the primitive bush-fence...brush, dog-leg, chock-and-log' (Cambridge 96).

choice 198.
1895 'Choice...best part of the neck of a fine fleece'(Hawkesworth 5).

choogar bag 93,95. See sugar bag 2.

choom 47. See chum.
(AND 1916-1983). 1924 'The chooms took buckets and axes on Sunday morning and set to work'(Aus.Work.29 Oct.13c1). 1933 'Choos...had come straight from the ship to the back o'Bourke on book-keeping duty'(Bull.20Dec.2c1).

chopper 147.
1971 'light cows $124.50...chopper $76.50 to $91.50'(Wagga D.Ad.24Jun.11).

chop(ping) in 145.
1963 'chopping-in [in dog trials] can be penalised three points'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.50c3).

chow 96.
(AND 1872-1977). 1880 'Ah Noon shot a brother Chow at Bathurst because he was left out in the cold from an invitation supper'(Bull.28Aug.13c4). 1890 'we're not going to let the rowdies have it their own way any more than the Chows'(Boldrewood (3) 97). 1902 'He told her with sudden anger that any...black gin was as good as half a chow any day'(Baynton 98). 1914 'The Chow protested in pigeon [sic] all the way'(Bull.1Jan.34c4). 1924 'Chow--a Chinese'(Sun.Truth 27Apr.6). 1965 'He had a bit of Chow in him somewhere'(Niland 32).

chow chow 96.
(AND 1864-1878). 1862 'The first of these [refreshment breaks] is between breakfast and dinner, when they [Chinese] have a quarter of an hour for "chow-chow"...about a tea-cupfull of boiled rice, with a small morsel of meat in it'(Patterson 139). 1917 'Me takee chowchow for lilly [little] missee'(Richardson 203).

chuck 90.
1899 'And his food is called his "tucker" / Or his "panem" or his "chuck"'(Goodge 150).

chum 47.
(AND 1846-1953). 1912 'that...chum'll think yer a cross between a paddymelon and a boomerang instead of a horse'(Queen.31Aug.46c1).

chute 86,169. See schute, shoot
1907 'I told the boys to finish the chute as it was to rain'(Ulah.25Jul). 1913 'The height off the ground allows of dealing with the shorn sheep by passing them down chutes underneath the catching pens'(Ag.Gaz.Dec.1054). 1931 'All chutes should be designed to prevent wool being carried out by the sheep'(Cowley 178). 1945 'The four shearers have separate catching pens, the chutes being placed to the left of each of them'(Pearse 119-20). 1950 'The chutes require special attention, and should be scrubbed with hot water and soda and then with antiseptic solution'(Belschner 93). 1961 'The chutes for the shorn sheep exit from the shed are usually a wool-plank ramp, with a few battens cleated across the planks, to enable sheep to run down safely into the count out pens'(Jordan 115).

clag up 88.
1960 'if the weather clags up and we get separated you'd better have the forecast and the flight plan' (Taylor 124).

clappers 187,191. See lamb boards
1931 'Special boards, known as lamb-boards, or clappers, are used for gathering up the [lamb] wool from the shearing board and carrying it to the tables'(Cowley 78). 1945 'Lambs' wool is
picked off the board by "clappers", which consist of two boards...joined together by a piece of pliable leather belting'(Pearse 314). 1961 'The wool is picked up between two light boards....These "picker-ups" are known as lamb "clappers"'(Jordan 194).

clap(ping) 144.
1963 "clapping" is the continual sitting and getting up of the dog while working'(Aus.C.Mag. Nov.54c2). 1968 'Clap refers to a crouching position as opposed to sitting when the dog is more or less upright'(Wynnum Note Queens.).

clart 166.
(ORE sb). 1952 'doddings' also termed: dags, clarts, shirlings or muck lumps'(Haigh 101).

class v.
(a) 196-97,206. (AND 1845-1981). 1882 'J.G.F. stayed to class...wool'(M.Wilson 31Aug). 1886 'After the shearing an experienced wool-sorter skirts and classes the wool, arranging it according to its qualities'(Garran Vol.3.758). 1897 'One of the most important parts of classing wool is to keep any dingy or sandy wool separate from the clean, bright wool'(Otago APS 98). 1918 'the work of the wool-sorter is nowadays...much simplified by the system obtaining in Australia and elsewhere of "classing" the wool before it is baled'(Ormerod 104). 1932 'I went to Mungan and took charge of the woolshed and classed the clip'(Scott 51c1). 1946 'duties consist of supervising wool room operations, classing and grading the fleecees according to their respective merits'(Gold.Mort 18).
(b) 123,138,195.1868 'When the lambs are full grown they are classed'(Jondaryan 3.25). 1880 'Clough...came down tonight and will begin classing tomorrow the Sandy Creek sheep' (Macdonald 26Aug). 1896 'Classed 4, 6 & 8 tooth rams'(Ulah 21Jul). 1907 'Classed Sheep--Sheep out of which the culls have been taken'(Cooper 60). 1973 'The aim of classing is to grade animals according to their assessed productivity'(Alexander 91). 1991 'Ken...now frequently works off-farm classing other flocks'(Syd.M.Her.17 Aug.1).

classer See also wool classer.
(a) 170,196. (AND 1874-1978). 1888 'One of the "pickers up" catches the newly-severed fleece...and conveys it to the table where stands the "classer"'(Cassell Vol.2.223). 1904 'The classers were silent at the tables, set-lipped, and rapid'(Lancaster 78). 1916 'Our classer put up a record the other day; he got 29 pence [per lb.] for 10 bales'(Want.Letter.25Nov.3). 1927 'The classer has to handle every fleece and test it for any weakness'(Want.Letter.21 Oct.2). 1959 'The classer sat on a box and we had to drag each sheep up to him: he would open the wool on the shoulder, and point to the chute which that particular sheep had to go down'(Tritton 19). 1962 'Even for a gun classer like Jim...it's a dead end job'(Aus.C.Mag.Jun. 89cl).
(b) 139. 1916 'ewes that the classer culls out for sale...need to be drafted into a flock by themselves' (Want.Letter.21 Oct.2). 1959 'The classer sat on a box and we had to drag each sheep up to him: he would open the wool on the shoulder, and point to the chute which that particular sheep had to go down'(Tritton 19). 1991 'skills as a classer were proved by those trials'(Syd.M.Her.17 Aug.1).

classing 166,168,195,196.
1888 These [sheds] are all very similar, consisting of a main hall, with the sides opening into sheep-pens, and having at one end a large press, and a classing table surrounded by bins'(Cassell Vol.2.222). 1910 'Many woolgrowers say that they do not believe in classing'(Jackson 19). 1918 Three of us mustered Washpool and Wool Shed [paddocks] Ewes & took them to Wool Shed for classing'(Harden 2Sep). 1975 'Shanks was at his classing table, carefully checking a fleece in front of him'(Ryan 120).

classy 198.
1952 'Geelong wool is a classy wool of good length, fine and sound in fibre'(Haigh 44-5).

claypan 63,83.
(AND 1858-1985). 1879 'there was no lack of water in shallow pools and claypans'(Austral.Sketch. 18Jan.167c3). 1881 'Clay pans are flat bare patches of clay soil, which in time of rain become pools of water'(Nesfield 315). 1893 'Lake Annecan is only shown on the
map as a small round clay-pan, but in truth it extends for about seven miles South (Woodward 16-17). 1904 'having matches between their horses on that big claypan, a couple of miles up the creek'(Palmer-Archer 279). 1929 'earthy red of the claypan' (Prichard 248). 1935 'a series of clay-pans freshly filled by the recent rain and now gleaming still and yellow in the hot sunshine' (Finlayson 24). 1948 'the claypans along the track were drying up' (Uren 122). 1959 Then we ran into mulga country again, interspersed with small tree-dotted plains and red patches which we commonly called claypans' (Chauvel 32). 1962 "keep on the claypan," she ordered. "I don't want your clothes full of sand and burrs" (Aus.C.Mag. Oct.62c3). 1970 'Stuart was fortunate in finding one of these claypans full of water' (Aus.7Sep. 11c6).

**claypan squatter** 125.

AND (1905-1959). 1936 'He was a nomad, a "claypan squatter"' (Idriess 34). 1964 'Poking about here and there...came the "claypan squatters", seeking a corner of good country or grass' (Idriess 93).

cleaner 193.

1900 'Cleaners...The name given to small, fatty, dirty, short, thin locks of wool found on fleeces' (Hawkesworth 154).

**clean muster** 137.

AND (1891-1975). 1961 'There is only one accepted kind of muster and that is a "clean" muster, which requires the paddock to be left "clean", i.e., empty of sheep' (Jordan 16).

clean, clear -skin 136,139,148.

AND (1881-1981). 1881 'These clean-skins, as they are often called, to distinguish them from the branded cattle, are supposed to belong to the cattle owner on whose run they emerge from their shelter' (Grant Vol.1.206). 1888 'I wouldn't like to trust you with "clearskins" for all that' (Cent. Mag.Nov.225c1). 1899 'we are going to take away all those "clearskin" scrubbers running outback...near the ranges' (Walker 124). 1900 "Where did you buy the steer, father?" "Ask no questions and hear no lies...Carn't you see it's a clear skin?" (Lawson (2) 135). 1906 'There are eight clean-skin horses in a paddock near a water-hole along the road' (Rudd Mag. 394c1). 1926 'The clean-skins were mixed with quiet cattle, far down from the range, and taken to stockyards' (Aus.Work. 8Dec.13c5). 1930 'They [shepherds] did not hanker after allotments...which always led to disputes about clearskins' (Shann 116). 1939 'All these unbranded clean skins were the lawful property of anyone who could yard them' (Syd.M.Her.18Feb.21c2). 1943 'The presence of an 18-months-old bull or heifer clean skin...after the spring muster would give the boss a fit' (Bull.29Dec.13c4). 1957 'We earmarked the four cleanskins and let them go' (Porteous 90). 1965 'Butchering a clean-skin [caption]' (Aust. 7Aug.8). 1971 'As for cleanskins, Joe reckoned if a beast was unbranded he had a perfect right to put his mark on it' (Willey 66).

clear fell 70.

1992 'up in Dorrigo we're not clear-felling anything and the fellas love the bush up there' (Syd. M.Her.11Mar.1c5).

clearing 68ff.

AND (1824-1934). 1828 'The operation of cutting down trees, and burning them, which is called clearing, is of the simplest nature' (Monitor 24Jan.298c3). 1838 'One fourth part [of grazing land]... is capable of being subjected to the plough...at a very trifling expense for "clearing"' (Monitor 3Dec.2c3). 1879 'I took 25 chains of clearing...along Middlemiss fence' (O'Shaughnessy 14Jan). (AND 1824-1879). 1880 'There are numerous clearing parties on the hill' (Inglis 353).

clearing lease 51,57.

AND (1808-1880). 1826 'Many of these free-men hire small portions of land upon clearing leases...they undertake to clear and enclose from ten to twenty acres of land in three years, free of rent' (Atkinson 105). 1844 'held a small piece of land on what is called a clearing lease...allowed to retain possession of it for so many years for the labour of clearing the
clip

n. 170, 185, 191, 195, 202. (OED sb. ii. 2). 1833 'He shall have a run for his cattle, and sheep, so that he may... send home a few hundred pounds of wool from this year's clip' (Hob. T. Mag. Jul. 290). 1849 'This splendid ship will be despatched with the first wool of the coming clip' (Syd. M. Her. 27 Nov. 1 c3). 1854 'another clip of wool will be lost to us by selling now' (Goulb. Letter 7 Jan. 1). 1864 'licens and ensuing seasons clips' (Bris. Cour. 9 Jan. 6 c1). 1884 'Balance of 1884 clip dispatched from shed' (M. Wilson 23 Oct). 1890 'The shearing season has now started in this district, and the clip on the whole promises to be good' (Town C. Journ. 15 Nov. 14 c3). 1907 'Last year's clip in most cases represented thirteen month's growth of wool and this year's clip only eleven months' (Morn. Bull. 2 Oct. 5 c2). 1920 'The highest ruling prices will be given for large or small clips' (Gunn. M. Mag. 5 Nov. 2). 1931 'a total clip of 2,728,000 bales, of which it was then estimated 2,480,000 bales would be marketed through stores' (Queen. 25 Jun. 13 c3). 1941 'All waste chaff and straw must be removed, because they are harmful to wool, and reduce the value of the clip' (Goddard 17). 1953 'The day's top price for greasy merino fleece was 127 11d per lb for 13 bales of a clip from the Moree district' (Cour. Mail 1 Sep. 24 c1). 1968 'lots of less than four bales--about 40 per cent of the clip' (Syd. M. Her. 15 Feb. 6 c2).

v. 184 (OED v. ii. 3). 1843 'the best will clip upwards of 100 in a day' (Caswall 29). 1865 'retain the whole natural length of the staple, by only clipping the lambs or sheep once during the season's growth' (Omega 23). 1904 'With M.G. clipped A and B stud ewes' (Ulah 9 Apr). 1916 'Took the 385 to Blk [black] Camp [a paddock]. Clipped all dirty ones' (Witten 17 Jan). 1943 'Modern machinery... clips the sheep expeditiously at the rate of a hundred a day per shearer' (Walkabout Nov. 24 c1).

clipper

180. (OED 1). 1867 'holding the hand too high above the wool...is a great offence in any experienced clipper' (Jordan 88).

clippers 178.

1964 'The shearer begins to remove the wool with power driven clippers' (Munz 142).

clipping 166.

1833 'The wool exports of this season will surpass, in quantity, those of last year's clipping' (Tasman. 11 Jan. 13 c3). 1854 'Mr. Darlot... was overlooking the clipping and pressing of the wool' (Howitt 222). 1860 ca. 'The clipping season is, however, after all, the most important' (Milburn 35).

clippings 193. See locks. 1848 'coarser outside pieces of wool fall through on a heap underneath [the wool table], (which is afterwards put together, and sold under the denomination of "clippings")' (Haygarth 48).

close feed 153.

1844 'Keeping them [weeds] close fed [closely cropped]... to prevent them from perfecting their seeds, will soon totally destroy them' (Atkinson 39).

closed shed 170, 172.

1965 'a more satisfactory system of engaging labour [than taking one's chance every year], known as the "closed shed" which permitted a shearer to book a pen for the next season' (Vance 51).

clothing 198, 206, 208, 209.

1860 'It [Spanish wool] was the best clothing wool then known: it milled well; made a firm, substantial, and what was then considered fine cloth' (Shaw 5). 1881 'Our pastoralists appear to have left off growing clothing wool, as the combing gives a heavier and more profitable fleece' (Royal Soc. 301-2). 1892 'clothing wool of various qualities, used for making... the very finest broad cloths, requiring the best felting properties' (Hawkesworth 1). 1901 'Clothing... wool of the shorter growth too short or weak in the staple for combing' (Journ. A. H. Soc. WA. 194). 1912 'The shorter fleece wool, the shorter fibres of long-woolled fleeces, and the wool removed by the wool-comb (noils) are the raw material of the "clothing" or carded woollen trade' (Hunter
We draw attention to the frequent practice of putting short stapled fleeces, stained culls, and tender fleeces, into one parcel, and branding the bales "clothing" (Bridge 5). 1933 Australian merino was first used as a "clothing" wool, competing with Spanish and German in the fine broadcloth industry (Camb. Hist. Vol. 7.185). 1953 CLOTHING WOOL is fine, soft and stylish wool of short staples...suitable for the production of high grade cloths (Cooper 25-6).

cloudy 201.
1870 Cloudy Wools are evidently similar in their character to felty wools; adhesion of a like kind, but scarcely so close and intimate...confers upon them the property of felting in a lesser degree (Graham 83). 1900 Cloudy...a wool with an overcast appearance; the formation is indistinct; it lacks density, although it may appear bold. It is a wool wanting in character and quality (Hawkesworth 173). 1911 Cloudy wool is that which adheres together from the bottom of the fleece upwards, but not in so great a degree as felty wool (Stewart 153).

clover burr 153.
(AND 1878-1956). 1941 'there was certainly clover burr in the sheep, but he would not say that was the real cause of the matting of the fleece' (Aus. Work. 11 Jun. 14c1).

clover disease 153.
1973 'clover disease is an infertility disease associated with grazing sheep on clover, first noted in western Australia' (Knox Note).

cloak (er) 147.
(AND 1876-1980). 1866 'one blackfellow brought up the "coachers," or quiet cattle, which were to decoy the wild cattle into the yards' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 2.8 Dec. 229c1). 1874 'he [wild horse] may be got by "coaching," like wild cattle, but by another system of hunting. Daylight is chosen for this... and a mob of quiet horses taken as coaches, and drawn quietly out as decoys' (Ranken 110). 1880 These [quiet cattle] are termed "coachers," and are indispensable in working for scrub cattle (Stevenson 109). 1896 The coachers once placed in position, the party drew back out of sight, and waited for the scrubbers to come out and feed' (Queen. 22 Feb. 354c3). 1918 'We took up a mob of coachers and started the five warrigals down with them' (Fetherstonhaugh 82). 1929 'Got the rest of the mob next evening. Most of them, at any rate. But we had to turn in some coaches' (Prichard 112). 1932 The scrubbers usually went quietly among the coachers' (Scott 21c1). 1957 'Carson had no dogs so I cantered back to ask him if he wanted coaches' (Porteous 40).

cob 105.
(OED sb.i.1.4). 1861 'He sat his strong cob as one used to riding' (Earle 236).
cobbler 161,174,187. See snob (AND 1871-1974). 1861 'He wasn't a bit afraid of any cove, and he'd have the "cobbler" if the devil was shearing against him'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.825c2). 1871 'amid ironical congratulations, the "cobbler", or last sheep was seized, and stripped of his rather dense and difficult fleece'(Corn.Mag. Vol.23. 87). 1891 'Four or five of the best sheep had been taken, and they are nothing to the other, who has to do all the cobbler which are left for him'(ASU 29). 1897 'Big Mick is smiling grimly as he takes the cobbler out'(McKee - Wright 101). 1905 'One of the sheep was a big coarse brute with a two-season fleece on him, matted, tangled, and filled with small sticks, thorns, burrs, and the like, and some speculation was rife as to who would get the "cobbler"'(Rudd Mag.Jul.652). 1911 'This enclosure [catching pen] is not refilled until the last sheep, called the cobbler, is caught'(Sorenson 245). 1924 'Try this [comb] out on "hard" lambs and "cobbler"'(Aus.Work.6Aug.16c4). 1934 '[advert] the cobbler sticks to the last but he's more easily shorn with SAF combs and cutters'(Aus. Work.18Jul.18c4). 1955 'I was so slow that I missed out on getting one of the better shearing sheep...I had to shear a very bad "cobbler"'(Barnes 7). 1966 'The last sheep he has dragged out on to the board is the roughest and hardest to shear—it's called the cobbler; it sticks to the last'(Anderson 89). 1975 'He had finished when Dewlap began stabbing his way along the back of a cobbler'(Ryan 49).

cock horned 146. 1904 'a cock-horned piker mud fat bellowed and crashed into the scrub'(Palmer-Archer 170).

cockatoo n. 127. (AND 1845-1976). 1873 'The person to whom it belonged was what is termed a "cockatoo", or small farmer; I don't know whether this alias is given because they encroach on land as the bird of that name does'(Dawbin 68). 1883 'A "cockatoo" is a selector who works his piece of land out in two or three years, and having done nothing to improve it, decamps to select in a new district'(Twopenny 244). 1889 'The cockatoo's future is bound up with the country he tills...the squatter's dream of bliss is to return as a millionaire to the Europe he left as a pauper'(Bull.6Apr.4c4). 1891 'The "Cockatoo" is the natural enemy and horror of the squatter...The Cockatoo is a selector who has bought a piece of land uncomfortably near to the station land'(Nisbet Vol.1.181). 1902 'the number of men employed is according to the size of the shed [shearing]--from three to five men in the little bough-covered shed of the small "cockatoo", up to 150 or 200 hands all told in the...machine shed of a pastoral company' (Lawson (2) 74). 1930 'he referred to himself as a "Cockatoo" resident amongst squatters, and... thought that as a "Cockatoo" he was out of place'(Billis 199). 1953 'I was informed the smoke came from a cockatoo's camp'(Eastman 3).
v. 127-8. (AND 1875-1892). 1889 'cockatooing in bush slang, consists in establishing yourself, in company with two or three other good all-round "blowers" on the cap or top rail of the horse­yard' (Pastoralist SJu.13). 1890 'The correct thing, on first arriving at a drafting yard, is to "cockatoo", or sit on the rails...and discuss the never-ending subject of hoof and horn'(Boldrewood 224).

cockatoo combs.
c- farm 128. 1861 "Oh! a cockatoo." "I mean that pretty little farm". "Yes we call that a "cockatoo""(Laye 50). 1904 'The visitors were a party of English tourists come to see what a cockatoo farm was like'(Rudd Mag.7May.67). c- farmer 127. (AND 1849-1910) 1856 'Cockatoo farmer got up and catechised me'(Melb.Punch 25Sep.S8). 1862 'a meeting of cockatoo farmers and others who are in the habit if stealing and slaughtering there [sic] neighbours' cattle, was held'(West.Post 13Dec.2c5). 1877 'There is a peculiar class of man...called "Cockatoo Farmers," perhaps from their migratory habits'(Ang.Ind.12). 1889 'the wives and daughters of selectors and cockatoo farmers'(Couvreur 78). 1894 'very often they [prisoners] are sent into the country to slave with "Cockatoo" farmers from morning till night'(Under Lock 24Mar.12). 1943 'A distinction was drawn between "cockatoo-farmers" and "ground-parrots", the latter being farmers on a very small scale'(Bull.24Mar). c- farming 127. 1936 'Harry was obscured by poverty in a cockatoo-farming community'(Franklin 381).
c- fence 118. (AND 1861-1973). 1865 'As to the barrier surrounding the cornfields, it was that indescribable sort of a hedge termed a "cockatoo fence"'(Ill.Syd.News 16Aug.14c3). 1875 'wild cattle were immensely destructive to garden development, breaking cockatoo fence or leaping it
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with ease'(Grundy 212). 1885 'Put up Cockatoo Fence up in plain paddock'(Witten 2Dec). 1910 The hut finished, the next thing to do is to put up a "cockatoo" fence stock-yard'(Kaleski 63). 1911 'There has been little netting done, and the old "cockatoo" fences, that are rotting away, form a great harbour for them [rabbits]''(Syd.M.Her.5Jan.5c6). 1928 'From that term [cockatoo] was derived the "cockatoo fence," a conspicuous feature of many free selections' (Aus.Work.29Feb.5c4). e- selector 127. 1893 'Hire yourself out to a dairyman...sign articles with a cockatoo selector; but don't touch land without knowing something about it''(Melb.Argus 17Jun. 13c4). e- settler 49,127-8. (AND 1845, 1855) 1844 'the cockatoo settlers, as the small farmers...at Port Fairy are called, have the painful prospect afforded them of an unproductive harvest'(Mait. Merc.16Nov.4c3). 1855 'We were also very near being led into a dilemma by a mischievous cockatoo settler' (Howitt Vol.1. 320). 1866 'Jack hated the "cockatoo" settlers with all his heart... one of these "cockatoos" had the audacity to select within sight of the house'(Aus.Journ. Vol.1. 425c1). 1874 'Lane Cove River...flowing south-east about 14 miles, for the most part through cultivated country, taken up by cockatoo settlers' (Austral.Sketch.3 Oct.102c2). 1881 'The cockatoo settlers, or free selectors...having numbers on their side, and a certain amount of right, they make a good fight'(Grant Vol.1. 60). 1904 'Then, as the miners left, the few "cockatoo" settlers followed them'(Becke 6). e- squatter 128. (AND 1862,1863) 1863 'a class of unauthorised occupants of Crown lands, known in the provincial slang as "Cockatoo squatters"' (Mudgee Lib.30Apr.2c6). e- yard 121. 1906 'An hour afterwards we sighted another cocky's place--a couple of rough huts and a cockatoo yard'(Rudd Mag.Apr.280c1).

cockatooer 128.

cockatoo 128. (AND 1852-1891). 1852 'A few wretched-looking huts and hovels, the dwellings of "cockatooers"' (Meredith Vol.2.137). 1876 'our happy contemplation of the residents on your side of the river as very small fry indeed...in fact, to use a colonial phrase, "Cockatoos"'(Stockwhip 8Jul.1109c1).

cockatooing 128.

Cockney farmer / squatter 125,127.

1826 This he thinks will give the hay a scent that will puzzle "the natives and Cockney farmers" (Hobler Vol.2.133: cit.Shann). 1864 'He [a squatter with money and little else] is a Cockney Squatter, and is no more to be compared to the true genus than is common veneer to true mahogany' (Past.Times 19Nov.2c5).

cockspur 177. See knocker

1951 'The shearers buy their shears from the station and then proceed to cut them and bend them, and embellish them with "drivers", "knockers", "jockeys" and "cockspurs"'(McLeod 26).

cockey

n. 126,127. (AND 1871-1981). 1870 'the people...have distinguished the embryo yeomanry of the country by a title of distinction logically drawn from the farmyard...we have cocks of one tail, or "cockies," cocks of two tails, or "cock-o'-twos"'(Eve.News 17May.4c4). 1879 'Most of the cockies are about stumped up, and have not the money to pay a man'(St.Geo. Stand.12Mar.4c2).

1884 'the small farmer who is familiarly called a "cocky," which is short for cockatoo, has quite enough to do to feed his children'(Morley 1c2). 1899 'The average dairyman, etc., is as destitute of ideas on the subject of breeding, as is the average cockie on farming'(Truth 3Sep.5c7). 1907 'by this time many a poor cocky had seen his little wealth dwindle away and die to nothing'(Spielvogel 95). 1916 'Co-operative shearing and wool marketing for cockies is unworkable'(Bull.13Jan.28c1). 1922 'The cocky woke him before daylight with the intimation that it was time to get to work'(Aus.Work.12Jul. 1c5). 1932 'The "Cockies" themselves would smile derisively at the questions asked [by stock inspectors]'(Scott 8c2). 1941 'to estimate how many sheds operated in SA...he would say on account of a lot of private sheds and cockies with small holdings about 50 in various parts'(Aus. Work.18Jun.13c4). 1965 'Let's cut out all this talk about cockies walking off their farms'(Syd.M. Her.25Jun.2c3). 1986 'I reckon a cockie's tight whether he's going good or going bad'(Syd.M. Her.15Feb.7c1).
v. 124. (AND 1895-1973). 1917 'In '04 I was cockying at Pine Grove in the Mallee'(Bull.26Apr. 22c3). 1945 'his wife's usual scheme to get him a job "cockying" for one of her uncles or cousins would come to nothing again'(Tennant 52).

cocky combs.

c-farmer 128. 1911 'Of the same type were their guests...men from other stations, cocky farmers and a very small sprinkling of township men'(Bruce 107). 1919 'Between Mike Regan, cocky farmer and Michael Regane Esq., J.P., was such a vast gap'(Bull.9Jan.47c7). 1930 These cockpit farmers think any man that handles their fruit and butter is a machine they've bought and paid for'(Palmer 257). 1980 'As a cow, and cocky farmer he was grand'(Gunn 107).

c-farming 128. 1980 'At this sheep or cocky farmin' / Where the work is never done'(Gunn 19). c-gate 119-121. (AND 1927-1982). 1935 'These vary from the flimsy cocky-gate which are in the minority, to the heavily spiked iron frame'(Walkabout 1Jan.27). c-selector 128. 1932 'Steble Rudd was the chronicler of the life of the "cocky" selector in Queensland'(Queen.6 Oct.44c2).

c- shed 168. 1911 'Some of the cocky sheds of old time, with the huge gum log press, are still standing, covered with bark and walled with slabs'(Sorenson 237-8).

c.o.d. gate 119. 1981 'When they [very heavy gidgee gates] begin to sag they become what we call c.o.d. gates, carry or drag gates--it was probably a fun name for a cocky's gate' (Brewarrina Interview). 1993 'do you know why we call that gate a c.o.d, John?--carry or drag'(Harris Interview, Walcha).

cod 173. 1902 'A bad one [cook] is a "poisoner", a "slushie" or a "cod"'(Gold.Fleece 2Jan.26).

collar 193. 1965 'If a fleece is free from burr or other vegetable fault only the breech wool, the...sweaty edges along the side, and the neck fold, or collar, need to be taken off [by the roller]'(Pearse 341).

colonial combs.

c-clip 195. 1930 'a very large proportion of colonial clips was sold in London'(Austral4-Jan. 31c3). c-experience 47. (AND 1838-1975). 1833 'We should strongly protest against any new comer having the appointment...a certain degree of Colonial experience is requisite'(Tasman.15Mar.84c2). 1842 'WANTED--a working OVERSEER, of colonial experience'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.19Mar. 2c2). 1863 'My "colonial experience" extends over a period of thirty-five years'(Mudgee Lib.29 Oct.4c3). 1867 'that much vaunted "Colonial experience", extolled as the foundation of success' (Morison 223). 1874 'The "Colonial experience" young man must come when he is called...and perform any task that it may be the good pleasure of his master...to set him'(Stamer Vol.2.186). 1883 'Armit came to Queensland in 1868, and got "colonial experience" at Dotswood Station...studied the intricacies of cattle breeding'(Austral.Sketch.27Aug.155c3). 1899 'He himself had been several things to all men during his colonial experience, and had at last risen to be a billiard marker'(Walker 104). 1907 'he decides to go on to a station to learn "colonial experience"'(Rudd Mag.May.288c1). c-experience fellow / man 48. 1908 'Allan Banford's status on the squattage was summed up...a "colonial experience fellow"'(Sorenson 93). 1959 'A Frenchman...a colonial-experience man, was in charge'(Tritton 23). c-experinencer 48,126. (AND 1879-1975). 1874 'the "Colonial Experinencer" should come to a thorough understanding with Mr.Squatter as to what those
services are to be'(Stamer Vol.2.195). 1881 'His delight is to initiate "new chums"...colonial experiencers...into the roughest side of bush life'(Nesfield 313). 1907 'it is more probable than not the "colonial experiencer" man will find himself back after a few years either in one of the big Australian cities, or he will have returned to England'(Rudd Mag.May.288c1). 1918 'Tom offered...to take me as "colonial experiencer," nowadays called Jackeroo'(Fetherstonhaugh 90).

c- fever 74,99, (AND 1857-1933). 1864 'scarcely able, from colonial fever, to sit on his horse'(Goulb.Her. 21Dec.2c2). 1869 'the "colonial fever" now breaking out'(Howell 92). 1882 'low colonial fever carrying off its numerous victims'(Macartney 12). 1912 'there was a terrible mortality from "colonial fever" when the first rush took place'(Adcock 132).

c- goose 92. (AND 1882-1962) . 1957 'It's a far cry from "colonial goose" ... to macaroni au gratin'(Wannan 44).

c- lock 76. 1864 'the door was canvas at one end, fixed by a colonial lock...a good tape'(Preshaw 21).


c- oven 80. (AND 1867-1984). 1888 'for a [teacher's] residence...ranking below class VI, a colonial oven is sufficient'(Dep .Pub.Inst.) . 1892 'the inexperience of the girls...in cooking with colonial ovens'(Mennell 53).

comb 1. 208-9. 1964 'Wool for worsted manufacture must be combed'(Anderson 59).

comb burner 180.

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comb and cutter 174,179,185. 1888 'A fresh supply of English-made cutters and combs arrived at Dunlop the day before my visit' (News.Cut.PL Vol.136.27). 1895 'his comb and cutters cost him £1.10s.6d'(Gould 218).

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come free 15,46,125.
1844 'of these [charged persons] twenty-seven were freed men, seven had come free to the Colony, and only one native [white] of the Colony'(Guard.23Mar.11c4). 1846 'Being asked if he [a thief] came free, he answered in the affirmative'(Bell's 26Dec.2c6).

come out / up 46.
1834 'I am a poor unfortunate devil lately come out or come up, according to the colonial phrase' (Monitor 6Aug.4c3).

comeback (sheep) 149.
(AND 1891-1965). 1910 'a cross between a Shropshire and a merino is also a cross-bred; but a cross between this last and a merino comes back so near to the Australian merino and so far from these interlopers, that he is called a "come-back"'(Bean 31). 1932 'The next stage was to breed from this cross-bred, using merino rams, the progeny then being a come-back--that is, come-back to merino again'(Thompson 69). 1945 'The "comeback," or progeny of a Merino ram on the half-bred ewe, gives a very good class of wool, competing with strong Merino'(Pearse 199). 1965 'a comeback was the progeny of a crossbred sheep mated back to a pure breed'(Aus.W.Week.3Feb.37c3).

comeback (wool) 149.
1905 'The highest class invariably...comeback, and those fine, curvy wools showing more of the merino character...become sometimes so fine as to be used in preference to the strong, plain, straight merino wools'(Hawkesworth 243). 1922 'The demand was excited for all merino classes, comebacks, fine crossbreds and free lines of good medium crossbreds'(New.M.Her.11Jan.6c9). 1952 'This wool is termed "comeback" and has good average length, merino softness with good colour but not the fineness'(Haigh 44). 1971 'There was the usual strong competition of Comeback, Crossbred and Border Leicester fleeces'(Narr.News 27May 27).

concertina 161.
(AND 1897-1981). 1907 'Concertina or Leatherhead...a wrinkly sheep'(Cooper 61). 1945 'folds were not altogether eliminated, and while they are still retained to-day on the neck...the true "concertina"...is as extinct as the dodo'(Pearse 159-60). 1957 'the shearers began to revolt against them [wrinklies], demanding...extra rates for shearing what they termed "concertinas"'(Guthrie 47).

condition 198.
1900 'The variation in price is brought about by the difference in condition'(Jeffrey 247). 1912 'Condition...the proportion of water present in tops and yarns'(Hunter 113). 1919 'The wool heavy in yolk or grease is said to be heavy in "condition"'(Kelly 76). 1934 'By condition we mean the amount of yolk present in the fleece'(Hardie 33). 1945 "Condition" is a term used to indicate the amount of natural grease and other wasty matter present in the fleece, and is, of course, taken into consideration by the buyer'(Pearse 191). 1957 'the grading of fleeces according to quality, soundness, length of staple and condition'(Guthrie 216).

conditional combs.
c- lease 55-56. 1889 'The following conditional leases have been granted, and rents appraised at the amounts stated'(Bell.Cour.12Apr.2c3). c- purchase 55,57. 1868 'The defendant, a free selector, defended for part of his land which he had "conditionally purchased"'(Burran.Argus 26Sep.3c2). 1885 'Every application for a conditional purchase...must be tendered by the applicant in person' (Town C.Journ.10Jan.1c3). 1932 'The Land Laws...permitted a Selector to take up 640 acres of Conditional Purchase'(Scott 19c1). C- Purchase Inspector 56. 1932 'The position of Conditional Purchase Inspector is one which involves a good deal of responsibility'(Scott 64c2). c- purchaser 56. 1862 'it may be of use to inform intending selectors how they must proceed to become conditional purchasers'(Braid.Obs.4Jan.2c4).
contract shearing, (hence contractor) 168.
1913 'In recent years, especially since the advent of machines, contract shearing has come largely into vogue'(Harris 153). 1927-8 'Many an owner or manager has sworn at the finish of shearing: "No more contract shearing for me"'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.104). 1934 'Contract shearing at a set price per head'(Hardie 94). 1937 'For a while the growth of contract shearing was very rapid. Huge companies were formed to undertake the work on a nation-wide basis'(C.Life Ann.1 Oct.38). 1954 'There was a very marked preference for contract shearing on the larger pastoral holdings'(Aus.Bur. Ag.Ec.1). 1964 'Contract shearing developed after 1907. The sheep owner pays the contractor so much for shearing the sheep'(Anderson 45). 1973 'Contract shearing--shearing contractors, local or otherwise, can be engaged to shear the sheep at a fixed price per head'(Aus.C.Mag.Jul.44).

convict party 18.
1834 'It is well known that free emigration is detested by most of the convict party'(Bennett Vol.1.56).

convict squatter 125.
1835 'On other occasions, two or more of a gang met together on horseback...assisted in most instances by Convict squatters'(Syd.Her.27Aug.2c7).

cooee 101.
n. (AND 1790-1982). 1827 'the natives make use of the word Coo-ee as we do the word hollo' (Cunningham 2.23). 1872 'hazarded a coo-ee to let him know in what part of that thoroughfare she was'(Millett 85). 1918 'Having unloaded the packhorse, tethered our horses...we suddenly heard the loud shrill "couis" of the natives'(Bull.3Jan.22c2). 1941 'We gave each other a final wave and coo-ee and climbed back into shelter'(Wom.Week.2Aug.12c2).
v. (AND 1824-1979). 1885 'Then we cooey and ask him if the place he crossed is safe for horses' (Town.C.Journ.10Jan.81c3).

coo-ee, within 101.
(AND 1836-1984). 1914 'We've never got within coo-ee of a Grand National winning post before' (Bull.19Jul. 20c1).

cook cart 104.
1948 'I mustered his horses in the morning and drove them behind his "cook-cart" all day'(Harney 17).

Coolgardie safe 79,80.
(AND 1924-1982). 1940 'one of the most useful articles now used in all dry areas...the Coolgardie safe'(Gaston 135). 1953 'As its name implies, the Coolgardie safe originated on the Western Australian goldfields'(Syd.M.Her.15Aug.7c2). 1959 'Many homes had a Coolgardie safe, which was a frame covered with flyproof netting [description follows]'(Tritton 72c1). 1964 'She gave me a drink of cordial from the Coolgardie safe'(Adam-Smith 35). 1978 'There was no gas or electricity and the only refrigeration was a Coolgardie safe...primitive refrigerator made from a metal frame and hessian'(Aus.W.Week.15Mar.21c1).

coolie 143.
(AND 1848-1891). 1848 'the watchman...tying up near the folds several of his "coolie" dogs' (Haygarth 44).

Coonabarabran staggers See staggers.

co-operative shearing 171.
1910 'co-operative shearing...shearers themselves form a syndicate or company and undertake the work of gathering the woolly harvest'(Jackson 122). 1916 'Co-operative shearing and wool marketing for cockies is unworkable'(Bull.13Jan.28c1). 1937 'the formation of co-operative shearing companies...runs of sheds were organised, bands of shearers were formed, and were controlled by trained men'(C.Life Ann.1 Oct.38). 1964 'co-operative shearing...means that the men are employed by a company which charges the grazier for the cost of the shearing'(Anderson 45).
corduroy 103.

n. adj. (AND 1861-1978). 1862 'In loose and swampy parts they saw trees in two, from the top to the roots, and then place the flat-side of the half trees upon the ground...Roads thus formed are called "corduroy," from their striped resemblance to that material' (Jobson 97). 1866 'Settled with Hinder for fencing the paddock at the corduroy bridge' (Kemp 14May). 1880 'What are known as corduroy roads are fast disappearing...They are made by simply laying down trees upon the track that has been cleared of timber and scrub secured together by means of wooden pins' (Ill.Aus.News 6Nov.203c1-2). 1887 'Swamps had to be crossed by means of corduroy causeways made by cutting down trees and laying them horizontally on the quivering mass of boggy ground' (Daly 146). 1899 'And we found out that "corduroy" meant a road made of little gum trees, and that it jolted exceedingly' (Praed 268). 1910 'Later on the road was modestly formed...a bit of corduroy put in here, some stone foundation there' (Queen.12Feb.8c1). 1921 'One day Emmerson rode up behind the coach as it rumbled over the corduroy road--a pavement of rough timber' (Sargent 45).


corkscrew 107.

1929 'But he [a buckjumper] could keep the corkscrews going until your head was near jerked off of you' (Prichard 244).

corkscrew grass 153. See clover burr

1916 'The danger is the beastly corkscrew grass which with every rain keeps reseeding' (Want. Letter.14Dec.2).

corno 149.

1969 'The name corno is derived from corriedale and merino sheep and the breeder is a Mr. Boswell' (ABC 20Mar).

cormorant (squatter) 125.

(AND 1875-1893). 1846 'some of my countrymen have foolishly taken to themselves the appellation of cormorant squatters which I applied to a greedy few' (Mait.Merc.2Dec.3c3).

corn cake 94.

1826 'Samuel Myers had performed a tedious journey...subsisting for thirteen days on a corn cake' (Monitor No.28.218c3).

corn junk 90.

1922 'having spread out the corn junk and damper, proceeds to pour the black tea into his pint pot' (Aus.Work.13Sep.13c5).

corner (country) 63.

(AND 1891-1985). 1947 'this part of Australia where three States meet and that call itself "The Corner"' (Maclean 39). 1964 'The Corner Country is the farthest nor'-west of New South Wales, the meeting of the "corners" of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory' (Idriess 5.81). 1972 'Driving through the "corner" country swells your admiration for the men who first explored its arid vastness' (Sun Her.24Dec.17).

corset 185.

1969 'Belly wool is sometimes called the corset' (R.Ryan Interview). 1975 'Sandy, going down the board, reached down for a corset thrown clear' (Ryan 134).

cot n. 200.

(a) (OED s.b.i.i.). 1891 'cot...a matted or felted wool' (Hawkesworth 8). 1958 'the effect of an unfavourable season would still result in widespread "cots" and "breaks"' (Stevens 78). 1965 'for a cot to form there must have been at least a moderate number of fibres shed from the skin' (Henderson 63).
(b) 1956 'cot...a sheep with matted wool'(Bowen 155).

cot v. 200,209.

(OED v.ii). 1870 'Some descriptions are much more liable to "cot", or felt, than others, but I have known sheep to felt one year, and be free from the defect in the succeeding year'(Graham 83). 1885 'it would probably realise as much as any other lot...but for the cotted fleeces which are mixed through it'(Austral.Farm.297). 1899 'cotted and matted wool, the fibres of which are matted or felted together. More common in deep-grown wools, caused by ill-health, starvation etc.'(Jeffrey 120). 1935 'Ill health is another cause contributing to cotted fleece'(Cook 15).

1961 The result is that the fleece becomes "cotted", which means that wool becomes matted'(Jordan 245).

cotty 200.

(OED 1789). 1868 'Skirting means separating those parts of the fleece which are useless to the spinner, such as cotty, matted, curly, and kempy parts'(Jondarayan Pt.2.17). 1891 'Cotty...is a matted, entangled or felted wool...renders the fleece perfectly useless for manufacturing purposes' (Hawkesworth 180).

count 197,199.

1902 'Counts...the number given to any yarn according to the number of hanks (560yds.) in a pound'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan.11). 1918 'The spinning quality is not merely an arbitrary definition under the name of "counts", but indicates a recognised standard...the "counts" range from 32s to 58s...with superfine comebacks, as high as 64s'(Bridge 12). 1929 'on hand examination alone these higher counts are difficult to separate, unless by comparison with standard samples'(Ag.Gaz.Dec.901). 1946 'The "count" has a precise meaning, which relates to the length of worsted yarn which can be spun from a definite weight of the product after its conversion into tops'(Gold.Mort 21). 1965 'in the worsted and woollen count systems fine yarns have high count numbers, while in the denim system they have low numbers'(Henderson 49).

count (ing) combs.

c- muster 137. (AND 1891). 1891 'The old man's having a regular count-muster of his sons and daughters'(Boldrewood 1). c- out 188. (AND 1895-1944). 1960 'keep within sight of the overseer [contractor] at each count-out'(Aus.C.Mag.Feb.40). 1975 'When he [boss] had completed the count out, a station hand drove part of the bleating mob into a holding race'(Ryan 117). c- (out) chute, pen, race 169,174,188,189. (AND 1874-1980). 1874 'a small door for each shearer to put his shorn sheep out of the shed, and into the counting out pens'(Caird 23). 1888 'the sheep is let go into a "counting out" pen, which the person in charge of the shed from time to time empties, marking the number [of sheep] shorn'(Cassell Vol.2.222-3). 1894 'Each sheep, after it has been operated upon, is quickly turned into the "counting-pen"'(Fison 71). 1910 'manager and jackeroo, were letting out from the counting-out pens under the shed, the poor, bolting, skinny, undignified decrepit sheep' (Bean 190). 1915 'The chute is here necessary to transfer the shorn sheep to the ground level and into each shearer's counting-out race underneath the catching pen'(Mathews 10). 1932 'the sheep is then gently pushed down the chute into the counting-out pens'(Ag.Gaz.563). 1945 'the gates of the counting-out pens...should be swung properly and fitted with some simple safe fastening attachment'(Pearse 112). 1953 'These two counting pens should be connected up with a branding race invaluable from a point of view of mouthing, culling, marking and branding the shorn sheep'(Cooper 35). 1961 'The count-out pens should hold the number of sheep a shearer can shear in a "run" of two hours--25 sheep for the average shearer'(Jordan 115). 1964 'The shearing board should have windows above the counting-out chutes'(Munz 140). 1975 'Fellmon, with tally book in hand, went out to the counting-out pens'(Ryan 117).

country combs.

1835 63,64. 'principal graziers, or stockowners in the West, or Bathurst Country, in the South, or New Country, and at Hunter's River, or the North Country'(Steel 2). c- section 111,112. 1838 'The locations are to be divided into what are termed "country sections", of 60 acres each'(Monitor 30Jul. 2c1). 1842 'the price of country sections was still to be maintained at a rate so high as twelve shillings per acre'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.12Mar.4c2). c-, down (the) 104. 1828 'the Magickity of the country... come down the country fifty miles'(Monitor 16Apr.1100c2). 1847 'I was brought all the way down the country'(Bell's 3Jul.3c1). 1849 'woolsheds were built for storing wool before it could be taken down country'(Crawford 43). c-, up (the) 104. 1824 'the
motion was confined to the Magistrates of Sydney, in exclusion of those who resided up the country.'(Aus. No 2.3 c 3). 1838 'Cook and wife wanted to go up the country ... the man to cook and the wife to wash and iron' (Monitor 31 Jan. 1c 6). 1842 The situation is most convenient as a resting place for drays or stock travelling up or down the country' (Hunt. Riv. Gaz. 9 Apr. 3c 2).

1901 The Bossiers and Beechams were leaders of swelledom ... up the country' (Franklin 73).

cove 124.176.
(AND 1837-1916). 1847 'Your cove's a bad pay, I believe--is it true' (Bell's 30 Oct. 3c 1). 1853 'One evening the Cove sent for him ... Cove in the Colonies generally means the master' (Read 59).

1874 'he fancies the sheep upon his run are only being half shepherded while "the cove" (as he is called) isn't on the ground' (Kennaway 175).

1880 'The party consisted of eleven men, one boy, an overseer, and the master, or "cove," as he was called by his men' (Hamilton 1).

1913 'I may get the cove to give you a job at hut keeping' (Ferguson 46).

cover 131.
(0ED ext. v i.6). 1832 The renowned Welch Pony TAFFY, champion of Bong Bong, will cover this season at Broomfield (Currency 1 Dec. 1c 4).

c- cocky 128. (AND 1902-1980). 1920 'The cow cocky is having a bad time on the South Coast (NSW) this winter' (Bull. 1 Jul. 8c 3).

1929 'Their misfortune befell in the days when the cow cockies sent their milk to a creamery to be separated' (Bull. 13 Nov. 23c 2).

1933 'No longer a "Cow-Cocky", Dairy Farmer Becomes Professional Man' (Smith's 14 Jan. 4c 1).

1957 'He might lift a few head of cleanskins now and then and sell them to one of the small cow-cockies round the township' (Porteous 61).

1965 'Should he have any desire to 'try his luck at cow-cockying' (Syd. M. Her. 29 Jun. 2c 4).

Cowtail 193.
1902 'Cow-tail...the coarsest hair at the tail-end of the fleece' (Gold. Fleece 1 Jan. 11).

1961 'This wavy [Lincoln] wool...is often referred to as "cow-tail", but has a soft and silky texture' (Jordan 158).

1965 'In coarse-wooled Romney and crossbred clips there may be small quantities of very coarse britch wool which is sometimes called "cowtail" and which is almost always in good demand' (Henderson 89).

crab hole 83.
(AND 1847-1977). 1859 'this brute put his foot in a crab hole, and came down, rolling on my leg' (Kingsley Vol. 3. 368).
avoiding the crab-holes' (Smiles 154). 1880 'the ground is riddled by what are called "crab-holes", although they are not caused by the action of any living thing' (Austral. Sketch 5 Jun. 119 c 2). 1898 'A number of small depressions in the ground commonly called "crabholes," which had been filled by a recent shower, afforded a plentiful supply of water' (Queen 30 Jul. 202 c 3). 1903 'a deep crab-hole--replenished by the rain before referred to...furnished our supply' (Collins 62). 1933 'alternations of depressions and rises in heavy soils...have received various local names, of which melon hole...and crab-hole are the most frequently met' (Bull. 20 Dec. 34 cl). 1948 'Duck him till he's half-drownded...here's a crab-hole, just providentially made to order' (Collins 16).

**cracker**

1. 133. (AND 1852-1924). 1852 'At the end of this cruel lash is a "cracker", generally made of a twisted piece of a silk handkerchief, or, what is better than anything, a shred from an old infantry sash' (Mundy Vol. 1. 315). 1859 'stood before the door plaiting a cracker for his stockwhip' (Kingsley 327). 1868 'he had a boy's fondness for "crackers," and purchased whipcord of bright colours which he twisted and attached to his lash' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 4. 220 c 2). 1874 'the bandannas that are yearly torn up for "crackers" on a cattle run...sufficient to stock a moderate-sized haberdashery' (Stamer Vol. 2. 239). 1890 'Then he showed them how to make the heaviest blow possible with a stock-whip, and how to bring it down so as to make the loudest report with the cracker' (Cleland 80). 1909 'He said he did all the punishment [of Aborigines] he wanted with a stock-whip and a wire-cracker' (Searcy 174).

2. 94, 147. (AND 1946-1982). 1934 '2900 head of cattle...made up of all descriptions from prime cattle down to "crackers" or very poor stores' (Cour. Mail 1 May. 20 c 2). 1961 'Older and poor descriptions in sheep are known as "crackers," "tinnies" and "canners"' (Jordan 21). 1971 'and several tens of crackers and boners' (Wagga D. Ad. 8 Jun. 11).

**cranky** 152.

(Ext. OED a. i. 1). 1847 'The question being put to Mr Raven's shepherd whether he had missed a "cranky lamb", he replied in the affirmative' (More. Bay Cour. 14 Aug. 4 c 4).

**crawler**

(a) 130, 133. (AND 1827-1947). 1827 'Another "rated a crawler from his heart", and would "work by himself and get half his time to the good"' (Monitor 5 Jul. 496 c 1). 1839 'I was tired myself in the toil I had taken...I told him I was no more a crawler than he' (Syd. Her. 15 Mar. 3 c 1). 1847 'it is one of the worst reproaches to be a crawler' (Harris 6). 1857 'a country where the strongest reproach was to be a "crawler"' (Cooper 50). 1863 'they [bushrangers] were seen...to rein up and mock the police, calling them traps, crawlers, &c., &c' (Mudgee Lib. 9 Jul. 2 c 6). 1867 'They [ex-convicts] are now scattered over all the occupied interior, and are mostly debilitated old men, to whom the settlers gave the name of "old crawlers"' (Morison 221). 1888 'I don't want no crawlers about Yugildah' (Cent. Mag. Nov. 233 c 1). 1893 'We don't want our workmen to be "crawlers"' (Adams 94). 1902 'then he pays off all hands, except an old crawler or two, to milk cows and draw wood and water' (Boldrewood 43).

(b) 121, 138, 140, 149. (AND 1838-1943). 1843 'there are generally a few [sheep] in hospital from accidents, and they keep close at hand...they are frequently miserable-looking objects, and are denominated crawlers' (Caswall 42). 1863 'a mob of about sixty or seventy half-quiet, cheap, weedy horses, commonly called "crawlers", to be used as a decoy mob' (Mudgee Lib. 20 Aug. 4 c 2). 1874 'Put the crawlers out of the big paddock' (Witten 28 Jan). 1887 'a pen for the "crawlers"--the halt and the maimed, drafted out from other flocks and sent here' (Nicols Vol. 1. 91). 1899 'He turned over 500 young ewes, with prospective lambs, and 150 "mixed crawlers" for "killing sheep"' (Walker 106).

**crawling** 130. 1858 'Told McGrath to kill old crawling ewes that could not travel to Woolshed' (Ogilvie 30 Mar). 1883 'they had never seen so miserable a station, such a lot of crawling sheep, and so forth' (Curr 44).

**creek** 84. (AND 1793-1983). 1802 'They met with some narrow rivers and creeks' (Barrington 228). 1827 'one side is bounded by a deep impassable Creek, with a constant stream of good water running
within a short distance of the Dwelling House' (Monitor 13 Apr. 382c1). 1832 'well watered by creeks running through the Farm, besides possessing an extensive run' (Currency 29 Dec. 1c3). 1843 'the channel of the "creek", as the rivulet is called' (Hood 144). 1850 'sometimes had to unload the drays two or three times a day to get over creeks' (Goulb. Her. 19 Oct. 2c3). 1862 'The waterholes and creeks in the immediate neighbourhood have long since become dry' (West. Post 10 Dec. 2c5). 1870 'the creek just like a Scotch burn, hurrying and tumbling down the hill-side to join the broader stream in the valley' (Barker 29). 1880 'then on again at a rattling hard-gallop, over gully and creek' (Inglis 133). 1899 'the flat... extended for a visible half-mile down the creek meandering by about twenty yards from the door' (Walker 182). 1910 'All the creeks are also flooded. The 4-mile creek... is over half a mile wide, cutting off communication with the country lower down' (Queen. 2 Apr. 39c5). 1922 'Ever since it was enlarged about 25 years ago two small creeks were also dried up' (Austral. 14 Jan. 87c1). 1936 'The creek dried up until it was just a chain of waterholes, but the lake held out and we were spared the horrors of a water shortage' (Wicking 10). 1965 'the little boat... being borne off... on the swollen, yellow torrent of the creek' (Phipson 141). 1977 'Water from this creek was pumped up by hand to service the bathroom and kitchen and it took the women a long time to get used to... greenish-brown water' (McCullough 74).

creep (feeding) 118, 134.
1961 'Piglets... start to take some of the sow's ration, so creep feeding begins during this period' (Aus. C. Mag. Oct. 35c3).

crib 96.
(AND 1890-1978). 1887 'Taking "crib" with us, the morning being fairly fine' (Bund. Rep. 8 Oct. 2c2). 1896 'Turn out, man, and spare us the blessing./ Crib's cut, and the tea's on the brew' (Dyson 80). 1903 'Men in Western Australia work, as a rule, 8-hour shifts... half an hour being allowed for "crib" (lunch) out of the 8-hour day' (Charleton 461). 1926 'I asked him to come and have a bit of crib with us... but he said he'd brought his own billy' (Prichard 164). 1942 'your mother was packing a couple of apple-pies in your crib' (Casey 120). 1950 'Mick went with him, at first; boiled a billy for him at midday and put out his crib' (Prichard 21).

crib bag 96.
(AND 1898-1950). 1946 'It [gold] was easy to get away with in their crib bags or billies' (Prichard 209). 1964 'their crib bags hung on a nearby sapling' (Smith 93).

crib time 96.
(AND 1894-1973). 1953 'tests to be made at the mine before and after the men's crib time and during their crib time' (Cour. Mail 1 Jul. 3c11).

cribbage (board) 189.
1941 'On the side of the post by which each man shore, or on a board close by, was a double row of holes side by side... this was called the "cribbage board, and as each sheep was shorn, the fact was recorded by the insertion of a wooden peg one hole further from the starting point' (Glasson 8). 1953 'To keep his tally each shearer was provided with either a cribbage board or a bar of soap similarly marked on which he would move a peg one hole on finishing a sheep' (Eastman 132).

crick 84. See creek
1907 'I see you's dropped one [calf] in the crick. It's got bogged' (Morn. Bull. 20 Oct. 7c7). 1913 'the Dwyers won the suit that took Hogan's bit of "crick" and half his land from him' (Bull. 14 Aug. 15c2). 1973 'Many a time I have been told to "muster them yoes down by the crick"' (Sun Her. 18 Nov. 42).

crimp 1. 197, 199.
n. 1892 'The form of each crimp or curve is still normal, and although they are uniform, they are found to be much closer than in the watered type' (Hawkesworth 3). 1905 'The crimps confer elasticity, softness, and felting power on wool' (Ag. Gaz. Mar. 23). 1919 'The crimps of the fibre are deep and even' (Kelly 46). 1934 'Strong wool has a bold wavy crimp' (Hardie 32). 1946 'quality refers to the diameter of the fibre, which is usually indicated by the evenness and number
of crimps or waves' (Gold Mort 20). 1962 'Usually, the greater the number of crimps per inch the finer is the wool' (Barnard 16).

v. (ext. OED ppl.a). 1907 'It is a bold fairly free staple, well crimped right to the ends' (R. Ag. Soc. Aug. 710). 1965 'Because fibres are usually crimped, that is bent in what appears to be a regular wave form, the true average fibre length of wool within a staple is greater by between 10% and 20% than staple length' (Henderson 25).

Crippen 173.

1957 "Poisoner", "baitlayer", "Crippen" (after the notorious murderer), "slushy", and "snag" were all in fairly common use as descriptive titles [for cooks]' (Wannan 40).

crock(ere), crocodile 105, 147.

(AND 1897-1966). 1838 'Broken-mouthed ewes are called crones in Suffolk and Norfolk; kroks or crocks in Scotland; and drapes in Lincolnsire' (Blacklock 15-16). 1902 'And straps his "peter" [swag] on his "crock" [horse]' (Gold Fleece 2 Jun). 1902 'Across a wiry pony who he calls his "crocodile"' (Gold Fleece 2 Jun). 1920 'O'Connell's selection will hardly grow enough grass to feed the old crocks he runs the coach with' (Palmer 105). 1926 'The same morning they cut out the runts, crocks, and old mares' (Prichard 60). 1980 'Now as a crocker I'm sent to Home-Bush [abattoir]' (Gunn 107).

cross paddock 120.

1828 'nearly 700 acres of land entirely fenced in...divided into paddocks and cross-paddocks' (Monitor 7 Jan. 884 c1).

crossbred (sheep) 148, 179. See XB

1879 'Some of them are crossbred lambs from chance maidens' (Macdonald 30 Sep). 1897 'It is beyond our province to advocate either merinoes or crossbreds as likely to prove the more profitable...the choice must be mainly dependent upon the suitability of each holding for the particular class of sheep' (Gold Mort 4). 1907 'Crossbred...a cross between any two distinct breeds of sheep, but in Australasia, it is understood to mean a cross between a Merino and a Long Wool' (Cooper 60). 1928 'they might be able to do as much for men as they have done for merinios, and crossbreds, and comebacks' (Sun Tel. 2 Sep 6 c2).

crossbred (wool) 190. See also XB

1918 'the trade now recognises as "crossbred" every grade of wool that is not merino' (Bridge 9). 1941 'As crossbred woolis are produced by mating animals that differ greatly in wool quality...they should vary tremendously in type' (Goddard 7). 1953 'classing of a small crossbred clip is much more difficult, because the diameter of the fibre varies to a much greater extent' (Cooper 35).

crow combs.

c-... old 149. 1894 "Old crows" is a name given to old ewe sheep' (Arthur 15). c- bait 105, 149.

1913 'considering the gone-in-the-legs appearance of the old crow-bait of a horse, [it] was a splendid performance' (Harris 59). c- mile 103. 1962 '15 miles from the Victorian border and about 40 crow-miles from the sea' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 18 c1). c- picked 155. 1955 'He's crow-picked you bad' (Marshall 112). c- nest 207. 1934 'in some districts sheep will be found to have an accumulation of sticks, thistles etc, on top of the wither. This "crow's-nest" should be removed in skirting' (Hardie 23). 1965 'contamination is confined to a small patch between the wither and the back of the neck...the "crow's nest"' (Henderson 82).

crowd 138.

1903 'Twelve or fifteen of the outlaws...were sternly ordering the Chinamen to refrain from crowding the stock' (Furphy 201).
Crown Combs.

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crutch 1.  
n. 157,164. 1862 'they [sheep] were passed, by placing the crutch on their necks, and ducking their heads under the dividing beam, into the next pen' (Polehampton 215). 1870 'The crutch should never be used in soaking, except just to dip the heads of the sheep, or any part that appears to be dry' (Graham 59). 1888 'the washers...standing on the poles of the soak-holes, crutch them with a long-handled wooden crutch' (Grant 62). 1932 'as each sheep came along it was turned about [in the sheepwash] with crutches and passed from one to the other' (Scott 39c1). 1953 'We had two men on the "crutch" pushing the sheep's head under, and seven men at the race' (Stronach 55). 1961 'the heads being pushed under with a "crutch" as they swim to a ramp' (Jordan 245).

crutch man 164. 1864 'the crutchmen in the meantime using their crutches upon them, and putting each sheep not less than twice over head in the mixture' (Bruce 15).

crutch dipping 157. 1951 'some properties have installed a crutch-dipping apparatus which dips the hindquarters of a sheep into an arsenical solution' (Aus.Bur.Ag.Ec. 44). 1961 'The crutchers are only entitled to payment for the period of time actually worked, or piecework rate' (Aus.CCA 7).

crutch 2.  v. 165,166,193. (AND 1936-1977). 1903 'took stragglers and wethers out crutched them and left them in yards' (Ulah 31Jul). 1916 'Jack and Frank started crutching several flyblown' (Witten 29Apr). 1922 'in order to prevent ewes getting too dirty it is usual to crutch them a few months before lambing' (Perry 74). 1936 'gilbert sissons finished crutching stud ewes, ewe hoggets and ewe weaners on croidon' (Gibson 27Feb). 1941 'the ewes should be crutched at these periods as a preventative treatment for fly strike' (Goddard 27). 1953 'a variation of the shearing industry award affecting the shearing of belly wool when crutching' (Cour.Mail 3Sep.7c4). 1976 'i didn't relish crutching maggoty sheep, but it was the only job i could get' (Telegraph 5Apr.2c4). 1980 'workin' in sheds where i'd shear or i'd crutch' (Gunn 144).

crutcher 165. (AND 1943). 1917 'crutchers are only entitled to payment for the period of time actually worked, or piecework rate' (Aus.CCA 7). 1923 'agreement forms for shearers, crutchers, shed hands...may be obtained from the worker office' (Aus.Work.19Sep.16c3). 1959 'no crutcher shall catch another sheep during that run after the bell has rung' (Unit.Graz.Qld.2/10). 1961 'contract crutchers charge a lower rate for the minor job...removing the wool between the legs only (inner half of the back legs) and only one blow over the tail' (Jordan 199).

crutching 158,164,165,166. (AND 1913-1969). 1905 'crutching consists in partly shearing the wool from the hind-quarters, as a measure of cleanliness for the wool, and to benefit the animal' (Life Mag.Nov.1072). 1919 'erected shearing stands ready for the crutching' (Caldwell 28Feb). 1931 'the usual overhead charge is made for any sheep shorn at the crutching' (Grazcos 28). 1949 'we request the union to campaign immediately and apply for a variation of the award for a minimum of £1 per hundred for crutching with additional rates for wigging and ringing' (Aus.Work.12Jan.2c2). 1957 'finished crutching yesterday 16,969 sheep crutched' (NZ Land 16Nov). 1967 'crutching...one of the best means for preventing blowfly strike, is also important to the people who handle the wool' (Woodbridge 62). 1973 'crutching is the removal of wool by shearing above the tail and down the inside of the hind legs' (Alexander 93).

crutching plant 166. 1966 'we had a portable two-stand petrol-driven crutching plant' (Newton 57).

crutching rate 165. 1967 'a proportionate amount [of the shearer allowance for comb cutters] is included in crutching rates' (Woodbridge 162). 1975 'we ain't shearing 'em [daggy sheep] unless dooley pays us the full crutching rate' (Ryan 60).

crutchings 166,185. (AND 1914). 1900 'in these colonies crutchings is the name given to those trimmings clipped off the hind part of the sheep' (Hawkesworth 181). 1916 'we did [crutched] fifty but they were too wet so we picked over the crutchings at w [wool] shed' (Harden 18Aug). 1922 'pieces and crutchings should on no account be packed too tightly' (Perry 124). 1931 'crutchings are the urine-stained and daggy wool removed from the crutch, mainly in the case of ewes, so as to minimise the ravages of the blowfly pest' (Cowley 166). 1952 'crutchings are pieces from the
crutch of the sheep and may be kempy' (Haigh 46). 1965 'with crutchings it is not important that the better wool from each sheep be transferred separately to the table' (Henderson 81).

cuddy 105.
(AND 1897-1966). 1904 'I'd a couple of cuddies...one was a grand lady's hack' (Palmer-Archer 40). 1906 'Gardiner attending Arnat...cuddies and young bucks' (Ulah 9 May). 1966 'The sunburnt bloody stockman...Apostrophised his bloody cuddy' (McGregor 38).

cull 123, 139.
n. (OED sb.iii.2). 1868 'Many Australian breeders and wool-sorters...divided the ewes only into long-woofed, short-woofed, and culls' (Jondaryan 26). 1881 'they were "culls"--that is, sheep drafted out of other flocks for some fault, or on account of age' (Grant Vol. 1. 260). 1899 'the sheep are properly drafted, that is, the different sexes, ages, and culls, &c., kept by themselves for the purpose of being shorn separately' (Jeffrey 38). 1910 'Frank and Sid brought the ewes home & I went to the Box [paddock] with culls some 180 odd' (Witten 4 Mar). 1916 'he advised me to pick out what I wanted from the young culls but not...the old culls' (Want. Letter. 26 Aug.). 1922 'The runholder will keep all his lambs, except perhaps a few culls, and the surplus stock sold every year will consist of cull ewes and four, six-tooth, and full mouth wethers' (Perry 96). 1934 'Get rid of the idea that you have got a bargain when you pick up small lots of other people's culls' (Hardie 93). 1941 'They buy them in sale yards---usually dealers' lines or culls from stations--mixed in type and are not the most profitable' (Goddard 9-10). 1966 'The usual practice is to raddlemark the noses, or else to shear the culls as a separate mob' (Du Faur 151).

v. 1843 139. 'By no means take old culled sheep: buy them at three or four years old...not a day older than four' (Caswall 38). 1879 'Mr Hammond came over this morning to assist us to cull out sheep for the Show' (Macdonald 16 Aug). 1893 'Drafted ewes again and culled them, putting the culls in the cultivation paddock and the others in the "Little Plain" paddock' (Capel 14 Mar). 1909 'The practice is to cull the flocks every year, thus keeping the best, and constantly improving average wool capacity' (Evans 57). 1926 'sheep producing irregular fleeces containing such wool [doggy] should be culled and killed for meat and not used for breeding purposes' (Sutton 2). 1932 'Then in 1894 the oldest were culled out, these had absolutely no teeth' (Scott 15c1). 1973 'The aim of classing [on the hoof] is to grade animals...and to reject (cull) those considered undesirable because of low productivity or definite faults' (Alexander 91).

Cull - ewe, flock 139.
1868 'Jervis came in with the cull flock to fold on the wheat land' (Ogilvie 23 Mar). 1890 'nearly ten thousand...counting the full-mouthed and the cull ewes' (Boldwood 81). 1945 'Cull ewes, of course, have their markets and their uses, but it may be taken that one of the latter is not to serve as the foundation for a good flock' (Pears 152). 1955 'He rode to a drover's camp...a small paddock of about five thousand acres in which a lot of cull ewes were' (Lamond 220).

cullmark 139.
1896 'Put the cull mark on the cull ewes' (Ulah 2 Jul).

culling 139.
1849 'Proper attention to breeding, culling, folding, shepherding, and shifting flocks...to repel the attacks of Catarrh' (Duggan 1). 1860 'All that is now wanted to make these flocks rise to a celebrity never yet attained, is a clear knowledge of the qualities required in the proper selection and culling of sheep generally' (Shaw 15). 1946 'By classing and culling is meant dividing the good sheep from bad and getting rid of the latter' (Vic. Dep. Ag. 9). 1960 'Culling low producers won't give permanent improvement' (Aus. C. Mag. 32c2). 1965 'Culling on appearance and production is above all the business of the studmaster' (Gascoigne 31).

cultivation paddock 121.
(AND 1841-1973). 1853 'he had examined the fence around...the cultivation paddock...a broken and insecure state' (Geelong Ad. 18 Jan. 5c3). 1865 'Dunn rode up to Mr. Garry, who was engaged in his cultivation paddock' (Goulb. Her. 25 Mar. 4c2). 1888 'the cultivation paddock was small and the land seemed squeezed in' (Boldwood 6). 1903 'John gathering stones in cultivation paddock' (Tierney 29 Jun). 1916 'Put sheep out of cultivation paddock into Morans' (Witten 22 Mar).
Cumberland 152.
(AND 1863-1980).  1863 'When animals die from the "Cumberland disease," gangrene follows death with extreme rapidity'(Therry 265).  1893 'Cumberland Disease" is the name given it [anthrax] in Australia, from its having first made its appearance in the County of Cumberland, New South Wales, in 1847'(McIvor 129).  1937 'When my father came to Australia in 1840, scab was very prevalent... as were also catarrh and cumberland, the proper name of which is anthrax'(Gunn 221).

cup and saucer 67.
1865 'Having been wrongly directed, missed the proper track, and drove for miles through an undulating country, which the people call "cup and saucer", and nothing but sand'(Westwood 199).

curly calf 152.
1976 'CSIRO scientists have established...the relationship between Akabane virus and "Curly Calf"'(Walcha News 29 Jan 4).

cut 1. shearing n.  170, 184, 196.  (AND 1895-1962).  1902 'this great flock will be the first "cut" of the season'(Gold. Fleece 1 Jan 31).  1904 'We've finished the cut, and left the hut, / My old brown horse and me' (Johnston 18).  1932 'we were pretty strict on "the cut", that is making them take all the wool off' (Scott 27).  1953 'the interview was continued, "After a cut are you"'(Eastman 37).  1954 'the average cut per head for sheep and lambs together on all 70 properties was 8.5lb.'(Aus.Bur.Ag. Ec. 11).

v. (a) 184.  (AND 1873-1926).  1848 'A man who in one day can cut 80 fleeces properly is a very good shearer'(Haygarth 47).  1892 'How kin a fellow cut a fair tally, with the boss keepin' chippin' chippin' at 'im all day long'(News.Cut.PL 129).  1930 'big "tallies" will be cut...before the shed cuts out'(Syd.M.Her.7 Jun 11c1).  1943 'determined to turn shearer and cut two hundred sheep a day' (Walkabout 1 Feb 30c1).  1959 'Big tallies were being cut all round me till I was beginning to think the world was made of wool'(Tritton 28).

(b) 184.  1879 'they cut a fine fleece, and the lambs also cut very well'(Macdonald 3 Nov).  1883 'the Scone rams cut heavy fleeces of very clean wool which loses very little in scouring'(Gibson 20).  1896 'the Murray sheep have cut heavy fleeces of bold, robust, profitable wool'(Gordon 4).

1910 'fewer sheep, when carefully culled and tended, can be made to cut heavier and better fleeces than larger flocks'(Jackson 18).  1913 'The average weight of wool cut per head of sheep and lambs has been 7 lbs.'(RAS Ann. 83).  1928 'the first time a sheep is shorn with machines it cuts more wool; but not afterwards'(Aus.W.Ann. Vol.1. 94).  1934 'sheep may cut from 20 to 45 bales per 1000'(Hardie 14).  1941 'a large type Merino producing a 60's quality fleece will cut at least 2 lbs. more than the medium type'(Goddard 6).

1963 'They still cut some 74's [count] but with better nutrition through pasture improvement they have found the wools will strengthen towards 64's'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov. 19c1).

(e) cut in.  184.  1892 'we start to "cut in" which is the term for commencing to shear'(James 97).

(d) cut into or in, on, or out of of 174, 187.  1930 The [catching] pen is filled up, and this enables a shearer's mate to cut him out of a sheep, or maybe two, while he is shearing the "snob"'(Syd.M.Her. 7 Jun 11c1).  1930 'I think I cut you out of one [easy sheep] before lunch, but how many did you get that last run?'(Syd.M.Her.7 Jun 11c1).  1955 'Don't thank me, for it was me who cut you into that cobbler, and it served me right for having to finish it for you"(Barnes 9).  1975 'a fast shearer, particularly with learners, could cut them out of fast cutting sheep, and cut them in on the snobs' (Ryan 51).

(e) cut through, under and over of 187.  1870 'where the shears have cut through...is then said to be "cut under and over"'(Graham 62-3).  1882 'the "cutting through" which results [from not completing a blow on the skin] considerably depreciates the value of the wool'(Armstrong 168).

1911 'cutting through... takes place when... in shearing over the back, the points of the shears cut nearly or quite through the fleece, from the inside to the out' (Stewart 160).

cut 2. drafting 136, 139.

n. (AND 1874-1963).  1950 'To make the mob easier to drive, each shepherd takes a cut of about five hundred or so'(Barns-Graham 55).  1966 'They are put through the yards in cuts, but the
bigger the mob the bigger the cuts seem to be'(Newton 47). 1973 'Sheep are mustered some time before shearing and kept in handy mobs near the shed, so that easy "cuts" can be made from day to day' (Aus.C.Mag.Jul.45-6).

v. e.-off 138,139. 1833 'Sheep are mustered some time before shearing and kept in handy mobs near the shed, so that easy "cuts" can be made from day to day' (Aus.C.Mag.Jul.45-6).

v. c.- off 138,139. 1833 'shepherds have been in the frequent habit of cutting off portions of my flock'(Tasman.24May.1611c1). 1883 'Lamb cut off his lame and weak cattle at Surprise Water 40 miles back from his camp'(Macansh 9). 1918 'We cut off about one third of Merino Ewes in Macauleys for Crutching & took them to Wool Shed'(Harden 5Mar).

v. cut 3.

v. 149-50. (OED v.26). 1828 'Daniel Lane begs most respectfully to inform the public, that having had an experience of thirty years, Cutting and Speying male and female cattle, and cutting horses of every age, he offers his services'(Monitor 26Apr.1128c2). 1850 'Cut and branded all the colts' (Ogilvie 26Nov). 1859 'Cut 1,487 lambs at the Nine Mile'(Peppin 28Jul.). 1879 'Beverage called to give notice that he was about to cut his lambs tomorrow'(Macdonald 6Jul).

v. cut 4.

n. 103. (OED sb.ii.15). 1860 'we left the main road and made a cut through the bush to Robinsons' (Chittleborough 30May). 1901 'indeed we are nearly blocked in consequence of adopting one very tempting "cut"...in bush parlance, the old English predicate [short] has been eliminated'(Boldrewood 404-5).

v. cut out 1. shearing

n.(a) 180,184,205. (AND 1896-1977). 1900 'It was within a couple of days of cut-out, so I told Mitchell ...that I'd camp up the Billabong and wait for him'(Lawson 33). 1908 'At West Longreach the cut out was to take place at the end of this week'(Morn.Bull.23Jul.3c1). 1916 'this will be the last letter I will write to you till after "cut out"'(Want.Letter.16Sep.16). 1931 'when they had a number of sheep over, they dispensed with the services of the shed hands, declared a cut out'(Aus.Work.4Mar.17c4).

v. cut out in 2. shedding

n.(a) 180,184,205. (AND 1896-1977). 1900 'Got two more shearers today and cut out 807 sheep'(Macdonald 21 Oct). 1893 'He and twenty others had just "cut out"...had finished shearing, at Wycomb's'(Cameron 19). 1902 'the shanty was full of shearers from Big Billabong Shed which had cut-out the day before' (Lawson (1) 1). 1922 'All we ask you...is when you have cut out in your first shed not to accept another unless you get full Queensland rates'(Aus.S.Bull.25Aug.1). 1928 'After ration sheep are cut out, the wethers come next, followed by the wether and ewe weaners, dry ewes, if there are any, and lastly, the ewes and lambs'(Aus.W.Anng.Vol.9.96). 1934 'every pen should be cut right out once a day'(Hardie 20). 1949 'The shearers mostly work their way round in groups...travelling two or three hundred miles from one station they have "cut out" to the next'(Ciba Rev.No74.2731). 1955 'they started at a station...in the wide open spaces in Central Queensland...and, after "cutting out" shed after shed...they sailed over to New Zealand and finished the shearing season there'(Barnes xii).


1959 'It would be a long time before we forgot the Cut-out Ball at Carinda'(Tritton 41c1). 1963 'Everybody was present in the kitchen for the cut out ceremony'(Smith 40). 1964 'during the shearing season we'd get several bookings from the shearing sheds for "cut out" dances, the social event of the sheep country year'(Smith 204).

1907 'There'll be cheques to banish sadness / In the "cut-out" day ahead'(Syd.Mail 27Nov.1373c4). 1960 'it was not until almost cut-out day that one finally had to admit defeat'(Mills 161).

1957 'Cut out horrors...is a humorous expression used to denote those who are anxious to move on to the next destination'(Ryan 207). 1975 'You're like a shed-hand with the cut-out horrors'(Ryan 84).
cut out 2. drafting
v. 135,136,138,148. (AND 1844-1976). 1848 'the process of driving, or, as it is called, "cutting out" a single bullock'(Haygarth 61). 1878 'there would be great fun for a few days--galloping about and around, and"cutting out", in the camp every day'(Boldrew 3-4). 1882 'Cut out 4 cows, 2 heifers 2 yearlings for Tumut show a good lot'(Macdonald 14Feb) . 1894 'Tom & boys & Alf mustered Urah, & go and cut out Cullumbah'(Ulah 17Sep) . 1904 'a smart hand at mustering, for he had very keen sight, and could spot a beast, and tail, muster, count, and cut out with the best of them'(Palmer-Archer 220). 1920 'There would be nearly a thousand calves to be cut out and branded'(Palmer 26). 1932 'The cut out cattle soon formed a little bunch, encouraging the one cut out to run towards them and soon a mob was formed'(Scott 17c3) . 1947 'To see him "cutting out" from a mob of three thousand head'(Hill 15). 1953 'When the mob was cut out the count showed a shortage of two thousand'(Eastman 77). 1971 'We would put the cattle together, cut out the calves and the cleanskins and bring them into the yard for branding'(Willey 72).

cutter 1. 149. See cut 3.v. 1882 'Supposing there are two fast cutters at work [castrating], they will require eight or ten catchers, and will probably cut from 5,000 to 6,000 lambs per day, if kept supplied with sheep'(Armstrong 139).
cutter 2. 176,178. See cut 1. Also comb and cutter (AND 1891-1968). 1888 'friction on the driving pinions puts the cutters in motion'(News Cut. PL.Vol.136.27). 1910 'You needn't only get one cutter under the skin and the whole blanky machine slips through, and the first you know is the red'(Bean 195). 1938 'The cutter was driven, through a pivoted connecting rod, from a crank-pin on a grooved pulley at the rear of the hand piece'(Fraser 165). 1950 'The long sweeping strokes of the roaring cutters, very similar in design to a barber's electric hair-cutter, cleave the wool smoothly from the sheep'(Barns-Graham 59).
cutting out 121. See cut out 2.v. (AND 1848-1977. 1873 'I went out one morning at 4 a.m. to see a lot drafted out of a herd for sale. "Cutting out" is the proper name for this operation'(Trollope 281). 1911 'the grinning Irishman had pulled him out of the wild raspberry clump in the cutting-out paddock'(Bruce 205). 1912 'No time was lost in the cutting-out operations'(Bowes 96). 1929 'Winni had two other horses..in the mob he was taking for night work and cutting out, in the hills'(Prichard 238). 1932 'The best riders would do the cutting out and it was usual to retain the best horses for them'(Scott 17c2).


dag n. (a) 158,161,166,192. (AND 1891-1985). 1882 'have the piece-wool divided into first and second pieces...all the stained pieces, or dags, going with the locks'(Armstrong 170). 1890 'it would be better to pack the whole fleece after the dags and stained pieces have been removed'(Brown 143). 1910 'The remainder...should be carefully looked over, and any stained bits and dags removed' (Jackson 28). 1917 'we had the wether hoggets in the yards and went through them for fly and dags'(Want.Letter.20Apr.4). 1934 'all dags should be picked out...and the classer should inspect the locks frequently to see that dags and bulky pieces are not finding their way in'(Hardie 20). 1941 'when the crutch is clean, dags do not form, and there is an absence of urine-stained wool'(Goddard 27). 1961 'Loose droppings adhere to the wool and are known as "dags"'(Jordan 10). 1971 'Experience...freedom from crutch strike and dags for life'(Wagga D.Ad.21Jun.13). 1980 'And Cockies all, and shearer man / Be just mere wool dags of Japan'(Gunn 40). (b) 200. 1899 'A pound is good with a decent score /...With leathery necks and dags galore'(Goode 43). 1977 'cobbybers, wets, overgrowns, snobs, dags, fly-strikes, they came in all varieties'(McCullough 232).
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dag v. 137,166.
(AND 1867-1965). 1891 'No member shall be compelled to dag sheep; when necessary all sheep to be dagged at the sheeowner's expense'(Gen.Rules 47). 1911 'shedhands to be allowed to refuse to dag or drench sheep'(Aus.CCA 7). 1922 'It is advisable to dag all dirty sheep before shearing'(Perry 83). 1932 'they should be dagged before coming to the shearer's board'(Past.CAC 27Jul.17c4). 1950 'the employee may refuse to dag or drench sheep if they are suffering from any offensive wound or sore (other than from maggots), or if they are suffering from any disease communicable to him'(Queen.G.Gaz.27Dec.3000). 1966 'The shearers were...working out in the yards dagging with the blades, to keep up the supply of clean sheep'(Mills 27).

dag picker, dagger 166,174.
1889 'Be "brander", "rousebout", or "dagger"/Yet work he never seemed to get'(Woodhouse). 1923 'an old man whose growing infirmity had relegated him from shearer to dag­picker'(Aus.Work. 11Jul.15c4). 1962 'They were inferior to everybody but dag-pickers and swaggers [swagmen]'(Duff 40).

dag picking 166.
1908 'A boy of nine acted as picker up; another juvenile was penning; a gin was dag-picking; whilst an old man...and a stout block of a boy were pressing'(Sorenson 99). 1975 'Does a bit of dag picking on the side' (Ryan 16).

dagging 137,166.
(AND 1867-1948). 1867 'Dagging...means cutting away filthy and unsightly encumbrances'(Jordan 74). 1878 'cleaning or dagging saves a quantity of wool that otherwise would be thrown away... dagging also adds comfort to the animal'(NZ.C.Journ.Vol.2.400). 1892 'Dagging...is the name given in some localities to trimming sheep about the hind parts, legs and belly, in the Spring, or before the shearing commences'(Squatt.Hand.42). 1950 'Simply to cut away the dung-soiled and matted wool below the breech, which is really only "dagging" is not sufficient'(Belschner 106). 1963 'I'll do the dagging myself...I'll give it a go'(Smith 148). 1973 'Crutching is distinct from "dagging", which involves clipping the soiled area below the breech with hand shears'(Alexander 93).

dagging pen 166.
1956 'the [dagging] machine being put in a covered-in dagging pen, thus saving the labour of putting the sheep over the board'(Bowen 104).

daggy 166,200.
(AND 1895-1978). 1880 'Shed all going on O.K. Sheep very daggy'(Macdonald 13 Oct). 1891 'paid the shearers at 23s. per hundred...to make up for the sheep being "daggy"'(Hummer 7Nov.3c3). 1907 'it may be found that they are daggy, in which case the dags should be clipped off'(Jeffrey 86). 1917 'No extra rate has been fixed for shearing daggy sheep'(Australia 6). 1924 'crutching of daggy sheep previous to shearing be made compulsory'(Australia 2Jan.19c4). 1934 'Wet or soft daggy wool should be put out on the rack right away'(Hardie 21). 1953 'If the clip is rather small...make one line only, removing all stains and daggy bits'(Cooper 34). 1965 'Daggy sheep...have a very high nuisance value, and contribute greatly to loss of efficiency during shearing'(Henderson 77). 1993 'he read it [a poem] with the care of a buyer looking for daggy sheep in a mob'(Sydney M.Her.5Jun.7c3).

daisy cutter 106.
(OED 1). 1944 'Jim and Morgan were both "daisy cutters," the bushman's term for those horses who drag their back hooves on the roadway in a scraping jog'(Marshall 17).

dam 83-85.
(a) (OED sb.i.1). 1862 'The creek came down very high and carried away the large dam in the creek' (White 23 Jan). 1932 'Paddy and Owen Matthews made a big dam across the Gil Gil Creek'(Scott 38c2).
(b) (AND 1848-1986). 1832 'The deceased plunged into the dam of Mr.C's distillery...with the intention of swimming across'(Currency 13 Oct.3). 1873 'dams were brimming at Quartzborough, St. Roy reservoir was running over'(Clarke 76). 1886 'Got things ready to clean out Ram paddock dam'(Witten 7Mar). 1892 'Dams as he calls his reservoirs scooped out in the hard soil'(Scribner 141). 1900 'Sargent [sic] Harvey came out to see about the...still which we found in our dam' (Tierney 6Mar). 1919 'Hulm enlarging the dam in the bullock pad'(Caldwell...
11Feb). 1960 'Things that are in [for valuation], are... fences, pastures, crops, dams and so on' (Aus. C. Mag. Feb. 10c2). 1965 'A little girl may have been trying to save the life of her baby brother when they drowned in a muddy dam on their parents' property' (Canb. Times 30 Sep. 4). 1977 'swimming in the dam and galloping in the ploughed paddock' (Syd. M. Her. 17 Feb. 17c6).

dam sinker / sinking 85, 86.
AND 1883-1979. 1959 'plant operators engaged in crop growing and harvesting, dam sinking etc.' (Aus. Work. 21 Jan. 6c5). 1961 'I find the good old medium draught horses, like the teams I used dam sinking on the place we took up fifty miles north-west of Kalgoorlie in 1906' (Aus. C. Mag. Aug. 5c2).

damper 60, 94, 173.
AND 1825-1986. 1824 'How sad to see accomplished, delicate women, living in the back parts, eating pork and damper' (Ranken 20). 1839 'I made him a pot of tea, and gave him a piece of damper and some salt mutton' (Aus. 21 Mar. 2c7). 1848 'some tea, sugar, and damper, were found on them' (Mait. Merc. 8 Apr. 4c4). 1859 Then his first attempt to sleep in a tent, terribly frightened by a possum at his damper' (Tam. Exam. 1 Jun. 5c1). 1868 'Call that a damper! Why, a new chum would make a better damper' (Browne 61). 1879 'we were given some flour, tea, sugar and beef and commenced to make our "damper" for breakfast' (Macdonald 16 Nov). 1887 'Why, they couldn't kill a snake or even cook a damper' (Bund. Rep. 13 Aug. 3c4). 1899 'they were supplied with a large pot of tea, and immense junks of damper' (Derrincourt 146). 1907 'A small square sheet of gum bark, flattened out, answered for mixing or making dampers, doughboys, or leather jackets' (Syd. Mail 13 Nov. 1251c2). 1919 'Year in, year out their Tucker consists of salt beef and damper' (Bull. 2 Jan. 22c3). 1927 'making a damper calls for plenty ashes and no coals' (Aus. Work. 31 Aug. 7c4). 1931 'No horseman worthy of his damper would ask that' (Davison 81). 1949 'Boil up plenty beef, plenty pumpkin, plenty damper, plenty tea, plenty flour damper altogether' (Idriess 125). 1957 'He was mixing a damper in a large felt hat which he carried especially for the purpose' (Tritt 56). 1965 'made a damper of flour, water, and broken soda in a camp oven. It tasted like a cross between rubber and plaster of Paris' (Blackwell 36). 1970 'on the stock camps they eat only dried salt meat and damper' (Aus. 18 Sep. 11c2). 1981 'She had a daughter, pasty and flat as an uncooked damper' (Sun 4 Jan. 83c2).

Darling pea 153.
AND 1889-1935. 1902 "Darling pea"... once the plant has been eaten, it produces an inordinate craving for more' (Bull. 19 Apr. 14c2). 1904 'He's camping out, the old fool!--got "Darling Pea" if ever a man had it' (Palmer-Archer 316). 1928 '"Darling Pea" is a common colloquialism outback for madness... Even a foolish act or statement sometimes provoked the damaging remark, "He's got the Darling Pea"' (Aus. Work. 11 Jan. 13c4).

Darling shower, snowstorm 89.
AND 1887-1968. 1879 'The weather during the morning had been cloudy and sultry, and most people predicted that we were going to have one of the proverbial "Darling Showers"' (St. Geo. Stand. 15 Nov. 2c4). 1899 'It was Jim Waterford's first experience of a Darling snowstorm' (Quinn 47). 1901 'No spring storms had come out of the cloudless sky, not so much as a "Darling River shower" -- "four drops upon five acres"' (Boldrewood 37). 1925 '"Darling showers", when blinding sand rained on her decks, and wind-snapped branches dropped from overhead' (Aus. Work. 18 Feb. 15c2). 1959 'The wind stopped, a few drops of rain fell, and the "Darling shower" was over' (Tritt 56). 1962 'There was a Darling Shower... two spits of rain and a willy-willy threw a few pebbles on the roof' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Nov. 12c2).

dart 104.
1884 'Charleville will be their "dart"' (Queen. 5 Apr. 534c4). 1991 'a statement on the state of the Old Dart economy' (Syd. M. Her. 22 Feb. 23c7).

dead (wood) fence 117, 118.
AND 1844-1980. 1826 'He is preparing to plant sweet-briar hedges under the "dead fences"' (Hobler MSS Vol. 2 133 cit. Shann 1930. 93). 1852 'The "deadwood" fence is one almost peculiar to VDL [Tasmania]. It is nothing more than the trees of the clearing piled into a sort of wooden wall' (Mundy Vol. 3. 180). 1918 'Dead fence... put in a couple of posts about 21m. apart and tie them together with wire. Then you build up the fence with logs or spars, shoving their ends
between the posts...till it looks rather like a chock and log fence without the

**dead**

**comb**s.

**dead-finish** 69. (AND 1880-1981). 1892 'dead-finish...a rough scrub-tree' (Parker 445). 1904 'Who is that coming through that patch of dead finish?' (Palmer-Archer 230). 1964 'They believed the dead-finish to be too miserable a shrub to be called a tree' (Idriess 85).

**d-end** head 83. 1902 'though the channels will be dry, one of them may run to a "dead head," which means finding a water-hole' (Praed 103).

**d-heart** 63. (AND 1906-1982). 1963 'an expedition into these wilds, through the Northern Territory to the "dead heart", Australia's harsh and inscrutable central deserts' (Lubbock 107).

**d-men's graves** 84. (AND 1833-1901). 1855 Akin to these Crab-holes are Dead-men's Graves...oblong heaps of earth...which for all the world present the appearance of a graveyard' (Howitt Vol.1:309). 1869 'Dead Men's Graves...applied to country generally basaltic, where, owing to the unequal decomposition of the underlying rock, humps like graves occur' (Smyth 609).


1902 'It is common on "Jimmy" Tyson's stations to see men riding about with bag and knife, skinning dead sheep and plucking dead wool' (Gold Fleece 2Jun.28).

1910 'Put the dead wool in a bag and brought the iron home' (Witten 14May).

1918 'In respect to Dead Wool...the best could always be branded "1st dead" and the second quality, simply "dead"' (Bridge 9).

1934 'you may either use your own labor to collect the dead wool, or let it to a contractor' (Hardie 86).

1945 'in respect to Dead Wool...the best could always be branded "1st dead" and the second quality, simply "dead"' (Bridge 9).

1952 'Dead wool varies greatly in staple length and colour' (Haigh 101).

1962 'dirty, matted, and partly perished wool retrieved from a decomposed sheep is called "dead wool"' (Barnard 17).

1965 'Dead wool varies greatly in staple length and colour' (Henderson 89).

1962 'Dirty wool, dead wool, the insides of old wool mattresses—anything that could be washed, combed and spun—sold for unheard-of prices' (Syd M.Her.25May. 15c2).

**Deakin Squatter** 125.

1965 'New Natives [to the Southern Tablelands of NSW] are generally quickly labelled with the old, familiar terminology of Pitt Street Graziers, or Deakin Squatters or whatever the current derogatory term is' (Canb.Times 11May.2c2).

**decoy pen** 150.

1934 '12 ft. race set almost at right angles to dip and decoy pen' (Gibson 12.Oct).

**deep** 201.

1952 'Deep...term given to wool which is long in the staple and of lower quality' (Haigh 101).

**dense, denseness, density** 196,198.

1866 'By Denseness, the fibres in staple very close and compact, not hollow or open' (Shaw 4).

1868 'the numerical proportion of the hair roots, or the density of a fleece, is a matter of individuality' (Jondarayan 14).

1899 'The number of fibres on the surface are of utmost importance, and make up the density of the fleece' (Jeffrey 30).

1900 'If two fibres are of equal length, and equal in weight, that fibre with the smallest diameter will have the greatest density' (Haigh 101).

1919 'Density of wool is also of great importance as a protection against the elements' (Kelly 45).

1922 'The fleece should be of dense even quality, and of a good decided staple from fore-top on head to end of tail' (Perry 47).

1937 'Density...alludes to that growth of wool having the greater number of fibres per unit area of skin as many as 60,000 fibres to the sq.inch of pelt' (Wool.Man.27).

1945 'one such sign being the amount of bare skin showing when the fleece is parted while the resistance offered to the opening of the wool is another useful indication of density' (Pearse 194).

1952 'Density...the closeness of the fibres one to another in the staple' (Haigh 101).

**depasture** 134,135.

(AND 1836-1851). 1826 'A herd of Cattle were for a short season depasturing in a paddock at Woolloomooloo' (Monitor No26.210). 1839 '317 Head...with a right of station, on which they
are now depasturing'(Port P.Gaz.23Nov.3c1). 1853 'the whole country is in the hands of squatters for depasturing sheep and cattle'(Read 96). 1867 'A lot of imported sheep were turned into a paddock in which a flock of colonial-bred sheep were depasturing'(Jordan 11). 1877 'The runs are exceedingly lightly stocked, the carrying capabilities being estimated at three times the number depastured on them at present'(Town C.Journ.28Jul.123c4). 1883 'depasturing any number in a flock over the time honoured
520
520
could only lead to loss'(Curr 38).

1892 'selectors
picked the best spots on your leasehold, and began depasturing five or ten thousand sheep'(Parker 58). 1953 'Paddock...fenced area in which stock are depastured'(Lamond 283).

depasturing licence 135.

(A ND 1841-1851). 1841 'Before a person is allowed to occupy a station...he must take out a depasturing licence for which he pays £10 per annum'(Aus.Col.97).

depot (shed) 168,204.

1907 'These depots are fitted up with shearing machinery, and a team of shearsers is employed...so long as sheep are being brought into the shed'(Jeffrey 105). 1943 'to save wherever possible, you will not take the sheep to the depot shed this year but will shear them yourself'(Shaw 28). 1957 'Depot shed...two or more flocks of sheep under different ownership are shorn'(Ryan 207). 1967 The contractor then sends a statement of account to the owner of the depot shed showing a credit for the hire of the shed facilities...a separate statement to each outside owner showing a debit for the use of the shed facilities'(Woodbridge 191).

deu ce 182.

1943 'Ducesam determined to turn shearer and cut two hundred sheep a day...he would deuce all' (Walkabout 1Feb.30).

dee au artist, deucer 179.

(A ND 1923,1953). 1923 'the fastest barber was the ringer...nowadays he is a deucer'(Bull.22Nov. 22c2). 1956 'Deucer...a shearer who regularly shears or tops the tally of two hundred sheep a day' (Bowen 156). 1965 'Sometimes a shearer capable of shearing 200 sheep in a day is called a deuce artist'(Durrant Note).

devil 71.

1833 'Will sell by public auction...a useful machine, commonly called a devil [stump remover]' (Tasman.21 Jun.194c2).

devil devil (country) 84.

(A ND 1844-1955). 1873 'a curious formation...formed by the water into tussocks or hillocks, varying from 8 inches to 5 feet in diameter, and 8 inches to 2 feet in height. This is called locally
"devil devil" probably from being so rough and uneven to ride over'(Daintree 23). 1912 'Then there were patches of "devil-devil" country, in which the surface was honeycombed with holes which were so many pitfalls, demanding the utmost vigilance'(Bowes 72). 1929 'Then there were wide areas of devil-devil country where the surface rises in a succession of sharp little hillocks two or three feet high...devil-devil country, maddening to horses and sometimes fatal to them'(Macquarrie 74). 1933 'alternations of depressions and rises in heavy soils...[called] melon-hole, gilgai, Bay of Biscay, devil-devil and crab-hole'(Bull.20 Dec.34c1).

devil on the coals / in the pan 95.

(A ND 1862-1903). 1862 'Instead of damper we occasionally made what are colonially known as "devils on the coals",...about the size of a captain's biscuit, and as thin as possible, thrown on the embers and turned quickly with the hand'(Polehampton 76).

devil's grip 153.

(A ND 1930,1961). 1944 'A "devil's" grip or high withers are faults, as they indicate a weak constitution and let weather in'(Minter 75). 1950 'Devil's Grip--serious defect in conformation, appearing as a depression immediately behind the withers and associated with short, yolk-stained wool of poor character'(Belschner 695). 1961 'cull those with devil's grip--the dip behind the shoulders--especially liable to flystrike'(Aus.C.Mag.Aug.18c3).

dewlap 129.

(OED 1) 1917 'Dew-lap--hanging folds under jaw and neck of sheep'(Smith 182). 1950 'Dewlap--the upper fold under the neck of a Merino sheep'(Belschner 695).
diamond pen 123.
1956 'They [yards] communicate with the forwarding yards, or diamond pens, which are much smaller, and lead up to the crush pens or forcing pens'(Bowen 120).

dido 146.
1972 'A dido is a very young calf, say under 44lbs., definitely immature and unfit for humans...the term has been used for over 50 years'(Phone call State Abattoir, NSW).

dier 149.
1966 'this number [300] pretty well accounted for all the old "diers"...sheep that would not have seen another winter out'(Newton 48).

dig out 155.
1916 'Simpkin says he is going to have Websters and the Reserve [paddocks] dug out for which I am very glad...they [workmen] are either at the war, in camp or away shearing, or at the digging out'(Want.Letter . l0Sep .5).

dilberries 166.
1888 'Heavy dilberries all vanish before the machine, which gets close to the skin and snips them clean'(News.Cut.PL. Vol.136.27).

Dillinger 108.
1968 'Stafford was born in a circus waggon called a "Dillinger," drawn by mules'(Wom.Day 4Nov.84c2).

dingbat 95.
1936 'The Johnny cakes...are called in the Bush "puftaloons" or "dingbats"'(Aus.W.Mirr.7Apr. 42c3).

dingo 106,145,155-6. See also dog
(AND 1789-1980). 1830 'he [Aborigine] stopped and called out...dingo (dogs) been got him in ribber'(Dawson 142). 1845 'the swarms of dingos, or native wild dogs...are increasing in number, and consequently in daring and depredation, occasioning no trifling loss to the flock owner'(Mait. Merc.13Dec.4c1). 1851 '[tame dog] kept up incessant barking and howling for hours, caused by the near approach of hordes of dingoes'(Intell.22Jul.918c2). 1866 'Since the introduction of strychnine to poison the wild dog or dingo, the true kangaroo dog has almost wholly disappeared throughout the squatting districts'(West.Post 31May.3c3). 1878 There are no dingoes, and we have no township near us to breed tame dogs'(Boldrewood 122). 1893 The cry, or howl, was not that of a dingo; in fact, it was unlike the cry of any dog'(Merrii 159). 1907 'Had great search for dingo that eat [sic] poisoned sheep. No luck'(Witten 12Apr). 1916 'He said the destruction of dingoes was a vital question, of which the whole country was feeling the ravages'(Queen.26Jun.11c1). 1934 'I have had dingoes on a property within 40 miles of Sydney'(Telegraph 18 Oct.8c6). 1946 'The dingo, a creamy-fawn in colour by day, seemed insatiable now, a creature of the night and the moon' (Davison 3). 1959 'night calls indicated that dingoes and donkeys were prevalent in the area'(Aus.Work.24Jun.11c1). 1980 'She said that dingoes normally carried prey in an upright position by the head and that would have accounted for the blood pattern'(Syd.M.Her.16Dec.1c8).

dingo combs.

d- bounty 156. 1971 'the idea was to breed the animals and scalp them for the dingo bounty' (Willey 131). d- fence 119. (AND 1914-1983). 1972 'It included driving along the high dingo-proof fence that separates N.S.W. and South Australia'(Sun Her.24Dec.17). 1982 'the Queensland border outpost of Hungerford, a town walled off from the south by dingo fencing'(Sun Her.7 Oct.110c4). d- scalper 156. (AND 1931,1963). 1931 'an aborigine...had been charged with the murder of James Thomspn, dingo scalper'(Bal.BeaC.23Apr.2c3). 1934 The deceased was born in a dingo scalper's hut'(Aus.Work.17.Oct.14c2). d- stiffener 156. (AND 1945,1949). 1949 The first three camels he bought cheaply from a wandering dingo-
stiffener'(Idriess 115). d-time 156. 1966 'I'm not kidding when I say it's getting near dingo-time [evening] and time for us to skedaddle'(Waller 46).

dingy 200.
(AND 1891-1970). 1867 'a still further class is made under the head of "Dingy," which contains all the stained and discoloured fleeces'(Jordan 92). 1900 'A dingy wool has a heavy, leaden, cloudy appearance, and is the same colour all through the entire fleece...however carefully cleansing by scouring has been done'(Hawkesworth 189). 1935 'In some seasons the whole clip is dingy, and if there is only one line of sheep on the farm two classes should be made of the fleece-wool'(Cook 18).

1950 'Dingy...wool lacking in brightness, possibly the result of excessive yolk, unfavourable environment, or the presence of parasites'(Belschner 695).

dinner 96.
(AND 1911-1977). 1862 'put up eight pannel [sic] fencing after dinner'(Fitzgerald 11 Dec). 1880 'At midday we camp beside some "water-hole" for lunch, or dinner, as it is called'(Inglis 133). 1893 'Stayed at Gobba for dinner, came home before tea'(Ohulura 16 Jul). 1902 'in Australian road-travel, whatever may be the difference in climate...the "dinner" so called, is the meal taken at or about mid-day...an hour or two, one way or another, not being regarded of importance'(Boldrewood 165).

dip n.
(a) 157. 1864 'To prevent the sheep from jumping over the sides of the race the fences...especially as they approach, the dip should be of extra height'(Bruce 10). 1883 'put up some bough-yards, in which to erect a bullock-hide dip for the sheep'(Curr 338). 1897 'Considering the simplicity of the operation, and comparatively trifling cost of using a dip, it is surprising that the practice is not more generally adopted'(Gold.Mort 13). 1919 'Fixing up the dip ready for dipping'(Caldwell 20 Oct). 1928 'Jim was putting the last few stragglers through the "dip"'(Robertshaw 128).

1863 'Sheep have to be dipped three months before they quit Nelson, and inspected and re-dipped (in tobacco water and sulphur) on their entry into this province'(Butler 42). 1878 'If sheep require to be dipped, that process should be performed soon after shearing...a large percentage of life is saved, a vast amount of liquor also, and the fleece is not injured'(NZ.C.Journ. Vol.2.399). 1882 'Now to perfectly dip a sheep flockmasters know well that it should be thoroughly [sic] and frequently ducked overhead, so that the lice, ticks, &c., should be all killed and removed'(Menzies 23). 1897 'Chief amongst the advantages accruing from dipping sheep is the ridding them of parasitical pests'(Gold.Mort 13). 1900 'I will still hold to my argument, and say dip off the shears' (Syd.S.S.Journ.2Feb.5).

(b) 157. 1888 'Dipping is, when possible, performed immediately after shearing, and consists merely in entirely immersing the sheep in the mixture, or, as it is called, "the dip"'(Cassell Vol.2.220). 1912 'When I purchased the Dip we were having a great deal of trouble with the Maggot Fly'(Queen. 13 Jan. 1c1). 1920 'A fluid dip has the most mollifying effect upon lambs, and stud sheep usually receive their ablution in it'(Macdonald 101). 1937 'very effective dips were discovered, mostly carbolic, and, later, arsenic'(Gunn 222).

dip v.
157. (OED v.I.3.c). 1863 'Sheep have to be dipped three months before they quit Nelson, and inspected and re-dipped (in tobacco water and sulphur) on their entry into this province'(Butler 42). 1878 'If sheep require to be dipped, that process should be performed soon after shearing...a large percentage of life is saved, a vast amount of liquor also, and the fleece is not injured'(NZ.C.Journ. Vol.2.399).

1957 'I had decided to make this a bang-tail muster, a form of stocktaking...of every beast before it was passed down the dip crush to be dipped and tallied'(Porteous 187).
dip wash 164. 1944 'Usually these dip-washes were built on a shallow water-hole with a gravel or sandy bottom'(Walkabout Jan.36c2).

dipper 157. 1907 'These are only a few of many contingencies, which dippers, and not the dip, are accountable for'(Cooper 36). 1950 'As each sheep swims past the dipper, the crutch is placed behind its ears, the dipper leans sideways, and under, protesting, goes the sheep'(Barns-Graham 87).

dipping 137,151,154,165. 1874 'Dipping in a solution of tobacco...is found so expensive, that...it costs almost the value of the sheep to cure it'(Caird 20). 1897 'The dipping process was rather trying too, as each sheep had to be lifted up and placed struggling and kicking in the poisonous solution, which sent the vile compound over one's hands, and made one's finger-tips swell and the nails turn black'(Archer 40). 1907 'dipping is as safe an operation as shearing'(Cooper 36). 1916 'all these sheep would then have a fresh paddock after dipping'(Want.Letter.11Aug.3). 1935 'the sheep should be yarded for a few hours prior to dipping, to allow them to get rid of their droppings, otherwise the dip quickly becomes foul'(Goddard 9). 1949 'To protect sheep from parasites, "dipping" is carried out, almost always near the shearing shed'(Ciba No74 .2731). 1961 'It takes the same amount of dipping, marking, crutching...and so on if a sheep carries 5lb of wool or 9lb'(Aus.C.Mag.Aug.19c2).

dipping muster 157. 1953 'The time came for the dipping muster of the Saxon [paddock], and we walked off to the Team camp in good weather'(Stronach 48).

dipping plant 157. 1865 'To keep these sheep in profitable condition, to enable them to bring full fleeces to the shearing shed...a certain dipping plant, together with a periodical outlay in dressing stuff and labour, were indispensably necessary'(Curr 9).

divide, dividing range 63,66. (AND 1834-1973). 1852 'the whole dividing range between Victoria and New South Wales...was one vast goldfield'(Lancelott Vol.2.128). 1869 'Dividing-range...A range of hills or mountains... which separate creeks or rivers'(Smyth 609). 1881 'The road leads over the top of the "divide," and is really the ridge of the great range'(Ill.Aus .News 21Jan.7c1).

dock 149. (OED v.i.l.b). 1867 'When the lambs are six weeks old, or sooner if convenient, the males are castrated, and the tails of both sexes are docked'(Jordan 62). 1873 'No one would dock his lambs when the weather is very cold, because the bushy tails of the animals afford a great deal of warmth'(Youatt 513-4). 1901 'When the lambs are about two months old...they can be ear-marked or branded, castrated and the tails docked'(Journ.Dep.Ag.WA .Jan-Jun.10). 1935 'Always cut off the tip of the scrotum and do not split it to remove the testicles, dock the tail at the second joint'(Goddard 11). 1961 'all lambs tails are "docked," i.e., cut off short for hygienic reasons'(Jordan 13).

docking 149. 1882 'In docking the tail should not be pulled too strongly, as, when that is done, the result is half-an-inch of bone left protruding beyond the skin, to heal slowly and cause unnecessary pain' (Armstrong 138). 1922 'The actual operation of castration and docking, whilst quite simple, requires considerable care if losses are to be avoided'(Perry 80). 1946 'Lamb marking consists of three operations...ear marking or tagging, castration and tail-docking'(Vic.Dep.Ag.49). 1950 'A bloody job (literally) is docking, when the lambs lose their tails'(Barns-Graham 159). 1966 'It may be necessary to adapt [sic] the docking procedure if arthritis and flystrike are known to be troublesome' (Du Faur 102).

doctor 1. 173. n. (AND 1868-1921). 1868 'a good cook, or "doctor", as he is called, is a necessary individual in camp'(Brown 71). 1888 'the doctor (all bush cooks are called the doctor), will put another bucket of tea and a log on the fire'(Overlander 1). 1896 'Doctor...word used in the South
Australian bush for the cook'(Austral. 13 Jun. 1133c1). 1902 'A decent cook's his doctor / And he makes of him a god' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 26).

v. 1905 'I was doctorin' (cooking) for a shed on the Downs'(Rudd Mag. Apr. 378).
2. 1897 'An old ram found with studs, doctored [castrated]' (Ulah 3 Jun).

doddings 166.
1952 'Doddings...Hard lumps of dung and earth which have become clotted and dried onto the wool between the back legs' (Haigh 101).

dodge Pompey 141.
1868 'He [drover] is necessitated to do a little trespassing on the quiet, which he calls "dodging Pompey," thereby getting his sheep better feed [and not being detected]' (Browne 53).

dodger 95.
(AND 1897-1980). 1897 'Loaf of bread--"Dodger"...Common in settled districts' (Bull. 7 Aug. red page. c3). 1918 'Chuck us the dodger, Bill' (Kia Ora 15 Nov. 18c2). 1957 "Smack us in the eye with another hunk o' dodger, matey." Jimmy gave him some bread' (O'Grady 51).

doer 147.
1963 'His search for good doers and better grades of wool led him into a stud venture 15 years ago' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 18c1).

dog 1. 95. See boiled, tinned -dog
2. 156. (AND 1846-1965). 1875 'Dogs [dingoes] killed a lamb out of the crawlers' (Witten 17 Nov). 1899 'Looking for dogs in Morgan's pad but see none. 18 sheep killed' (Regan 13 Jul).
1907 'Mustered Moran's [paddock] dogs in the sheep found one killed...poisoned it [the sheep, as bait] & put out 4 traps' (Witten 25 Feb). 1916 'Saw two dogs up the swamp, shot at them hit one badly, and think hit the second' (Witten 12 Jul).
1932 'Dingoes were troublesome...the dogs used to find their way over and around the netting' (Scott 65c3).

dog combs. 156.
d- bite 155. 1879 'Lampe discovered two lambs dead and one dying from dogbite' (Macdonald 9 Dec).
d- proof (AND 1865-1898). 1851 'Yesterday and Sunday was employed with blacks building a dog proof sheepyard at Redbank for the weakly of the weaned lambs' (Ogilvie 29 Jul).
1971 'the S.A.-N.S.W. dog proof fence' (Barrier Miner 9 Mar. 1).
d- trapper 1901 'Splitters, boundary-riders, dog-trappers...every man-jack of 'em' (Franklin 16).
3. v. 138, 140. (ext. OED v. 2). 1843 'Cry down the system of dogging sheep [in the manner of a dingo], particularly when coming home at night' (Caswall 43).
1849 'Over stockking and carelessness of breeding...dogging and driving...are more than sufficient to reduce the fleece, thin the stock, and ruin the credit of any Colonial flock owner' (Meston 31).
1872 'The whole business [mustering] is one requiring great care and good skilful men; any outburst of passion, such as a man dogging the ewes, causing the owner great loss' (Eden 92).
1882 'Avoid dogging the sheep, while in the yard, as much as possible and let their time in the yard be as limited as possible' (Armstrong 170).
1908 "dog" them [sheep], mix them up as you like; but...all the mates will camp together that night just the same' (Morn. Bull. 29 Jul. 6c7).
1957 'So don't dog or kick the cows [with mastitis]' (Aus. C. Mag. Jul. 19c1). 1983 'Alan Trevena gave racehorses away...to dog steers' (Sun Her. 23 Oct. 71c1).

dogger 156.
(AND 1890-1984). 1937 'several doggers dropped off at lonely stations to resume their pursuit of the dingo...7s. 6d apiece is paid for scalps' (Croll 9).
1947 'As dingo's in the Inland are called "dogs," the man paid a regular salary for their destruction is a "dogger"' (Maclean 23).
1953 'Employment of doggers, payment of scalp bonuses, erecting dog-proof fences...aerial baiting was proving very costly' (Cour. Mail 1 Sep. 6c7).
1962 'A dinkum Australian, Ebsworth learned his trade from his father, also a skilled dogger' (Aus. C. Mag. May. 32).
1970 'one of the doggers
sighted a mob of 80 [wild camels] a couple of days ago'(Walkabout Oct.45c3). 1981 'All good doggers have the ability to call dingoes'('Syd.M.Her.24 Feb.7c5).

dogging 156.
1918 'Incidentally dogging west o' Bourke is a very profitable game'(Bull.10Jan.22c2). 1971 'Goodall caught the gold fever... but his real business was dogging. The idea was to breed the animals and scalp them for the dingo bounty'(Willey 131).

dog hair 201.
1900 'In some countries dog hair is cultivated in the stud sheep, and is claimed to be a sign of masculinity'(Hawkesworth 176). 1931 'dog hair' fibres present features in structure more closely related to hair than wool'(Cowley 52).

dogginess 202.
1973 'those with wool showing marked deterioration, such as dogginess, might be rejected' (Alexander 92).

doggy 196,201,202.
1926 'The inclusion of rough harsh wool technically termed "doggy", in bales of finer fleeces, is not only faulty classing, but is inexcusable and costly to growers'('Sutton 2). 1934 'Doggy wool has a "starey" appearance... it is mostly met with in chalky-white fleeces like old, run-out rams'(Hardie 40). 1944 'The novice or inefficient classer appears to grade doggy wool mainly on its brightness and length, otherwise it would not be included in top lines as it is'(Minter 69). 1957 'Straight-fibred or "doggy" fleeces also should be kept separate'('Guthrie 217). 1961 'an abundance of doggy, tender, or badly-discoloured fleeces would have to run separate lines to absorb each of these types'('Eves 16).

dog leg fence 118.
(AND 1836-1980). 1863 'It is what is called a "dog's leg" fence, made of unbarked saplings but crossways'(Hennin 25Jul.136). 1888 'we could see a gunyah made out of boughs, and a longish wing of dogleg fence'(Boldrewood 71). 1899 'barely able to distinguish a brigalow scrub from a dog-leg fence'('Truth 3Sep.5c7). 1904 'The whole was guarded by a dandy-looking dogleg fence, that kept everything off except cattle, iguanas [etc.]'(Rudd 3). 1931 'Though hardly ever seen nowadays, the old "dogleg" fences are still a good proposition for small jobs where saplings are plentiful and wire is scarce'('Queen.15Jan.15c3). 1955 'There was a dog-leg fence round it and a pepper-tree drooping over the wood heap'(Palmer 113). 1967 'Nearby, samples of pioneer fences have been reconstructed..."dog-leg" and "block-and-rail"'('Wom.Day 23 Oct.118).

dogs' jew's harp 95.
(AND 1898). 1934 'A queer tucker name is dogs' jew's-harps... currant dumplings'('Bull.14Feb.21 c2).

don 182.
1866 'But there are regular shearsers, who start in the warm parts and finish up on the tablelands, and who rest during the remainder of the year... These shearsers are generally called "dons"'('Aus.Journ. Vol.1.825c1).

donga 69.
(AND 1902-1984). 1885 'It was soon after this... that the Donga district became notorious as one in which the Blacks were dangerous'('Praed 45). 1900 'I take into account the dongas, or dry sluits'('Her.Stand.27 Feb.1c6). 1937 'donga... depression in sandy country'('Hill 330).

double 204.
1932 'a dump hand can get up some speed with them except when he strikes a "double", which is two bales dumped together'('BP Mag.Mar.82).

double combs.
d- bank, banking 105,111,174. (AND 1863-1979). 1891 'Each shearer must have a separate pen to shear into--no double-banking allowed'('Gen.Rules 47). 1912 'Tony's horse was given to him, while the other two boys "double-banked" on Sam's'('Bowes 199). 1923 'There were occasions when it was necessary to "double bank". This meant that the two teams were hitched on
to the one wagon' (Bowes 14). 1932 'In this case there were so many [bullock] teams in company that by "double banking" they could get along "somehow" in the worst of weather, barring floods' (Scott 39c1).

1933 "Double banking" [coming in a second time for food] was considered quite orthodox on their part, as were the remarks: "Two of us [swagmen], boss, holding open the bag" (Eastman 71). 1957 'they went in on horseback, double-banking on one horse and packing their gear on the other' (Niland 232). 1962 'Up to three children sometimes ride on one pony. Doublebanking is commonplace' (Aus.C. Mag.Oct.65c3).

1966 'these are called single and double-boarded sheds' (Armstrong 174).

1969 'In a double crush (i.e. two pens) a good long gate, approximately four feet width, should be used at the end of the dividing fence to lead the sheep from either pen into the race' (Bullen 120).

dumped 204. 1917 the fleeces are now "double dumped"—that is to say, they are compressed into half their former size' (Willey 72).

1919 'Jack got 2 sheep from H. Graham one with double fleece shore her this day' (Stow 98).

1924 'all double-fleeced sheep be paid for at the rate of two for one' (Aus.Work.2Jan.19c4).

1935 "Double fleece" .. . This means any fleeces which have not been shorn for two years or over' (Cook 15).

1939 'Wool is classed as double fleece because it has extraordinary staple length as a result of eighteen months or more of continuous growth' (Henderson 90).

1943 'the triple spiked thorn, always "double-gee" in Westralia, "bindi-eye" in N.S.Wales and "jo-jo" in Victoria' (Bullen 22Dec.nlcl).

1898 'The only thing that scares me is double-gees, spikes all roads and Satan's face on three sides' (Lawrence 61).

dough banger 173.

1847 'few persons who have tasted the deliciousness of a corn-doughboy eaten with the salt pork...will consider their taste altogether perverted' (Harris 12).

1855 'A suet pudding, called a doughboy, or a dish of rice or potatoes, if we have them, are put into the fat, and when ready beef steaks or mutton chops are fried' (Howitt Vol.1.117-8).

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1868 'For my part, I don't care whether we have a goose and plum pudding, or corned beef and doughboys for dinner' (Houlding 152).

1891-1963) 1897 'You better go out...and let the dough-banger come in' (Costello 73).

1934 'the many celebrated doughbangers who have crossed beyond the hill' (Mac.Chron.24 Apr.6c4).

dough-boy 95,173,292.

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1888 'There were so many faults found with the style of cooking (the true shearer being quite a gourmet in the matter of doughboys and duff)' (Grant 64).

1900 'I placed two doughboys in an old handkerchief, leaving two for sister in case she should return' (Major 13). 1937 'no pudding except on Sundays, when they got doughboys with black sugar, and vinegar...over them' (Gunn 138).

1949 'The menu was monotonous, mutton, damper...dripping was served for butter, sticky brown sugar for sweetening black tea, and the making of duffs, dough boys and roly polies' (Crawford 115).

Douglas 81. See kelly

1896-1966) 1919 "Swinging Douglas" [poem title]. Footnote: The bushman's axe, so called from the name of its maker' (Dennis 11).
dover 80,277. (AND 1870-1905). 1878 'In plates and knives scant is the shepherd's store, / Dover and pan are all, he wants no more'(Aus Vol.1.418). 1881 'I drew my dover, and went for him straight, but it warn't no use'(Evans 274). 1907 'Every man carried his own knife, usually a strong, single-bladed one, branded "Dover," and this was fastened to the waist by a lanyard, passing through a hole in the handle'(Syd.Mail 13Nov.1251c2). 1908 'he was a loud red-faced man who used his blooming dover like a shovel'(Seagram 164).

dover, flash-, run of-, sport- 81. (AND 1872-1942). 1872 'giving me...my bed, and as it is called, "the run of my Dover"'(Whitworth 24). 1873 'Ses he ther's mutton and damper, / And on the fire there's tea, / So, flash yer dover hearty, / For ther's heaps for you and me'(Johnson 16). 1905 'You've only got to sport your dover and knock a monkey [sheep] over'(Paterson 126).

down (a) 104. (AND 1806-1936). 1811 'He was afterwards sent down [to Sydney] from Georges River' (Syd.Cour.Vol.23.175). (AND 1875-1932). 1838 'The wholesale plundering of spirit casks by the carriers...in the conveyance of goods for the "down country"'(Monitor 11Jun.3c3). 1849 'Drove his mother and sisters down to the capital'(Harris 292). 1857 'Things have been pretty bad in and around Melbourne...since we came down the country'(Fletcher lett.). 1901 'the main "down the country" road, as the highway from Yass to Sydney was provincially termed'(Boldrewood 64). (b) 88. (AND 1868-1983). 1886 'Had a big storm in the Evening put some water in the dam. Brought down Connor's Creek'(Witten 11Mar). 1965 "Look out! The river's down!"...The boy could hear a low rumble like thunder'(Durack 20).

down tube 178. See tube
1933 'the shearer is required to oil the down tube up to the driving wheel'(McKenzie 2-3). 1956 'it is not possible to give the down-tube too much lubrication at the end of every run'(Bowen 99). 1962 'Sit the sheep in the position to the left of the down-tube facing along the board'(Aus.W.Bur.2). 1975 'Chromed downtubes weaved about them like thin grotesque arms'(Ryan 43).

downrights 192. (OED C.2). 1873 'the downrights, an honest, sound wool; but that is all that can be said about it' (Youatt 67). 1895 'Downrights...Taken from lower part of sides or skirtings...is mostly composed of the last wool from a good short fleece'(Hawkesworth 5). 1900 'Downrights...the best of the skirtings taken from the front part and sides of the fleece, frequently including the bellies' (Hawkesworth 241).

draft n. 122,136. (AND 1813-1946). 1885 'Should they buy a draft from a high-class Riverina or Western District flock, they anticipate realizing for the wool prices equal to those paid for the station clip'(Austral.295). 1919 'If a draft of ewes of a particular age be wanted, they can then be drafted out without handling'(Kelly 67). 1968 'A draft is a mob of sheep sent to market, so one can say, "the first draft has gone and another draft will be ready soon"'(Craig Note).

v. 121,122,135,137. (AND 1837-1980). 1848 'he saw two men busily engaged at the run stockyard drafting cattle'(Mait.Merc.8Mar.2c3). 1863 'it may be, you are drafting two different sorts of sheep at once; then there will be two yards in which to put them'(Butler 154-5). 1876 'Went out to the paling yard put up a lane to draft the sheep'(Witten 16May). 1888 'we got the cattle drafted to rights, every sort and size and age by itself, as near as could be'(Boldrewood 79). 1894 'Boys drafting the ridge sheep got 180 weaners among them'(Ulah n.d.). 1904 'these two boys of mine, of seven and nine...can help draft, keep tally, and crack a stockwhip as well as boys twice their age'(Palmer-Archer 6). 1916 'Arnold stayed here finished drafting his sheep'(Witten 11May). 1951 'By the time the shearers come the gang will be back at the station with several thousand wethers ready drafted to go into the shed'(McLeod 28). 1961 'Should there be any mixed-age flocks, ask the owner or manager to have them drafted before shearing'(Eves 9).
draft off, out 122.

1874 'Before summer is over, the fat sheep...have to be drafted out, and sent to the meat-preservation establishment'(Caird 19). 1879 'They...previously made a man draft off the workmen's horses'(Den. Chron.27Feb.2c4). 1890 'In 1878...drafted off and weaned 3,527 ewe and wether lambs'(Brown 145). 1910 'all those so marked could be drafted out for examination as to the reasons for their deficiency'(Jackson 16). 1918 'In afternoon Ern branded sheep & helped Scott draft lambs off' (Harden 10 Oct).

1934 'drafting off all stragglers and bringing the sheep into the shed in mobs of one breed, one sex and of approximately the same age'(Hardie 28). 1946 'He and Harry were bringing a mob in to the yards to draft out some ageing ewes'(Davidson 80). 1966 'A sound practice is to draft out the thinner ewes about six weeks from lambing for preferential feeding'(Du Faur 67).

drafter 123.

(AND 1848-1880). 1848 'The chief share of the danger falls upon the draughter [sic], who has to go amongst the cattle'(Haygarth 68). 1890 'they behave better, though all the while keeping the drafters incessantly popping at the fence by truculent charges'(Boldrewood (1) 227).

1932 'The drafter armed with a good sized waddy...would yell, cow, calf, bullock etc'(Scott 17c3).

drafting 123.

(AND 1845-1963). 1885 'performances of mustering, cattle drafting, and such like mysteries of stock-keeping'(Praed 2). 1915 'From the receiving yard, sheep have access almost direct to the sweating pens--an advantage when a flock does not require any drafting'(Mathews 8). 1932 'After mustering comes the drafting'(Scott 13c3). 1946 'The big mobs took some handling--some drafting--sheep were pretty wild'(Macfarlane 58).

1965 'When the sheep were finally brought in to the station, drafting began ...the woolshed was filled with hot, smelly sheep ready for the morning's clip'(Anderson 138).

drafting combs.

d- camp 136,149. 1891 'We can all swear a rounder in the stock yard or the drafting camp'(Praed 44). 1936 'Delacy erected trap yards and drafting crushes'(Franklin 91). 1939 'Tom out getting gate stuff...making drafting gate'(Ulah 31Jul).

1945 'That is where the drafter wants to see it...on the sheep which is fourth or fifth in the race back from the drafting gate'(Pearse 87). 1965 'he has a dabble at everything...so he moves from the wool table to the drafting gate'(Gascoigne 166).

1907 Finished the drafting lane in sheep yard & cleaned up'(Witten 12Jan). 1936 'This drafting race divides the sheep into the separate lots...these are then handled by the drafting pens, check pens, and holding yards'(Bowen 120). 1926 'a long narrow handling pen at the entrance to the drafting race was filled with sheep two and even three feet deep in a minute or two'(Lilico 28).

1934 'Give the gates of the drafting race a good overhaul'(Hardie 10). 1952 'The simplest drafting race will only divide sheep into two groups at a time, the more pretentious into three, but I have seen...five divisions'(Glasson 13). 1966 'I've heard of some big tallies put through the drafting race in a day, but in my experience 3,000 an hour is pretty good going'(Newton 46).

1881 'We...armed ourselves with drafting-sticks'(Boldrewood 72). 1884 'We...armed ourselves with drafting-sticks'(Boldrewood 72).

1936 The latter [smaller yards after the receiving yards] are known as "draughting" [sic] yards'(Haygarth 69). 1863 'When the sheep are in that small yard (which is called the drafting yard)...your men can catch the lambs and hold them up...to ear-mark and tail'(Butler 154).

1901 'Time spent in the sheep drafting yards is never regretted, though in these days of big flocks...the great individual care of the old days is not practised'(De Satge 285). 1911 'There are seven sets of drafting yards, and five boundary riders' huts on the property'(Town C.Journ.4Jan.4c3). 1918 'Mustered Granite House 4 tooth XB wethers & took them to drafting yards for crutching'(Harden 13Aug).

1928 'All hands had been busy in the drafting yards'(Robertshaw 162). 1959 'Mobs were mustered in flocks of 6,000 to 8,000 and driven to the drafting yards'(Lamond 19). 1965 'a thorough
inspection and overhaul should be made of everything from drafting yards to the scales and loading platform (Pearse 330).

drain 85-87.
1882 'measured tank and drains at Centre [paddock]'(M. Wilson 5Aug). 1884 'H. Slater took drains piece work @ 7 1/2d. per foot perch' (M. Wilson 7May).
draining pen 165.
(AND 1886-1965). 1894 'Let the observer look at the floors of the draining-pens, and...he will find dead parasites in abundant evidence' (Fison 71). 1907 'in the draining pens, sheep stand on grating' (Jeffrey 110). 1912 'They must be let into the ground as are the concrete baths, and suitable yards and draining pens must be attached to them' (Stock. Guide 110). 1922 'a complete outfit of bath, draining pen, and forcing pen are required to be constructed' (Perry 23). 1932 'they [washed sheep] finally went into draining pens on the other side. When sufficiently drained they were let into a small paddock to dry' (Scott 39c1). 1945 'A dip may be a water-filled trench, closed in with timber or iron, through which the sheep swim...to a ramp and walk out on to a draining pen' (Jordan 245).
draining yard 165.
(AND 1879). 1864 'the mixture should be put into the dip, which with the gangway and race to the draining yards should be covered...and the spout or pipe opened at the junction of the gangway with the draining yards' (Bruce 15). 1879 'passing from crush yards direct to "walk-in walk-out" dip, and thence to the draining yards, all of which are paved in concrete' (Lascelles Aug. 45).
draw 86, 104.
(OED v.B.3). 1861 'Furness and Grace with two teams drawing in stuff' (White 28Sep). 1876 'Drew in some more stuff for the hut' (Witten 21Feb). 1884 'Drew out some drills for potatoes and planted them, drew in some firewood' (Towner 15 Oct). 1899 'Ware has split the rails...but has not been able to draw on account of the ground being too soft' (Maddrell 20Jul. 2). 1907 'Drew in some bark & fixed up roof of W.C.' (Witten 25Mar). 1919 'Miller drawing rails to the saw bench from the sheep yards' (Caldwell 18Jul).
draw wire 117.
1887 'went out for the boys--have drawn nearly a mile of wire' (Ulah 24 Nov).
drawing in 86.
1888 The drawing in was the worst for we had to "hump" the most of them [saplings] ourselves' (Boldrewood 74).
drawing off yard 123.
1833 'A farm...with stock yard...and a log yard that will hold 1000 head of cattle, with drawing off yards' (Tasman. 20Dec. 401c2).
(AND 1827-1926). 1825 'To let, that desirable Farm...Also, 3 working Bullocks and a Dray, with sundry other Farming Implements' (Howe's WCE 22Aug. 3c1). 1832 'On Thursday, a dray, three bullocks, and harness, were knocked down by public auction for £5.17.6d.' (Colonist 14 Dec. 3c2). 1851 'Stevens was committed on Wednesday on the charge of stealing a dray' (Geelong Ad. 30Jul. 2c5). 1862 'the ruffians overhauled and robbed every dray they met' (Yass Cour. 5Feb. 2c6). 1880 'I saw Brown driving his cart and three other drays following him' (Goulburn Her. 9Jun. 4c1). 1893 'the wool had, all but fifty bales, which were piled in the shed ready for the drays, been taken away for shipment' (Cameron 88). 1902 'caught a glimpse of the back view of the Giraffe, who stood in the dray with his legs wide apart' (Lawson (2) 54). 1912 'Most of our luggage and cabin furniture had been sent on by other drays' (Syd. Mail 17Jan. 9c3). 1936 'trucks manned by four men are displacing the patrolmen with horse and dray' (Aus. Work. 1Jul. 13c5). 1970 'He hid the dray in the bush' (Sun 28 Sep. 17).
dray combs. 100, 105, 106.
d- cart 88, 109.
1853 'Neither our circumstances nor our inclinations were such as allowed us to hire a dray-cart' (Sherer 12-13). d.- horse 109. 1833 'the dray-horse [of Tasmania]...is of a finer description than the same animal in Sydney' (Breton 389). 1854 'Wanted to hire a Dray Horse,
staunch to a ton, price not to exceed £4 a week' (Melb. Argus 15 Mar. 1c4).

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1836 'Mr. Livingston, with pack bullocks, was about six months in attempting to find a dray road across [Australian Alps]' (Monitor Supp. 14 Nov. 2c6).

1860 'A meeting for the purpose of petitioning the Government for a sum of money to complete a dray road from Braidwood to Araluen' (Braid. Obs. 27 Oct. 2c3).

1849 'not merely for the services of the Carter himself but for those of his dray team' (Langker 4/6659. 422).

1846 'Whether Maguire... blundered in running a dray track through this swamp now scarcely admits of a doubt' (Bell's 27 Jun. 1c4).

1861 'A dray track is opened the greater part of the way from the Melbourne road, and some parties are... attempting to take a dray this week the whole way' (Gipps. Guard. 22 Feb. 2c5).

1879 'the main street, which four years ago was but a dray track, winding in and out among boulders and rocks intersected by steep watercourses' (Ill. Aus. News 2 Aug. 123 c1).

1900 'At first there was no track whatever, but before long we struck an old dray track' (Brereton 108).

**dreadnought**


2. 183. (AND 1982). 1911 'There is a great desire to have Zimmerle matched against some "Dreadnoughts" of the western sheds' (Syd. Mail 12 Jul. 11c2).

1939 'Harry Livingstone set a mark for Dreadnoughts to aspire to. In successive days he shored 233, 225, 237, and 221' (Land FS Ann. 23 Aug. 20c1).

1973 'The first to pass the 300 ("Dreadnought" shearer) in a day was Jim Power... 315 in seven hours 20 minutes' (Aus. Work. 14 Feb. 3c6).

**drench**

152.

(Ext. OED v. 1). 1849 'When the first symptoms of the disease [worms] appear, the whole flock is to be drenched, and a general fast imposed upon the sheep' (Duggan 4).

1911 'If the sheep are to be drenched in a race, it is admitted that the risk of injury to the shed hand is not established' (Aus. CCA 7).

1941 'It is always advisable to drench a sheep in a standing position' (Goddard 23).

1950 'The employee may refuse to dag or drench sheep... if they are suffering from any disease communicable to him' (Queen. G. Gaz. 27 Dec. 3000).

1966 'It is possible for ewes to be affected at this time of the year by worm infestation, especially Haemonchus contortus, and they should be examined for signs of anaemia and drenched if necessary' (Du Faur 21).

1971 'Drenched a mob of about 950 sheep on the second to last day of our stay' (Burra Rec. Vol. 93. 26 Jan. 1).

**drenching (gun)** 152.

1957 'the [shearing] table can be used where it is essential that the sheep be held securely for footrot, fly-strike, and dagging, drenching or general examination' (Ryan 173).

1961 'Drenching must take place when the worm moves from the bowel to the intestines in August' (Jordan 257).

1973 'Treatment of sheep by "drenching", that is forcing them to swallow medicines which are administered by automatic drench guns... for control of internal parasites' (Alexander 94).
drive v. 141. See drove v.
1827 'The subject of cattle stealing and cattle driving occupied...one of the most notable of our Boards--the Board of Drovers'(Monitor 26Jun.469c2). 1845 'the shepherd who drove down the sheep belonging to Mr.Eales...has been captured'(Hawk.Cour.3Jul.2c3). 1858 'was going to drive them to New England, a distance of 200 miles'(Busssel. See Shann 1926.181). 1879 'When coming close to the homestead they met a drover driving his stock'(Goulb.Her.22Feb.6c1). 1908 'we drove big mobs of cattle overland'(Spencer 88).

driver 177.
(AND 1905-1975). 1892 'neither "knocker" nor "driver" will need now he's dead'(Hummer 6Feb. 4c3). 1902 'And with a "driver" rigs them up [hand shears] and puts the "knocker" on'(Gold.Fleece 2Jun.26). 1933 'It is necessary to fix a driver to the shears in the form of a leather strap about half an inch wide'(McKenzie 12-13). 1951 'embellish them [shears] with "drivers", "knockers", "jockeys" and "cockspurs"'(McLeod 26). 1959 'a band of leather from the heel of one blade to the back of the other...is the "driver", and its purpose is to prevent the hand from slipping forward onto the blades' (Tritton 31). 1966 'Then there was the driver, a wide strip that passed over the back of the hand in the same manner as a sword hilt'(People 15Jun.18c5).

drogher 112.
(Ext.OED). 1888 'Captain Andrews...told "Big Mick" of the steam drogher that the cases were there for the drogher'(Bell.Cour.28Dec.2c4). 1985 'Sally...A drogher born and bred from local stock, built on these shores in the early part of this century...she spent most of her life plying the waters of the Myall River and sister Lakes'(Nota 19May.13c1).

drop 1.
n. 131. (AND 1838-1978). 1962 'The next drop would be at 21 1/2 months and so on through the sheep's life'(Aus.C.Mag.Dec.29c1). 1971 'the extra drop of late winter lambs could be a useful boost'(Gren.Rec.12Mar.5).
v. 162. 1867 'the person in charge...will require an assistant to bring home the lambs dropped throughout the day'(Jordan 56). 1873 'Jack" dropped a heifer calf by Cochrane's bull'(Kemp 11Dec). 1908 'a lamb "dropped" on one of his out-lying farms...illustrates the operation of an obscure law in hereditary [sic] '(Morn.Bull.3Jul.9c7).

d- ewe 131.

dropper 131.
(AND 1937). 1861 'the native dogs are rather troublesome, one having got in among the droppers this morning'(White 18Dec). 1934 'Took 300 droppers to Croidon'(Gibson 16 May).

dropping flock 131,149.
1867 'One person takes charge of the "dropping flock," i.e., the flock that has not yet lambed' (Jordan 55-6).

drop 2. combs.
d- fence 118,119. 1885 'W.H.F. and Johnson putting up drop fence to extend sheep yards(F.H.Wilson 15Jun). d- inlet 86. 1980 'It was also suggested a "drop inlet" be installed at Salisbury crossing. This would keep the third section of the lake filled'(Forbes Ad.10Apr.6c3).
d- log 76. 1971 'the 90-years-old droplag selector's homestead and other relics'(Riv.D.New 14May 8). d- rail 119. 1844 'the usual way of securing such places, is by what are termed drop rails' (Atkinson 141). 1966 'In Queensland slip rails are called drop-rails, two long saplings used to close a gate opening'(Terrigal Note).

dropper (fencing)119.
(AND 1897-1978). 1907 'Agents for...McNally's "Grip" Dropper Fencing'(Morn.Bull.1Feb.4c2). 1916 'the fence will practically cost us only for its erection £17 per mile, and droppers
which will not run to much money' (Want. Letter. 4 Aug. 2). 1929 'Posts 30ft. apart, 1 dropper, 1 barb 1 plain no.8 cyclone spring coil netting' (Gibson 26 Nov). 1937 'Wires held by floating bracers about four to a panel known as "droppers" ' (Hatfield 82). 1970 'developed a "dropper" which increases its [fence] effectiveness by acting as a wire spacer' (Aus. 1 Sep. 4).

drought feed 87.
1963 'He had only drought feed in the horse paddock' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 13 c 2).
drought mutton 92.
1904 'She was hungry enough to eat the drought-mutton' (Smith 6).
droughtiness 87.
1940 'those [conditions] of over-wetness in times of heavy rainfall and droughtiness during rainless spells' (Cane. Quart. 1 Jul. 3).
drought 87.
1908 'A mob of "brumbies" had lured us into a "drouth" that even Dan declared was the "dead finish"' (Gunn 269). 1927 'Answers and answers, / And cannot quench my drouth' (Bull. 7 Jul. 6 c 3).
drove
n. 136, 140, 141. (AND 1829-1958). 1829 'As soon as a drove is brought up two or three working bullocks lead them into the yard' (Widowson 159). 1846 'A man...was passing by the station with a drove of 40 or 50 cattle' (Bells 11 Jul. 1 c 5). 1847 'The Scotchman and his drove were followed and taken back; the beasts to the pound and the man to the gaol' (Harris 267). 1868 'Sending down large droves of sheep or cattle, overland, for sale at any of the colonial markets' (Browne 1). 1901 'Found himself driving behind a drove, or "mob" ' (Boldwood 76). v. 134, 141. (AND 1847-1976). 1851 'I drove a little, as a boy' (Bells 29 Mar. 6). 1880 'He should understand cattle and their requirements...and be able to "drove" cattle' (Goulburner. 31 May. 2 c 2).
1890 'I don't know how you'd be able to get on without the "boys" to muster, track, and drove' (Vogan 334). 1907 'While driving...I have often been forced to ride in a wet saddle' (Towns. D. Bull. 2 Jul. 2 c 4). 1916 'He had done her a service in regard to a breakaway in a small mob of sheep which she was driving' (Age 1 Jan. 13 c 7). 1932 'The sons...could do anything in the bush line--ride, fence, tank sink, drove' (Scott 56 c 1).
1940 'She drove cattle overland for 2000 miles on occasion' (Hill 124). 1949 'In several months each would have mustered his little mob of fats and started driving them towards Derby' (Idriess 186). 1959 'Those sheep were drove wherever there was grass and water' (Lamond 43). 1970 'Sellen...will drove them [8, 000 sheep] to Marathon' (Queen. 8 Jan. 35 c 2).
drover
n. 129, 140. (AND 1841-1976). 1852 'A drover...from the Yass plains' (Hall 192). 1864 'The ordinary difficulties that have generally to be encountered by drovers have been this winter more than usually severe' (Past. Times 35 Sep. 2 c 6).
1870s 'They employed drovers for always sending them to Melbourne markets' (Budd 35.2). 1890 'Commencing life as a drover, he carefully saved all his earnings' (Truth 17 Aug. 3 c 2). 1899 'There were two other drovers in a private room at the hotel, who had a mob of cattle ahead of ours' (Walker 84-5).
1906 'Had a big row with drover but let him go through' (Ulaha 17 Feb). 1923 'Drovers in wet weather were intercepted by floods through which they had to swim' (Aus. Work. 21 Feb. 15 c 2).
1931 'All Drovers with stock must give proper notice by "phone personally or by wire to the homestead before entering the run"' (Balmain. 29 Jan. 13 c 4).
1964 'The drover must keep sheep moving and travel at least six miles each day' (Anderson 50). 1970 'Aborigines are much respected as expert drovers' (Read. Dig. Oct. 36).
drover's guide 140.
1955 'Drover's guide--fictitious publication quoted to confound those who ape superior knowledge' (Lamond 268).
droving
n. 140, 141. (AND 1871-1978). 1870s "Droving" meant taking charge of the cattle at the station yard travelling by daily stages of ten miles a day (Budd 35.2). 1904 'After two years experience of mining, he took to droving, travelling from the Ovens to the margin of the Mallee' (Melb. Argus 22 Apr. 7 c 8). 1924 'Being used to droving, he could sleep anywhere' (Aus. Work. 2 Jan. 10 c 4).
1936 "Go droving!" He pronounced the words as a challenge (Franklin 376).
droving plant  140.
(AND 1902-1978). 1908 'When only nineteen years of age he started...in the company of Mr. Bostock, and the Archer Brothers, with 1000 head of cattle and a "droving plant"' (Morn.Bull.4Mar. 4c4). 1920 'he had never acquired anything more substantial than a droving-plant' (Palmer 5).

droving track  140.
1946 'On the droving track you fought for grass and water and put the need of your mob before everything else on earth' (Davison 142).

drum 1. 102.
n. (AND 1915-1986). 1923 'I got the drum on the way out to the races' (Drew 88). 1944 'The babbling brook gave me the drum' (Glassop 85). 1957 'and when they'd been given the drum they believed and went out to tell the world' (Niland 174). 1964 'I got the drum about it from one of the officers' (Johnston 305). 1977 'I'll give you the right drum why they don't wanna work' (Gilbert 220).
v. (AND 1919-1978). 1919 'he impressed upon me the exact location...and proceeded to "drum me up" with the message' (Marshall 30). 1953 'Yeah, I drummed him about you bein' crook [ill]' (Caddie 224). 1981 'my ribs are pretty hard to find, I can drum you' (Sun Her.1Mar.83c4).

drum 2. 181.
1933 'Such men as Angus Ross, Billy Blake...and Paddy the Pistol drummed the shed' (Aus.Work. 17May.18c5).
drummer 181.
(AND 1897-1965). 1902 'and "Drummer" marks the man who gets in silver coin his pay' (Gold. Fleece 2Jun.26). 1911 'The drummer, or slowest shearer, is about the only man who doesn't seem to care when supper-time comes' (Sorenson 240). 1939 'he was the "drummer" --shearer with the lowest tally--in every shed where I knew him to shear' (Land FS Ann.23Aug.l9c2). 1959 'it's not every man that is drummer in four sheds running' (Tritton 42c2).

dry 1. dry, the 63,87,88. (AND 1908-1984). 1908 'It was August, well on in the Dry' (Gunn 219). 1911 'the worm...could never pierce the stone-hard, sun-baked surface of the tropics in "the dry"' (Austral.21Jan.183c1). 1929 'nothing will grow at Weipa during the "dry"' (MacQuarrie 245). 1931 'Queensland stations muster in the "dry"' (Davison (2) 135). 1968 'Each year he made eight 1,000 mile mail trips and five of each eight were during the "Dry" with only a few isolated wells where he could get water for himself and his horses' (Walkabout Aug.5c1).

dry c o m b s.
Ref. weather. 87. d- camp (AND 1897-1959). 1948 'On occasions it happens that the drover is compelled to make what is known as a "dry camp"...when no water is available for the cattle' (Aus.Pol. Journ.Vol.2 No.1.27). d- creek 1838 'I saw him coming out of a dry creek which had crossed the road' (Monitor 14May. 3c4). d- grass time 1954 'We drove through timbered country with grass six feet high...This was "dry-grass time"--the grass had sprung up in the previous wet season, or Wet...It was now a pale gold and tinder dry' (Ewers 18). d- run 1963 'It has a lot of drought and dry runs' (Aus.C.Mag.Nov.13c2). d- spell (AND 1908-1953). 1947 'In the early stages...the dry spell adversely affecting Trojan [cane variety] particularly' (Canie.See Quart Vol.xi.161). d- time 1971 'We don't speak of drought up here if we can help it as it is too close to the bone, we say "dry time"' (Broome letter).
2. Ref. rain-wet sheep. 169,174. (AND 1894-1984). 1904 'No more will the sheep trouble me, be they wet or dry' (Johnston 18). 1959 'The rep. called for a vote, and the majority voted dry' (Tritton 61). 1965 'the wool may be dampish on the heavy "points" but it is still "dry" for shearing and handling provided it is warm to the touch' (Gascoigne 160).
3. Ref. non-lactating stock.
d- ewe 138,162. 1855 'There are usually from 400 to 500 ewes, or from 600 to 1,000 dry sheep, in a flock' (Angas 274). 1862 'took the dry ewes out of Backhouse's flock--put them into Russel's' (White 7 Oct). 1879 'We took out 751 dry ewes and left 984 in the Thirteen Mile Pdk' (Macdonald 26Sep). 1897 'Be especially careful in culling the breeding flock to distinguish between "wet" and "dry" ewes' (Gold.Mort 5). 1920 'Another farmer bought 520 dry ewes in March for 35s, put them to the ram, lambed up to 125 per cent, sold same at up to
1961 'Dry ewes can be a nuisance in a mob of ewes and lambs, as in the case of marking' (Jordan 205). 1938 'They will sell or keep wethers and "dry lines" according to the season' (Ratcliffe 327). 1969 'A dry paddock is where cows graze who are not in milk' (Craig Note). 1945 'With an average flock a good order in which to shear is ration sheep first, then the rams, hoggets, dry sheep, and, finally, ewes and lambs' (Pearse 311). 1954 'Merino dry sheep properties naturally did not shear any lambs' (Aus. Bur. Ag. Ec. 31). 1966 'All the dry sheep (the wethers, maiden ewes, and hoggets) had been mustered in (Newton 17).

dry sheep equivalent 162. 1991 "D S E" stands for "dry sheep equivalent" and it's a measure of how many sheep an area can carry. A dry "sheep" is a wether or a non-pregnant ewe (Syd. M. Her. 12Aug. 1c8).

drying combs. ref. dipping or washing.
d- green 207. 157, 165. 1944 'Finally they were taken to a drying pen and dried with heated air' (Walkabout Jan. 36c3). 1973 'crudely railed sheep yards with a race and swing gate for drafting, and drying pens' (Aus. Work. 14 Feb. 2c4). 1934 The drying rack is an outdoor table with netting instead of boards on top (Hardie 13). 1950 'These two drying yards will each hold two hundred big sheep, which gives the sheep time to dry a little, and to let the dip drain off' (Barns-Graham 87).

dry ration 93. See ration (AND 1846, 1876). 1936 'Shearing rates were as low as 12/6 per 100, with a "dry ration" of 8lb. flour, 10lb. meat, 2lb. black sugar and 1/4 lb. tea' (AWU n.p).

DSE 162. See dry sheep equivalent.

duck under 104. 1908 'wide-spreading rocky arches completely span the river a foot or so beneath its surface, forming natural crossing places... what Dan called a "duck-under' (Gunn 268).

ducks on the pond 173. 1981 'Ducks on the pond' is a favourite expression in shearing to warn of ladies present in the shed (Warialda Note).

duff 95. (OED b). 1853 'On these occasions, we have boiled currant-puddings, called "duffs"... The "duff" is generally served up in a bucket' (Mossman 2) 58. 1862 'The only luxury we had regularly was a plum-pudding -- "duff" we called it -- on Sundays' (Polehampton 92). 1897 "I'll cook the spuds and roast the meat / And you can build a duff" (Wright 30. 1945 ed.). 1904 'can sling yer a tune on the 'cordeon, an' slap up a duff' (Palmer-Archer 133). 1934 'He'll sling a stew or bake a duff with any craftsman of the West' (Bull. 18 Jul. 20c1). 1953 'As for Christmas Day, we never thought of it beyond wondering what sort of "duff" we were going to have' (Davin 35).

dug out 73. (OED 2). 1892 'The cellar here is what is termed a "dug out". It is covered with thatch' (Hallack 3). 1957 'He had two dug-outs, one his home, and the other called the Cathedral because a visiting priest... once celebrated Mass there' (Niland 196). 1963 'Then we took Bill... for a rest in Bunny's dugout' (Quadrant autumn 48).

dummy 1.
n. 46, 56. (AND 1865-1980). 1867 'Hence, the squatters in Queensland are not permitted to "dodge," botch, make use of "dummies,"... simply to keep others off' (Morison 130). 1902 'The squatter would get as much freehold as he could afford, "select" as much land as the law allowed one man to take up, and then employ dummies (dummy selectors) to take up bits of land that he fancied about his run, and hold them for him' (Lawson 1) 102. 1916 'I have got him to put dummy posts on his fence adjoining Martin Ryan West and this should make a great difference to
the life of this bit'(Want. Letter.19Aug.4). 1929 'the purchasers would be "dummies" who would make over their holdings to big pastoralists'(Aus.Work.9Jan.10c5). 1931 'Alderman Gander...is regarded as a "dummy" for Lang in the Reid selection ballot'(Aus.Work.29Jul.10c2).
v. 56. (AND 1878-1960). 1892 he paid men to "dummy" for him'(Parker 75). 1903 'Bob and Bat were dummying on the station at the time"(Furphy 29). 1920 'You brought him here to dummy for you'(Palmer 104). 1936 'The land was given away in immense areas, the individual grazier dummying block after block'(Aus.Work.5Aug.19c2).

dummying 56.
(AND 1865-1895). 1870 'This form of acquiring land was called "Dummying" and...Land Boards or courts of consideration were keenly opposed to "Dummying"'(Budd 1870s.25.1).
1887 'Dummying prevailed when the principle of selection was adopted'(Bonwick 289). 1907 'But the remainder of the selection...made good pasturage after the careful system of ring-barking which had been in force during Dawson's period of dummying'(Partrige 15). 1923 'The ordinances also allowed for "dummying"'(Aus.Work.4Jul.20c3). 1932 'The original 1861 Act permitted a great amount of "dummying" and was a hardship to both small and large holders'(Scott 19c1). 1951 'This [selection] resulted in many cases of dummying and the lessees buying out the selectors'(Forbes H.Soc.5).

dummyism 57.
(AND 1865-1895). 1887 'This baneful and illegal system of land-grabbing is known throughout the colonies by the expressive name of "dummyism"'(Hogan 98).

dummy selector 57.
(AND 1872-1932). 1870 'Isolated instances may have happened of the so called Dummy Selector refusing at the expiration of the residential clause to transfer the land in question'(Budd 25.2).
1902 'were the lessee ten times richer...were "dummy" selectors occupying every acre, Ned was more than a match for them all'(Baynton 111). 1932 'Someone had told Pearson about the old trick of dummy selectors in the olden days of throwing a lot of empty tins about their huts as evidence of residence' (Scott 63c1).

dummy 2. 177.
1899 'the introduction of the dummy...had the effect of deadening sound [of hand shears]' (Fraser 161). 1910 'Others were seated... smoking and filing down their shears and fixing "dummies" on them'(Rudd 76).

dump See also double dump
v. 204. (AND 1849-1980). 1872 '[baled wool] is always repressed, or "dumped", by hydraulic pressure on its arrival in port, the force being so great as to crush two bales into one'(Eden 98).
1922 'A bale is to be treated as dumped if pressed down to 18 cubic feet, or 3 feet 3 inches in height'(Aus.Work.5Jul.17c3). 1932 'The bales must be "dumped" (or reduced in size by a hydraulic press) before being put into the ship'(BP Mag.1Mar.82).
1941 'The wool sold for overseas is dumped before shipment and this is a charge against the shipping company' (Goddard 31).
1950 'Dumped wool...a package of wool compressed tightly for shipment and held by metal bands or wires'(Belschner 695).

n. 204. 1932 'down at the dumps the scene is much the same'(BP Mag.1Mar.82).
1944 'then followed hydraulic dumps for pressing two bales into one for economy in shipping space' (Walkabout Jan.36c3).
dumper 204.
(a) 1917 '[work] as shedhand, generally useful, or as wool-presser, or dumper'(Aus.CCA 5).
(b) 1932 'the "dumpers" or the bales which are squashed up by the press ready for shipment'(BP Mag.1Mar.82).
dumping 204.
1879 'dumping by hydraulic pressure is more commonly done by the ship's side in properly appointed warehouses'(Gent.Mag.572).
1888 'This is effected by means of screw-jacks, and is called "dumping"'(Cassell Vol.2.223). 1911 'Occasionally on the station they squeeze these bales again into about half their size and fasten hoop-iron around them, to save space in shipping--a process known as dumping'(Bean 101).
dumping hoop 204.
1907 'direct importers of Woolpacks, Dumping Hoops'(Morn.Bull.1Feb.4c2).
dung beetle 158.
1961 'I have been very interested in letters you have published regarding the African dung beetle' (Aus.C.Mag.Aug.5c2).

dungaree combs. 46,49.
d- settler (AND 1826-1880). 1826 'the lower order of the present [early settlers]--what are technically termed in the Colony, Dungaree Settlers, from a coarse cotton manufacture of India which forms their usual clothing; a more improvident, worthless race of people cannot well be imagined' (Atkinson 29). 1831 'the noble captain...retires on one of his farms...at all events he will not be a Dungaree settler' (Monitor 13Jun.3c4). 1847 'the poor Australian settler (or, according to colonial phraseology, the Dungaree-settler; so called from their frequently clothing themselves, their wives, and children in that blue Indian manufacture of cotton known as Dungaree)' (Harris 11). 1864 This hamlet...of about a dozen little huts or shanties, inhabited by what were termed "Dungaree" or "Stringybark settlers" (Ill.Syd.News 16Jun.10c1).
d- swell 1834 'reviling the settlers' men for want of spirit in submitting to daily toil, baited by a "dungaree swell of a master" (Monitor 25Jun. 4c2).
d- wrapper 1826 'the spare dresses of the settlers' wives on the River Hunter in their blue Dungaree wrappers' (Monitor 15Dec:243c3).
dungarees 49,110.
1912 'From the other's fashionable clothes his eye came back to his own well-worn bluchers and dungarees' (Tait 67-8). 1926 'her dress the blue of dungarees, roped round the middle so as not to get in the way as she worked' (Prichard 107). 1943 'Something about faded dungarees...made her look very much more feminine than did the green flowered dress' (Tennant 89).
dust 93.
(AND 1878-1930). 1878 'And to some station-store he'd go / And get the traveller's dower-- / A pint o' dust--that was his low / Expression meaning flour' (Gibson 25). 1888 'That evening, when the storekeeper was about to serve out the "dust," this same horseman appeared and ordered them into the kitchen' (Bull. 7 Apr.9c3). 1892 'On the wallaby track "dust" means flour, and a pannikin of flour is a "pint of dust"' (Bird 19 Mar.4c1). 1913 '[swagmen] had called at his particular station for the proverbial free pannikin of "dust" [flour]' (Harris 146). 1953 'In anticipation of their coming a bag of flour would be dumped in the flour bin, little being left after the last man got his "pint of dust"' (Eastman 70).
dust storm 88.
1914 'then he got tired and picked up his swag, and there was another dust storm wandering along the road' (Bull. 15 Jan.22c1). 1937 'One [picture] shows a dust-storm approaching Arltunga Police Station, 70 miles east from Alice Springs' (NSW P.News 1Jul.34 c1).
dynamite 94.
(AND 1898-1972). 1897 'Baking powder--"Dynamite"--Common throughout the bush. It makes things "rise" (Bull. 7 Aug.red page c3).
ear mark 123,139,149.
v. 1872 'drafting] requiring a most skilful man to do it with any expedition, unless each flock should happen to be differently ear-marked or raddled [raddled]' (Eden 67). 1883 'The pure lambs are differently ear marked to denote the sire, and many are numbered in the ear with Indian ink to indicate the sire and dam' (Gibson 23). 1901 'When the lambs are about two months old they must be... yarded so that they can be ear-marked or branded' (Journ.Dep.Ag.Jan-Jun.10). 1950 'The purposes for which mustering is carried out are many...[including] docking and ear-marking the lambs' (Barns-Graham 50).
n. 1897 'These sheep handed over to me, with distinguishing ear-marks, at the end of each year' (Archer 133). 1904 'Sure, they haven't no earmark' (Palmer-Archer 5).
ear marker
1955 'Lake, with two ear-markers and a tar-boy, stood outside the pens for the eight catchers to
lift the lambs on the rail' (Lamond 118). 1959 'he had eight catchers, two ear-markers, a tarboy'
(Lamond 81).

ear marking
1890 The ear-marking implements of the present day are excellent, and a combination of marks
can be arranged that is record enough for a general flock' (Brown 176). 1919 'This system of ear­
marking is simple and quick and only necessitates two notches upon the ears of any one
sheep' (Kelly 67). 1931 'the thin quaver of lambs all bloodied from the tail-lopping and ear­
marking, and in the case of the males, the brutal unsexing' (Hatfield 202). 1941 'The ear marking
is done next, and finally the tail is docked' (Goddard 22).

earn tucker 90.
1859 'I have not done much yet, just in a payable claim now, but have not earned my tucker
before' (Tam. Exam. 1 Jun. 5c1). 1884 'When we were doing the recreation ground, we had
£5.10s, and could hardly earn tucker' (Eve. News 18 Aug. 6c5). 1893 'not more than ten per cent.
of those digging for gold earned their tucker, as they termed it' (Pioneer 171).

eastern water 63.
1852 'the Nepean...is what the colonists term an eastern water, from its source being at the east
side of the dividing range' (Mossman 35).
effeminate 201.
1900 'Effeminate...to convey the idea that the wool is becoming too delicate, soft, or weakly--
quite the reverse of masculinity' (Hawkesworth 171). 1931 'Wool is said to be effeminate when it
lacks substance and body' (Cowley 56). 1944 'Effeminate...a thin wool lacking robustness or
substance and bulk' (Minter 69). 1958 'Effeminate...wool that is thin and lacking in bulk or
substance' (East Syd. Tech. 7).
elbow joint 178.
1964 'The next joint about two feet or so from the handpiece...is called an elbow joint, as the
shearer can move the handpiece any way he desires' (Munz 14).

emancip(ist)(ee) 43, 46.
(AND 1822-1972). 1834 'The free and emancipist parties are each desirous of gaining an
ascendancy in colonial affairs' (Bennett Vol. 1. 56).
emigrant combs 44.
em- building 1838 The Emigrants...have been landed and lodged in the Emigrant Buildings, in
Bent-Street' (Monitor 2 Feb. 2c1). e- fund 1842 'the bounty money was only to be payable in
Australia...well known as the "emigrant fund"' (Hunt. Riv. Gaz. 5 Feb. 4c3). e- ship (AND 1837-
1865). 1833 'we know full well, what horror such a scene must present in the populous and pent
up microcosm of an emigrant ship' (Tasman. 31 May. 173). 1838 'Government will surcharge the
contractor of the Minerva emigrant ship...for the provisions supplied to emigrants while
performing quarantine' (Monitor 5 Mar. 2c3).
emigrationist 46.
1834 'The constancy of intercourse with Great Britain of late, in furtherance of the views of the
Emigrationists at home, has rendered the supply of British manufactured goods more than
adequate to the demand' (Monitor Mar. 210).
emu 149.
1894 'I believe they [shaggy mountain sheep, Vic.] are nicknamed "emus"; they appear almost
valueless' (Arthur 15).
emu bobber(ing) 70. See stick picker
(AND 1920-1981). 1959 'There were 40 men on the job [burning off]...30 "stick-pickers" or
"emu-bobbers" whose job was to stack the timber in heaps' (Tritton 58c1).
emu oil 92.
1882 'I severely sprained the thumb of my right hand...however, a person...recommended me to apply emu oil, as an emollient...the thumb was again naturally relaxed and painless'(Tolmer Vol.l. 182). 1901 'many a hut has its bottle of emu oil hanging by the chimney'(De Satge 269).

escutcheon tag 139.
1973 'The basic idea behind escutcheon tags...can be easily read and...quite visible in the open paddock'(Ag.Gaz.341).

establishment 114.
1825 'WANTED...AN OVERSEER FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT about to be made in the interior for sheep'(Aus.16Jun.1c4). 1844 'in the former of which districts he has an extensive sheep farm, in the latter an agricultural establishment'(Parra.Cron.13Jan.4c2).

exclusionist, exclusive 25,46.
(AND 1826-1967). 1827 'One subdivision of the migrant class...is termed the exclusionist party, from their strict exclusion of the emancipists from their society'(Cunningham Vol.2. 118). 1844 '[the Government Gardens] from some cause unknown to me...not considered correctly fashionable to the fancied "exclusives" of the place, though constantly frequented by all newcomers'(Meredith 41-2).

experience man 48. See colonial experience
1893 'two young experience men, sons of some friends in England'(Merrii 46).

experience ticket 48.
1885 'the excitement caused by the arrival of a "new chum" at Corindah on the experience ticket'(Austral.C.Suppl.3c4).

expert 174,175,179.
(AND 1910-1980). 1909 'This expert [wool classer] immediately classifies them and has them consigned to their respective bins, each description of wool being stocked in its particular bin'(Evans 44). 1910 'If the expert...hasn't ground the cutter quite right, she'll sail through the wrinkles [slice sheep's skin]'(Bean 195). 1922 'then the expert refused to start the engine'(Shear.S.Bull.Vol.1.3). 1932 'The machine expert was unpopular with the shearers'(Scott 47c1). 1946 'If anything went wrong, it was the expert's fault, and one had a row of surly shearers gazing at one's efforts to fix the damn thing'(Macfarlane 57). 1957 'in larger sheds the expert usually has the additional duties of book-keeper and boss-of-the-board'(Ryan 195). 1961 'He is also the expert, runs the engine, and grinds combs and cutters, besides effecting machine repairs'(Jordan 116). 1977 'Mr Tremayne Hargans was a shearers' expert, looking after machines and clippers for 51 men'(Syd.M.Her.Mag. Apr.2c5-6).

experting 175.
1911 'in another shed, the experting and grinding is done by a shearer in the intervals of his shearing, for an additional consideration'(Aus.CCA 34). 1937 'where five shearers or less are employed, an expert and/or grinder may undertake, in addition to experting and/or grinding, the duties of a penner up'(Queen.G.Gaz.19Apr.1427). 1967 'Experts may do overseeing and wool-rolling in addition to experting in sheds of more than twelve shearers'(Woodbridge 219).

extract 208.
1910 'This stuff [reclaimed wool] is termed "extract," and is not as good as the first mentioned, owing to a certain deterioration caused by acids'(Jackson 53). 1952 'Extract' is reclaimed wool, i.e. wool from rags where other fibres have been used along with the wool, e.g. fabrics woven with wool weft and cotton warp or wool and an artificial fibre'(Haigh 87).

eye combs.
e- blight 100. See blight, sand blight. 1861 'There is a little insect which has the greatest fancy for flying direct into the eye...and this gives what is called the "eye blight," which is very disfiguring'(Laye 32). e- clip n. 193. 1965 'Wool of this kind, shorn from the face and sometimes from between the ears at the same time as crutching is carried out, is called "eye-clips" or "wiggings"'(Henderson 34). e- clipping 166. 1964 'Eye-clipping...sheep that become wool-
blind...must periodically have the wool clipped away from around their eyes'(Newton 163). e- wig 193. 1960 'Every sheep was crutched high over the tail...and any were "eye-wigged" that needed it' (Mills 159). e- wigging 193. 1956 'A lot of this eye-wigging is grossly overdone, the head being practically shorn'(Bowen 64).

faction, the 46. 1826 'The Faction...a particular group of stubborn Exclusionists in the colony'(Monitor no.23. 179c2).

fadge 203. 1826 ' navigation [of river boats]...is greatly obstructed by proprietors...falling timber, and suffering the trees to remain in the water'(Aus.10Mar.1c1). 1827 'ten men...falling, grubbing, cutting, and burning off timber'(Corn.Chron.21Jan.2c5). 1880 'Went to the selection and felled another honey tree'(Andrews 27Mar). 1973 'Experienced hardwood fallers required for contract felling of eucalypt and/or myrtle'(Merc.Hob.13 Oct.39).

faller (AND 1793-1980). 1827 'the fallers (fellers) would finish their acre-and-a-half in three days or more, according to the thickness of the timber'(Monitor 12Jul.507c1). 1973 'Associated Forest Holdings Pty Ltd Burnie require fallers'(Merc.Hob.13 Oct.39).


fallen wool 167. 1899 'Fallen wool...collected from the ground, fences, etc.'(Sinclair 66).

fallers 209. (OED 5). 1912 'the wool fibres are stroked and humoured into a straight fore-and-aft position by travelling combs or "fallers"'(Hunter 41). 1950 'the wool is given a "gilling" process, passing through a pair of fluted rollers, comb-like "fallers" carrying the fibres forward'(Int.W.Sec.38). 1953 wool is subjected to the action of metal combs called "fallers" which comb the fibres parallel'(Clair 31).

fan tail 161. 1961 'Tail wrinkles often appear in flock rams giving the appearance of a fan--hence the name "fan-tails"'(Jordan 146).

far combs. 63. f- north (AND 1849-1980). 1865 'Three of M'Kinlay's horses...have found their way down the Gilbert in the "Far North"'(Ill.Syd.News·15Apr.2c2). f- west (AND 1841-1959). 1879 'Let me give you a rough sketch of a stockman's life...out in the "far west"'(Burran.Argus 3May.4c1). 1901 'The characteristics of the far west are not written in the heart and soul of many a plucky adventurer who has either made his pile or has lost his little all'(Satge 272). 1947 'one of the best-known roads of the Far-West wanders [from Broken Hill]...for over two hundred miles to Tibooburra, the most isolated settlement in New South Wales'(Maclean 19). f- wester 1947
'his lively, little "Far Westers", as they [far west children given a holiday] were half-af

farming stead(ing) 52,116.

AND 1823-1953. 1846 'several times did the horse bring him up at the slip-rails of farm steadings' (Mait.Merc.26Sep.2c6). 1853 'It was my intention to give you a description of the farm-steadings which, here and there, relieve...the monotony of the bush' (Sherer 31). 1943 'sped hilariously across the country to the farmstead with the hot-dog stalls' (Harris 115).

farmer cockatoo 127.

1901 'I was the only daughter of old Dick Melvyn, broken-down farmer-cockatoo, well known by reason of his spree's about the commonest pubs in town' (Franklin 191).

farming (station) 114.

AND 1838-1856. 1838 'there appears to be no danger...in establishing sheep or farming stations at any point on the great tract through which we passed' (Monitor 12Mar.4c4).

fast cutting 163.

1975 'a fast shearer...could cut them [learners] out of a fast-cutting sheep' (Ryan 123).

fat combs.

f- cake 95. (AND 1826-1888). 1844 'His bread is "damper," baked in the ashes, and varied occasionally by a "fat cake" done in the frying pan' (Meredith 163). 1847 'my wife made some fat-cakes in the frying-pan' (Harris 432).

f- hen 93. 1881 'Boiled salt junk, with fat hen (a kind of indigenous spinach) and potatoes, washed down with copious draughts of tea, formed the supper' (Grant Vol.1.l56-7). 1896 'I remember we used to boil "fat hen" (a weed which resembles dandelion) for vegetables' (Bartley 29).

f- lamp 80. (AND 1888-1928). 1937 'the best light by far was a fat lamp, which usually consisted of a jam tin resting on a tin plate' (Gunn 227).

f- money 173.

1955 'it [cook's wage] was at four shillings per man per week for about ninety men, with extras in the way of "fat money"' (Barnes 5).

fats 146.

AND 1888-1976. 1879 'A mob of fats...passed here on Saturday' (St.Geo.Stand.22Nov.3c1).

1887 'The run...was carrying 2,000 head of what are technically known as "fats"' (Daly 276).

1907 'Paddy Gibson delivered 400 fats to the railway yards to-day' (Towns.D.Bull. 6Jul.2c1).

1928 'We had cut out and yarded the few fats we had found that afternoon' (Queen.18 Oct.6c1).

1946 'He and his men used to send a mob of fats away every several weeks throughout the latter end of the season' (Macfarlane 111).

1968 'the cattle were on the track for two years and...Carter doesn't say where they ended up, quite likely as "fats"' (Walkabout Nov.44).

fattening paddock 121.

AND 1909-1946. 1879 'the butchers being nearly all supplied with cattle from the fattening paddocks' (Goulb.Her.11Jan.2c5).

feeding track 90.

1869 'The Wimmera district is noted for the hordes of vagabond "loafers" that it supports, and has earned for itself the name of "The Feeding Track"' (Clarke 41).

feedlot 134.

1961 'Under feedlot conditions hormones can be mixed' (Aus.C.Mag.Oct.29c3): 1971 'A local feedlot will be visited on the Monday afternoon' (Tam.Lead.8Jul.2).

fell See fall

fellmonger, fellmongery 167.

n. (OED). 1957 'The pelt is also treated by the fellmonger' (Guthrie 226). 1846 'The system of fell-mongery is established, which will raise the price of skins' (Hodgson 113).

v. (AND 1847-1957). 1926 'Wool began to be collected and sheepskins fellmongered...wool taken off skins and scoured' (Chard 11).
fellmongering 167.  
1913 The output of scoured wool from the local fellmongering establishments has been usefully light'(Syd.M.Her. 3 May 9 c2). 1944 'Fellmongering... de-wooling of sheep skins. It is done either by "sweating" or "painting"' (Minter 69).

felt v. 209. (OED v.1). 1950 'Cloth made by the woollen process is often "milled" or "felted" to give the characteristic surface of the cloth'(Int. Wool Sec. 46).

felting 209.  
(a) 1868 'The felting property is indispensable for all sorts of wool which are intended for cloth-making; in fact cloth cannot be made without it'(Jondaryan 13). 1882 'But even the long hair... has the peculiar character of wool, in that roughness of surface which gives it the property of "felting" '(Armstrong 11). 1892 'Clothing wools of various qualities, used for making into the very finest broadcloths, requiring the best felting qualities'(Hawkesworth 1). 1941 'Wools with low felting power are the most suitable...harsh wools of medium quality and length' (Goddard 5). 1962 'This process results in considerable intermingling of the fibres and compacting of the wool (felting)' (Barnard 8).

(b) 209. See also cotting 1920 'Felting or cotting...the fibres become mixed and crossed on the sheep's back'(Macdonald 138).

fence 117.  
v. (ext. OED v.6). 1833 'he was going into the country to fence'(Tasman. 4 Oct. 319 c3). 1841 'the new and old lines of road from Maitland to the Hunter...are fenced out' (Monitor 1 Jan. 1c4).

fence, down the, ride the 117.  
1935 'To keep it in repair men are employed to "ride the fence"'(Plowman 261). 1948 'Together he and I "rode" that netting fence on the Queensland-Northern Territory border, the longest fence in the world' (Harney 51). 1968 'Risking the notorious Birdsville track, if the going is reasonably good, and if not...making a detour "down the fence" to Cockburn railhead' (Walkabout Nov. 44).

fencer 117, 129.  
(a) (AND 1827-1981). 1826 'One of them...offered his services to...do a job of fencing, which we advertised to let to a pair of convict-fencers' (Monitor 8 Sep. 132c1). 1840 'To FENCERS...WANTED, a man to fence in an acre and a half of land' (Port P.Her. 21 Jan. 2c5). 1852 'The undersigned is prepared to treat with a pair of Splitters and Fencers for the erection of a stockyard on his premises' (Bath F.Press 7 Jan. 3c4). 1885 'The sun beat fiercely down upon a party of fencers engaged in patching up the garden palisade'(Praed 88). 1893 'and I expects a mob of Bylong fencers here to-morrer' (Mackay 266). 1903 'Spanker sent...two or three others [work seekers] to different fencers' and tank-sinkers' camps' (Furphy 188). 1923 'Splitters and fencers spend much time repairing tools and appliances when not working' (Aus. Work. 21 Mar. 13c5). 1932 'All the stock-camps from within a hundred miles, odd well-sinkers and fencers, teamsters, travellers at a loose end' (Hatfield 24).

(b) 107, 147. 1845 'Nasty-tempered brute, but not a bad fencer' (Tucker 113). 1917 'Re the bull he is not for sale as he is such a quiet beast & not a fencer & such a splendid animal' (Bowden 21 Nov. 1).

fencer's tea 98. See post and rail  
(AND 1942). 1942 'The regular weekly ration... 1/4 lb. tea, commonly called "fencer's tea" because of its absence of leaf and preponderance of "posts and rails"' (Glasson 12).

fencing 117, 148.  
(AND 1913-1946). 1826 'Many settlers are investing considerable property in building, fencing, and clearing' (Monitor 23 Jun. 42c3). 1903 'A heavy, soaking pour of summer rain brought the ground into fencing condition' (Furphy 57). 1929 'Coombe took about 3 miles fencing on farm @ £17.10.0 per mile' (Gibson 26 Nov).

fiddle (cake) 80.  
1845 'Provided with an old tin dish converted into a grater, or fiddle, as they called it' (Tucker). 1895 'A very common offence was the purloining of a few cobs of corn and potatoes, the chief ingredients of the convicts' much prized "fiddle-cake"' (Knight 41). 1904 'Andy had an
instrument he called a fiddle made in the shape of a grater, from a piece of tin with holes punched in it with the end of a file...used to grate down cobs of corn for meal to cook and eat on the sly'(Petrie 233).

fill (comb, shears) 85.
1933 'Learn to run the machine steadily along, fill up [the shears] well, and on no account be in a hurry while learning'(McKenzie 8). 1943 'Others advise filling your comb at every blow (stroke) and keeping it on the skin'(Walkabout 1Feb.30-31). 1955 'I learned to fill the comb...and not to depend on the speed of the stroke alone; in fact to eliminate useless motions of all kinds'(Barnes 13-14).

filly foal 105.
1898 'Topsy dropped a filly foal by "Goodfellow"'(Kemp 9Dec).

find 90. See found (OED v.19.b). 1911 'the claim is for 25s per 100 when the shearer is not found in rations'(Aus.CCA 7). 1923 'James Hilton Smith started scrubbing [clearing] 12/- 5 days week find themselves' (Gerogery 12Mar.236).

fine, fineness 199.
(AND 1819-1936). 1867 'The greatest attainable combination of fineness, closeness, and length of staple are the chief points to be sought after by Australian sheep-breeders'(Jordan 21-22). 1899 'Manufacturers of light weight materials must have wool of the "fine" quality, i.e., wool, the fibres of which must be of a very small diameter'(Jeffrey 48). 1900 'Fineness is a relative quality, and we speak of fine wool only in comparison with wools of a thicker or larger diameter'(Hawkesworth 162). 1944 'Fine...wool with a small fibre diameter for its breed type...usually shorter, softer handling, has more crimps per inch'(Minter 69). 1957 'The value of wool increases with is fineness, i.e., with decreasing diameter of the fibre'(Guthrie 21).

finger 176.
1898 'In a shearing shed...the boss is the "finger"'(Bull.1 Oct.14c3).

finisher (box) 209.
1918 'The operation is not over until the combed top has been passed through a "finisher" box, in which the sliver is made equal and uniform in all respects and has restored to it the moisture lost' (Ormerod 114). 1957 'The combed sliver is composed of very regular and even-length wool fibres which are then passed through the gilling machines known as "finishers"'(Guthrie 228).

fire combs.
(a) 139. f- brand n. v. (AND 1825-1890). 1879 'Lampy (overseer) and the other sheepmen drafting sheep and distinctly fire-branding where the original brand is indistinct'(Macdonald 23Jun). 1904 'if they are not branded with a Registered Owners Tar, or Paint, or fire brand please summons the Drover in charge under the Pastures Protection Act'(Bre.H.Soc.Letter 29Aug.1). 1932 'The defence tried to prove that this [scar] was a firebrand [as required by law] '(Scott ref.1890.13c2). (b) 59. f- trail 1904 'With M.G. I made a fire trail along old W. Wally track'(Ulah 14Dec). 1916 'I was rather anxious about getting the fire trail in Top and Frontage done as the grass was getting so high'(Want.Letter.16Sep.1). 1966 'The collector [of the census] will have to travel by horseback, camping overnight along rough fire trails followed by timber cutters and stockmen'(Sun Her.15May. 50c2). 1981 'A number of fire trails penetrate the interior'(Sun Her.4Jan.32c5). f- trailing 1916 'with harvest on and fire trailing I expect to be "up to my neck" in work'(Want.Letter.4Nov.3). f-break 1916 'The next work to do is to plough the firebreaks'(Want.Letter.19Aug.3). 1932 'He had to see that...rations, sheep and water were kept up to the men [ringbarkers] and mark out firebreaks etc'(Scott ref.1890.13c2). f-stick 1936 'In the districts which have been swept are many smouldering logs and heaps of white ash are still potential "firesticks"'(Cour.Mail 2Nov.12c3).
first combs.

f- bellies 185. 1965 'first bellies...bulky, long-stapled, higher-yielding wool'(Henderson 86).

f- clothing 209. 1873 'It is his [classer's] business to allot the wool to its proper sphere...combining or clothing...first clothing or second clothing, etc.etc.'(Trollope Vol.1.127).

1891 'First clothing contains the bulk of the short wool, will be a little longer than the super, and not so fine' (Hawkesworth 6). 1910 'Shorter wool...is pitched into two other bins--"first clothing," "second clothing" (Bean 200). 1927-8 'Years ago fleeces were divided into four or five classes, 1st and 2nd combing, 1st and 2nd clothing, with possibly a super'(Aus.W.Ann.94-5). f- combing 198,208. 1867 'two sorts of each will be sufficient, viz, first and second combing, and first and second clothing'(Jordan 92).

1895 'five wool sorters stand and divide the wool into various classes...1st and 2nd combing; 1st, 2nd and 3rd clothing etc. etc.'(Gould 210-11). 1910 'If it is fine, clean, even in length, he pitches it into "first combing"'(Bean 200). f- crutchings 166. 1965 'first crutchings [are] longer-stapled, bright, and bulky'(Henderson 89). f- pieces 193. 1891 'first pieces comprise the bulk, generally not so lofty as the broken'(Hawkesworth 7).

1900 'first pieces...largest of the skirtings after the broken has been picked out'(Hawkesworth 214). 1916 'smiles with satisfaction when he sees the prices the 1st pieces have brought...Fancy 21 1/2 pence for pieces'(Want.Letter. 15Nov.5). 1922 'skirtings of the neck and shoulder can be called first pieces, and the britch ends made into second pieces'(Perry 121). 1934 'The top line of pieces should be branded "BROKEN" and the second line "1ST PIECES"'(Hardie 27). 1944 'The "first pieces" consists generally of all the wool removed along the shoulders and flanks, save that from behind the armpit'(NZ AEWS 43).

1962 'First pieces...skirtings less bulky than Broken but of good length, lower in yield, and generally free from burr'(Barnard 21).

firsts 185,196,198.

1899 'Firsts...will consist of the lightest, bulkiest, and the freest from seeds or burrs, or in other words the best of the skirtings'(Jeffrey 51). 1912 'the main body of the wool classed as "firsts" or "seconds," "clothing" or "combings", is packed separately and marked with the station brand and the word denoting its quality'(Hunter 29).

1935 'The most common mistake is to put all the nice, bright fleeces as firsts and anything dull as seconds...irrespective of length and quality or even soundness' (Goddard 16). 1964 'Firsts...refers to the best (usually longest, lightest and brightest) of a type' (Smith 9).

first it 81.

1846 "first it," a Colonial expression, which may convey to the uninitiated the idea that knives, forks, plates, &c. are unknown in the Bush; such was formerly the case, but the march of improvement has banished this primitive simplicity'(Hodgson 367).

**Fitz Roy paramouche** 100.

1852 'The ladies...made a kind of netting for the hats of travellers so constructed as to drop round the face...the insects never entered within the precincts of the "Fitz Roy paramouche"--as the appendage was aptly named'(Mundy Vol.1.296).

five corners 93.

(AND 1826-1982). 1834 'sold in the shops under the popular name of "five corners"...the calyx projecting in five points above the fruit'(Bennett Vol.1.337). 1898 'Katie and the children went for five corners'(Tierney 30 Oct). 1924 'the wild flowers, "five corners" and "geebungs" flourished exceedingly...filled my pockets with the "fives" that grew abundantly in the scrub'(East.S.Daily 1Aug.). 1899 'Sr [sister] Kate went shooting & all the little ones went five-cornering first time, they got a good few'(Tierney 25Sep).

fix up 150.

1901 'had a look through the rams, found a few that wanted fixing up [cutting]'(Ulah 4Jan).

**flap door** 75.

1897 'A woman was darning there: sitting where the flap-door let in the air, but kept the sun at bay' (Turner 13).
**flapper** 122.
1967 'a flapper is a leather whip-like thing to help yard cattle. It is like a stock whip handle trailing a piece of leather 11/2 inches wide and about 30 inches long (made of greenhide)’(Edwards Note).

**flash flood** 88.
1967 'We're in a dry creek bed with steep hills right behind us--we could get a flash flood' (Sun.Tel. 29 Oct. comics n.p). 1969 'the "flashflood", a wall of water which springs from unsuspected rain in hills many miles away and sweeps down a dry river bed engulfing everything in its path’(Abbie 59).

**flat** 66.
(AND 1799-1978). 1849 'down below on the flat’(Harris 32). 1870 'Very heavy rain in forenoon, several paddocks on the township flat were inundated’(Walter 19 Oct). 1880 Robert & I were fencing in the morning at the Halfmoon flat’(Andrews 15 Mar). 1892 'rode down the slope and across the creek flat, which so lately the lawless encampment had occupied’(Boldrewood 61). 1911 'Then he... walked to the window, looking out across the moonlight flats’(Bruce 225). 1920 'There had been races on the flat, corroborees at night for the blacks and every kind of entertainment’(Palmer 22). 1930 'a string of old Chiminian jogging past towards their camp below the flat’(Lindsay 95). 1942 'The cows were chewing them [mushrooms] down on the flat’(Langley 53).

**fleece** / **fleece combs.** 185,195,203. (OED 1). 1952 "Fleece" when used as a term indicates fleece wool but not a selected type, may be combing length or short according to descriptive wording, is generally tender wool’(Haigh 46). f- bin 182. 1934 'nail up hessian between fleece-bins and those intended for locks, pieces or bellies to keep the fribs out of the fleeces’(Hardie 11). f- picker 191. 1935 'the shearer should detach it [the belly] from the fleece... for the fleece-picker to pick it up and examine it’(Cook 5). 1944 The fleece-picker has a responsible post... for, apart from keeping the board and hence the wool, clean, he has to prevent short locks and second cuts from getting into the fleece from the floor’(NZ AEWS 42). 1965 'In 1893... aged fifteen at that time--worked at Snowdon during the shearing as a fleece picker’ (Anderson 119). f- remover 178. 1938 'When... the shearers [ca.1890] found that they were required to use "the new-fangled fleece-removers", they refused to sign the agreement’(Fraser 178). f- wool 195,200. 1867 'The average loss of weight from scouring fleece wool is about fifty per cent’(Jordan 77). 1875 'I had some conversation with Mr.-----, who generally sends home [England] about 1200 bales of fleece wool’(Brodribb 22). 1883 'Last year... the fleece wool (100 bales) averaged 1s.6d. per lb. in the grease’(Gibson 34). 1897 'The tendency amongst small and even large growers is... in the direction of too much subdivision of their fleece wool’(Goldm.Mort 8). 1918 'The pieces so skirited off from the fleece wool should be carefully picked over for the stained and heavier portions’(Bridge 6). 1927-8 'It should pay the small man to bale his fleece wool and have it broken up later and classed by competent men before being put up for sale’(Aus.W.Ann.95). 1935 'we should not be satisfied until all the fleece wool shorn in the Dominion is properly skirted and classed’ (Cook 1). 1941 'it is not economic when sound fleece wool is removed with the backs’(Goddard 35). 1957 'The above table includes every bale of Merino fleece wool as distinct from skirtings, etc.’(Guthrie 65).

**fleece-o** 191.
1912 'two dusky girls... known in the language of the sheds as "fleece-o's"... gather from the floor the fleeces of the sheep as they are shorn’(Koebel 122). 1956 'in closest association with the shearer is the "fleece-o," whose work is to pick the fleece off the shearing board... to throw it on the wool-table, and also to keep the board swept clean’(Bowen 89). 1966 'There was a fine young lad... one of the "fleece-o's," whose job is to pick up the fleeces from the shearing board’(Mills 106).

**fleecy** 191.
1890 'They're going sheep and sheep, for Big Mick will do or die, and the fleecy boys are kept upon the run’(Woodhouse 33). 1904 'He let his scarred sheep through the door, and a fleecy paused by him’(Lancaster 82). 1951 'The fleecy scoops up each fleece and flings it outspread and face downwards upon the wool table’(McLeod 29). 1964 'it only works out about sixteen [brownies] a man each smoko and I've known fleecies and wool-rollers that would eat twice that many’(Newton 86).
**flier** See **flyer** (b).

**flipper** 95.

1902 'You're not going to shift out of my camp till I've made ye a flipper'(Praed 176).

**flock** combs.

**f- ewe** 162. 1950 'Flock ewe...a ewe that is retained for the purpose of wool growing or lamb raising and is not a stud animal'(Belschner 696). **f- master** 124. 1831 'a flock-master has the means of raising fine wool from ewes of an inferior breed...accomplished by attention to the crossing of stock'(Southey 23). 1842 'To have a remedy [for certain sheep diseases] constantly at hand, it is advisable that each flock-master should cultivate a small quantity of tobacco'(Journ.A.H.Soc.WA. 43). 1852 'As a flock-master, or squatter, he must be possessed of a comparatively large capital, not only to buy the whole sheep and cattle...but to buy his right to his particular station also'(Lang 13). 1867 'It does not seem at present to be agreed amongst our flockmasters which of the two climates is adapted to produce the best wool'(Jordan 28). 1884 'Farmers and small flockmasters...are compelled to send their clips to market in loose packages [because of expensive wool presses]'(S 17). 1911 'publicly voiced by a much experienced flockmaster...[to] the blowfly must be attributed a great proportion of the decline [in sheep] in this State'(RAS Ann.60). **f- owner** 124. (AND 1829-1871). 1832 'the Merchants and Flock Owners of the colony'(Currency 24Nov.l). 1849 'Some flock owners (I detest the word squatter) have drenched all their flocks with a solution of salt and water, but no perceptible benefit was derived...others resorted to wholesale bleeding with worse results' (Meston 20). 1865 'The loss caused by the reduced value of the animal and its produce...is far greater than most flock-owners imagine'(Omega 34). **f- ram** 162. 1950 'Flock ram...a pure-bred ram of not such a high standard as a stud ram, used for mating with stud ewes'(Belschner 696). **f- sheep** 162. 1911 'The pivotal claim...the claim on which the other claims for rates turn...is that for flock sheep (wethers, ewes, and lambs)'

**flog (a flea)** 87,132.

1903 'To use the expression of men deeply interested in the matter, you could flog a flea from the Murrumbidgee to the Darling'(Furphy 165). 1972 '[land] bare and devoid of possible cover, even for a flea...so bare that you could flog a flea across it''(Syd.M.Her.10Apr.6) cf. 'The land they buy is often so poor that you could not flog a flea across it''(Syd.M.Her.15Apr.6).

**flood fence, gate** 113,119,120.

1874 'Tom L. and I put up the flood fencing over the river'(Witten 4Mar). 1893 'Put up the flood fences again'(Witten 16Jun). 1916 'Fixed up Flood fence in corner also in horse paddock'(Witten 14Apr). 1918 'Ern and George repaired flood gate on road to Spring paddock'(Harden 28Dec).

**floor boy** 190.

1932 The bellies are torn off and dropped on the floor, being picked up and put in a bin or on a table for treatment by one of the floor boys'(Ag.Gaz.1Aug.558).

**floor locks** 193.

1910 'The baskets are...emptied into a special bin, and known ever after as "locks" or "floor locks"' (Bean 198). 1941 'Floor locks refers to sweepings from shearing board'(Goddard 42).

**flour bag, on the** 93.

1971 'the manager, Dave...was notorious for running the place "on the flour-bag", which meant that rations were mighty scarce'(Willey 106).

**fluke** 152.

(OED sb.i.2). 1918 'Snails have appeared in great numbers, and the slime left by them on the damp grass has been responsible for the sheep developing fluke'(Telegraph 8Apr.9c1).
flukey 157.
1957 'If your sheep are on flukey country they need regular drenching from February to August' (Aus.C.Mag.May.25c1).

flush 201.
(OED sb.ii.4). 1960 'graziers last year followed the lead of South Australians across the border...in feeding off their annual flush rather than conserving it' (Aus.C.Mag.May.94).

fly 73.
1. 191. See also flystrike
1909 'The fly thrives best in warm, moist weather. Heavy woolled and particularly foldy sheep are the ones usually attacked'(Evans 20). 1937 'prevent the fly from striking...it is very important that the [jetting] fluid should be thoroughly injected into the wool' (Wool.Man.53). 1945 'Jetting' all in-lamb ewes or other sheep likely to be struck by the fly...as an additional precautionary measure' (Pearse 297).
2. 73. (OED sb.ii.4.b). 1883 'We got some calico and made a fly to put over the well' (O'Shaughnessy 26May). 1924 'The swag is usually composed of a "fly" or strip of calico (a cover for the swag, and a shelter in bad weather)' (Lawson 4). 1929 'I think I'll rig me fly—it might rain'(Bull.4Dec.23 c2).

fly combs.
(a) f- blight 100. (see blight) (AND 1851-1918). 1852 'One of the drovers got the fly-blight' (Mundy 298). 1854 'He was now a great deal better in health, though he really had had a bad attack of fly-blight'(Howitt 254). f- blown 166. 1967 'the few sheep that normally become fly-blown or daggy between crutching and shearing time, and which are missed by the station hands or jackeroos' (Woodbridge 162). f- crutch 166. 1965 'He could help us...he could fly-crutch the ewes too' (Gascoigne 64). f-strike 150,158,164,165,169,200. 1954 'Control used against fly-strike on the sample properties were crutching, mulesing and jetting'(Aus.Bur.Ag.Ec.14). 1961 'They [winkly, greasy sheep] are specially liable to fly-strike'(Aus.C.Mag.18c3). 1971 'Fly-strike and worm infestation is a major problem in sheep'(Mudgee Guard.1Mar.5). f- wave 158. 1962 'By jetting with Diazinon 20E just prior to fly wave, superior protection for up to 14-16 weeks can be confidently expected'(Aus.C.Mag.Feb.54 ). 1963 'Lift the tail, ensuring complete and thorough coverage [when jetting]...vital in a fly wave'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.45).
(b) f- duster 105. 1904 'The horses had fly-dusters of stamped basil, that hung in twisted strings from their forehead-bands'(Palmer-Archer 327). f- screen 78. (AND 1929-1963). 1957 'To the right of that was the dining-room, entered by a fly-screen door' (Niland 103). f- wire 78. 1970 'Flywire in tent shape will protect seeds'(Wom.Day 21Sep.41c3).

flyer
(a) 156. (AND 1826-1955). 1844 'The animals of this kind that are not quite full grown are termed flyers...and can seldom be taken unless the ground is soft'(Atkinson 42-3). 1862 'away went a "flyer", followed at full speed by the party, who succeeded in killing him in a waterhole, after two miles hard riding'(West.Post 22Nov.2c5). 1901 'An "old man" won't gallop far, but the yearling ones, so-called flyers will generally give the fleetest dog a great chase and often best him'(Satge 268). 1932 'It was not uncommon [on horseback] to even run a flyer down'(Scott 12c1).
(b) 183. 1908 'the "ringer" or flier of the shed makes one final effort to break away from the watchful eye of the boss and reach his 200'(Ogilvie 42). 1939 'shed visitors find additional interest in the tally board in computing the earnings of the flyers'(Land FS Ann.23Aug.20). 1956 'Flyer...very fast-shearing sheep; or the best [shearer] in the mob (Bowen 156). 1960 'It [a tally] all rests with the sheep...If every one is a "flyer", you'll do it all right'(Mills 26).

flying combs.
f- doe 156. 1898 'The forester (Macropus major), the male being known by the name of "boomer" and the young female by that of "flying doe"'(Morris 42c1.ref.1853). f- fox 151. 1835 'there is a species of animal called a flying-fox; it is a sort of bat of immense size, and most hideous appearance, but perfectly harmless'(Chambers Vol.2.75c3). 1868 'you don't deserve any mercy (dust shot won't break your bones) but I want to caution you like I do the flying foxes, that steal my peaches' (Houlding 49). 1899 'Now and again a flying-fox circled noiselessly
overhead’ (Rudd 154). f- gin 156. 1833 ‘The flying gin is...a boomah, and will leave behind every description of dog’ (Breton 254).

flytrap 161.
1981 ‘A wrinkly greasy sheep, likely to suffer from flystrike, is sometimes called a flytrap’ (Woods Interview).

fold (ing) 136.
(OED v.ii.1). 1846 ‘The grounds having been well worked, and either manured or folded [sheep put in], causes them to look much more healthy’ (Cox Letter 7Mar.2). (OED vbl.sb.ii.1). 1850 ‘Upon the system of Folding, as practised in Australia, will be laid the heavy charge of materially contributing to induce Catarrh among the woolly tenants, as well as several other diseases sheep are heirs to’ (Meston 3). 1855 ‘several flocks are often folded at the same station’ (Angas 274). 1863 ‘flocks of sheep were “folded” at night and taken out for the day by a shepherd, assisted by one or two dogs’ (Harris diary 4). 1897 ‘saved many scores of lambs that must have perished under the ordinary treatment of folding them at night’ (Archer 119-20). 1964 ‘The sheep were kept in a yard at night with a man on guard. This was called folding the sheep’ (Anderson 11).

folding table 191. See rolling, wool table.
1848 ‘As soon as the fleece is taken off, it is laid on the “folding-table,” which...consists of some bars of light wood, set in a frame, and...shaken, so as to let the dirt and coarser pieces fall through’ (Haygarth 48).

follow on shed 170. See also run of sheds
1931 ‘sign men up for a follow-on shed...then wire the office stating the number of men you have signed up’ (Grazcos 11). 1967 ‘The shearing shed manager or overseer is usually responsible for the engagement of teams for follow-on sheds’ (Woodbridge 167).

follower 144.
1953 ‘One good dog and four “followers” will not see a man through, no matter how good he is’ (Stronach 46).

foot, at 149.
1916 ‘Have managed to buy a Jersey cow with a shorthorn calf at foot at £13’ (Want. Letter. 26Aug.6). 1932 ‘we sold them with the lambs at foot and made a profit on them’ (Scott 45c1). 1971 ‘bulls sold up to expectations...cows with half-cross calves at foot were disappointing’ (Arm. Exp. 21Apr.8).

foot man 133.
1932 ‘The shepherds with the sheep were all foot men’ (Scott 29c2).

foot rot
n. 152. 1828 ‘Lot 17, a sheep having a disorder called the footroot, fleece 4lb.12oz. was sold to Mr. Warren at £12’ (Bischoff 61). 1838 ‘Another variety of foot-rot is produced by the friction of long grass between the hoofs, but it is mostly confined to hill sheep, when first pastured on lowland districts’ (Blacklock 193). 1857 ‘the sheep were brought at shearing time...to examine and dress them for foot-rot or scab’ (Howitt Vol. 1.43). 1870 ‘Colonial foot-rot often appears at the top of the foot where the hair meets hoof, and a fungus excrescence forms around the coronet’ (Graham 73). 1887 ‘Got much foot-rot?’ asked the overseer. ‘Five...most of ’em getting better, since I pared their hoofs and blue-stoned ’em’ (Nicols Vol. 1.117). 1914 ‘He had also to cook for the shepherd and shift the hurdle yards to a fresh place every second day to prevent foot rot’ (Hamilton 47). 1964 ‘The sheep with foot rot then spread the germ over the grass and other sheep with sore feet catch the disease’ (Anderson 38).

v. 137,152. (AND 1870-1980). 1904 ‘Only today I had discovered my sons foot-rotting my prize collie in the laundry’ (Palmer-Archer 5). 1914 ‘I have had many a nasty days work foot rotting and dressing with corrosive sublimate’ (Hamilton 48). 1950 ‘Docking and ear-marking lambs, and probably foot-rotting the ewes at the same time’ (Barns-Graham 50). 1965 ‘We commenced foot rotting, paring the feet of each ram in turn as carefully as we could’ (Gascoigne 26).

foot rotting 137,152.
1903 ‘we had looked forward to the shearing, the foot-rotting, and the lambing’ (Furphy 83).
foot shears 152.

1961 'Most trimming, other than with a knife, requires "shearing" action, and some firms refer to "foot shears" (Jordan 293).

forcing combs, 123.

f- pen (AND 1935,1936). 1910 'Next door there is sometimes a line of smaller "forcing pens" for further subdividing the mob (Bean 193). 1922 'a complete outfit of bath, draining pen, and forcing pen are required to be constructed, without...hindrance from any building or other obstacle' (Perry 23). 1945 'where there is a good-sized mob to be put through, if a second drafting race is built on from the middle check pen, using the second check pen as a forcing pen for the second drafting race, the mob can be split up into five lots at one and the same time' (Pearse 87). 1955 'As the last of the sheep from the forcing-pen jumped out of the race the overseer snapped the swing-gates with a slam, jerked a check hurdle across to lock them' (Lamond 14). f- race 1961 'The forcing pen and race must be of timber, and must be strongly constructed' (Jordan 96). 1974 'A forcing race is a wide race at the side of sheepyards used to drive sheep along to the entrance of the shed' (Craig Note).

forcing yard (AND 1857-1960). 1864 'The receiving and forcing yards...should not be fewer than five in number, and it would be found to add to the convenience and to expedite the work to have even more' (Bruce 9). 1882 'A small focusing yard must be formed at the mouth of the lane by fencing off a corner of the yard' (Armstrong 139). 1912 'The cost could...be materially lessened by using wire netting instead of rails for all fences except at the race and forcing yard' (Stock. Guide 89). 1963 'The sheep readily ran from the six-foot wide race into the focusing yard' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 41c2).

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fore half 139.

1826 'Fifty young ewes, were stolen from my flocks...2-3 fore-halfed in the near ear, and back-halfed in the off ear, the remainder back-halfed in both ears' (Aus. 16 Mar. 1c2).

forest devil 71. See also devil (AND 1885-1979). 1917 'left the concentration camp to engage in scrub clearing about half a mile away...with a forest devil and a considerable of work was done before the lunch hour' (Telegraph 3 Apr. Sc4).

forfeited selection 56. See cancelled.

1878 'At the land court for the district of St. George...the following applications were granted...John Moore, for a forfeited selection' (St. Geo. Stand. 21 Aug. 2c3).

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fork 105,107.

(OED (US) 1903,1920). 1928 'Yes, half-caste chap forking a big flea-bitten grey; seen him at all?' (Queen. 22 Mar. 12 c2). 1957 'He's the greatest rough-rider ever forked a horse' (Niland 140).

fork and sapling yard 121.

1956 'Until midnight they worked erecting a rough but serviceable fork-and-sapling yard' (Ronan 22).

forward store 146.

1968 'Certainly, forward store cattle will finish quicker than will backward store cattle' (Ag. Gaz. Jul. 390c1).

forwarding yard 123.

1956 'They communicate with the forwarding yards, or diamond pens, which are much smaller, and lead up to the crush pens or forcing pens' (Bowen 120).

found 90.

1931 'On the mess sheet deduct the number of days and the amount of the mess and cook for any "non-found" man leaving before the cut-out' (Grazcos 15). 1953 'The shepherds on their 10/- per week and found were not over financial on their own. Ten, ten, two and a quarter for flour, meat, sugar and tea stood for "found"' (Eastman 9). 1967 'Found means that the employer provides the employee who has been engaged at found rates with accommodation, and with good and...
sufficient food cooked by a competent cook" (Woodbridge 26). 1968 "What about found?" "Very well—all found thrown in. But you will have to do your own cooking" (O'Grady 233).

four bob Robbo 108.
1897 "Four Bob Robbo"...let out the horse and trap for 4s. per half-day (Bull. 23 Jan. 11). 1916 'The usual miscellaneous collection of turnouts, from the swell four-horse drag...to the four-bob Robbo, the humble pony chaise' (Darrell 9). 1939 'I s'pose you've 'eard of the Four-bob Robbos...The chaps used to go an' hire a cart for four bob and take it round loaded with vegetables' (Tennant 430).

four tooth 149.
1867 'they may have their first lambs when they are "four-toothed," or two years old' (Jordan 51). 1890 'A couple of thousand four-tooth wethers had been put in the drafting yard' (Boldrewood 221). 1932 'They were divided into four flocks of nearly equal size: 2,000 two-tooth, four-tooth, six-tooth, and full mouth' (Thompson 50). 1961 'in some cases buyers of four tooths get what they want from the studs' (Aus. C. Mag. Aug. 19c1).

fourths, on 51.
1838 'There are one or two flocks of 800 sheep...partly the property of others, and taken on fourths—which is a common proportion to tenants of flocks here' (Monitor Supp. 30 Jul. 2c2).

fox dog 144.
1966 'On account of their looks these all red pups [in smooth-haired Scotch Collie litter] were called fox dogs by the people seeing them' (Land 17 May. 57c1).

free 1. 46.
(AND 1792-1849). 1834 'If the committals were new hands (bond or free) we should understand it [increase of crime] better, but this is not the case' (Monitor 10 Jan. 2c6). 1852 'you will be respected...let you be free or bond' (Harris 66).

combs. ref. immigration. 46.
f- emigration 1834 'Free emigration to be encouraged to Australia, Cape &c. on a very extended scale' (Bennett 91). f- flesh 1859 'ere long many millions of tons of "free flesh" would be landed' (Lang 158). f- immigrant (AND 1841-1865). 1893 'I thought it advisable to...see if I could not get from a magistrate there something to certify that I was a free immigrant' (Demarr 171). f- labour (AND 1832-1855). 1859 'To carry on such concerns with "free labour" was out of the question' (Lang 158). f- man (AND 1791-1894). 1847 'masters very often withhold freeman's wages, but the free man still has this point on his side...he can keep on drawing goods level with his earnings through the period and so leave no balance to be cheated of' (Harris 330). 1859 'Convicts are forced to do it, and so the free men made it a point of honour not to do so' (Kingsley 165). 1874 'To the Commandant and the "free men" this messenger from the outer life was scarcely less welcome' (Clarke 89). f- object. 1847 'cut in on me...for being a free object' (Harris 47).

combs. ref. land acquisition. See also under second term of compound.
f- grant system 43, 50. See grant, take up. 1918 'The best land was appropriated on the free grant system so rapidly and so prodigally that persons arriving within a few months [Western Australia] could find no land available within easy access' (Coghlan Vol. 1. 167). f- select 55, 57. (AND 1861-1890). 1863 'a lad named William Warner was keeping his brother-in-law's tent on a free selected piece of land near Bowning Hill' (Yass Cour. 10 Jan. 2c4). 1884 'Everything which he could have needed had he proceeded to free-select an uninhabited island' (Boldrewood 134). f- selection 55, 57, 117, 126. (AND 1859-1868). 1859 'Free selection (before survey) would, if confined to agricultural reserves, be more injurious to the farmer than to the country, as he would never be certain of his boundaries' (Gipps. Guard. 6 May. 3c5). 1869 'Having still a few hundreds left, he determined to embark it all in free-selection' (Goulb. Her. 16 Jun. 4c5). 1878 'Thought you was goin' to peg out a free-selection' (Boldrewood 30). f- selector 125. (AND 1864-1951). 1863 'his own opinion was that the free-selector had the right to impound' (Albury Ad. 15 Aug. 5c2). 1868 'We think the success of this free selector is pertinent to the subject of small squattages' (Den. Chron. 17 Oct. 2c5). 1873 'The terms seem to be very easy, but yet, as far as I could learn, the free-selectors in New South Wales are not so prosperous a class as one
would wish to find them' (Trollope 175). 1884 'A burly free selector pitched his tent in my Home-
Station paddock and turned my dam into a wash' (Clarke 85). 1925 'And not long afterwards
"Disputed Plains" was taken up by a free selector' (Aus. Work. 4 Feb. 13c 5). f- settler 46.47. 1827
'A free-settler up the country... had been committed to take his trial for cattle stealing' (Monitor
28 Jun. 477c 3). 1847 'free settlers governed their men with capriciousness and by terror; and so
could never trust them beyond their sight' (Harris 126). 1874 'In opposition... was that of the free
settlers and ticket-of-leave men' (Clarke 88). 1931 'The original old man Barclay was one of the
first free settlers in this country' (Davison 32).

free 2.
193, 198. 1900 'Free, a term used to denote that the wool is free from moits or foreign vegetable
matter, and relates more to wool in the scoured than in the greasy state' (Hawkesworth 167). 1941
'Free... wool free of burrs and seeds' (Goddard 42). 1950 'Free applied to wool that is free from
vegetable fault' (Belschner 696). 1964 'Wool without seed or burr is known as free. There are
various degrees according to the percentage present (free or nearly free in which about one per
cent is allowed)' (Smith 9).

free martin 146.
(OED a.). 1971 'If the sexes [in twin calves] are different the female is commonly sterile and is
referred to as a "free-martin"' (Land 25 Feb. 35).

freedom of contract 171.
1891 'The latest thing at the sheds is what is called a "Freedom of Contract" cut. It means the track
[being dismissed] but it generally means something else. Exactly what it means we don't
profess to know' (Hummer 31 Oct. 2). 1900 'the crew had to reload wool without assistance, for it
bore the accursed brand of a "freedom-of-contract" shed' (Lawson (2) 62).

freeze brand / branding (gun) 139.
1973 'Freeze branding involves the use of a cold iron (ca.-80C) to freeze and destroy the pigment
producing cells of the hair follicle' (Ag. Gaz. Dec. 340). 1995 'The freeze branding gun consists of
a barrel unit which contains a special snow horn which converts liquid carbon dioxide into dry ice
snow. This is then forced through a stencil in the shape of the required... brand' (Land
29 Jun. 25c 1).

Fremantle doctor 88.
(AND 1920-1983). 1945 'From Western Australia we get Albany doctor or Fremantle doctor,
refreshing sea-breezes that blow after a hot day' (Baker 197). 1951 'Then there are local winds
such as the "Fremantle Doctor", Western Australia' (Aus. J. Enc. Vol. 1. 109c 1). 1983 'Sydney will
still have its nor'easters, Perth the "Fremantle Doctors" and Wentworth its 40 degrees in
January' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Feb. 6c 6).

French combing 208.
1946 'French combing is carried out with machines which are capable of handling wool of short
or varying length, and wool with a heavy vegetable-matter content' (Gold. Mort 37). 1952 'The
Rectilinear machine, or... "French Combing," is essentially made to deal with short wool's (Haigh
76).

fresh
(a) 88. (OED C. sb. i. 2). 1844 'The last and two preceding freshes did not cause the river to rise
more than from 16 to 18 feet' (Hawk. Cour. 24 Oct. 2c 2).
(b) 146. 1965 'A fresh cow is a newly calved cow' (McGregor Note).

fresh man 46.
1829 'some of the convicts seeing him a "fresh man" set him down as a fellow that may be made
useful' (Widowson 52).
frib(s) 193.
(AND 1805-1961). 1828 'In 1798 this wool was...sorted into three different parcels...as is done in Spain...prime wool...choice locks...and frib(s)(Bischoff 58). 1884 'Some of the fleeces, however, are skirted, and in many others the locks or "fribs" are attached to the outer side of the fleece'(S 7). 1897 'Care should be taken to remove all "fribs" (they are found where the legs rub against the body); if left on they by no means improve the appearance of the fleece'(Otago APS 98). 1902 'Fribs...second cuts and small, short wool'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan.11). 1915 'The second cuts and fribs which fall through the rolling table are caught in a sheet made of bags cut down and sewn together'(Mathews 13). 1937 'Note how the left hand moves out along the leg just ahead of the shear cleaning "fribs" out of the way of the machine'(Dangar 22). 1945 'All "fribs" should be cut off, as the least bit of dirtied wool attracts the fly'(Pearse 388). 1962 'Remove...short discoloured frib and extremities'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct. 44).

fribby 193.
(AND 1900-1929). 1899 'Fribby--applied to fleece wool where locky pieces or second cuts get intermixed with the fleece wool during shearing'(Jeffrey 120). 1907 'Fribby...fleece with the second cuts adhering to it'(Jeffrey 149). 1922 'The fribbies that fall on the board...should be swept under the table and left there until there is sufficient to make a bale'(Perry 122). 1937 'Fribby...short locky pieces as second cuts and sweat points'(Wool.Man.29). 1944 'Skirting necessitates the removal of all dingy, stained, seedy, and heavy-conditioned wool as well as greasy, fribbies from around the legs and brisket'(NZ AEWS 42). 1957 'It is first necessary to remove any bulky extraneous material, such as burry skirts, fribbies ends, and stained or discoloured wool that may still be attached to the fleece as a result of faulty skirting'(Guthrie 221). 1964 'very short wool surrounded by fribbies edges; burrs or seeds collect very thickly on this portion of the fleece'(Munz 146).

frill ring(ing) 70.
1932 'The frill ringing was thoroughly effective in the timber in these scrubs'(Scott 13c2).1972 'With some trees it is only necessary to "frill ring" to meet the chops of the axe--credited to Thomas Hungerford, born 1824'(Knox Note).

frog hole 83. See crab hole
1855 'Crab-holes, or Frog-holes...are small pools or quagmires some few yards across...it is next to impossible to pass between them, and as to going across them with your cart, that is out of the question'(Howitt 308).

front country 64.
1893 'observed a visitor from the "front country"'(Mackay 48).

frontage 65.
(AND 1832-1949). 1844 'Any amount of frontage to the river could be taken up for runs' (O'Shaughnessy 1). 1864 'To let on a lease of 5 years, a farm of about 31 acres...having an extensive frontage to Belimba creek'(Bris.Cour.12Jan.3c4).

frontier 65.
(AND 1840-1962). 1853 'He had located himself at a distance from the townships on land beyond the frontier'(Mundy 609).

frosty face 161.
1931 'Frosty face is chalky white hairs on the face--I suggest faulty breeding'(Allen Note). 1944 'A white harsh and Kempy face covering is most objectionable and is referred to as "frosty-faced"' (Minter 77). 1950 'Frosty face...a defect sometimes occurring in Merino sheep, which consists of chalky, harsh, white hairs covering the face'(Belschner 697). 1961 'The face should be covered with short creamy coloured hair but not white, which is known as "frosty-face," and which is a defect in a merino'(Jordan 7).

full combs.
f- bellied 149. 1858 'There were the full-bellied mob...those that have not yet dropped their lambs, but are expecting to do so daily'(Bussell 1Sep). f- board 170. (AND 1904,1912). 1916 'Started shearing Rams with full board'(Harden 19 Oct). 1964 'A full board is when you have all stands occupied'(R.Ryan Interview). f- mouth, mouthed 149. (AND 1855-1961). 1828 'Lot
26, a full mouth ram, called Young Snag...fleece 5 3/4 lb. was sold...for 18 guineas'(Bischoff 61). 1838 'By disposing of all sheep before they are five years old (by which means anyone can tell their age, not being full-mouthed), a great saving is made'(Aus.Mag.Feb.142). 1868 'The animal has passed its fifth year then, and is called full-mouthed'(Jondaryan 6). 1890 'nearly ten thousand--counting the full-mouthed and cull ewes'(Boldrewood 81). 1907 'After a sheep has developed a full mouth, only considerable experience will admit of its age being told'(Jeffrey 78). 1911 'in selecting ewes' none less than three or four years old, or what are called "full mouthed" ewes, should be chosen'(Stewart 75). 1922 'the surplus stock sold every year will consist of cull ewes and four, six-tooth, and full mouth wethers'(Perry 96). 1950 'Full mouth...has all of its incisor teeth fully developed'(Belschner 697). 1965 'in a flock of breeding ewes 4-tooth and 6-tooth ewes will usually shear slightly coarser and higher-grade wool than full-mouthed ewes, which customarily rear more lambs'(Henderson 93).

fulling 209. (OED vbl.sb.3). 1860 'Fulling is a strong propensity to combine in the milling operation, so as to make a firm, compact body of cloth--not slack or flannelly, but substantial, like finely-dressed leather'(Shaw 4).

fumigate 155. 1914 'Joe and Bert fumigating rabbits in cultivation paddocks at Forbes'(Caldwell 4Jun). 1971 'Pellets could be used effectively...to enable a successful ripping or fumigating program'(Arm.Exp. 14Jun.8).

furphy 87,101. (AND 1915-1986). 1916 'I know what I was born fer now, an' soljerin's me game, / That's no furphy [lie]'(Dennis 110). 1918 'Others sat around the brazier cheerfully furphy mongering'(Aussie 1Jan.11). 1938 'The word "furphy"...was quickly applied to every day use'(Observer 2 Oct.9) 1960 'And there's no furphy about it; it's the good oil, straight from the horse's mouth'(Porteous 115). 1970 'Sound a large bell each time they tell a furphy'(Daily Mirr.28Sep.13). 1980 'The project is a complete furphy, and the State Government talks a load of twaddle'(Sun Her.25May 126c4).

furt strap 105. 1956 'Ee can call 'un crupper if ee's a mind to, but furt straps proper name for 'un'(Friend 31 ref.1870s).

gaffer 176. (OED 1). 1954 'To-morrow you'll find me at my pen when the gaffer rings the bell'(Wannan 94).

galley 173. (AND 1955,1977). 1904 'skinning a sheep outside the cook's galley (a rough bough shed)'(Palmer-Archer 59). 1955 'a few sheets of tin made a wind-break for a fire at which to cook--and which Jack and all his class termed a "galley"'(Lamond 21).

gallows 78. (AND 1847-1977). 1847 'Another convenience it must contain is called "the gallows" for hauling up a beast that has been slaughtered, to take the hide off'(Harris 287). 1862 'he is also to put up the gallows and calf pen in the new yard for which he is to receive £2'(White 23Jan). 1880 'We got the timber ready for a gallows'((O'Shaughnessy 16Aug). 1916 'Working at Gallows between showers' (Witten 22Jun). 1962 "What'd he use the gallows for?" "He started killin' his own beef"(Hanger 46).

gare 202. 1900 'When found in a fleece gare can easily be detected, as it stands out prominently, and will not mix with the wool. It is found mostly on the legs of the sheep'(Hawkesworth 176). 1905 'some sheep have in their fleeces hair, gare, and kemp, none of which are wool'(Ag.Gaz.239). 1950 'Gare...straight, coarse, glossy fibres which grow continuously'(Belschner 697). 1961
'Fibres in the wool which are smooth and hair-like in structure are known as "kemp" or "gare"--usually white in colour and they will not take a dye'(Jordan 170).

**gasper** 161. 1956 'Gasper...a sheep gasping for breath while being shorn'(Bowen 156).

**gathered wool** 167. 1952 'Gathered wool...picked up in the hedgerows and from fences etc., literally gathered wool' (Haigh 101).

**geebung** 93.  
(AND 1790-1981). 1826 'native cherry, five corners, jibbong and others, are mere tasteless berries' (Atkinson 19). 1902 'the geebung...was slimy and rather sickly, yet not unpalatable'(Praed 50). 1924 'the wild flowers, "five corners" and "geebungs" flourished exceedingly'(East.S.Daily 1Aug).

**generally useful** 129,190.  
(AND 1866-1972). 1925 'O'Dooligan, the "generally-useful" up at the homestead, told me that smoke was rising in the direction of the out paddocks'(Aus.Work.4Feb.13c3).

**gentleman settler, squatter** 42,48,53,124.  
1826 'I have Sir, mentioned this, in order to shew how well a pack of hounds would be supported by gentlemen settlers'(Aus.22Jul.3c2). 1843 'I heard a Bathurst gentleman settler relate a story'(Sat.S. Chron.8Apr.2c1). 1852 'gentlemen squatters played whist at sheep-points and a bullock on the rubber'(Mundy Vol.1.315-16).

**German cart** 109.  
(AND 1934-1981). 1926 'He came back to the siding with the horse and the long, low-built, heavy cart on two wheels which they call a German cart in the sou'-west (of WA)'(Prichard 23).

**get tucker** 90.  
1879 'A small party of diggers...were, perhaps, only "getting tucker"...as they thought, simply wasting their time'(Austral.Sketch.20 Dec.158c3).

**get(ting) up** 206.  
**n.** (AND 1899-1930). 1848 'it is necessary to lay in an extra stock of supplies...and all other requisites for the "getting up" of the wool for sale'(Haygarth 47). 1868 'the "getting up" of it...comprises the washing, the shearing, the sorting, and the packing'(Jondaryan 16). 1885 'While maintaining the general superiority in the "get up" of station clips...we do not assert that all farmers' lots are carelessly prepared'(Austral.299). 1899 'An honest "GET-UP" means classing the wool in such a manner as to inspire buyers with confidence so that they may feel satisfied no attempt has been made to deceive by false packing, &c.'(Jeffrey 43). 1918 'No serious fault can be found in the general get-up, and marketing, of Australian clips of merino wool'(Bridge 10). 1926 'during last ten years there has been a distinctly marked improvement both in the quality and "get up" of our clips'(Sutton 1). 1934 'This is especially important with regard to the get-up of the skirtings'(Hardie 28). 1946 'there is need for particular attention in regard to "get-up," classing and general treatment of the wool'(Gold.Mort 30). 1957 'The "get-up" of a clip can be easily impaired by faulty skirting'(East Syd.Tech.Vol.1.3).

**v.** 1842 'It has been frequently stated that our wools have never yet realized their intrinsic value in the London market, owing to the inferior way in which they are "got up"'(Journ.A.H.Soc.WA.41). 1884 'They are farmers' wools...well got up, fleeces being fairly skirted, carefully rolled, and well packed in neat pressed bales'(S 6). 1898 'The losses on unclassed or badly "got up" wool are many'(Prod.Gaz.362). 1910 'nothing sells better or is more appreciated by wool buyers than good, well "got up" lines'(Jackson 26).

**gibber** 66.  
(AND 1833-1979). 1847 'Of a rainy night like this he did not object to stow himself by the fireside of any house or hut...or the "gibbers" (overhanging rocks) of the river'(Harris 159). 1859
'She being able to show the road to the best stock-keepers in the district amidst the mountains, rocks, gullies, swamps, and gibbers' (Tam. Exam. 17 Aug. 2c4). 1880 'We are told...that he afterwards spent half-a-day in wiping "gibbers" with his handkerchief' (Bull. 25 Dec. 5c4). 1902 'He swore at the threatening brute, and cast about for a gibber to throw, but stones were almost unknown there' (Baynton 73). 1911 'hiding away among the huge piles of rocks and "gibbers" that stand like natural pyramids along the little flats of the neighbourhood' (Syd. Mail 8 Mar. 44c3). 1923 'A prominent feature were the cone shaped piles of gibbers' (Aus. Work. 19 Dec. 13c3). 1933 'A stony track this route from Dajarra as the actual road goes; yet with a little trouble you may dodge the "gibbers", and incidentally cut miles off the travelling' (Queen. 27 Jul. 9c2). 1946 'the gibbers that followed him hit the earth with a menacing thump' (Davison 84). 1965 'There was nothing to suggest an end to the unbroken basin of gibbers and sand and occasional stunted bushes' (Blackwell 30). 1970 'I reeled across the hot gibbers and swirling sands' (Land 24 Sep. 9).

gibber country (AND 1894-1968). 1894 'our track led across what is called the gibber country where the plains are covered with a thin layer of stones—the gibbers of various sizes' (Melb. Argus 1 Sep. 4c2). 1932 'In the "gibber" country opal has been proved over an extent of forty miles long by two wide' (Idriess 250). g- desert 1968 'passing through a stretch of gibber desert between Parachilna and Leigh Creek' (Walkabout May. 35c1). g- gunyah also 74. (AND 1836-1947). 1847 'it would be best for us to camp for the night in one of the gibber-gunyahs...the hollows under overhanging rocks' (Harris 211). 1891 'Notes on Rock Shelters or Gibba-gunyahas at Deewhy lagoon' (Etheridge 211). g- plain (AND 1896-1983). 1947 'The husband and wife invited us in, on our way through the lonely gibber plains, to have a "cupper" and to hear the latest overseas news' (Maclean 17). 1953 'The terrain varied from flat gibber plains...to rolling sand dunes and drifts' (Cour. Mail 3 Jul. 1c4). 1969 'The desert zone, including the "gibber" plains (large areas covered with water-worn stones—"gibbers" of various sizes' (Abbie 56).

gidgee gate 120. 1981 'A gidgee [hardwood timber] gate has four wide rails mortised at each end to slot into supporting uprights. This frame swings on rings fitted through a heavy support post and is further braced by a pair of diagonal wires...tightened by twisting' (Brewarrina Interview).

gidya scrub 68. 1899 'frontage to the Belyando is chiefly gidya scrub, with salt and blue bushes' (Capricorn. 11 Feb. 7c4). 1908 'two mounted men, leading pack-horses, emerged from the gidyea scrub and made their way to the track' (Seagram 4).

giggle pin 178. 1973 'It [a 1920s handpiece] has fulcrum balanced fork and straight tension pin, unlike the original chamfered tension pins known as "giggle pins"' (Aus. Work. 14 Mar. 7).

gilgal, gilgie et. al. 67, 83, 91. 1. (AND 1867-1982). 1880 'These said holes are very peculiar, and seem almost as if they had been dug out...They are called gilgai holes' (Inglis 325). 1883 'F.F. in Albinia pak [paddock] looking at gilgai for bogged sheep' (M. Wilson 31 Mar.). 1896 'I saw a 7EW Bullock dead at the gilgis' (O'Shaughnessy 14 Dec). 1911 'Salt and cotton bush are seen here and there, but grass only grows in "gilgys"' (Syd. Mail 24 May. 2c1). 1930 'I made him repeat again and again his directions for finding a gilgai, which he knew to be full of first class water' (Furphy 54). 1918 'Well, yer know 'ow yer see all the dead sheep in the billabongs and gilgai 'oles' (Aussie Vol. 2. 16 Feb). 1920 'There's been rain in the last month, so every little gilgai and water-hole will be full, and the cattle will be strung out everywhere' (Palmer 27). 1931 'if there was no water in the gilgais on the ridges, the scrubbers stole down at night to drink from the waterholes in the creek' (Davison 11). 1941 'the truck wobbled along drunkenly, escaping disaster in the form of gilgais and hidden logs only by a hair's breadth' (Tennent 82). 1955 'Mirrors which were gillgays of water, flashed and sparkled as the sun shot through them' (Lamond 82). 1964 'rare heavy rains spilling...[into] swamps, the lagoons and gilgai holes and claypans' (Idriess 89).

2. (AND 1937-1986). 1989 'More often than not he'd return from these outings with only a few gilgais or an empty sack' (Flood 90).
gill 209. (OED v.iii). 1962 "The sliver is then gilled--really a preparatory combing process" (Barnard 7). 1950 'After backwashing the wool is given a "gilling" process' (Int.W.Sec.38).

gill box 209. (OED v.iii). 1953 'The combed slivers are then straightened out still further in two "gill boxes" (Clair 31). 1957 '...during the process [preparer] the sliver may...be disarranged, and it is necessary to treat it by passing it through a gill-box, which ensures the further straightening out of the fibres in preparation for the combing machine' (Guthrie 228).

gilling (machine) 209. (OED v.iii). 1899 'they [mixed fibres of sliver] must now be straightened in what is known as the "gilling" machine' (Jeffrey 100). 1912 'Gilling...straightening worsted fibre and intermixing differently coloured tops to secure an even admixture' (Hunter 113). 1957 'it passes through a "gilling" machine designed to straighten the fibres of the sliver preparatory to their passage into the comb' (Ormerod 112). 1957 'the combed sliver...then passed through the gilling machines' (Guthrie 228).

gimmer 149. (OED ii.1). 1901 'After being shorn she is a shearing ewe, or gimmer, a double tooth ewe, or teg' (Journ.Dep.Ag.Jan-Jun.8). 1926 'Two years later I started in New Zealand and 3,300 ewes to look after--900 of them "gimmers" (two-tooths) and 1,000 halfbred merinos' (Lilico 7).

glue pot 88,104,111. (AND 1875-1966). 1845 'Hawley drew rein a little before a "glue pot"' (Tucker 137). 1908 'After the rains some of the wickets were approaching that stage when in cricket parlance they are termed glue pots' (Cane.Quart.Jan.4c7). 1958 'Q63 is suited to a wide range of soils--forest, second class alluvial flats, gluepot and black pug clay loam' (Cane.Quart.Jul.10c1). 1963 'Naturally treeless country can point to the heavy dark grey to black "glue-pot" soils' (Cane.Quart.Oct.41c2).

gnamma hole 84. (in various spellings) (AND 1842-1972). 1842 'Water standing in a rock--Gnamar' (Moore 167). 1892 'It was on these [rocks] the wandering blacks and the early pioneers had to depend for water, for on every patch of rocks is a hole, called a gnamma hole' (Gaston 27). 1895 'Fifteen miles brings you to a namma hole (at present dry)' (Cool.P.27Mar.13c3). 1903 'the namma holes were full of water' (Marshall 14). 1923 'many gnamma holes and rock-holes rarely known to be dry have this year been emptied for several months' (WA Ann.Rep.M.34cl). 1929 'They [Aborigines] also find gnama-waterholes so often obscured to the white traveller' (Raeside 55). 1946 'Handed on by tradition is the secret of the namma wells the secret watering places of the desert blacks' (Harney 69). 1948 'Gnamma holes are holes in rock with an impervious bottom and walls, and generally with a narrow neck' (Uren 34). 1951 'The only water a rare gnamma hole, jealously hidden by the Aboriginal "desert rats"' (Idriess 90).

go combs.

go ashore 80. 1879 'there was another pot used, called by the euphonious name of a "Go ashore", which used to hang by a chain over the fire, this was used for boiling' (Innes 23). 1895 'Will drove Emma & Nell to Gobba in "go-cart"' (Ohulura 31Aug).

go bush 58,106. (AND 1908-1984). 1928 'he would feel an insistent urge to have "a walkabout" or "go bush"' (Queen.6Sep.6c1). 1934 'if the Alsatian went "bush", as it undoubtedly would, and crossed with the dingo, neither sheep nor cattle would be safe' (Telegraph 17 Oct.7c3). 1943 'He's only one of the packboys of the last expedition who went bush' (Harris 80). 1952 'Beware when tame cats go bush [headline]' (Cour.Mail 17May.2c11). 1965 'The hands of the clock are just on ten and he probably thinks his birds have gone bush' (Johnson 51). 1973 'Tamie Fraser has "gone bush" with her school-age children for the August holidays' (Cour.Mail 30Aug.73c3). 1981 'To what dimensions does the domestic cat grow after going bush' (Bull.10Jan.22c3). 1985 'Will drove Emma & Nell to Gobba in "go-cart"' (Ohulura 31Aug). 1985 'My stockman and I spent our days in "going round" the cattle' (Boldrewood 21).

goanna 105. 1912 'And you saddle yer "goanna" with yer quart pot and yer swag' (Gibson 3).
goat and galah (township) 65.
1924 'what they call a goat-and-galah township back there'(Palmer 69).

golden fleece 195.
(AND 1837-1927). 1909 'The wool of 200,000 sheep is in the bales...and the sheep are in their various paddocks growing a fresh crop of the golden fleece'(Evans 46). 1920 'naked looking jumbucks...shorn of the golden fleece'(Lone Hand 1Nov.32).

goalie 66.
(AND 1924-1978). 1943 'Gooly...a stone or pebble'(Baker 36). 1965 'Goolies are stones thrown by small boys'(Broome Note).

goose neck 192.
1915 'The fleeces cannot be stacked, and must, consequently, be "goose-necked" in order that they hold together when thrown in [the bale]'(Mathews 14).

governor 176.
1859 'Sheared 616 sheep, a great tally. Fred and the Gov'r delivered monthly rations'(Peppin 18 Oct).

Government combs.
G- bore 85. (AND 1899-1963). 1981 'To the west were the Government bores spaced twenty miles or so apart'(Adam-Smith 14). G- emigrant 45. (AND 1854-1865). 1834 'GOVERNMENT EMIGRANTS--There only remain a few families in Government quarters at the present time, who have not met with engagements'(Monitor 5Mar.2c3). 1840 'SYDNEY SHIPPING--the China, Captain Phillips, from Waterford, via Cape of Good Hope, with 260 Government emigrants'(Port P.Her. 10Jan.2c2). G- house 171,196. (AND 1822-1859). 1900 'the headquarters of the overseer, book keeper, man over the board, and woolclasser...was known as the toff's house, Government House, the cottage, and various other names'(Syd.S.S.Journ.20Mar.5c3). 1935 'Above the brilliant green foliage of flanking orange trees...mount the red roofs of government-house--so named because it houses the station's governing authority'(Walkabout 1Jan.10). 1964 "Government House", as some of the great homesteads were presently called...no place for a young dealer in horses, a wanderer... not amidst the evening dress at Government House'(Idriess 201-202). G- paddock 121. (AND 1822-1859). 1833 'Thomas Parker was sentenced to the cell forty-eight hours on bread and water, for being in the Government Paddock yesterday afternoon without a pass'(Tasman.22Nov.372c4). 1841 'The immigrants will arrive in the steamer this morning, and will be accommodated in tents pitched in the Government paddock at East Maitland'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.25Dec.2c5). G- run 115. (AND 1876-1872). 1834 'Besides the Swampy Ground...the Purchaser will have the right to an extensive Government Run'(Monitor 8Jan.3c5). 1841 'the River Cox bounding it [an estate] on one side for upwards of twelve miles, with the advantage of commanding an extensive Government run'(Monitor 8Feb.3c6). G- station 115. (AND 1825-1957). 1852 'the folly of arousing the settlers, perhaps some government station near'(Hall 242). G- township 115. (AND 1848,1853). 1845 'at the crossing-place of this river [Murrumbidgee] is the government township of Gundagai, a post-town' (Mackenzie 28).

Goyder's line 102.

granny 149,163.
1880 "Toothless, ragged, old grannies" muttered the hurdle man'(Grant 182). 1887 'Preparations were made...for the reception of three thousand ewes, including the "grannies," or oldest members of the flocks'(Nicols Vol.1.252).
grant 43.52.
(AND 1793-1860). 1833 'A branch road from the top of the hill in McNally's grant, through the grants of McNally, Burke and Dry...and passing through East's grant'(Tasman.24May.163c4).
1841 'TO BELIEF--The farm called Balcot's Grant, thirty acres'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.18Dec.1c4).
1847 'a monster grant of 250,000 acres [in WA]--made so ill in use'(Landor 374-5).
1949 'The estate to which we refer is "Glenlee", one of the oldest grants in the colony made by Governor Macquarie to William Howe'(Cam.News 22Feb.1c1).
grantee 42.
(AND 1800-1853). 1826 'every grantee of such land'(Atkinson 110).
1831 'the grantees are satisfied of the impartiality exercised towards all classes'(Syd.Her.25Apr.3c1).
1842 'Grantees, or persons who occupy the land, ought to pay their quit rent bill as soon as possible'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.26Feb.3c5).
grass combs.
g- duffing 141. 1959 'This [opening a fence for stock to trespass] was known as "grass duffing"'(Tritton 17c2).
g- eater 146. 1970 'Grenfell Calf Sale--100 poddy calves and 30 grass eaters'(Gren.Rec.13Nov.4).
g- loafer 135. 1993 'The time comes when grass-loafers will stand a lot of ordering off'(Forphy 166).
g- paddock 121. 1841 'there is an extensive cultivated paddock, a Grass paddock, Garden and Orchard'(Omnibus SS 15Oct.22c4).
1853 'he had examined the fence around the deponent's grass paddock'(Geelong Ad.18Jan.5c3).
1899 'wire posts, a long distance apart, [were] round the grass-paddock'(Rudd 15).
g- parrot 128. 1943 'the small settler who tore a meagre livelihood off our section of the wilderness was called a "grass parrot"'(Bull.letters 17Mar).
g- pirate(ing) 117,141,147. ca.1880 'Men have sometimes got themselves the ugly title of "grass pirate" from over-reaching their neighbours in this particular [illegal grazing]'(Tyrwhitt 35).
1907 'Grass pirates...travelling sheep loafing about a station'(Cooper 61).
1959 'Really, and in all truth, they [drovers] were grass pirating'(Lamond 43).
g- stealer 117,141. 1903 'How long is it since you were one of the cheekiest grass-stealers on the track'(Forphy 13).
graze off 134.
grazier 125.
(AND 1804-1984). 1825 'Many of the graziers begin to entertain the most serious apprehensions for the safety of their flocks and herds during the ensuing winter'(Aus.24Mar.3c3).
1838 'I am a grazer in a small way--I graze my sheep about 12 or 13 miles from Mr. Lee's station near Bathurst--I am a squatter'(Monitor 14May 3c4).
1843 'Settlers, squatters, graziers...usually repair to Sydney, to lay in supplies for the ensuing year, at the time the wool goes down'(Caswall 28).
1911 'the only thing worrying the grazer at the present time is the want of rain'(Syd.M.Her.5Jan.5c8).
1931 'Every grazier present seemed seized with the idea of doing something to put the wool industry on a firm and stable foundation'(Bal.Beat.12Mar.6c3).
1963 'On that day the representatives of wealthy graziers and pastoralists, with their friends threw out a bill to give rural workers a 40 hour week'(Aus.Work.27Mar.4c1).
grazing combs.
g- country 140. (AND 1831-1963). 1840 'The grazing country in the interior is very limited...most of the colony seems to be a continuation of sand and scrub'(Port P.Her.18Feb.2c4).
g- farm 114. (AND 1810-192. 1909 'These selections [in Queensland] are called grazing farms, and are suited to men of moderate capital'(Evans 9).
g- run 115. (AND 1826,1848). 1844 'The Farm contains Seventeen Hundred Acres of which 70 have been under plough...and the remainder is a Grazing Run'(Hawk.Cour.15Aug.3c4).
g- station 115. (AND 1834-1881). 1852 'The grazing stations of Tolong and Roriecabon and Boree-narang the homestead of Mr.Barton'(Mundy Vol.1. 324).
grease 120.
v. 1898 John Chinaman does not take kindly to the greasing of his horses [against infection] at the border town of Goondiwindi'(Queen.2Jul.9c2).
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grease, in the 148,195,207.
1848 'where the washing cannot be conveniently accomplished, or in cases where the sheep are affected with the scab, the fleeces are shorn in the grease, and afterwards scoured or washed by hand in town'(Westgarth 252). 1851 'wool in the grease...does not fetch so high a price as when washed; ...additional expense is caused in land-carriage and freight'(Henderson 201). 1863 'wool in the grease weighs about one-third heavier, and consequently fetches a lower price in the market'(Butler 125). 1872 'there was no washing, the sheep being clipped with all the dirt in them...technically termed "shearing in the grease"'(Eden 98). 1886 'The wool at one time was washed on the sheep's back, but now it is principally shorn and sent to market in the grease; unless it is exceptionally dirty only the "locks and pieces" are now scoured'(Garran Vol.3.758). 1893 'there has been a marked tendency to shear in grease, owing no doubt to the fact that freights are now much lower than formerly'(Coghlan 16). 1909 'If each pound of scoured wool be taken as representing 2 lb. of greasy, average weight of each fleece in the grease was 6.11 lb.'(Evans 65). 1931 'Mr Pritchard proposes to scour...some muddy pieces and send the rest of the wool away in the grease'(Bre.H.Soc.Letter. 9Jul). 1944 'When the sheep began to be shorn in the grease and the wool was washed afterwards, a new kind of washing plant was needed'(Walkabout Jan.36). 1956 'The custom of washing was out of fashion and runholders were beginning to shear their wool in the grease and send it to the towns to be scoured'(Harte 30).

greasy (wool) 195,203.
1. 1867 'he has one hundred thousand pounds of greasy wool, which sells for one shilling per pound in London' (Jordan 77). 1876 'The last of the greasy wool with 14 bales of scoured left the station this morning'(Bath.D.Times 8Jan.2c5). 1894 'the amount of wool sent off from the Station yearly averages 450 tons greasy'(Boothby 246). 1896 'A hale of wool (washed wool of course--in those days [1860s] greasy wool was almost an unknown quantity) was pulled down to serve as a rostrum for the auctioneer who...began to read the conditions of sale'(Aus.C.Life Vol.1.27). 1914 'Greasy wool being so little in demand, we continued to wash our sheep right up to the end of the [eighteen] sixties'(Hamilton 93). 1926 'Higher prices for greasy'(Queen.13Feb.3c2).

2. (a) 180,184. (AND 1939-1977). 1943 'the bearded or moustachioed "greasies" dragged forth their sheep from the pens and set to work with iron wrists and enduring will'(Walkabout 1Feb. 30). 1975 'Aw break it down...The greasies have hung up [stopped work]. Why can't we?'(Ryan 123).
(b) 172. (AND 1873-1980). 1873 'Bill, who was our chef d'cuisine...in the vernacular, cook or "greasy," had on this occasion quite excelled his usual excellence'(Johnson 1). 1966 'When loved dogs like women,/ And mustering the hills was more / Than signing on as a "greasy" / Or scrubbing the cookhouse floor'(Mills 203).

great house 116.
1829 'If you ever intend to build the "great house," as it is termed, that distance [200-300 yards] is very requisite to have between your family and the convict servants'(Widowson 77).

green
(a) 146,149. (AND 1888-1943). 1858 'the green mob...that have been born in the last day or two... keep nearly in sight of the fold all day'(Bussell 1Sep. See Shann 1926.179). 1925 'The drawing out through the open hurdles in the morning had to be done with great care, so as to leave the green (newly-born) lambs behind with their mothers in the yard'(RHS Journ.285). 1937 'His job was to mind the ewes that would not take to their lambs and the green mob'(Gunn 138). 1961 'These are called "green" lambs, which means the ewe has not finished licking them--when they become white' (Jordan 210).
(b) 46,47,126. (AND 1872-1907). 1834 'John was too green to return the courteous salutation, and muttered out some rude, unpolished epithet'(Syd.M.Her.13Jan.1c3). 1853 'He was rather green in the Colony and not accustomed to Colonial chaff'(Read 13). 1868 'You'm too young
and too weak and too "green" for this place'(Aus.Journ. Vol.3.309c2). 1887 'Meanwhile the "green hands" and "new chums" stayed with the crowd'(Cassell Vol.1.170).

green, drying 207.
1889 'the men on the green have rolled up their last sheet'(Bull.7Sep.20c2). 1932 Then our men would carry it [washed wool] up the bank on stretchers to the drying "green", which was not "green" but a level piece of ground'(Scott 51c1).

green combs.
g-head 100. (AND 1879-1936). 1899 'Some sat under the peach tree and nibbled sticks and killed greenheads [ants]'(Rudd 218). g- hide 76,77,179. (AND 1809-1980). 1845 'In this colony everything is held, tied, or mended with green hide [a long list of uses follows]'(Mackenzie 136). 1852 'her legs were then tied with thongs of "green hide," and the poor mad cow was milked accordingly by main force...green-hide rope...is formed of long narrow strips cut from the raw skin of an ox'(Mundy 290). 1881 'the [bullock] drivers, who walked beside their teams, carrying over their shoulders a long-handled whip with thong of raw salted hide, called in the colony "green hide" (Grant Vol.1.27). 1893 'a double-sided buggy, held together, to use its owner's words, "by the grace of God and green hide"(Mackay 36). 1904 'I'm a fool with a needle, but I'm all there with a bit o' greenhide'(Palmer-Archer 244). 1924 'Some were satisfied to start with slab walls and bark roof, with pegs an' greenhide for nails'(Aus.Work.12Nov.13c2). 1881 'Greenhide should always be kept in a dry, cool place'(Aus.C.Mag.Sep.6c2). g-horn 47. (OED 3). 1831 'If he prefers articles of English manufacture, he can purchase plenty in the colony from the "green-horns" who have brought them out, and know not how to use them'(Powell 237). 1869 'He was only thryin' it an' wid a greenhorn'(Aus.Journ.Vol.4.525-26c2). 1965 'He's no greenhorn speaker'(Sun Herald 22Aug.30). g-pick 134. See picking (AND 1966-1983). 1991 'it [rain] would produce green pick or pasture on red soil areas within a week'(Syd.M.Her.12Dec.2c8). g- shoot 134. (AND 1953,1959). 1931 'A green shoot is appearing, but more rain is required'(Bal.Beach.12Mar.7c3). g- skin 149. (AND 1845,1914). 1900 'Green skins--the skins of sheep which have been recently slaughtered' (Hawkesworth 268). 1957 "Green" skins are those sent direct from the abattoirs to the fellmongering establishments near at hand'(Guthrie 224). 1964 'At times we'd have possibly a hundred green or half-dried skins, and every night these would have to be stacked up under cover and then spread out again first thing in the morning'(Newton 30).

grey scrubber 147.
1977 'On one earlier occasion he had had a duel with a grey scrubber [kangaroo]...and had been badly ripped by the animal's bayonet-armed back legs'(Penn 107).

grid (and gate) 117,120.
1930 'The grids are fast outnumbering the the licensed public gates'(Bull.16Jul.20). 1974 'In the Cobar district the grids are usually spaced about every ten miles and some serve as location points' (Cobar Interview ).

gridironing 57.
1949 'Gridironing" was the practice of buying 20 acre sections fronting a road, so spaced as to leave sections of 19 acres between them'(Crawford 94).

giffin, straight 102. See also oil, good

grind 175,176.
1965 'For grinding combs the pendulum should hang at a point about three-quarters of an inch from the edge of the disc...can be hung similarly for grinding cutters, except that the magnet should hang slightly closer to the disc'(Pearse 339).
grinder 175.

(a) 1965 'Grinders should be kept in good order, as it is quite impossible to grind correctly if the bearings are worn and the grinder vibrates'(Pearse 339).

(b) 1930 'Combs and cutters are washed and taken to the grinder'(Syd.M.Her.7Jun.11c1).

**ground parrot** 128.

1935 'A distinction was drawn between "cockatoo-farmers" and "ground-parrots," the latter being farmers on a very small scale'(Bull.letters 24Jul).

**ground tank** 75,85,86.

(AND 1973,1975). 1932 'I had prepared an ambush near a ground tank where they [wild turkeys] used to come for water at sunrise'(Scott 31c2). 1970 'and the ground tanks filled with precious water'(Sun 17Sep.38).

**grouping** 206.

1935 'the term "grouping" is applied to any number of bales of wool which have been put together as one line for sale by the wool-broker' (Cook 27).

**grow wool** 195,201.

1852 'He looks at these ugly and featureless prairies of scanty pasture through a woolly medium... He grows wool as the term is'(Mundy Vol.1.200-201).

**grower** 181,184,188,192. See wool grower

**grub**

1. 90. (OED 6). 1847 'vulgar persons...made use of the term "Grub" indiscriminately to denote anything to eat'(Bris.Cour.13Nov.2c3).

2. 70. (ext.OED v.1). 1833 'he had observed two men felling, or rather grubbing out a tree (for they were cutting it away by the roots)'(Hob.T.Chron.5Mar.2c3).

1851 'there was plenty of gold for all who went properly provided, but they had neither tools nor provisions, and could do no good--could not make their grub'(Syd.M.Her.20Jun.3).

1855 'When he ran short of grub to the islands he went/ And lots of provisions on board then were sent'(Thatcher 2).

1871 'For two long days and two long nights we had not tasted grub'(Aus.Journ.628).

1885 'You look hungry... You've had no grub for two days'(Praed 135).

**gruffy** 165.

1901 'Gruffy...slight dust, etc, got by the sheep after washing, and is also applicable to greasy' (Journ.Dep.Ag.Jan-Jun.195).

**Gulf country** 63.

(AND 1867-1951). 1867 'lambing is the best they have had since the gulf country was first opened'(Austral.3Aug.134).

1906 'He was out in the gulf country in the early days'(Paterson 4).

1938 'Up in the Gulf country some of the boys used to send stories to Brisbane and Sydney newspapers'(Lowe 570).

1968 'The gulf country borders the Gulf of Carpentaria drained by the Flinders and other rivers in Queensland and mainly the Roper in the Northern Territory'(Knox Note).
gully 66.

(AND 1792-1981). 1825 'these desperadoes would...drive them [stolen horses or bullocks] into
a thick bush or gully'(Howe's WCE 6Jun.2c3). 1834 'The hut was discovered in a deep gully'
(Independent 8Feb.8 c3). 1851 'armed bushranger...ordered him to proceed to a neighbouring

gully'(Bath.Free Press 18 Oct.4c4). 1900 'We could hear the wallabies scattering before us and
thudding through the scrub into the gullies, and once we heard the wail of a [koala]

bear'(Brereton 69). 1912 'She carried me into the bush...through scrub, down deep gullies, up
steep banks'('Syd. Mail 17Jan.9c4). 1927 'a tongue of the main fire crept a gully behind Mrs.

Morris's home'('Queen. 19Feb.16c2). 1947 'She stared after her husband who went leaping
across the dry gully and racing up the hill'('Moore 108). 1977 'thick blackberry bushes in a
narrow gully near his home'('McCulloch 74).

gully combs.
g-raker 133. (AND 1873-1945). 1873 'At the first crack of the stockman's "gully-raker," as his
long thonged whip is termed, the cattle fly in all directions'('Ill.Syd. News 5Sep.11c1). 1881 'The
[bullock] driver...following up his admonition by a sweeping cut of his "gully raker," and a
report like a musket-shot'('Grant Vol.1.40).
g-raking 133. 1861 'Unpractised as I then was--for
it was my first attempt at "gully-raking", as it is called--I soon found myself completely thrown
out'('Hayworth 99). g- ranger 147. 1846 'It is not so easy to take the shine out of the Moreton
Bay gully rangers'('Bell's 28Feb.1c5).
g-sunker 146, 147. 1911 'The work of rounding up small
herds of gully-sulkers and brumbies had its fascinations'('Dorrington 8).

gum scrub 68.

1845 'Indeed the soil is all good for several miles...and the gum scrub is easily cleared'('Hawk.
Cour.15May.1c2).

gummy 1. 149. (AND 1871-1961). 1881 'Many are the kind sheppmen call
"gummies" their teeth having worn away and broken'('Syd.Mail 12Jul.35c1). 1932 'A proportion
of the purchases were old gummy ewes and wonderful sheep they proved, they had several crops
of lambs, never under 84%'('Scott 15cl.ref.1890).

2. 207. 1917 'Gummy...a description given to scoured wool with a large quantity of the yolk left
in it'('Smith 183).

gun n. 182,183 (AND 1897-1984). 1902 'To shear a thou.' a week or more, which is but seldom
done./ Will gain a shearer high respect with title of a "gun"'('Gold.Fleece 2Jun.26).

1920 'J.Barnes, the gun of Selwyn district, knocked up 200-odd for seven consecutive
days'('Bull.15Jul.20c2). 1928 'the famous "gun" made an inspection of the shed, suggested a few
alterations, and signed a great number of autograph books'('Telegraph Pic.9Dec.7c1).

1934 'profit by the experience of the "gun" who uses nothing but the
"J.J.B "[equipment]'('Aus.Work.29Aug.18c1). 1943 'Other guns advise filling your comb at every blow
(stroke) and keeping it on the skin, to run long blows rather than short blows' ('Walkabout
1Feb.30-31). 1966 That started other "guns" chasing Davidson and the race for ringer was on in
earnest'('Anderson 97).

v. 182. 1941 'Why, you'd gun the paddock'('Tennant 297-8).

gun combs. 182.

g-blade 1965 "Gun" (fast) blade shearers...shear fifty Merino sheep before breakfast at
Balmoral' ('Vance 52). g-classer 1962 'Even for a gun classer like Jim...it's a dead end

g-dunce-man 1962 'Paradoxically, the slower the shearer the
bigger the car. The "gun deuce man" is more modest'('Syd.M.Her.24Nov.12).

g-shearer 1905 "The Nugget"...once in the far past a "gun" shearer and ringer of many a leading shed'('Rudd
Mag.Jul.651). 1912 'Me boundary-ridin'! Me, a gun shearer's cook, boundary-ridin'! Here he
threatened to develop apoplexy. The squatter hastily ordered drinks' (Tait 21). 1931 'although the shearer held the sheep and guided the machine the coon thought himself a gun shearer' (Bal. Beac. 2 Apr. 12c3). 1948 'There I saw some of our greatest gun (fast) shearers in action' (Newton 39). 1956 'It is hard for those who have never seen "gun" shearers at work to believe that men can handle sheep and shear them so swiftly and skilfully' (Dutton 101-2). 1964 'I was never a gun shearer, although I shore good tallies in my younger days' (Aus. Work. 26 Aug. 5c4). 1973 'The first 200 ("gun" shearer) in a day is credited to S.A. Mclnnes, at "Brookong" (80 stands) in 1889' (Aus. Work. 14 Feb. 3). 1981 'A top "gun" shearer can fail dismally in a competition if he doesn't have his wits about him' (Land 11 Jun. 1c3).

**gundy, gunnee, goondie 74.** See also gunyah

(AND 1876-1980). 1847 'Having erected a bark gunnee as token of possession, the squatter's next measure is...to put in his application for the run' (Mait. Merc. 3 Feb. 2c4). 1876 'There were a dozen "goondies" to be visited' (Aus. Town C. Journ. 2 Dec. 902). 1908 'the remainder of the accommodation -- shady bough gunnies; tiny, fresh, cool, green shade-houses here, there, and everywhere for the blacks' (Gunn 176).

**gundy camp 72.**

1908 'the man from beyanst [beyond] rode out of the gundy camp, and out of our lives, to become one of its pleasant memories' (Gunn 186).

**gunner 146.**

1978 'she heard the auctioneer describe the mare as a "gunner," a tag that explained the mare has only one eye' (Sun Her. 21 May. 80).

**gunpowder 98.**

1825 'they wish to drink sherbert or gunpowder [tea name]' (Aus. 24 Nov. 2c2).

**gunyah, gunyer et al 74.**

(AND 1803-1975). 1800 ca. 'art causes man to progress in all the callings of life from the earth of the Gunyah of the Savage to the stately edifices of Princes' (Dark S. N. IO). 1827 'He [a convict] knew where to find a log for the fire, of good burning wood; a sheet of bark was stripped, and a gunyah rigged, while others were looking about them' (Monitor 5 Jul. 496 cl). 1830 'we met a native encampment, consisting of eight or ten "gunyers"' (Dawson 172). 1838 'Father put boughs round and slept under it, and the two men made themselves bough "Gunyahs" and slept near the sheep' (Docker 10). 1845 '[made] a comfortable gunya, by cutting a couple of sheets of bark from the fine stringy barks which abound' (Franklands n.d.). 1857 'To your saddles and rush for the gunyie," I shouted. [footnote: (Camelaroi) a hut or dwelling—a word frequently used by bushmen instead of the vernacular]' (Cooper 76). 1868 'The gunyah of the prisoners is buried in a gully surrounded by a dense scrub of underwood' (Goulb. Her. 5 Feb. 2c4). 1876 'went out to Black Springs to put up Gunyah for shepherd to live in' (Witten 21 Aug). 1893 'the whole tribe, including the women and children, assembled in front of their gunyas' (Syd. Mail Christmas X Iv C 2). 1904 'the wet season was on, and the blacks had deserted their gunyas by the station creek' (Palmer-Archer 123). 1927 'Though he made good money at times, he had no desire to provide himself with a better home than a tent or a gunyah' (Aus. Work. 4 May. 13c4). 1938 'he had his gunyah in the fastness of the range...and lived on native fruits, yams, potatoes and wild fruits' (Cour. Mail 18 May. 1c4). 1947 'The lean, hungry mongrels growled and slunk away to hide behind the gunyahs made of bark or board or an occasional bit of corrugated iron' (Moore 175).

1960 'When night sat down on the mountains, I moved along the valley where the white people have their gunyahs' (O'Grady 94). 1969 'John was an illegitimate Aboriginal baby...whose first home had been a gunyah...second home a shanty... third a shabby tenement in Redfern' (Wom. Day 13 Jun. 12).

**gut 178.**

1956 'The correct length of a gut is shown when, with the long and short gut connected, they hang so that the short gut swings just clear of the floor' (Bowen 100).
guts See belly (wool)
1. 185. 1949 'Wool away--and a bag for the guts!' (Woodhouse 185).
2. 102. See also griffin, oil. 1919 'Guts... The substance or essential part of a matter... information' (Downing 27). 1965 'How much does Sharon charge, Elaine? Give us the good guts on her' (Aus.2 Oct.9c7). 1975 'Patience, friend, patience... We'll get the good guts soon' (Ryan 83).

gutter drive 178.
1888 'Most of the shearers have speedily acquired the art of attending each to his own gutter and tube drives' (News.Cut.Vol.136.27).

haggle 187.
(ext.OED v.I.1). 1970 'shearers despised a clumsy practitioner who cut or "haggled" his beasts' (Ward 187).

half combs.
h- a banker, bank 88. 1886 'Rained on & off all day... River half bank' (Witten 26May). 1934 'Mungindi's river has been running half a banker for some weeks' (Cour.Mail 11Jan.3c5). h- hatter 133. 1938 'Some of the old-style half-hatters are still hanging around the stations today... queer closed-up old fellows with cast-iron ideas and minds like the mills of God' (Ratcliffe 226). h- tucker 87,88. 1905 'Not being able to work a forty foot shaft of my own, I... spent the rest of my time partly in fossicking for half tucker' (Rudd Mag.911).

halves, on 51.
(AND 1829-1896). 1833 'Wanted... 400 or 500 sheep, and good run, well watered, on the halves or at rent' (Tasman.10 May.152c1). 1844 '1000 sheep, now running on halves with Messrs. McNab, at New England' (Guard.18May.77c2).

hand 129.
(ext.OED 8). 1843 'a few extra hands... put up huts for the shepherds, paddock-fencing, woolshed, and hut for the overseer' (Caswall 46-7). 1864 'many who had never shorn a sheep... hoping that their unskilfulness would be winked at in the dearth of high-class hands' (Armour 17). 1883 'A married stockman must be "a good hand" amongst cattle' (Queen.7Jul.4c2). 1909 'On large stations 20 hands are often kept constantly employed at wages of £1 per week and rations' (Evans 29). 1934 'the [pastoral company] firm's manager... gives the hands their orders for the day' (Blue P.Vol.14.374).

hand combs.
h- press 204. 1912 'The hand press is a wooden box, made the size of the canvas bale, which is suspended therein by hooks from the open top; the box has a movable side, which is loosened out to give exit to the bale when pressed' (Booth 27). h- shearing 174. 1895 'Most sheds now have machinery, and the old system of hand-shearing has almost died out' (Gould 211). 1937 'from the sheep's point of view hand shearing was the best... the blades made nasty cuts... but shearing machines make a host of small irritating cuts' (Gunn 240). h- shears 177. 1888 'the shearers... in the eighties' (Scott 14c5). 1964 'Skilled men who could use the hand-shears or blades were not easily found' (Anderson 42).

handpiece 177,178,185,187.
(AND 1912-1956). 1912 'The hand pieces are adding their chatter to the din' (Tait 9). 1917 'The handpiece, as the machine itself is called, is driven by a small connecting rod, which is again driven from the main shaft overhead' (Smith 33). 1934 'The handpieces should be done up ready for shearing plenty of time ahead' (Hardie 89). 1943 'many were better with the blades than are many champions with the modern handpiece' (Walkabout 1Feb.30). 1955 'The handpiece is now picked up from the floor by your right hand and pulled into gear with your left' (Barnes 22). 1966
'Each checks his shearing handpiece; puts in fresh combs and cutters' (Anderson 89). 1973 'Many a shearer has suggested to the boss-of-the-board what he could do with handpieces' (Aus.Work.14 Feb.2).

**hand/hang** (up) 105.
(AND 1859-1962). 1845 'You made the remark that "you'd tie up your horse"--an Australian "hangs" his horse to a fence' (Tucker 164). 1887 'The three quiet horses are...hung up by the bridle outside' (Tyrwhitt 128). 1930 'He hung up his mare at the fence' (Palmer 281). 1962 'Why didn't you hang your horse outside' (Marshall 60).

**harbour** 155.
(ext.OED sb.i.2.c). 1971 'eliminate rabbits from their properties by such methods as ripping, fumigating, trapping and burning hollow logs and harbour' (Arm.Exp.14 Apr.1).

**hard run** 115.
1964 '"hard runs" where the squatters "turned their mongos on a man"' (Adam-Smith 118).

**harness cask** 94.
(AND 1848-1921). 1836 'We put into the boat from the vessel only some pork and beef from the harness cask' (O'Connell 77). 1888 'the steer was cut up and salted and in the harness-cask soon after sunrise' (Boldrewood 21).

**harsh** 200.
1900 'Harsh...a wool hard to feel...is found in some breeds of our merino sheep, but often it is caused by the absence of yolk, or a dry, dusty season' (Hawkesworth 175). 1931 'Harsh...refers to the texture of the wool, and means lacking in softness' (Cowley 57). 1944 'Harsh...wool lacking softness, usually contains hair or fibres which differ in fibre diameter' (Minter 70). 1953 'The commercial value of wool is decidedly depreciated if it is wasty, stringy, doggy, harsh or cotted' (Cooper 31).

**hashmagandi** 92.
(AND 1919, 1944). 1919 'Hashmagandi--insipid and monotonous army dish' (Downing 28). 1968 'Hashmagundi...refers to the residue left after cattle had been boiled down for tallow' (Aus.W.Week. 4 Dec.114c3).

**haslock** 193.
1900 'On a fleece it [haslock] is unusually glossy, very coarse, and best seen from the flesh side. Some very low, hairy, crossbred lambs' wool is recognised, and is sold as Haslock, simply on account of its roughness' (Hawkesworth 176). 1952 'Haslock...low coarse skin wool' (Haigh 102).

**hatter** 130, 133.
(AND 1872-1977). 1899 'having no mate (always as yet working by myself...in digging phrase, "a hatter")' (Derrincourt 182). 1913 'Hadfield and Buyer were pioneer selectors at Quandong. Both were hatters' (Bull.28 Aug.24c1). 1923 'But he was never talkative, never joined in any games, and mooched about by himself a lot, like a hatter' (Aus.Work.25 Apr.13c1). 1989 'y' know your trouble, Jorge. You're getting to be a regular hatter' (Flood 200).

**Hawkesbury duck** 92.
1845ca. 'he had been roasting a Hawkesbury duck--which was a colonial phrase for a cob of parched maize' (Tucker 96).

**hayburner** 105.
(AND 1900-1979). 1952 'Part owner of the swift Sydney hayburner, Opulent, still can't believe it' (Cour.Mail 2 May.1c11). 1983 'Take a hansom and a hayburner' (Syd.M.Her.29 Aug. 5c2).

**head serang** 175. See serang
head station 114.
(AND 1835-1978). 1838 'At the head station is erected a comfortable Verandah Cottage...and a
secure spacious store, with out-offices detached, also convenient shearing and wool
sheds(Monitor 31 Oct.3c2). 1855 'The head station at which the owner or his superintendent
resides, is so situated as to be nearly equidistant from the several outstations'(Angas 275). 1872
'our shipmate...was removed to the head station, nominally to be storekeeper; the real cause being
that he could play the piano well'(Eden 21). 1885 'one of the cottages which, with a score of
other buildings of various sorts...went to make up Corindah head station'(Austral.C.Supp.2c3).
1893 'gave me directions to the next head station, that is, where the proprietor or superintendent
resided'(Pioneer 15). 1903 'After tonight I shall leave the dissipations and excitements of the
head-station for the solitude of my hut once more'(Briggs 6). 1910 'As he failed to come to the
head station for Christmas supplies, a messenger was despatched to investigate, and found him
dead'(Queen.1Jan.10c4). 1918 'This man had a hut and a small stockyard about 20 miles back
from the head station'(Gormly Vol.3.108). 1937 'On arrival at Wyaga, we found the head station
house was a bark hut with an earth floor, but there was a good woolshed'(Gunn 11).

heading dog 144.
1938 'the heading dog is silent and is used to "pull" or bring the sheep back to the
shepherd'(Burdon 107).

heel 143.
1888 'the old dog had been heeling him up too for he was bleeding up to the hocks'(Boldrewood
14). 1978 'he raced up, by passed the kicking end and heeled her offside front fetlock'(Muse
Apr.6).

heeler 143. See also blue heeler
(AND 1914-1980). 1931 It produces blue-and-red-speckled prick-haired dogs, called heelers, that
in their own environment can do anything but speak'(Davison 34). 1966 'it is the untiring heelers
mustering the sheep and the straight-backed stockmen'(Aus.Work.26Jan.16c5). 1981 'The dogs
[cross smooth coated Scotch collie and the dingo] became known as Hall's Heelers'(Syd.M.Her.
7Aug.16).

heifer station 115.
(AND 1839-1851). 1845 'a scanty supply of grass for the increasing number of calves...your
best, if not only remedy, is to form what is called a heifer-station'(Mackenzie 123).

hermit 150.
1920 'Drovers who know the Shoalhaven country refer to the sheep [found after several years
being lost] as "The Hermit's"'(Gunn.M.Mag.5Nov.1). 1960 'This wool, many years ago, came
from a "hermit" sheep...which had a cave as his stronghold'(Mills 123). 1966 'we yarded an old
hermit steer that had been living on the Lower Farm flat for years'(Newton 94).

herring bone country 67.
1941 'From the top of the range to Boar Pocket we passed over the "herring-bone" country,
furrows made in the scrub road through the feet of the pack-horses and mules'(Collinson 18).

Hexham grey 100.
(AND 1889-1981). 1959 'Hexham swamps are the home of the famous "Hexham Greys," the
biggest and hungriest mosquitoes in Australia'(Tritton 8c1).

hip hole, hipper 73,161.
(AND 1875-1969). 1925 'The hipper was a portion of a sheep-skin having only a few month's
growth of wool, or the wool was clipped short and cut to liking, or perhaps a four months' old
lamb-skin'(RHS Journ.Vol.11.283). 1927-8 'Trials of strength and agility, or yarn telling, pass
the hours until it is time to turn in with a blanket and calico spread over a few boughs for a
"Hipper"'(Aus.W. Ann.Vol.1.93). 1933 'You were very lucky if you could secure an old bag to
fill with grass or leaves to serve as a hipper'(Aus.Work.17May.18c4). 1955 'He pulled his hat
down on his head, dug his side into the hip-hole and pulled the blanket up to his neck' (Niland 35).

**hobble / hopple (chain)** 107,139.

**n.** (AND 1901-1946). 1847 'They put hobbles on the bullocks'(Harris 426). 1872 'hobbles...are handcuffs for a horse's fore-legs, two stout straps encircling the fetlocks, and an iron chain...connecting them'(Eden 34). 1881 'Hobbles and Jack Shays hang from the saddle-dees'(Grant 43). 1907 'Turn the horse loose--here are some hobbles--and come on in'(Partridge 57). 1946 'out of the distance comes the jingle of hopple chains'(Harney 75).

**v.** (AND 1849-1976). 1830 'The horses were always either tethered by a rope to a tree, or hobbled within sight of our encampment'(Dawson 165). 1852 'I hobbled out old Grey-tail on the best piece of grass I could find'(Goulb.Her.28Aug.lc2). 1864 'they saw three bushrangers boiling their kettle, while their horses were hobbled out to grass'(Goulb .Her.9Apr.7c4). 1872 'You must unharness or unsaddle your nags and lead them down to water, then put a bell round the neck of one and "hobble" them'(Eden 34). 1893 'the swarthy stockman, hobbling out his parboiled Bucephalus'(Gibson 6). 1908 'they [police] handcuffed me, and for the first time in my life I was properly "hobbled"'(White 49).

**hocky** 153. 1950 'Hocky...a term used to describe a sheep when the hocks are inclined inwards, sometimes referred to as "cow hocked"'(Belschner 697). 1961 'can do without overlong or hocky legs'(Aus.C. Mag.Aug.18c3).

**hogget** 149,196. (OED 2). 1872 'you would never mix ewes and wethers, or hoggets (two-year old sheep) and weaners'(Eden 67). 1907 'Hogget...a sheep about 12 months old, (Ram, Wether, or Ewe,) that has not been shorn as a lamb'(Cooper 60). 1955 'Hoggets and wethers were still being shorn after two weeks of shearing at Urangaline'(Barnes 11). 1973 'The young ram was now a hogget'(Lewis 156).

**hog(g), hogget (fleece, wool)** 193,198.

1831 'He would even do well to keep the wether fleeces by themselves, and also Tegg, or Hoggett ones separate from the rest'(Southey 11). 1882 'one [class of fleece] called "hogs" or "tegs"...are the first fleeces shorn from the sheep'(Armstrong 56). 1887 'Hog or hogget wool--fleece of lambs more than a year old--is rather pointed at the end'(Bonwick 139). 1891 'Teg, Hog, or Hogget...first fleece from a sheep that has not been shorn as a lamb'(Hawkesworth 7). 1900 'In a hogget wool these binders are connected with the curly end of the staple...distinctly seen clinging to the tip' (Hawkesworth 153). 1912 'hogg wool is the first clip from the animal'(Hunter 113). 1965 'Hogget bellies...longer stapled and of higher yield than first bellies. From hoggets unshorn as lambs' (Henderson 86). 1965 'The woolsorter is a real swindle; does not know a ewe's fleece from a lamb's...made only three bales of hogget wool, and those very uncertain'(Anderson 29)

**holding**

1. 52,115,116. 1911 'The holdings being smaller, we were piloted through all the stations'(Syd.Mail 26Jul.33c1). 1960ca. 'He had sometime before...acquired a small holding near the river and lagoon' (Stow 3).

c. 186. 1966 'They'll know too that "holding," in the shearing sense, includes the ability to work on the sheep's muscular reactions'(Sutherland 74).

**holding combs.**

**h- paddock** 121,169. (AND 1933-1981). 1934 'At midday the cattle, mad with thirst, broke out of the holding paddock and vanished in a wild stampede...into the vast unfenced wilderness'(Bull. 16May.38). 1944 'sheep should be properly dagged, and if it is possible to keep them in a bare holding paddock for a few hours before putting into the shed, the amount of wool inevitably soiled in the night pens will be reduced'(NZ AEWS 41). 1966 'From the dip they went into a holding paddock and although there were the odd deaths we saw no sign of blood poisoning'(Newton 79).

**h- pen** 123,168,169,184. (AND 1923-1965). 1922 'Shearing board should be of good width, and be separated from the holding pens by a solid wall, so as to facilitate penning up'(Perry 16). 1953 'There should be holding and catching pens with slatted
floors (to keep the sheep clean) and properly roofed, which will hold sufficient sheep for one day's shearing" (Cooper 35). 1965 'sheep must be clean and well dagged before they enter the holding pens, otherwise the proper preparation of the clip is compromised' (Gascoigne 159).

home 47, 48, 63, 104. 1791-1969. 1810 'an opportunity of sending them [soldiers] home will certainly occur' (Syd. Gaz. 7 Jan). 1830 'send the manuscript home for publication' (Savery xxiv). 1834 'the English spoken is very pure; and it is easy to recognise a person from home or one born in the colony' (Bennett Vol 1.331-32). 1867 'It is an important consideration...that when wool is sent home in the grease, the owner has to pay a definite sum for packing, cartage [etc]...on every pound of dirt as well as on every pound of wool' (Jordan 74). 1888 'I have been fairly successful as a digger, and I mean to go "home"...buy a little cottage somewhere near London' (Hodgetts 162).

home combs.

h- paddock 121. 1866-1981. 1879 'Went round two home paddocks in the forenoon' (Macdonald 23 Jun). 1901 'He had come to Caddagat for a pair of bullocks which had been fattening in grannie's paddock' (Franklin 113). 1929 'Teddy was wandering with his hoe [weeding] in the home paddock' (Bruce 152). 1932 'about forty acres had been kept clear...and formed a small home paddock' (Scott 66.1).

h- run 115. 1825 'cisalpine settlers [on this side of the range]...whose home runs are now hemmed in by neighbouring grantees' (Aus. 8 Dec 2c2).

homestead (a) 1822-1965. 1825 'Her homestead is one of many that abound here' (Hovell 7). 1832 'persons who are desirous of possessing a homestead' (Currency Lad 15 Dec 1). 1843 'enough to make a tidy homestead' (Rowcroft 14). 1853 'Notice--Successful Gold Diggers, or Parties on the Look Out For a Homestead' (Bath. F. Press 1 Jan 3c4). 1880 'We passed some pretty homesteads with cleared and cultivated gardens' (Aus. Town C. Journ. 3 Jan 18c2).

1888 'I have been fairly successful as a digger, and I mean to go "home"...buy a little cottage somewhere near London' (Hodgetts 162). 1975 "But you're Australian born. "..."To me Britain is spiritual home" (Herbert 1063).

homesteading

(a) 72, 77, 114, 116. 1825-1965. 1825 'Her homestead is one of many that abound here' (Hovell 7). 1832 'persons who are desirous of possessing a homestead' (Currency Lad 15 Dec 1). 1843 'enough to make a tidy homestead' (Rowcroft 14). 1853 'Notice--Successful Gold Diggers, or Parties on the Look Out For a Homestead' (Bath. F. Press 1 Jan 3c4). 1880 'We passed some pretty homesteads with cleared and cultivated gardens' (Aus. Town C. Journ. 3 Jan 18c2).

(b) 73, 114, 116. 1822-1865. 1865 'They [bushrangers] visited Mr. Bradley's homestead and robbed it' (Den. Chron. 4 Feb 3c3). 1898 'The "homestead" stood upon the flat timbered country beyond the rise' (Dyson 87). 1905 'I was "the missus" from the homestead' (Gunn 2). 1916 'Every convenience in the way of homestead, men's quarters, sheds, and outbuildings' (Queen 1 Jan 9c1). 1920 'There was the white pine homestead with its guard of drooping pepperinas' (Palmer 20). 1936 'she is getting a great kick out of seeing her, in the role of young matron running her station homestead with such aplomb' (Wom. Week 18 Jul 23c2).

honey tree 95. 1880 'Went to the selection and felled another honey tree in the afternoon divided the honey' (Andrews 27 Mar).

honey 96. 1827-1968. 1827 'the horrors of homony (maize pudding)' (Cunningham Vol 2.72). 1830 'After dinner I joined the natives at their fire promising them some ommony (ground maize) boiled with sugar, before they went to bed' (Dawson 123). 1834 'prisoners when unassigned to enjoy a sort of perpetual holiday, provided they submit to go in rags, and to feed on ommony and short rations' (Monitor 17 Jan 2c2). 1869 'Maize was used in hominy, corncakes and a variety of other ways and was eaten with pork' (Aus. Journ. Jun. 578c1). 1899 'it came to the turn of one who seemed to have indulged too freely in that highly-fattening gaol diet, "homony"' (Derrincoert 280).
honeycomb ground 83, 105.
(AND 1849-1861). 1853 'a coarse sandy clay, full of shallow hollows, in which water remains
for a time...is what the colonists term "honeycomb " ground, and is very unsafe to ride
over'(Mossman 129).

hoof / hook, on the 140, 146.
1961 'a farmer consigns his stock to a particular stock firm for auction on the hoof'(Aus.C.

hooshter 105.
(AND 1917, 1978). 1919 'Horses and mules will stampede when they hear the whining noise of
an approaching shell, but the hooshter never moves'(Bull.2Jan.24c2).

hop scrub 68.
(AND 1853, 1932). 1897 'By the time they had reached the hop-scrub...Bert was quite under her
influence again and full of enthusiasm'(Turner 81).

hopper 154.
1. 1934 'the inauguration during the spring and early summer of a statewide campaign to control
the "hoppers"'(Telegraph 2 Oct.4c2). 1938 'where the control was well carried out last season
...comparatively few hopper swarms ever reached the winged stage'(Syd.M.Her.6Sep.9c4).
1961 'Approximately ten thousand acres were treated during February and March to control
hopper swarms'(Cane Quart.Bull.1Jul.12).
2. 156. (AND 1879-1942). 1934 'About 60 hoppers of all sizes thundered past the homestead in
wild flight'(Bull.3Jan.20c3-4).

hopple See hobble

horne 146.
(AND 1901-1976). 1897 'You better go out and square a circle round them "hornies"'(Costello
73).

horse combs.
h- bot 152. 1939 'He said there were two main parasites in the Mackay district--horse bots and
worms'(Cane Quart.Vol.7.31). h- dray 140. 1854 'Bullock-Drays and Horse-Drays wanted
immediately to take loading to the Deep Creek'(Argus 31Jan.1c5). 1872 'A horse-dray...simply
an ordinary cart on two wheels without springs'(Eden 31). h- foal 105. 1881 'Topsy dropped a
horse foal by "Clufden"'(Kemp 9Dec). h- pad 103. 1932 'Huge whirlwinds...scour up all the
dust from the winding horse pads'(Hatfield 7). h- paddock 121. (AND 1839-1963). 1903
'Well, we didn't work on Alf's horse-paddock, we didn't leave any gates open'(Furphy 14).
1937 'The "horse-paddock" near the homestead was eight miles by eight, and that wasn't a big
paddock'(Hatfield 59). h- tail 136, 141. 1970 'At the time I was horsetailing for a drover taking a
'The boss and Lampye took the first watch, and the "horsetailer" and I were to have taken the
second half of the night'(Syd. Mail 26Jul.33c1). 1928 'he was offered a job as a horse tailor for a
mob of young cattle'(Queen. 1Nov.6c3). 1948 'One man is known as the "horse tailer", whose
job is to care for the horses'(Aus. Pol.Joum.,Vol.2.No.126). 1956 'the horsetailer was a bit less
intelligent than a good blackfellow' (Ronan 43). 1980 'And the cook, and the horse tailer...On
their voyages will enlarge'(Gunn 81). h- whisperer 107. 1995 'Horse whisperers are men who
possess the rare gift of soothing and taming wild horses'(Syd.M.Her.9Dec.1).

hosiery wool 209.
1953 'Hosiery wool is mostly of medium growth both in length and quality...an intermediate
between clothing and combing wools'(Cooper 26).
hospital combs. 121.
hospital mob 1956 'The "hospital mob" is separated from the clean sheep and treated'(Dutton 81).
1964 'The hospital mob are treated by trimming away all the diseased tissue on the feet and dipping in chemicals'(Anderson 38).
hospital paddock (AND 1934). 1934 'Some owners run a "hospital" paddock, into which the ailing ones (sheep) are drafted'(Bull.14Nov.38).
hospital pen 1961 'You give her an injection where she lies, or you take her in to the hospital pen at the yards'(Jordan 203).
hospital sheep (AND 1881,1966).
hot box 178.
1968 'A hot box is a shearing handpiece that continually runs hot'(R.Ryan Interview).

hot, the 87.
1965 'We said "in the hot" then, as we still say "in the wet" and "in the cool"'(Gilmore 90).

house of accommodation 141.
(AND 1804-1928). 1877 'Very great discomfort is felt...there being no public or house of accommodation'(Town C.Journ.21Jul.90c1).

house paddock 121.
(AND 1894-1977). 1897 'The house paddock tank is dry, the one in S. paddock nearly so'(Uhumura 1Jan).

Hughie, send her / it down 88.
(AND 1912-1970). 1912 'the "send it down Hughie" of the shearer and cocky'(Bull.26Dec.15c3).
1915 'Down Hughie [the rain] pours'(Villiers 12).
1959 'To the best of my belief, it was at Charlton that "Hughie", as the chief deity in the job of controlling the weather, came into being'(Tritton 27).
1969 'Send her down Hughie [heading]...it's supposed to be Australian vernacular; but in fact it is a phrase used almost exclusively by one religious group [not explained]'(Wom.Day 13Jan.45).
1977 'Much maligned Hughie, up there in his heavenly weather station, must look on us as a perverse, hard-to-please lot'(Telegraph 2Feb.12).
1989 'but a real honest-to-god send 'er down Hughie, that's somethin' ta see'(Flood 204).

hump up See billy goat.

humpy 74,75,76.
1. (AND 1846-1984). 1867 'he had carefully tracked the fourth [horse] up to this humpy, close to which it was standing'(Goulb.Her.13Mar.4c3).
1873 'We put them up, a humpy as Hinz terms it, for shelter from rain and sun'(Schrader 2 Oct).
1880 'In the middle of the clearing are a collection of rough sleeping-huts, colonially called "humpies"'(Inglis 50).
1899 'The humpy or cottage was situated clear of the wooded hills which rise in every direction around it'(Walker 182).
1908 'The old fossickers, living in little canvas humpies'(Sorenson 20).
1917 'A fortnight was given up to making this home--a slab humpy'(Syd.Mail 28Nov.8).
1923 'His humpy was partly a dugout, with a patchwork roof like a Chinaman's hovel'(Syr.Work.25Apr.13c1).
1934 'There have been wholesale evictions, with the result that thousands of families are now living like gipsies in bag humpies and tin shanties'(Syr.Work.3 Oct.8c3).
1946 'He had built himself a humpy of boughs...and busied himself collecting bags and tins to roof it before the rains came'(Prichard 43).
1955 'Walk into the scrub a few yards...and you'll come across a fire-blackened, rusty, tin covered humpy'(Cour.Mail 16Jun. 3c6).
1968 'native stockmen had to...live in bark humpies or worse on a diet of bread, salt beef, flour, tea and sugar'(Walkabout Sep.45).
1977 'they had an agreement with the council that we'd paint the bag huts or humpies white so they'd look a bit clean'(Gilbert 26).
1980 'At Jigalong he found: "All the little pigsty humpies, tin places"'(Sun Her.21Dec.15c4).

2. 133. 1883 'I observed some of the sheep had foot-rot and a disease called "Humpy", a roundness of the back being noticeable'(Forrest 7).
hunchie 104.

(AND 1919-1931). 1922 'Another time two 400-gallon square iron tanks were slung across one of the patient, uncomplaining "hunchies"[camels] '(Aus.Work.26Jul.5c2).

**hundred a day man** 189.

1895 'A "hundred a day man" was looked up to by the lads with a great deal of admiration, and he...would be so flash that he could scarcely contain himself'(Kirby 148).

**hunger fine, hungry** 201.

1900 'When a wool is inclined to be too fine, otherwise too effeminate or delicate, and the staples are thin or shelly-looking, it is called "hungry wool"'(Hawkesworth 178). 1950 'Hungry fine...an ultra-fine wool caused by starvation'(Munz 152). 1963 'The place was largely unimproved pasture, wiregrass growing only 6-7lb of hunger-fine wool' (Aus.C.Mag.Nov. 13c3). 1937 'Hungry wool...inclined to be wasty and too fine--thin staple and no body'(Wool.Man.29).

1950 'Hungry fine...wool which is unnaturally fine due to undernourishment over an extended period'(Belschner 697).

**hungry track** 93.

(AND 1895-1950). 1902 'They'd tramped a long hungry track, and had only met a few wretched Jackeroos...tramping hopelessly west'(Lawson (2) 80). 1945 'Shabby-looking men...crouched in little groups on the edge of the gutter, talking and smoking and comparing "hand-outs" and "bites" [cadging] and good towns and "hungry-tracks"'(Tennant33).

**huntauway** 144.

1926 'From these dogs, I take it, our huntaways were evolved by mating the noisy ones'(Lilico 23). 1938 'The huntaway is a noisy dog, used to drive the sheep forward'(Burdon 107). 1953 'I had no heading dog, no decent handy dog, and a rough assortment of huntaways'(Stronach 15).

**hurdle** 117,121.

n. (ext.OED sb.1). 1846 'The sheep to be soaked are then driven through it [a yard] to a platform overhanging the water, and hemmed in by hurdles'(Hodgson 104). 1861 'The more extensive runs are subdivided in divisions, or out stations, as they are termed, where huts are erected for the men, and hurdles for the sheep'(McCombie 127-8). 1878 'The former were shepherded in flocks of 1200 to 1300, being taken out early in the morning, brought home at sundown, and secured in hurdles' (Hodgson 7-8). 1888 'The hurdles...are required to make folds for holding sheep, and small pens to imprison such refractory ewes as will not own and "mother" their young'(Grant 182). 1907 'the ground was so damp that hurdles for the sheep had to be shifted each day' (Syd.Mail 6Nov.1187). 1937 'They lined themselves up...where a man was making hurdles'(Gunn 73).

v. 118. 1883 'We had taken to camp sheep in place of hurdling or yarding them (great improvement, which I believe I was the first to adopt)' (Curr 358).

**hurdle gate** 118.

1826 'Wattle or hurdle gates made of split wood, with five bars, are used to inclose [sic] them at night'(Atkinson 74).

**hurdle yard** 118.

1883 'In the flat below, were three flocks of sheep in hurdle yards, a movable watch-box, in which the hut keeper slept...in the space between them' (Curr 30).

1914 'He had also to cook for the shepherd and shift the hurdle yards to a fresh place every second day to prevent foot rot'(Hamilton 47).

**hut** 77.

(AND 1803-1965). 1790 'The convicts' huts and the public farm on the east side of the cove to be the first division [for the night watch] '(Hist.Rec.Series.1 Vol.2.292). 1810 'The houses or rather huts of the settlers are very bad, mean, and inconveniently constructed'(Macquarie 8Dec.34). 1822 'The settlers' convict-servants (stockmen and sheep watchmen) do little but drone about their filthy turf huts'(Field 45). 1832 'Capital dairy stock-yards, and good comfortable huts'(Currency 29Dec.1). 1854 'But now let us take a peep at the diggers' huts' (Howitt 240). 1887 'Now, we'll go over to the three-mile hut first, and have a look at Mike's ewes' (Nics 83).
1896 'I can hear the old camp-oven on the logs before the hut'(Dyson 53). 1930 'The Leiggs lived in a hut of corrugated iron Mrs. Bessie had put up for them'(Prichard 27).

hut combs.

h· keep 132. (AND 1840-1891). 1840 'On my road I called at a Shepherd's hut where a Scotchwoman was hut-keeping, as they call it'(Gunther 14Dec.44). 1863 'Edward Dowd deposed that he hired the plaintiff on two occasions to shepherd and hut-keep'(Mudgee Lib.2Apr.3c1). 1882 'as at every other station we called at, a woman "hut-keeps" while the husband is minding the sheep' (Tolmer 130).

h· keeper 75,129,131. (AND 1794-1982). 1792 'we can now find full employment for all the women as hut keepers, or at labour in the fields'(Hist.Rec. Series 1. Vol.2.475). 1802 'old men, unfit for anything but to be hut-keepers...were to remain at home to prevent robbery'(Collins Vol.2.207). 1827 'Oliver...directed deceased (who was hut-keeper) not to prepare breakfast for about an hour and a half'(Monitor 26Nov.791c1). 1839 'Within the last six weeks, my out stations have been robbed and re-robbed by a daring banditti...and my hutkeepers pressed into their service'(Aus. 22Aug.4c2). 1850 'a traveller...requested the hut-keeper to allow him to stop for the night'(Melb. M. Her.9Sep.10c7). 1872 'A hutkeeper...no previous knowledge of the occupation is necessary, consequently the class is represented by strange individuals'(III. Syd. News 28Sep.14c4). 1883 'The care of the three flocks during the night, and their protection from wild dogs, devolved on the watchman, or hutkeeper, who slept in a movable watch-box close to them'(Curr 35).

h· labour 75,129,131. (AND 1802-1982). 1802 'as at every other station we called at, a woman "hut-keeps" while the husband is minding the sheep' (Tolmer 130).

h· keep 132. (AND 1840-1891). 1840 'On my road I called at a Shepherd's hut where a Scotchwoman was hut-keeping, as they call it'(Gunther 14Dec.44).

immigrant ship 44.

improve 68,70.

improvement lease 57.

Indian 37.

Indian basket 80.

inner yard 122.

1825 'Lost...an Indian basket, containing the undermentioned articles'(Aus. 11Aug.1c1).

1920 'the inner yard filled with the buggies of other station people and crowds of young people dancing on the wide verandahs'(Palmer 22).
inside (country) 53,64.
(AND 1864-1980). 1879 'At any of the large stations upon the "inside" borders--although they
work hard and the life is rough...it is not quite so bad as all that' (Burran.Argus 3May.4c2).
1908 The daily news and gossip [on the telegraph line]...who's "inside", who has gone out [farther
back]' (Gunn 69).
1915 The "overlanding mob" is a rare sight "inside" where the two chained
road is fenced, and there is no chance of spreading' (Syd.M.Her.24 Jul.11c3).
1928 'We were still in "inside country," as the vast grazing land between the railway's far-flung terminals and the
coast is termed' (Macdonald 181).

interlot 206.
n. 1961 'Each owner is credited with the weight of wool taken from his clip for the "interlot"
(Jordan 179).
v. 1965 'certain kinds of wool, chiefly lambs or oddments...may be grouped (or "interlotted"),
with similar wool grown by other farmers and all sold as one lot' (Henderson 93).

interlotting
1935 'This (interlotting) consists of lotting together small lines of wool' (Goddard 13).
1944 'Interlotting...grouping together by the wool selling broker of star lots of similar types of wool,
usually belonging to different growers' (Minter 70).
1950 'Interlotting...grouping together by the broker of small lines of wool of similar type to form a single lot of reasonable size' (Belschner 698).
1968 'Interlotting is grouping together at sale of wool of comparable value but belonging to
several different owners, thus making a big lot of several star lots' (R.Ryan Interview).

iron 75.
(AND 1859-1983).
1873 'we have been at the bank ever since we commenced putting on new
iron' (Walter 15 Mar).
1941 'Inquiries at a man named Kelly's home 16 sheets of iron stacked at
rear of house' (Pol.Rec.11Feb.292).

iron clad 94.
1887 'iron-clad food' (Daly 120). 1947 'nowadays, with the Stuart Highway in the picture and
the big variety of "iron-clads", the menu is more varied and inviting' (Hill 21).

itch(y) grub / mite 96.
(AND 1940-1973). 1910 'Burnt about 1,000,000 itchey grubs in chaff room' (Witten 9Sep).
1973 'After shearing, when cuts are practically healed, sheep are usually dipped or sprayed with
pesticides to destroy the external parasites, lice, ked, and itch mite' (Alexander 93).

Jack 126.
(AND 1904,1967).
1898 'the rouseabouts [are called] "leathernecks," "spoonbills," "loppies" or
Jacks' (Bull.1 Oct.14c3).
1904 'Dad had two Jacks who did the out-station work' (Palmer-Archer 211).

(jack) shay, Shea 79.
(AND 1879-1943).
1881 'Hobbles and Jack-Shays hang from the saddle-dees' (Grant
Vol.1.209).
1892 'Jack-shay...a tin quart-pot used for boiling tea in, and contrived so as to hold
within it a tin pint-pot' (Lentzner 26).
1908 'Giles and Pat under the pine, anathematising the ants
and flies and waiting for the "jackshay" to boil' (Seagram 94).
1910 'I have seen...lambs' fleecees, too, that could be stuffed into a "Jack Shea" quart pot, and then rattle' (Jackson 92).
1922 'The novelty of finding the overnight tea frozen in the jackshay arouses some enthusiasm when it
does not happen too often' (Austral.21Jan.93c1).
1933 'some were building charcoal tarts, others
grilling chops and boiling our "jackshays" for tea [evening meal]' (Aus.Work.12Jul.19c2).

Jack the painter 98.
(AND 1852-1937).
1852 'Another notorious ration tea of the bush is called "Jack the painter"
(Mundy 329).
1855 'Jack-the-painter tea, that is, a green preparation of leaves of some kind,
which taste like a mixture of copper and verdigris, and leave a green scum on the
infusion' (Howitt Vol.1. 240).
1870 'lived on nothing but dry damper and Jack-the-Painter
tea' (Houlding 371).
1881 'rations of mutton, damper, and "Jack the Painter".' footnote: 'Station
tea--so called from the mark it not infrequently leaves round the mouth of the drinker' (Walch 113-
'He drank his "Jack the Painter" tea milkless'(Boldrewood (1) 413). 1918 'The Colonial tea..."Jack the Painter," that was the green tea, and it had a whiff of paint'(Fetherstonhaugh 30). 1937 'What we got in the bush was mostly of two sorts called by the men "Post and Rail" tea, and "Jack the Painter" tea...the latter [so called] because it had a green tinge and a horrid taste'(Gunn 225).

jackaroo, jackeroo 126,132,190.

1852 'By evening...the young jackaroo was well on his way'(Harris 91). 1877 'Finears, from the next station...had rather "made up" to Nellie, a "confounded jackeroo!" (Austral.Sketch.17Mar.199c3). 1885 "All you Jackaroos, as Queenslanders call you, are the same; you leave cover and get shot down...for want of the commonest woodcraft'(Austral.C.Suppl.10). 1895 'The jackaroo, he listened long, and gaped and took it down--He was a fresh-imported chap from far-off London town'(Bird 12Jan.5c4). 1905 'A "jackeroo" is a young fellow who goes on to a farm or station not as an ordinary worker, but with the deliberate intention of "learning the business"' (Life Mag.16Jan.65c1). 1923 'he had been sent out from England for "experience" as jackeroo'(Aus. Worker 4Jul.15c2). 1931 'He was surprised to learn that a jackeroo was not a marsupial, but a kind of cadet manager, like an apprentice aboard ship'(Hatfield 64). 1943 'For five unhappy months he had been working as a jackaroo on a sheep-station in the hungry stretches of the north-west'(Bolitho 8). 1959 'The other jackeroo was very arrogant and expected the men to call him "Mr."'(Tritton 23). 1966 'He may be a jackeroo, a sort of rural apprentice who...accepts low wages in return for experience in farm jobs'(McGregor 175). 1983 'there were on some properties, three or four jackeroos to one station hand'(Aus.Work.10Apr.7c1).

v. (AND 1875-1981). 1889 'must needs go jackarooing up in the bush'(Couvreur 231). 1901 'I had been told I should have to put on evening dress--he was good enough to excuse one who had "jackarooed" under his uncle'(De Satge 328). 1913 'The present-day Jackeroo doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to the real, genuine article of the early days'(Harris 57). 1928 The brother, who had been "jackerooing" in the country, came home on Thursday on holidays'(Telegraph 1Dec. 3c1). 1932 'In 1887 the present owner...who had been jackerooing at Rawbelle station...took over' (Bris.Cour.30Apr.9c1). 1953 'sent off to sea for experience rather as we send youngsters jackerooing'(Cour.Mail 3Jul.1c1). 1962 'White spent some time jackerooing in the Monaro and Walgett districts'(Heseltine 114). 1981 'After 11 years at Geelong Grammar School...he jackerooed on his father's property in the Riverina, becoming overseer'(Syd.M.Her.30Jun. 9c1).

Jackie Howe 179.

(AND 1930-1983). 1930 'it took nine bars of soap to wash his Jacky Howe [singlet]'(Bull.9Apr. 19). 1943 'We get the "Jackie Howe" (athletic singlet) from him; he used to cut the sleeves out of his flannel shirts'(Walkabout 1Feb.30). 1953 'The long line of shearers, attired usually in moccasins of sacking, trousers, and a Jackie Howe, which is a flannel vest affair'(Stronach 30). 1960 'walk into a clothing store of the right kind and ask for "a couple of Jackie Howes" you will be given the black or blue sleeveless woollen singlets so favoured by shearers and bushmen'(Mills 169).

Jago 97.

1827 'The "jago" being thus prepared, pans were next in requisition to fry steaks, cakes, and fritters' (Monitor 12Jul.507c2).
In the centre of the palm a "something" begins to grow that soon looks like a corn. This is a "jar", and I have seen strong men in sheer agony with this complaint'(Idriess 96).

1862 'proud flesh began to swell up on the lower part of the palm, and extended right through to the back of the hand...had to be cut in several places, and constantly poulticed; they were, what the miners call, badly jarred'(Brown 256).

If yer lookin' like winnin', he'll throw the horse, or throw yer off balance. He's an expert with that jazz-line'(Garvey 168).

jar 99.
n. 1967 'In the centre of the palm a "something" begins to grow that soon looks like a corn. This is a "jar", and I have seen strong men in sheer agony with this complaint'(Idriess 96).

v. 1862 'proud flesh began to swell up on the lower part of the palm, and extended right through to the back of the hand...had to be cut in several places, and constantly poulticed; they were, what the miners call, badly jarred'(Brown 256).

jazz line 107.

v. 1978 'If yer lookin' like winnin', he'll throw the horse, or throw yer off balance. He's an expert with that jazz-line'(Garvey 168).

jemmy See Jimmy

jerker 133.

1953 'jerker...slang term for boundary rider. Derisive term'(Lamond gloss).

Jerusalem pony 106.

Jet, jetting 123,158.

1937 'Jetting...spraying over the hind quarters of the sheep...has been shown to be very beneficial, but it is very important that the fluid should be thoroughly injected into the wool, and for this, pressure is necessary'(Wool.Man.53). 1945 "Jetting" all in-lamb ewes or other sheep likely to be [fly] struck...is strongly recommended as an additional precautionary measure'(Pearse 297). 1956 'Some progressive wool-growers jet their flocks...the sheep are sprayed with chemical mixtures...often repeated at intervals throughout the year'(Dutton 78-9). 1961 'Sheep were put in races, and nozzle sprayed in the crutch and along the back with the insecticide, used in a jet--a process known as "jetting"'(Jordan 22). 1963 'Jetting...protecting flocks against blowfly strike, has recently been made more effective with the development of an improved jetting gun'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.43c1). 1973 'Jetting is an aid to controlling fly-strike, either in conjunction with crutching or subsequent to it. A jet of an aqueous solution or suspension of maggot poison saturates the fleece in areas prone to attack'(Alexander 93).

jib, jibber 105.

1864 'Down hill the jibber draws with feign'd content, / To baulk again before the next ascent'(Rogers 3). 1878 'Jack was borned off by two jibs and a bolter in the Warroo mail' (Boldrewood 43). 1932 'a good sort of draught horse which had a reputation as a "jib"'(Scott 50c1). 1941 'Hell of a temper...She's got a jib's ears. See how she lays 'em back' (Tennant 83). 1955 'Use the whip on some of them and you make a "jib"'(Marshall 4).

jigger 76.

1845 'Has anyone fastened the jigger and the jumps'(Tucker 148). 1870 'I dub the jigger and slips to the back-jump'(Aus.Journ.Jun.555c1). 1903 'a bullock-wagon...the heavy wool-tarpaulin, dark with dust and grease, thrown across the arched jigger, forming a tent on the body' (Furphy 130).

jilleroo 126.

1944 'On the job at the ram sales today was small, fair, 19-year-old Jean Adams "Jilleroo," from Uardy Station, near Hay'(Sydney Sun 1Jun.3c5). 1965 'She will work on an 1,800 acre wheat and sheep property in Deniliquinn...her part-time occupation as jillaroo'(Sun Her.4Jul.26). 1981 'Jackeroos and jilleroos in the Northern Territory were now required to perform a wider range of tasks'(Syd.M.Her.11Aug.9c7).

Jim Crow, jimbar 81.

1844 'nine dozen Jim Crow hats [sales ad.]'(Guard.23Mar.13c3). 1937 'pointing out the worst of the bends, and finally decided to straighten it "cold" with the aid of a "Jim Crow"'(Walkabout
1 Apr.). 1969 'A newchum... dug a hole 12ft. deep with a "Jimbar" (crowbar) and shovel. He took opal worth £4,000 from his modest shaft'(People 2 Jul. 44).

**jimbuck** 162. See **jambuck** 1851 'One day... he thought proper to leave his flock of jimbucks (as they [Aborigines] call the sheep)'(Henderson Vol. I. 207-8).

**Jimmy (Grant), Jemmy** 46.
(AND 1845-1963). 1845 'contempt for the inexperience of the "Jimmy-Grants," as they call the emigrants'(Wakefield Vol. 2. 180). 1859 'A young woman at table speaking contemptuously of some newly-arrived immigrants ("Jimmy Grants" I think, was the slang term she applied to them)'(Mereweather 4). 1880 'I had two immigrants, or Jemmies as they were called'(Harrison 7). 'One of the "Jemmies"... plumed himself on being an immigrant... a swaggering indifference in his manner'(Harrison 11-12). 1893 'Anyone... would know a newly arrived "jimmigrant"... there is such an air of simplicity about him and everything he does and his dress, manners and conversation are so very different from an old hand'(Demarr 45). 1957 'he'd explained to a "Jimmy Grant" that his colt had the strangles, and the new chum had said, "Stwangles, eh? Did he do it with a wope?"'(Wannan 65).

**jingle** 108.
(AND 1862-1981). 1863 'During my stay in Melbourne I took a jingle... and drove to St. Kilda'(Heywood 44). 1881 'After dismissing their jingle, they stood upon the wooden ferry steps'(Praed 37).

**jingling johnnies** 177.
1941 'jingling johnnies: hand shears'(Baker 39). 1965 'Jingling Johnny... also a name for a hand shearer'(Gunn i. 33).

**jinker** 108.
(AND 1916-1976). 1922 'a jinker crashed into a tram, resulting in the death of a young woman... the jinker was smashed but the horse escaped injury'(Melb. Her. 13 Jan. 9c 3). 1939 'Elizabeth Hume... was killed when she was thrown from a jinker in which she was travelling'(Aus. Work. 26 Jul. 16). 1960 'The Dights, mama! All of 'em in their jinker'(O'Grady 33). 1964 'Dad jogged off with our horse and jinker to pick us up'(Adam Smith 4. 1981 reprint).
1981 'I remember sitting in the back of the jinker with Uncle Mick holding the reins... The country folk would pull up outside the one hotel in the town in their rubber tyred jinkers'(Sun Her. 26 Apr. 91 c 1).

**jitterbugger** 161.
1965 'A hamstrung sheep is sometimes called a jitterbugger, almost certainly derived from the awkward jigging action of the hamstrung leg when the sheep runs'(Craig Note).

**jo jo** 153.
1943 'the triple-spiked thorn, always "double-gee" in Westralia, "bindi-eye" in N.S. Wales and "jo-jo" in Victoria'(Bull. 22 Dec. 11c 1).


**jobber** (ext. OED 3). so. 1852 'bullocks were turned over to the travelling cattle jobber'(Harris 63). 1938 'the jobber got his profit from the buyer'(Syd. M. Her. 7c 4).

**jockeroo** 126. See **jackaroo**
1839 'I told my friends to look out for the jockeroos, but they only smiled at my alarm'(Aus. 26 Jan. 2c 3).
jockey 177.
1951 The shearsers buy their [hand] shears...then proceed to cut them and bend them and embellish them with "drivers," "knockers," "jockeys" and "cockspurs"(McLeod 26). joey 129. See wood and water joey (AND 1949). 1884 'at the pub as "joey" earned precious grub'(Farrell 26Apr). 1911 "See to the parson's horses", the boss called out to a joey, and they went inside'(Bull.6Apr.32c1).

John 28.
1871 'I'll punch your head, John if you don't hold your row'(Trollope 141). 1880 'Nothing comes amiss to John. With all his filth and fondness for opium...John has many good qualities, and forms a by no means undesirable colonist'(Inglis 204). 1899 'Chinese women are not allowed to immigrate, hence John does not multiply'(Furniss 70).

johnny cake 95. (AND 1827-1978). 1827 'The carcase divided, gave each a good share, and..."a fat cake", "a johnny-cake", or "fritters"(Monitor 12Jul.507c1). 1855 'Started sheep early, & having planted the frying pan & breakfasted off Johnny cakes & tea--I returned to meet the dray as per agreement' (F.H.Wilson 3). 1872 'Johnny-cakes...when eaten hot they are excellent, but if allowed to get cold they become leathery'(Eden 20). 1887 Mike skimmed the fat from the water in which the beef was boiling, and mixed it with some flour in a tinned dish to make a stiff paste for the "johnny cakes"(Nicols 149). 1898 'A johnny-cake is never "baked on the ashes" [like a damper] as Prof. Morris states, but is baked on live coals'(Bull.8Jan.red page c4). 1916 'Cold roast wood-duck and johnny-cake is a meal not easily beaten'(Bull.28Sep.22c2). 1932 The Johnny cake is very sweet bread and good eating'(Scott 40c3). 1855 'Started sheep early, & having planted the frying pan & breakfasted off Johnny cakes & tea--I returned to meet the dray as per agreement' (F.H.Wilson 3). 1872 'Johnny-cakes...when eaten hot they are excellent, but if allowed to get cold they become leathery'(Eden 20). 1887 Mike skimmed the fat from the water in which the beef was boiling, and mixed it with some flour in a tinned dish to make a stiff paste for the "johnny cakes"(Nicols 149). 1898 'A johnny-cake is never "baked on the ashes" [like a damper] as Prof. Morris states, but is baked on live coals'(Bull.8Jan.red page c4). 1916 'Cold roast wood-duck and johnny-cake is a meal not easily beaten'(Bull.28Sep.22c2). 1932 The Johnny cake is very sweet bread and good eating'(Scott 40c3). 1845 'These slaveys, or servants, were a sort of pariahs among the prisoners, chiefly Johnny Raws, country chaps, apprentices or others'(Tucker 30). 1879 "Jackaroo," as most of my readers know, is bush-slang for "Johnny Raw"(Gou!b.Her.17Mar.4c1).

Johnny -newcome, -raw 47. (AND 1840-1975). 1827 'give-away the convicts to the rich old settlers, permitting poor struggling Johnny-new-comes to go without servants at all'(Monitor 17Feb.316c2). 1837 'Being a "Johnny Newcome", and a stranger in town'(Corn.Chron.5Aug.3c1). 1838 Johnny Newcome lands [opp. title page](Fraser). 1845 These slaveys, or servants, were a sort of pariahs among the prisoners, chiefly Johnny Raws, country chaps, apprentices or others'(Tucker 30). 1879 "Jackaroo," as most of my readers know, is bush-slang for "Johnny Raw"(Gou!b.Her.17Mar.4c1).

join 131.
1916 'I propose to join the rams in these flocks directly after we have dipped them [ewe's](Want. Letter.21 Oct.2). 1932 'I started with 6054 ewes with rams joined (joining the rams was one cause of the disaster which followed)'(Scott 49c1). 1952 'It is interesting to note that some "cast for age" ewes from this historic flock are regularly joined to rams bred today at Mr. Smith's old Molong property' (Glasson 9). 1971 '10 Poll Hereford heifers...good quality and condition, unjoined...heifers with calves at foot...rejoined to same bulls'(Wagga D.Ad.19Jun. 18).

July fog 170. (AND 1893,1982). 1893 'the shearer...crawling up to the shed with his "mate" after the dispersal of the "July fog" (the off-season when no shearing is done)'(Adams 167-68). 1982 'July fog: The dead season when no shearing is done'(Adam-Smith gloss.405).

jumbuck 162. (AND 1824-1981). 1849 'That jumbuc [sic] too much drink all bardo'(Harris 224). 1855 'A small settler made us move our camp...because I would not give him "2 fat jumbucs" [sic]'(F.H.Wilson 29May). 1867 'Your "jumbucks" will gambol, and nibble their feed, / Grow fleshy and woolly, though lacking your care'(Houlding 230). 1876 'stealing a "jumbuck" (a sheep)' (Stockwhip 22Apr. 1033c1). 1882 'the villains [Aborigines] laughed at and mocked us,
roaring out, plenty sheepy, plenty jumbuck (another name of theirs for sheep') (Tolmer 230).
1894 'five hundred "jumbucks" sheared wool that fetched thirteen-pence a pound in the grease'(Roberts 100).
1902 'Our pay was the wool on the jumbucks' backs, so we shore till all was blue'(Lawson 2.107).
1916 'In nine hours they whipped the wool off 1296 jumbucks'(Bull.2Mar. 24c2).
1924 'five hundred "jumbucks" sheared wool that fetched thirteen-pence a pound in the grease'(Roberts 100).
1936 'reviving effects of war were not so readily apparent among the jumbucks'(Franklin 358).
1946 'Every time a shearer bled a jumbuck he bellowed: "Tar-boy! Tar!"'(Clune 90).
1947 'it was just another set-down amongst jumbucks, dust, drought, and a thousand flies per man'(Park 85).
1956 'The last of the jumbucks in the vicinity being cut up or cut out'(Aus. Work.2Jan.10c1).
1964 'It's the man who can do a tally in the jumbucks with a pair of tongs [hand shears], that I take my hat off to'(Newton 38).
1981 'Find a shop with a hoggett and you're home on the jumbuck's back'(Sydney Sun 29Jul.43cl).

jumbuck combs.

j- barber 180. (AND 1913-1926). 1943 'While rouseabouting... declaring that he would deuce all the back-bent, bag-booted jumbuck-barbers of the shed'(Walkabout 1Feb.30).

j- farmer 162. 1935 'The best emergency cure [for snakebite] I have known was applied by a jumbuck farmer named Bolger'(Queen.27Jun.2c3).

jump 76 See jigger

jump up, jumper 104.
1. (AND 1844-1985). 1844 'The main portion of the road... consists of natural, step-like rocks protruding from the dust or sand... above each other, in huge slabs the width of track, and over these "jumpers," as they are pleasantly termed, we had to jolt and bump along as best we might'(Meredith 70).
1852 '[road] so full of shelves and jump-ups as to be of little use except to foot passengers' (Harris 2).
1925 'The flat was pitted with old shafts, a few feet deep, with a dump alongside every one, that made it look like a patch of "jump-up country" in a fit'(Aus. Work.22Jul.13c3).
1970 'This side of Linda, though, I seem to remember a place—a gully, winding down the "jump-up"'(Aus. W. Week.9Sep.101c1).
2. 100. AND 1845-1972. 1911 'It ain't a tree snake or a jumper ant's nest, is it'(Brady 32).

junk
(a) 25,90. 1851 'It was most amusing to see with what gusto our companions devoured the damper and salt junk'(Tester 155).
1888 'Region of damper and "junk" and tea'(Bull.17Nov.15c1).
1921 'Mahon... loaded Emmerston's plate with corned junk'(Sargent 57).
(b) 94. 1827 'we never knew before that he was a judge of junks of beer'(Monitor 26Jul. 542c1).
1853 'A junk of damper'(Sherer 158).
1891 'A junk of damper, hard enough to assault a policeman with'(Hales 16).
1897 'I at least was not able to dispose of more than a couple of chops, and a moderate "junk" of damper'(Archer 145).

kanaka tank 85.

no date. 'kanaka tank dam originally made by kanaka labour. Had two sloped sides (for stock watering) and two straight steeped sides'(Brewarrina Interview).

kangaroo n. 80,91,92. (AND 1770-1983). 1805 'sixty seven large kangaroos were caught... and issued from the Store instead of salt meat'(Syd. Gaz.13 Oct).
1811-12 'Kangaroo flesh of the best quality. The commandant directs that the Prisoners are on all occasions when the state of the Stores admit of it to receive a portion of salt provisions with their Kangaroo'(Der. Star no1.4c1).
1825 'the prisoner had gone out on the day laid in the indictment for the purpose of shooting kangaroo'(Aus.15Sep.4c2).
1832 'They [captured Aborigines] were to be sent to a place where there was plenty of kangaroo, and no work' (Independent 14Jan.2c3).
1926 'They had spent their days hunting kangaroo and tamma, or brumbies, tanning skins, and breaking young horses in'(Pritchard 37).
1941 'when Tug had reason to suppose that a man had dropped following the
crack of his rifle he was scarcely more impressed than if it had been a kangaroo' (Coast to Coast 94).

v. 157. (AND 1803-1981). 1825 'Mr. Liddle, keeper of the gaol, who was kangarooing near the big lagoon, was led by his dog to the spot where the stolen sheep had been driven' (Aus. 3 Feb. 3 c3). 1829 'The Commandant also has a crown prisoner kangarooing, shooting choice birds, and gathering insects for him' (Monitor 16 Feb. 149864). 1846 'In this country above all others, gentlemen fond of rural recreations have to submit with good grace to the necessities of "Flood and Field," how otherwise when kangarooing, for instance' (Bell's 27 Jun. 2 c2). 1878 'a spring cart drove up to the station containing two neighbouring selectors and two visitors from Melbourne who had been kangarooing' (Ill. Aus. News 27 Dec. 219 c2).

**kangaroo combs.**

k- ball 81. 1834 'Six or seven leaden peas (kangaroo ball) were taken out of the man who was accidentally shot' (Monitor 17 Jul. 2 c4). k- dog 142, 156. (AND 1805-1969). 1818 'he took what provisions the men had, and two fine kangaroo dogs' (Hob. T. Gaz. 13 Jun. 2 c2). 1825 'You usually hunt the kangaroo with cross-bred greyhounds, which are named "kangaroo dogs"' (Howe's WCE 1 Aug. 2 c4). 1847 'a whole pack of first-rate bull-dogs and heavy lurcher-bred kangaroo dogs' (Harris 376). 1851 'The shepherds catch them [dingoes] in traps, some settlers poison them, and they are hunted on horseback with kangaroo dogs' (Henderson Vol. 1. 206-7). 1862 'The kangaroo dog is decidedly a mongrel—a cross between the greyhound and the mastiff or bulldog. A cross with the bloodhound is also good' every station had its three, four, or more handsome kangaroo dogs, but by the careless use of strychnine they were either poisoned or they have died off' (West. Post 31 May. 3 c2-3).

1874 'Lost, from Raff Street, a brown kangaroo pup' (Bris. Cour. 1 Jan. 1 c2). 1880 'I brought a kangaroo slut...from Pat Fitzgibbon' (O'Shaughnessy 9 Jul).

**k- drive 156. (AND 1885-1986).** 1933 'An unusual kangaroo-drive was recently made on White Bros. station' (Bull. 30 Aug. 21 c3).

k- fence 118, 119. (AND 1846-1978). 1854 'the "Kangaroo" fence is formed of pieces of timber placed close and upright in a trench two feet deep, and tightly rammed, a rough batten being nailed across the top as a band' (Capper 61-2).

k- hound 142. 1857 'two magnificent Highland staghounds, here denominated kangaroo hounds' (Howitt Vol. 2. 16).

k- hunt 157. (AND 1827-1984). 1827 'which is least demoralising, the theatre or the kangaroo hunt' (Monitor 15 Nov. 767 c1).

1852 'riding in a kangaroo hunt may be considered tolerably dangerous' (Mundy Vol. 1. 337).

k- hunter 157. (AND 1841-1897). 1829 'Howe was occasionally in the habit of meeting one Warburton, a kangaroo hunter, who also agreed to join them [in hunting Howe, a bushranger]' (Widowsn 69). 1833 'three men, in the wild costume of kangaroo hunters' (Hob. T. Mag. May. 155).

k- hunting 157. (AND 1828-1972). 1833 'I hereby give notice that all persons found kangaroo hunting on my farm will be prosecuted' (Tasman. 7 Jun. 177 c3).

**k- nest 73. 1839 'I am told to make up my mind to sleep one or two nights in the open air, or if fortunate, perhaps I may find a kangaroo's nest' (Hargrave 23 Apr.).** k- shooter 1907 'Toff, who is a kangaroo shooter, is still at large' (Towns. D. Bull. 31 Jul. 5 c5).

k- steak 91. 1834 'Governor Phillip, at an early period of the colony, formed a pic-nic party to proceed up the Paramatta river, and a person was sent on before to prepare kangaroo steaks' (Bennett Vol. 1. 79).

k- steamer 91. 1829 'A kangaroo steamer and a piece of damper will afford an excellent repast' (Widowsn 178).

1843 'It struck me that a kangaroo steamer would be no bad thing in our present circumstances' (Rowcroft 88).

1852 'Kangaroo "steamer" is another bush-dish—a sort of haggis of venison and salt pork' (Mundy Vol. 1. 339).

k- tail soup 91. (AND 1829-1898). 1830 'our first course at dinner consisted of a dish of fine perch, and some excellent kangaroo tail soup' (Dawson 207).

1843 'you'll surely take some of this kangaroo-tail soup' (Rowcroft 232). 1861 'The waiter soon appeared, bearing on a tray a plate of kangaroo-tail soup to the intense delight of his neglected stomach' (Earle 210).

1890 'Kangaroo-tail and ox-tail soup disputed pre-eminence' (Boldrewood 312).
kangarooing 92,157.
(AND 1803-1981). 1837 'We will venture a belief, that the situation is occupied by some sprig of the Aristocracy, who devotes his time in kangarooing, or some such amusement'(Corn.Chron.7Jan.2c3). 1863 'On New Year's Day a party of young men started, well mounted, and with a goodly pack of dogs, out "a kangarooing" from the Little River'(Mudgee Lib.16Jan.2c6). 1885 'Boys went out kangarooing before breakfast'(Ulah 13Mar). 1903 'The visitors retired early that night because they were bent on kangarooing the next day'(Clow 54). 1915 'That'll stop any kangarooing, because a horse can't do it when the piece of timber [on the hobbie] is in the way'(Bull .9Sep.26c2). 1933 'the prad was one he once used for kangarooing'(Bull.5Apr.20c2).

kangaroooster (ing) 157.
(AND 1909,1922). 1907 'most of the kangaroooters depend on their rifles, but Jack Grutty and his mate run down the animals with dogs as well'(Praed 127-8). 1907 'If I'd been wanting to write something I could have fetched the public with that first morning of kangaroostering'(Praed 130).

ked 152.
(OED). 1964 'The sheep ked lives among the wool and sucks blood'(Anderson 39). 1973 'sheep are usually dipped or sprayed...to destroy the external parasites, lice, sheep ked, and itch mite' (Alexander 93).

keep 90.
(ext.OED sb.6.c). 1935 'Let me add that £10 per scalp, plus a wage and keep, was at one time a common thing when this country was dingo infested'(Queen.17 Oct.2c1). 1956 'Adv: Shearer, 5000 and four electric plant, £8 [per 100] and keep'(Aus.Work.19Sep.7c1). 1967 'Years ago you did this job for nothing; some gave you 10/- and your keep, which was tucker only and sleep in a room down at the stables'(Aus.Work.5Apr.11c2).

keep boundary 133.
1953 'It was one man's duty to "keep boundary"; that is, to sit at the mouth of the creek and keep all the sheep from going back--a lazy man's job'(Stronach 15).

keep hut 132. See also hut keep
1874 'It is not necessary that he should be packed off to an out-station for months on a stretch to keep hut for a German shepherd'(Stamer Vol.2.186).

ekelly 81,148.
(AND 1909-1983). 1900ca. 'From daylight to dark steel kellys and plumbs were biting into the jungle trees'(Dorr.H.Soc.). 1910 'A good axe for falling is a black Kelly'(Kaleski 57). 1943 'The only tool I ever see him use in makin' his furnisher was a Kelly'(Bull.24Mar.13c2). 1957 'I couldn't get along without my Plumbs and Kellys'(Niland 186).

kelly, swing 81.
1961 'you hear some poor shearer, tottering with malnutrition, swinging Kelly weakly'(Bull. 18Jan.54). 1980 'It is toilin' in the boilin' /It is swingin' Kelly axes'(Gunn 19).

kelpie 131,142-145.
(AND 1895-1983). 1895 'smooth-coated sheep dog with prick ears...called Kelpies'(Austral.Post 12Jan.60). 1934 'like all kelpies, highly strung, with brains under her broad, thin-boned skull'(Bull. 14Feb.40c2). 1946 'At the hour when the dingo had started out on her quest the kelpie had been waiting in the dark, at the back door of the homestead'(Davison 6). 1952 'The kelpie banked tentatively, then there was the clink of hobbles and the blowing of the horse'(Cleary 8). 1966 'the names "kelpie" and "barb" were originally the personal names of individual dogs, and were not type classifications as they are today'(Land 17May.57c1). 1971 'Four foxies and three kelpies were left at the Dubbo Dog Pound'(Dubbo D.Lib.20Apr.3).

kemp 202.
(ext.OED sb.ii). 1840 'Those which are found deteriorated with kemp or dead hairs intermixed with the wool should be laid aside by themselves and kept separate from those which are entirely
white' (Southey 51). 1870 'Kemp is a defect very easily detected, and, therefore, more generally understood than other imperfections of wool' (Graham 84). 1890 'Though the wool may be a little strong, there should be no kemps in it' (Brown 137). 1905 'Some sheep have in their fleeces hair, gare, and kemp, none of which are wool' (Ag.Gaz.239). 1922 'The wool should be lustrous, soft to touch, free from kemp and well spread on the back, belly, and points' (Perry 44). 1941 'Kemp refers to defective fibres that will not take dye and cannot be twisted into yarns' (Goddard 42). 1952 'Kemps... brittle and white strong-looking fibres of various lengths found in wool, they will not dye' (Haigh 102). 1961 'It is an indication of wool deterioration and harshness, with probable existence of objectionable hairy fibres known as "kemp"' (Jordan 7).

**kempy** 166, 202.

(OED a). 1848 'Greasy or kempy, or other defective fleeces, are also classed apart' (Westgarth 253). 1867 'They also pull off any stained portions, and any coarse or kempy parts' (Jordan 91). 1897 'Kempy and matted fleeces should also be kept by themselves' (Gold.Mort 9). 1952 'Crutchings' are pieces from the crutch of the sheep and may be kempy' (Haigh 46). 1964 'No. 9 hairy shanks--Hairy or kempy fibres containing very little wool' (Munz 146).

**Kennedy rot** 99.

1870 'Land Scurvy is better known in Queensland by local names, which do not sound very pleasant, such as "Barcoo rot," "Kennedy rot"' (Kennedy 46).

**kerosene** 102. See **oil**

1923 'We'd got the kerosene that a horse called Freedom was tryin' in the handicap' (Drew 67).

**kero(sene) tin** 79.

(AND 1896-1981). 1900 'Water dripped briskly from the lip of the cave into a kerosene tin' (Brereton 54). 1966 'She cooked on an open fire, and the smell of burning wood floated up and crossed the road, together with the smells from her boiling pot, more accurately, half a kero tin' (White 133).

**key** 111.

1903 'Three yokes lay around, with the bows and keys scattered about' (Furphy 134).

**kicker**

1. 206. 1932 'Each "kicker" would do about 1 1/2 bales daily' (Scott 51c1).
2. 161. 1956 'Kicker--sheep that keeps on struggling and kicking while being shorn' (Bowen 156).

**Kidman's blood mixture / delight** 95.

(AND 1935-1980). 1935 'The better class employer added a tin of jam per week, or its equivalent in "Bollocky's Joy" (treacle) or what was later known as "Kidman's Delight" (golden syrup)' (Plowman 187).

**kill** 68, 69.

1971 'In addition there are 80 acres of ploughable country, which has been "killed" but not cleared' (West.Ad.22May.11).

**kill-me-quick** 95.

1907 'We sat down to a dinner of rice, tinned meat, "kill-me-quick" (a kind of fritter), jam and tea' (Macdonald 241).

**killer, killing sheep** 78, 92, 117, 150.

(AND 1897-1980). 1886 'Tom went to Moramina for killing sheep' (Ulah 4Jul). 1910 'He came to the kitchen, and told me he was going to run up a fresh mob of killing-sheep and how much meat could I do with?' (Hornung 157). 1916 'Mustered Second Paddock for killer for house, killed that night' (Harden 10Jul). 1932 ref. 1897 'You know the killers the sheep the boss used for his own mutton at the house' (Scott 9). 1942 'In hot weather, when meat could not be sent, a few "killers" were branded and run with the shepherd's mob; these were very old ewes, lean and tough; never did the shepherd taste a young fat wether' (Glasson 12). 1955 '"I'll want a killer this
The cook stated curtly, almost as if it might be an order (Lamond 15). 1955 The shearing of the "killing" sheep gave the shearsers a chance to adjust (Barnes 6).

**Kimberley mutton** 92.
(AND 1953, 1959) 1963 Kimberley mutton, roast goat as eaten in the Kimberley area of Western Australia (McLeod 123).

**Kimberley walkabout** (disease) 153.
(AND 1915-1978). 1915 The walkabout disease of the Northern Territory, the Kimberley disease of Westralia, and the Birdsville disease of Queensland have been identified as one and the same (Bull. 18 Feb. 13). 1971 They [horses] would die in hundreds from what we called Kimberley walkabout (Wille 72).

**Kinchler, put on** 178.
(AND 1897-1937). 1911 'This [sharpening] is called "putting Kinchler on them", from the fact that it was first adopted by John Kinsella, who died in Armidale about August, 1902 (Sorenson 233). 1937 'kinshela consisted of putting the bottom blade [of hand shears] back so as to obtain a wider cut' (Bull. 14 Jul. 20 c1).

**king** 183.
1866 'The king [top shearer] bawled in a loud voice, "smoke, oh!" (Goulb. Her. 14 Nov. 2 c4).

**King Street farmer / squatter** 125.
1880 'whose sweetness it was a pity to see thrown away on King-street squatters' (Innocents No. 22. 341).

**kip** 746
(exl.OED 1). 1981 'They decided to try to make their own boots—the leather was "kip," cowhide tanned with wattale bark and softened with beef fat' (Aus. W. Week. 18 Mar. 32 c1).

**kipsie** 77.
(AND 1905-1982). 1907 'Let us go up to the old kypsie. I'm longing to get into the old house again' (Spielvogel 134). 1915 'The two-roomed kipsy sheltered by the hill' (Bourke 135). 1956 'But I heard you were a battler and this joint certainly looks like a battler's kipsie' (Ronan 84).

**knacker** 105.
1831 'and the humble cart with a speaker mildly entreating his knacker to "keeme up you varmant"' (Syd. Her. 23 May. 3 c1). 1846 'the HAPPY COUPLE were borne away at a first rate knackers gallop along the great south-western road' (Bell's 1 Aug. 2 c2).

**knock down / off** 69.
(ext.OED v. 8, 10). 1862 'I. Cooper and son commenced knocking down burrs at Bando' (White 24 Jul). 'Went down to Bando, ordered the man who is knocking off burrs to go up to Wilson's' (White 4 Aug).

**knockabout** 190.
1844 'Brown has been knocking about the neighbourhood...sometimes at work in the bush, and sometimes idle' (Port. Chron. 24 Feb. 4 c3). 1862 'Engaged I. Cooper and son to knockabout the place at 12/- per week' (White 23 Jul). 1902 'knocks about the whole year long around this drought-struck isle' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 26).

**knockabout man** 100, 129.
(AND 1867-1977). 1869 'At the station where I worked for some time (as "knock-about man") three cooks were kept' (Clarke 41).

**knocker(s)** 177, 178.
(AND 1895-1982). 1892 'Neither "knocker" nor "driver" will need now he's dead' (Hummer 6 Feb. 4 c3). 1902 'And with a "driver" rigs them [handshears] up and puts the "knocker" on' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 26). 1911 'The blades are pulled back and the knockers filed down, so that the
shears will take a bigger blow' (Sorenson 232-33).

1933 'A knocker is also required to stop jarring and noise' (Mckenzie 13).

1951 'The knockers on the shears silence the sound of steel on steel and all you hear is a faint tap-tap as the shears close' (McLeod 28).

1959 'The gullets of the blades are filled with soft wood, or sometimes with cork. These are called "knockers," and they stop the heels of the blades from meeting, so the sound is a soft "chop, chop"' (Tritton 31).

1973 'After grinding and honing, the first thing to do was to tie the "knockers", two pieces of greenhide lashed to the stops of the blades' (Aus.Work.14Feb.3c4).

lagoon 85.

(Ext.OED 1). 1803 'were it therefore possible that an individual could make good this journey and safely pass the numerous and large Lagoons by which these mountains are intersected' (Syd.Gaz. 3Jul.3c1).

1828 'The scenery...is like an English park, with deep (what they call) lagoons, well stocked with fish' (S.Asian Reg.Apr.202).

1890ca. 'our little camp on the slope of a hill, at the foot of which lay a lagoon, literally covered with wild ducks and black swans' (Lang 82).

1901 'River started to run into lagoon' (Ulah 14 Sep).

1920 'There was the white pine homestead with its guard of drooping pepperinas, and its long garden running down to the banks of the lagoon' (Palmer 20).

lamb combs.

I- boards 191.

1934 'If lambs are to be shorn, lamb boards will be wanted for picking up the wool' (Hardie 15).

1950 'Lamb boards...lamb's wool is picked up with two boards joined at one end with a stout piece of leather' (Belschner 103).

I- cut. 149.

1879 'Baynes went to Fennell's where he is lamb-cutting' (Macdonald 23Sep).

I- marker 150.

1916 'W.J. Young had the reputation amongst "gun" shepherds of being the fastest lamb-marker in Australia' (Bull.27Jan.22c3).

1924 'That lamb-markers and musterers be paid the same rate as shepherds' (Aus.Work.2Jan.19c3).

I- marking 149,158.

1879 'Had everything arranged to start lamb marking this morning' (Macdonald 22Sep).

1896 '4 men to help lamb-marking at 4/- per day's work' (Ulah 16Jun).

1905 'at lamb-marking the new season's lambs are yarded, for the first time with their mothers' (Life Mag.Nov.1072).

1917 'Well at last the lambmarking is over and I am fairly well satisfied with the result' (Want.letter.14Jul.1).

1924 'Lamb marking consists of castration, ear marking, and docking the tail' (Goddard 22).

1955 'The lamb-marking drew to a close in Gum Creek Paddock, on the Napunia side' (Lamond 124).

1975 'When I was a shedhand, it was...chop wood, lamb-marking, and anything else that was going' (Ryan 123).

lamb down 131,149.

(And 1848-1959).

1887 'the remainder were to be "lambed down" at the huts by their own shepherds' (Nicols Vol.1.252).

1901 'it would be impossible to find the slow and patient labour in the country required to lamb down say from fifty to a hundred thousand ewes' (De Satge 49).

1914 'I had to lamb down eight hundred or a thousand ewes' (Hamilton 26).

1937 'I am giving only my own experience in "lambing down" sheep in the shepherding days' (Gunn 206).

lambing 149,158.

(Ext.OED vbl.sb).

1858 'The spring has commenced and so has the lambing' (Bussell 1Sep. See Shann ed.1926.179).

1890 'Lambing is progressing favourably but more rain is desired' (Syd.M. Her.6May. 8c3).

1956 'autumn lambing was already something of the past' (Harte 30-31).

lambing combs.

I- down 149.

(And 1864,1910).

1868 'Say shearing or lambing down is taking place at the station the different mobs would be sure to run foul of each other' (Browne 33).

1919 'where the flock is relatively small and the paddocks are not well sheltered, the lambing pen should be used' (Kelly 65).

I- season. 149.

1858 'The weather is mild and lovely, such a contrast to our lambing season' (Bussell 1Sep. See Shann ed.1926.179).

I- station 131.

1851 'Went to lambing stations' (White 6Apr).

lanameter 197.

1931 'Known as the lanameter, the instrument enables a more accurate classification of wool than by the manual method now employed' (Syd.M.Her.28Mar).
land combs.

1- agent 50,56. (AND 1839-1930). 1831 'America has been greatly injured by her land agents' (Syd.Her.11Jul.2c3). 1906 ref.1860s 'They were land agents (land swindlers would be the better term), and all fleeced the immigrants' (Ball.Cour.15Nov). 1923 'Recently a suburban land agent who bought a block of land for 10/- a foot almost immediately re-sold it for 20/- a foot' (Aus.Work.18Apr. 1c3). 1- boomer 50. (AND 1890-1971). 1835 'the country never belonged to them, but to the speculators, the absentee, land-boomers, swindlers' (Lawson Prose Vol.1.34). 1- Court 57. (AND 1877-1935). 1907 'Got things ready to start in to Land court' (Witten 26Aug).

1- crab 80. 1905 'The land crab is one of the pests of South Gippsland...a pinkish yellow creature from two to four inches long, very similar in shape to the yabbie' (Bull.12Jan.16c2).

1- fund 44. 1841 'the land-fund of New South Wales is to be remitted to England without any thing like an equivalent being given in return' (Aus.Col.59).

1- grant family 50. 1935 'He turned down the track towards the river, and at the junction left word at Lowe's--one of the old land-grant families' (Lawson Prose Vol.2.310).

1- jobber 50,57. (AND 1835-1931). 1831 'speculating land jobber offering it [land] for resale at an advance of any small sum an acre' (Syd.Her.11Jul.2c3). 1854 'I have made enquiry and find they are "land jobbers", who buy up in this manner to resell again' (Argus 24Jan.5c2). 1869 'the Wurrung was alive with landjobbers, who pushed in tenders and defeated him' (Goulb.Her.16Jun.4c5).

1- jobbing 50. (AND 1809-1882). 1854 'This system of land-jobbing is becoming quite professional' (Argus 24Jan.5c2). 1880 'The attention of the colonists was almost exclusively directed to land jobbing' (Hamilton 74).

1- office 50,51. 1931 'His tart is a little widow that keeps a fruit and lolly shop near the lands office in Roma' (Davison 2.298).

1- order (emigrant) 54,57. 1867 'There was one squatter who had twelve thousand acres taken off his run by the Government for the purpose of selling it to land-order emigrants' (Morison 129).

1- shark 50. (AND 1836-1929). 1845 'The evil spirit of covetousness assumes to itself various shapes and appearances in Australia, that of a landshark is one of the most remarkable and hateful' (Pridden 331). 1857 'Australia has produced no lion, tiger but it has produced the land-shark and that is a monstrum horrendum worse than all of them put together' (Howitt Vol.1. 217). 1869 'Soon a good number of land sharks, speculative pioneers, and bona fide squatters, followed to "the fresh fields and pastures new"' (Goulb.Her.16Jun.4c5). 1882 'He, the land shark, Dummy Bummer, / Cunning, wriggling schemer, up to / All the wrinkles of the Land Act' (Bull. 15Jul.8c2).

lane 104. (AND 1880-1954). 1932 'First the "lane" was filled, this being a long narrow yard with a smaller pen or "pound" at its end fitted with several gates leading to separate yards' (Scott ref.1880.17c3).

large settler / squatter 48,54.

1828 'it would be as well for large settlers in this Colony to divide their convicts into two classes' (Monitor 3Mar.1012c3). 1834 'in calling on a large settler on the road to Patrick's Plains, a respectable traveller was welcomed' (Monitor 6Aug.3c2). 1909 'some of the large squatters often own freehold blocks in addition to renting large leaseholds from the Crown' (Evans 9).

last side 185. See whipping.

1963 'Avoid standing on or tearing fleece when swinging right leg out to shear "last side"' (Aus.W. Board folder n.d. ref. tally hi). 1966 'Down the "last shoulder", four blows down the crimped "last side"', and the wether is regarding the outdoors through the port' (Sutherland 75).

latrine wireless 101. (AND 1918-1944). 1944 'The latrine wireless insisted that we would sail any day' (Glassop 86).
lay 51.
(OED sb.7.5. US). 1828 'Some [Aborigines] have been on whaling voyages, and had their lay with the rest of the sailors'(S.Asian Reg.Jan.105). 1833 'the defendant agreed to give the plaintiff a 25th lay'(Tasman.20 Dec.404c4).

leader 109,110.
(AND 1843-1968). 1842 'Among them are two shaft or pole bullocks, and four leaders'(Hunt.Riv. Gaz.16Apr.1c4). 1959 'the leaders being the mainstay of the team'(Tritton 36c2). 1964 'How patient those bullocks...the leaders and polers, all answering every command of the alert-eyed, whiskered bullocky'(Idriess 22).

leading dog 144.
1934 'The kelpie leading-dog and Bruce, the nondescript little huntaway'(Bull.16May.38c3).

lean to 74,78.
(ext.OED sb.A). 1880 'a few old weather-boards roughly nailed together for a "lean-to", roofed with rusty iron'(Inglis 38-9). 1887 'The hut itself was a mere "lean-to" of bark propped up by saplings' (Daly 157). 1911 'the lean-to was so thick with men, boys, valises, discarded garments...that it resembled a hive in a strong state of disorganization'(Bruce 173). 1926 'built themselves a lean-to of bagging, boughs and rusty flattened-out kerosene tins' (Prichard 88). 1953 'Saturday nights Dad would take a bath in the round iron tub in the lean-to at the back of the house'(Caddie 12). 1963 'I heard a voice singing from a corrugated-iron lean-to in one corner of a yard'(Lubbock 32). 1974 'But don't think this operation was just a matter of ripping down a few flimsy shelters and leantos scattered among the rainforest'(Nat.Rev.8-14 Feb.513).

learner 174,180.
(AND 1917-1979). 1891 'There were only 13 shearers at work, and of these two were learners' (News Cut.PL.Vol.3.15). 1910 'That young fellow is a "learner". He's never shorn before, except, perhaps, as a rouseabout'(Bean 179-80). 1917 'Of every ten pens at shearing operations, one at least shall be given to or reserved for a learner'(Aus.CCA 12). 1927-8 'Very few learners try the blades as they make harder work, and a man is supposed to turn out more sheep with the machines'(Aus.W. Ann.Vol.1.94). 1939 'Some hard old ewe was generally given to the learner'(Land FS Ann.23Aug.20c1). 1957 'This will encourage the learner to fill the comb, also to make full use of each blow most helpful in developing a good style of shearing'(McGarry 10). 1961 'The apprentice remains a "learner" until he has shorn 5000 sheep, as in the Federal award, which also provides for one pen in five to be allotted to a learner'(Jordan 241). 1971 'A "Learner" is defined in the Pastoral Industry Award as one who has not yet shorn 5000 sheep'(Coun.Life 23Jun.40).

learner's pen 180.
1964 'I've carried the swag to the sheds as a rouseabout and eagerly seized the chance of a learner's pen'(Idriess 196). 1978 'Old Stevo got me a learner's pen, even though the boss of the board thought I was a bit young'(Garvey 147).

leather combs.
1- head 161. 1904 'Then the leather--ead shearin' next laffed an' said suthin' what tickled up Rabbit-Skinner, what went for 'im, shears an' all'(Lancaster 80). 1- jacket 95. (AND 1770-1983). 1851 'I made some leather jackets--a mixture of flour and water worked into the consistency of a crumpet and cooked in the frying pan'(Tester 41). 1899 'The leathery necks he pinked 'em too'(Goodge 113). 1914 'The worst fault in sheep was wrinklie, or leathery neck, as we called it, and any sheep of that sort was considered the worst sort to breed from'(Hamilton 51-2). 1925 'they [shearers] struck a mob of leather-necks'(Aus. Work.4Mar.13c5). 1- neck (a) 173,190. (AND 1897-1945). 1902 'He [shearer] sneeringly calls [the rouseabout] "loppy" and a...
"leather-neck" (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 26). **1945** 'A leatherneck... in Australia he is a station handyman' (Baker 286).

**legging** 187.

1961 'Catching [sheep] by the leg is known as "legging" and is to be avoided for the above reason [risk of injury]' (Jordan 19).

**lerp** 93.  
(AND 1845-1979). 1848 'The natives of the Wimmera prepare a luscious drink from the laap [lerp], a sweet exudation from the leaf of the mallee' (Westgarth 73).

**let (ting) go / out chute, pen, race** 169. See **count(ing) out**.  
(AND 1925-1957). 1884 'W.H.F., & S.F., making doors for letting out pens' (M. Wilson 13 Feb). 1945 'The exit from the shearing board to the letting-go or counting-out pens should be sufficiently wide to allow free passage to large-framed horned sheep' (Pearse 112). 1957 'Letting-go-chute: An inclined surface down which the sheep slide to the counting-out pens after being shorn' (Ryan 207). 1957 'The gear is rotated and the sheep released and placed down the letting-go race' (Ryan 191). 1963 'At the first smokoh count-out, one of the shearers was disgusted to find there were very few sheep in his let-go pen' (Smith 135). 1973 'A standardised method must be used in regard to holding the sheep, removal of the fleece, and correct position in relation to the "hang" of the downtube and "letting go" chute' (Aus.Work. 14 Mar. 7c1).

**leveller** 181.  
1893 'But the great flock-masters of Australia, and for that matter the smaller ones too, have been made practically independent of that class of shearers known as the "leveller" or the "tomahawker" by the invention of the sheep-shearing machine' (McIvor 140-41).

**lever press** 204.  
1874 'the wool is pressed into bales either by a screw-press or a lever press' (Caird 23).

**lick (hole)** 152.  
(AND 1848-1936). 1889 'I went to the licking hole at back of Cottons fence to shoot kangaroos' (O'Shaughnessy 12 Jan). 1965 'Money is often unnecessarily spent in the purchase of mineral licks for stock' (Aus.Work. 13 Jan. 5c1).

**lift** 104.  
(AND 1875-1975). 1907 'Mr. McConachie started out yesterday with his plant for Buckingham Downs, where he will lift 1600 mixed cattle for Warwick' (Morn.Bull. 9 Jan. 7c3). 1908 'The sheep were lifted from Delta and are en route to Blayenburge, Winton' (Morn.Bull. 12 Mar. 8c3). 1964 'the horses and cattle "lifted" from big north-west New South Wales stations' (Idriess 80). 1970 'H. Sellen is lifting 8,000 mixed hoggets to Eddington, and will drove them to Marathon' (Queensland. 8 Jan. 35c2).

**light clipper / sheep** 162.  
1907 'As a general rule the very big sheep are light clippers' (Morn.Bull. 15 Jun. 9c5). 1930 'Last night the shed was filled up with ewes and lambs, and as the musterers say, that is the end of the "light" sheep' (Syd.M.Her. 7 Jun. 11c1).

**lilly pilly** 93.  
(AND 1854-1982). 1911 'I got lilly-pillys outer the bush, an' berries, an' I uster pull corn cobs an' roast 'em over a fire' (Brady 81).

**lime juicer** 112.  
1925 'The Barilby was a mean ship in the worst old Lime Juicer type--ill found in food and almost bare of medical comforts' (Aus.Work. 7 Jan. 8c2).
line (of road) 102. (AND 1828-1953). 1834 'Macdonald obtained a ticket-of-leave for...discovery of a new line of road to Wiseman's'(Syd.Her.7Jul.2c3). 1842 'difficulty of communication which some parts of the line of road present'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.3Feb.3c1). 1885 'if he could find any permanent water, that would break the long dry stages between our country and the Line'(Macansh 50). 1887 'as long as the line they are taking provides good grass and water, bushmen rarely leave it for a new track'(Daly 304).

line, run the 119. 1879 'Went round the Thirteen Mile and ran the lines of several blocks'(Macdonald 13Aug). 1899 'His work was to run the line through the mallee scrub, clearing it off for the width of one chain' (Derrincourt 131).

little settler, squatter 48. See also large-
1827 'With regard to little settlers, consisting of newly emancipated men and Ticket-men, they are much less to be pitied than "the old settler"'(Monitor 9Aug.574c2). 1838 'the daughter of George Wilson, a little settler at Lane Cove'(Monitor 28Feb.2c4). 1859 'little squatters who...select land in the middle of runs'(Gipps.Guard.6May 3c5).

livery 193. 1873 'The livery--principally the skirtings and edgings, and the short coarse or breech wool, that which comes from the breech of the animal'(Youatt 67).

lizard 136. (AND 1897-1945). 1902 'By "lizards" he means musterers--sometimes he calls them "snails"' (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.26). 1908 'The term "lizard" was one rather contemptuously applied to the shepherds by the horsemen'(Seagram 127). 1945 'Shepherds have been known variously as lizards, crawlers, snails and motherers'(Baker 63).

load up 185. 1907 'Load-up placing a comb and cutter on a handpiece'(Ryan 207). 1964 'To load up is to fit and time a comb and cutter so that they will cut without pulling'(R.Ryan Interview).

lobbolly (boy) 172,173. (ext.OED 1). 1904 'A slushy, a wood-and-water joey, a lobbolly boy!'(Palmer-Archer 213).

locate 53. See also unlocated.
(AND 1811-1952). 1810 'farms having been located in this fine tract of country in the time of the usurped Government'(Macquarie 1Dec.26). 1841 'many Hibernians of our acquaintance have located themselves here under the impression that provisions must be very cheap'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz.11Dec. 3c3). 1852 'In the earlier days of the Colony, no settler or squatter located himself on spots subject to drought, because there was plenty of "water privilege" for the existing population'(Mundy Vol.2.40-41).

locatee 50,52. (AND 1834-1855). 1834 'numerous instances of resumption of land which have taken place, in order to bestow them gratuitously upon other locatees, have received your Excellency's approbation'(Hob. T.Mag.Jun.179).

locater 53. (AND 1829,1847). 1829 'all locaters of town grants to build their houses in such a way as to leave 60 feet for carriage and foot roads'(Widowson 46).

location 53,114. (AND 1813-1865). 1824 'The locations here are large, a few containing two thousand acres each; but, as yet, little has been cultivated'(Curr 21). 1829 '[heading] Settler Taking Possession Of His Location'(Widowson 72). 1833 'in nineteen instances out of twenty, land had not been fenced, although parties had possessed their locations upwards of seven years smaller grants had almost all been fenced in'(Tasman.20 Dec.403c3).
location duties 53.
(AND 1832-1838). 1838 'Many of the large landholders have parted with one half of a grant, to the person who would fulfil the "location duties" by which the proprietor of the land is bound to expend 1s.6d. per acre within ten years'(Monitor 30 Jul.2c2).

lock and belly picker 192.
1957 'Otherwise, this wool is treated in the wool room by a "Lock and Belly Picker"'(East Syd.Tech. Vol.1.1).

lock(s) 169,170,185,187,191.
(OED sb.i.2). 1867 'The shearing boards should be kept constantly swept and clean from pieces and locks'(Jordan 90). 1876 'The total number of bales of greasy wool this season is 899, or 718 exclusive of locks and pieces'(Davison Letter. copy in Gardner 1956.131). 1885 'in many others [fleeces] the locks or "fribs" are attached to the outer side of the fleece'(Austral. 297). 1895 'The low sorts, such as bellies, pieces, and locks, are found in every fleece'(Gould 211).

locky and combs. 193,201.
1- fleece. 1950 'when the [very old] sheep is shorn the staples fall apart, and the fleece is known as a locky fleece'(Munz 150). 1- staple 1965 'a relatively pointed appearance in the region of the back [wool] it will, if inspected from the base side, frequently be found to have a thinly grown or locky staple'(Pearse 342). 1- tip 1900 'Locky tip is very thin, the staples being mostly small-bodied, and in the wool generally there is a great want of density. Wet will also cause a locky tip, causing the defect even to a greater extent than a dry season'(Hawkesworth 153).

lofty 199.
1900 'Lofty...a full, bold appearance, applicable to all classes of wool; even noils, short wools and locks, when of a larger-bodied growth than the average, are called "lofty"'(Hawkesworth 180). 1950 'Lofty...Full, bulky handle, due to the fibres being springy and well separated from each other'(Int. W.Sec.gloss.).

log fence / fencing 118.
(AND 1846-1897). 1833 'Part of the farm is cleared, fenced with good substantial post, rail, and log fencing'(Tasman.4 Oct.313c2)...'the whole of this extensive property might be fenced with a log fence at a trifling expense'(Tasman.22Nov.374c3). 1911 'Frill [neck] lizards...frequently are seen on a log fence'(Bull.16Feb.14c4).

log house / hut 76.
1802 'Not more than ten settlers had been able to erect dwellings better than log huts'(Barrington 178). 1835 'two strong log houses, one containing three rooms, the other without any division, are erected'(Aus.31Mar.1c6). 1866 'Mr. Daly was a remarkably well-to-do free selector with a comfortable log-house'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.87c2). 1890 'log-huts, with the walls built American fashion of horizontal tree-trunks'(Boldrewood 61).

long combs.
1- blow 185. (AND 1904-1979). 1917 'The shearer now gets in a long blow with the machine, running from the britch end to the top of the neck, till he has got the sheep shorn to the centre of
the back' (Smith 37). 1933 'In doing the long blow, let the sheep recline on the middle of its back, put your right leg between the sheep's hind legs, and allow the sheep's neck and shoulders to rest on your left instep' (McKenzie 7-8). 1943 'This is the long blow as the machine lays aside the creaming fleece in fold after fold along the back' (Shaw 29). 1952 'Then the sheep was on its side and Paddy was beginning the longest cut, the "long blow", from the flank to the top of the head' (Cleary 138). 1962 'This sample is taken either at commencement of the long blow or when coming down the whipping side' (Aus.C.Mag.Mar.20c3). 1971 'The sheep' wedged against his feet as he does the "long blow" down the flank' (Dubbo D.Lib.13May.6). 1- combing 208. 1842 'the long-combing wool, is used for the manufacture of hard yarn, and the worsted goods for which that thread is adapted, and requires the staple to be long, fine, and little disposed to felt' (Aus.NZ.Mag.282). 1- lick 75. 1911 'We baked johnny cakes last night, and we've a tin of "long lick" [water] to top up with' (Syd.Mail 12Jul.35c1). 1- paddock 121,135,141. (AND 1929-1985). 1931 'This word would go round like wildfire, Ridgelands is turning its stock into the "long paddock"' (Davidson 265). 1936 'You could not even say what you thought about the Praters when they turned their horses and cows into what they called The Long Paddock' (Austral.21Mar.52c1). 1959 'although no one, naturally, would-dream of allowing his cattle to infest the Long Paddock, some are always there' (Dark 104). 1965 'Another amendment discourages the use of stock routes as a "long paddock"' (Coon.Times 14Jan.17). 1980 'some farmers deliberately graze their stock on the reserves and the road (known as the "long paddock"), thereby conserving their own land and destroying the feed for legitimate drovers. Sometimes taking to the "long paddock" is the only way to keep stock alive' (Syd.M.Her. 17May.14c3-4). 1985 'Taking sheep into "the long paddock" is becoming more prevalent as the drought continues' (Syd.M.Her.21Jun.1c3). 1991 '200 of their hereford-simmentals, surviving in the long paddock' (Syd.M.Her.16Nov.3c8). 1- toe 152. 1917 'we could yard them [sheep] and go through them for long toes, as the last time I looked at them I noticed some long feet' (Want.Letter.22Jun.1).

loose bag 102. 1911 'The Billabong loose bag was left by the coach three times a week' (Bruce 248).

loppy, lousy 190. (AND 1897-1981). 1892 'Not much to look at, but just as superior to the ordinary "loppy" as the bona-fide shearer is to the scab' (Humer 17Sep.3c4). 1902 'His pet name for him is "loppy," or "ousy"; and he speaks of both as "shearers" and "labourers"' (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.28). 1910 'Woolgrowers and shearers, not to mention the lordly "loppy" or shed hand, have had a good spell of industrial peace' (Jackson 121). 1959 'came to the shed in the morning in a raging temper, to be greeted with smiling faces, and a chorus of "Good morning, sir," from 10 happy loppies' (Tritton 34).

lot feeding 134. 1971 'speakers will cover practical aspects of beef production on irrigation, lot feeding' (West Mac.25Jun.7).

lousy See loppy.

lower lines, lowsorts 191. 1895 'The lowsorts are found in every fleece' (Gould 211). 1957 'The picker-up should be instructed not to allow large quantities of lower lines--pieces, locks, bellies, and stains to accumulate on the board' (East.Syd.Tech.Vol.1.1).

lumpie 153. 1898 'The receipt showed that Garnsey and sons had sold nineteen bullocks, "lumpies," to P. Cooper to be killed for their hides' (Queen.24Sep.609c1). 1928 'The vets call the disease actinomycosis, but this is too much of a mouthful for cattlemen, who allude to stock with unnatural enlargements as "lumpies"' (Bull.26Dec.22c3).
lunge 107.
(OED v.i.1). 1851 'He has just been lunging Nelly's filly and finds her very quiet'(Ogilvie 1Jan). 1857 'opposite the slip-panel where we used to lunge the colts'(Cooper 59).

lustre 198.
1868 'Lustre means that silky brightness which does not appear until the wool is washed, and it must not be confounded with that kind of brightness which some wools have while in grease' (Jondaryan 14). 1902 'Lustre a metallic brilliancy confined to coarse, long wools'(Gold.Fleece 1Feb). 1912 'Lustre specifically implies bright long wools, principally English-grown'(Hunter 114). 1937 'Lustre...wools with a bright shining appearance which lack serrations--usually found in long wools'(Pelisse 194). 1945 'Lustre...a shine noticeable in long wools, caused by the light being reflected more directly by the larger outside scales of coarser wool'(Munz 152).

machine(s) 168, 178. See shearing machine (AND 1891-1940). 1895 'it was nothing more nor less than a stupid prejudice prevented machines from being used on all stations'(Gould 211). 1910 'Most shearsers told me "machines" were a bit faster and easier than "blades"'(Bean 195). 1956 'With blades the relation of catching pen door to the board or porthole is not so important as with machines'(Bowen 8-9). 1963 'in the early afternoon the shearsers wandered over to the shed, tested their machines, drew lots as to the choice of stands'(Smith 14).
m- shearer 180. 1922 'Expert machine shearsers can shear over 300 sheep a day under favourable conditions'(Perry 83). 1937 'Many old hands claim that the fastest machine shearer that ever worked in Queensland was Harry Livingstone'(Danger G. last page).
m- shearing 177, 181. 1894 'It is virtually within the past five years that machine-shearing has come to the front in the pastoral industry'(Fison 73). 1953 'Not taking kindly to machine shearing, he ceased to follow the calling, making out to south-west Queensland'(Eastman 44).
m- shears 178. 1888 'there have been shorn over 98,000 sheep in about seven weeks and not a sheep of the whole number except by the machine shears'(News.Cut.PL.Vol.3.27).
m- shed 168. 1891 'the strong desire shown by every man to get into a machine shed and shear with the machine'(ASU 20). 1911 'The big machine-sheds, as a rule, are roomy and substantial structures, though mostly built of galvanized iron'(Sorenson 237).
maggot fly 158. See fly.
1912 'We were having a great deal of trouble with the maggot fly'(Queen.13Jan.1c1).
maggotty 158, 159.
1976 'I didn't relish crutching maggotty sheep, but it was the only job I could get'(Telegraph 5Apr. 2c4).

mahogany 94.
(AND 1846, 1922). 1827 'it [ration] should be something else, than what is among those who eat it aptly termed "mahogany"*(Monitor 26Jun.472c1).

maiden (ewe) 162.
(OED sb.3). 1874 'Saw Jack McKid on way to Barraba with 2600 maidens'(Witten 16Jun). 1879 'Mustered Woolshed [paddock] maidens. Took out all old ewes and marked 122 lambs. Some of them are crossbred lambs from chance maidens'(Macdonald 30Sep). 1893 'Started to shear the maiden ewes'(Witten 19 Oct). 1966 'All the dry sheep (the wethers, maiden ewes, and hoggets)' (Newton 17).

mail 102.
(AND 1966-1984). 1981 'Large mail [reliable news] that the Players' Association is going to throw in its hand on the John Donnelly affair'(Sun Her. 12Apr. 88c4).
mail combs. 102. See also RMB.

**m· car** 1942 'his father runs the mail-car here'(Langley 94). **m· contract** 1920 'now he's doing his best to get the mail-contract out of our hands'(Palmer 37). **m· contracting** 1870s "Mail Contracting" was first started in the Mid-Lachlan in 1855. The mails in those first contracts were conveyed on horseback'(Budd 45 (2)). **m· route** 1947 'worked at the fences out along the mail-route'(Maclean 51). **m· truck** 1963 'Twice a week, the mail-truck from Bourke brought out their stores and fresh vegetables'(Lubbock 44). **m· man** 1851 'the mailman got drunk at a sly-grog shop on the road'(Bath.F.Press 8Nov.4c3). 1893 'I sent Jack Sinclair to meet the Cowra and [unclear] Flat mailman at the Burrowa River crossing'(O'Shaughnessy 14Feb).

**main hut** 77. 1886 'the home station in those days consisted of what was called the "main hut," generally a structure about forty feet long by twenty broad'(Garran Vol.3.756).

**Major Mitchell(ing)** 102. (AND 1900-1981). 1908 'he left the camp just before dark, consequently, though able to steer straight enough through the first belt of scrub it was too hard for him to do so in this scrub, which accounts for his major-mitchelling tactics'(Seagram 181). 1936 "To Major Mitchell" is to wander aimlessly' (Walkabout 1Feb.46c2).

**Major combs.** 102.

**M·, the** 1883 'In some localities the track or road which his drays left behind is called "the Major" to this day'(Curr 22). **M·'s line** (AND 1853-1886). 1883 'The "Major's line" is a term signifying the track, or line of road, formed by the drays of Major (afterwards Sir Thomas) Mitchell in his explorations'(Curr 22). 1936 'Making the famous "major's line" Mitchell explored Australia-felix, and thereby inspired the trek of cattle-driving overlanders from N.S.W.'(Austral.4Jan.4c4). **M·'s track** 1838 'Commenced journeying with nothing but the "Major's Track" to guide us looked ahead and found that there was better grass on the Billabong Creek, so he turned off the Major's track' (Docker 6).

**make** 114. (ext.OED v.i.48.c). 1847 'it is possible to perform the overland journey so as to make a station every night'(Bell's 3Jul.3c3).

**make combs.** 103. (ext.OED v.i 48.c). **m· back** 1847 'they [cattle] generally try to make back to their old run' (Harris 258). **m· down** 1945 They gathered that Duke was "making down" to Logan, where he intended to honour a travelling tent show with his presence'(Tennant 17). **m· into** 100. 1932 'eventually the place was sold and they made out into Queensland'(Scott 61c2).

**m· haste cakes** 95.

1893 'spread it [dough mixture] out very thin and baked it on top of the hot charcoal--these were called make haste cakes'(Demarr 107).

**mallee (the)** 68. (AND 1910-1985). 1865 'they tracked him to the mallee, but they were compelled to abandon the search, having indeed very little hope of his having survived'(Tumut A.Times 24Apr.2c3). 1885 'The operations connected with cutting the new track to avoid the mallee have at length been brought so near to a conclusion that the road is open to traffic'(Town C.Journ.10Jan.75c1). 1891 'do you remember when you were going to drown yourself because the cows and calves had escaped into the mallee'(Truth 15Mar.7c3). 1902 'Testimonial sent to the Horsham Times (Vic.) setting forth qualifications of a laborer in the mallee'(Bull.26Apr.14c3). 1927 'In Victoria 2057 applications were sent in for 444 blocks made available in the mallee during the last three years'(Aus.Work.28Dec. 4c2). 1934 'For 450 miles he will not see a single gum tree till the mallee of Ooldea sandhills is reached'(Telegraph 10 Oct.7c3). 1977 'She's out on the Mallee in a rotten old army tent, the kids half dyin' n all the rest of it'(Gilbert 35).

**mallee combs.**

**m· country** 71. (AND 1851-1909). 1880 'I left Melbourne for the purpose of visiting and ascertaining the condition of that strange and out-of-the-way region known as "the mallee country"' (Austral.Sketch.5Jun.119c1). 1922 'Some of those Sydney politicians who do all their farming in Macquarie Street have been talking a lot about agricultural potentialities of the mallee...
country'(Aus. Work.12Jul.23c1). 1934 'at Sea lake, in the Mallee country'(Aus.Work.14Nov.16c3). m- dust storm 88. 1981 'The Mallee dust storms could travel hundreds of miles to affect town and city people'(Adam-Smith 8). m- land 71. 1911 'the presence of crowds of young farmers unable to get mallee land is being taken advantage of'(Syd.Mail 5Jul.11c1). m- man 68. 1901 'Just to show them high-toned seraphs what a mallee-man can do'(Bull.Rec.122). m- roller 68. (AND 1910-1977). 1981 'The Mallee...in north-west Victoria, was being turned into a dust bowl by steam-driven "mallee-rollers" and tree trunks dragged behind horse teams with heavy chains'(Adam-Smith 8). m- scrub 68. (AND 1845-1955). 1851 'All the back country is one mass of Mallee scrub' (O'Shaughnessy 6). 1857 'This Mallee scrub, as it is called, consists of a dense wood of a dwarf species of gum-tree, Eucalyptus Dumosa'(Howitt Vol.2.2). 1879 'It is not often that persons who are lost in the terrible mallee scrub ever regain the haunts of men again'(Austral.Sketch.10May 30c3). 1899 'His work was to run the line through the mallee scrub'(Derrincourt 131). 1925 'In bygone years the vast district known as the Mallee Scrub, lying to the north and north-west [in Victoria], was considered as not worth saving'(Austral.10Jan.63c3). 1977 'Mulga was the official grave-digger at the local cemetery--a small unfenced clearing amid mallee scrub'(Howcroft 8). m- scrubber 22,147. 1888 'Don't be tearing away through thick timber, like a mallee scrubber that's got into the open' (Boldrewood 74). m- stick 109. 1882 'Each trooper was provided with a stout mallee stick so that in the event of the animal rushing at either of us it was to be met with a blow on the nose'(Tolmer Vol.2.20).


man over the board 176. 1900 'The latter place was the headquarters of the overseer, book keeper, man over the board, and wool classer'(Syd.S.S.Journ.20Mar.5c2).

Manchester method 158. 1967 'The Manchester method, rarely manchesteering, is a method of lessening the danger of flystrike by eliminating wrinkles at the breech with caustics'(Letter Knox).

manna 93. 1834 'The elegant drooping manna trees [eucalyptus]...secreted a peculiar saccharine mucilaginous substance called manna' (Bennett Vol.1.319). 1865 'under most of the gum-trees in the neighbourhood of Orange, manna is plentiful just now. The gum-trees being in blossom and the unusual dryness of the weather accounts for the abundance of this singular exudation'(Tumut A.Times 1May.2c2). 1867 'In the manna country and season, they (ants) appear as if conveying bags of flour on their backs'(Morison 34). 1926 'White sugary substance that lay so abundantly on the grass about the peppermint gums made by cicadas "the manna makers"'(Pals M.237 c1).

marbly 200. 1945 'Softness and rich colour are desirable, too, but the hard white "marbly" wool should be avoided'(Pearse 153).

mark 137,146. 1867 'Advantage is taken of this opportunity to "mark" the lambs, by cutting notches in the ears, each sex having a different notch'(Jordan 65). 1882 'Marked 164 ewe lambs & 146 wether lambs from 529 ewes'(M.Wilson 14Jul). 1896 'He promised to come over in the evening to mark the lambs'(O'Shaughnessy 26 Oct). 1907 'Marked lambs...that have been tailed and ear marked'(Cooper 60). 1916 'I think we shall mark the lambs that [have] not been marked sometime before shearing' (Want.Letter.10Sep.4). 1932 'Sheep may be lambing and, if so, unmarked lambs are not to be taken into account [in a tally]'(Scott 58c2). 1953 '[a race] will be found invaluable from a point of view of mouthing, culling, marking and branding the shorn sheep'(Cooper 35). 1962 'At this time the tails are cut short, ears are clipped (marked) with the
owner's registered mark, and in most cases ram lambs are castrated'(Barnard 67). 1970 'a part-time station hand to mark and cut lambs'(Sun Her.4 Oct.15).

marking 149,150.
1972 'After marking, the tails are counted, and the percentage of lambs ascertained'(Perry 81).
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marron 91.
Meekathara staggers 153. See staggers
1994 'Meekathara staggers is a disease affecting cattle, not a hazard for drinkers'(Syd.M.Her.6Aug. 30).

melon hole 83.
1847 The soil of the Bricklow scrub is a stiff clay, washed out by the rains into shallow holes, well known by the squatters under the name of melon-holes(Leichhardt 9). 1881 The plain is full of deep melon-holes(Grant 220). 1934 'a small water-filled melonhole in the short-grassed paddock forty or fifty yards away'(Bull.21Mar.38c3).

melon hole country 83.
1929 Then Constable Pitchem told us of melon-hole country--great caverns in the clay surface disguised and hidden by tall grass, where horses broke their legs and collapsed in untidy messes, and there was no need to bury them'(Macquarrie 75). 1957 'We picked our way through the melon-hole country where fallen logs criss-crossed shallow depressions'(Porteous 219). 1976 'A Lismore farmer has come up with a new way of cultivating melon hole country'(Ag.Gaz .Apr.64c1).

men's hut 77.
1842 'A farm consists of a very good house, three barns, three stables, coach-house...men's huts' (Hunt.Riv.Gaz.16Apr.1c3).

merino 148,149.
(AND 1826-1976). 1838 'Merinos were brought to Australia for the first time in 1788, but attracted little attention, owing to the want of rams'(Blacklock 7-8). 1848 'Except the merino, few breeds have been tried, and none with equal success'(Haygarth 43). 1857 'The sheep were of the Spanish or Merino breed more prized for fine wool than for feeding properties in New South Wales'(Askew 310). 1867 'the acclimatised Australian Merino is without exception the most satisfactory sheep to cultivate'(Jordan 1). 1875 'My sheep are of the "Merino" breed, and my wool generally realises in London from 2s. to 2s.6d. per lb.'(Brodribb 7). 1886 'large numbers of superior Saxon and German merinos were imported for speculative purposes and it is worthy' of notice that the highest-priced Queensland clips of the present day trace their origin to these'(Garran Vol.2.408). 1897 'It is beyond our province to advocate either merinos or crossbreds as likely to prove the more profitable the choice must be mainly dependent upon the suitability of each holding for the particular class of sheep' (Gold.Mort 4). 1915 'at the 41st annual merino stud sheep fair bidding was very slack'(Syd.M.Her. 6Jul.6c1). 1941 'Very low grade Merino rams are frequently seen among farm flocks'(Goddard 16). 1960 "Merino" types made up over 70 p.c. of last years clip'(Aus.C.Mag.Mar.95c1).

merry widow 179.

mess combs.

m- account 205,173. 1927-8 'Each man's share of the cook's wages and of the mess account is deducted from the amount earned by him'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.107). m- hut 168. 1968 'The mess hut is usually a dining room and kitchen combined, but partitioned off from each other'(R.Ryan Interview ). m- sheet 205. 1931 'Enter the names of the men in the mess on the mess sheet, keeping the names in the above order'(Grazcos 12).

mess v. 168.
(ext.OED v.3). 1902 'Lord, it was a funny act--magistrate, policeman, witness and prisoner, all messing together (in the bush) and as jolly as could be with each other'(Praed 203).

message stick 101.
(AND 1878-1980). 1878 'The message-stick no doubt conveyed intelligence to Jacob [Aboriginal interpreter] of some sort'(Smyth Vol.1.354). 1898 'The message-stick is nothing more than a sort of...mark to identify the sender...nothing on it in the form of communication'(Bull.8Jan.1898 red
1969 'Message-sticks are also carried by those who travel for trading purposes and are accepted as establishing the credit of the sender'(Abbie 185). 1974 'Send me a message stick some time'(Niland 158).

metal 104.

n. (OEDS sb.11). 1878 '4 chains of forming and metal [road]'(O'Shaughnessy 28Nov). 1922 'the flud warters washin or the metel orf the road'(Melb.Her.12Jul.6c6).
v. 1977 'We came out onto the main road and had good travelling for once more it was mettled [sic] for several miles'(Hobbs Paper p8.ref.1812).

metalling 100-101.

1879 '12" drain pipes will be sent by train to Gunning for you to fix at the junction of your metalling with the Main Southern road'(Gunn.H.Soc.McCrystalletter 17May).

mia mia, mimi 74.

(AND 1839-1981). 1850 'I heard Ellis and Walmer ask Herrin to show them the blacks' mia mias' (Melb.Her.23Feb.2c4). 1881 The only thing we could do, under the circumstances, was to make preparations for passing the night; so we built up a mia mia of bushes'(Evans 170). 1898 'they could pass the wettest day or night in their mia-mias, warm and dry'(Dunderdale 168-9). 1899 'he and his sister had camped for the night under a "mimi" or rude brush shelter put up by Swanhill Jack'(Walker 202-3). 1904 Then you send your old man to make a mia-mia behind the cart-shed at the homestead' (Palmer-Archer 125). 1922 'the flud warters washin orl the metel orf the road'(Melb.Her.12Jul.6c6). 1926 'Then you send your old man to make a mia-mia behind the cart-shed at the homestead'(Palmer-Archer 125). 1932 'Some hairbreath escapes from a charging "Mick" or old crow, would be an item for the day'(Scott 21c1). 1937 'Your reliable broncho horse never gets perturbed should an extra big "mickey" prove refractory'(Walkabout 1Feb.21c1).

mickery(man) 83.

(AND 1899-1971). 1934 'A mickery was a timbered well-shaft sunk into the sandy bed of a creek. In the days before the artesian bore the mickery man was an institution on most stations in n­w Queensland'(Bull.22Apr.18c2). 1934 'the Western Queensland mickery is only a survival of the age-old contrivance for raising water which the Arabs call the shaduf'(Bull.11Jul.20c3). 1956 'Your reliable broncho horse never gets perturbed should an extra big "mickey" prove refractory'(Walkabout 1Feb.21c1).

mickey 148.

(AND 1876-1984). 1865 'Some little Merriment was caused when it was ascertained [for a trial judge] that a mickey signified an unbranded animal'(Goulb.Her.25 Oct.2c2). 1881 The mickey [roped] feels the strain, and gives a great leap'(Grant Vol.1.227). 1887 'Harold's blood was now up, and he swung his gun round for a snap shot; but the "mickey" had had enough of this furious galloping'(Nicols Vol.2.94). 1911 'his mob of cows, with, here and there, a few well-grown "mickies"'(Syd.Mail 7Jun.34c1). 1918 'unbranded "mickies" among them--eighteen months old' (Fetherstonhaugh 62). 1926 'Nudgee had captured a mickie by galloping alongside and throwing him by a deft twist of the beast's tail'(Aus.Work.8Dec.13c4). 1932 'Some hairbreath escapes from a charging "Mick" or old crow, would be an item for the day'(Scott 21c1). 1937 'Your reliable broncho horse never gets perturbed should an extra big "mickey" prove refractory'(Walkabout 1Feb.21c1).

mill 1. 138.150. (OED v.i.12). 1953 'Stock mill in a circle. Mill is the city term'(Lamond 284).

2. 209. (OED v.i.1). 1950 'Cloth made by the woollen process..."milled" or "felted" to give the characteristic surface to the cloth'(Int.Wool Sec.46).
mimi See mia mia

mizzle 88.
(OED v.i.1). 1932 'It was a wet day, mizzling rain, and in the thick scrub I could make no headway' (Scott 49c2).

mob 123,136.
.n. (AND 1828-1978). 1838 'not a rise nor a tree nor an object of any kind to interrupt the view, with the exception of "mobs" of cattle scattered over the surface' (Walker 8). 1847 'We had fine weather, and drove our "mob" wide of the settlement (Bathurst township)' (Harris 257). 1861 'The morning after our arrival we rode to see a mob of horses which had been driven into the yard' (Laye 142). 1884 'Morgan and Bailey were in charge of a mob of cattle, which they had to deliver to Mr. Nicholson' (Bris.Cour.13.Oct.6c6). 1916 'Bligh admitted he had 6,000 sheep in the mob' (Queen.1Jan.35c2). 1935 'For several months they lived there, and watered 40 bullocks, 12 horses, and a small mob of ration sheep daily from the well' (Queen.4Jul.2c2). 1942 'The number of sheep in the shepherd's mob was generally from nine hundred to a thousand and they were usually yarded each night' (Glasson 6). 1962 'Driving a mob of sheep with a sick tail end can be difficult' (Aus.C.Mag. Nov.6c3).

v. mob up 137.
1953 'Thus the sheep missed previously have the opportunity to "mob up" and join in with the shorn sheep' (Stronach 31).

moccasin 179.
(ext.OED 1). 1818 'a total want of provisions, which reduced them to eat the skin mocassons [sic] from their feet. [note:] A covering made of kangaroo skin, used instead of shoes' (Wells 19-20). 1902 'His mocassins--bag-shoes--are also stowed here in a convenient niche' (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.28). 1956 'The materials required to make two pairs of mocassins are: one good sack, five lengths of twine, a packing needle, and blade shears' (Bowen 15). 1963 'He thought of the time when he was a shearer and wore no socks--only bag mocassins made from woolpacks' (Smith 15). 1975 'dressed in a sleeveless flannel singlet, blue dungarees, and flap-over mocassins' (Ryan 33).

moit 207,208.
.n. (AND 1899-1965). 1899 'Moits...short pieces of stick and scrub, principally found in the neck wool' (Sinclair 66). 1937 'moit...is any vegetable matter in the wool such as burrs, seeds, thorns, twigs' (Wool.Man.29). 1953 'The former [natural impurities] consists of sweat and yoke and the latter [foreign impurities] of burr, moits (such as sticks, straw and vegetable matter) and mineral substances (such as sand, soil or dust)' (Cooper 31). 1965 'Moit(s), pieces of stick and rubbish matted in wool, especially the neck wool' (Gunn ii 4).

v.
1899 'the Sorter then proceeds to "moit" the fleece, that is to clip off the tar brand if there be any, and to pick off all loose twigs, &c.' (Jeffrey 97).

moity 207.
.(AND 1878-1928). 1870 'This [fleece] is termed by wool-brokers and classers "moity," or full of motes' (Graham 59). 1878 'wool that has been subjected to dock sticks or dock seeds, is what we term "moity wool," and in consequence of such moits, the wool which includes them is depreciated to the extent of 20 per cent' (NZ C.Journ. Vol.2.399). 1883 'Some of the runs are partly covered with ferns and brushwood, rendering the wool grown thereon somewhat "moity," and so affecting its price to a considerable extent' (Gibson 2). 1897 'Moity...[with] extraneous matter, such as seeds, burrs, twigs, grass, etc.' (Gold.Mort 12). 1907 'Moity...containing all kinds of vegetable matter in the shape of straw, twigs, leaves, seeds, &c.' (Jeffrey 149). 1931 'It is, too, often "moity," that is, containing pieces of vegetable matter, sticks, pieces of thistles, etc.' (Cowley 63). 1941 'Moity refers to wool containing chaff from feeding or small sticks and leaves when sheep have been grazing on bush' (Goddard 42). 1950 'Moity Wool which contains vegetable matter other than seed or burr, such as fern, bark, straw and similar substances' (Belschner 699). 1961 'In all free clips moity necks are treated as skirtings and removed' (Eves 13).
moke 105.
(AND 1863-1976). 1896 'Your friend, or mate, or whatever he is, can stay here and mind the mokes' (Ferres 146). 1903 'Liver colour white hind feet; bang tail. One of the best mokes on the station' (Furphy 41). 1915 'But Hash wanted a trial of the other moke before he took delivery'(Bull.2.Sep.26c4). 1923 'The darndest moke I ever 'ad is this 'ere one'(Aus.Work.11Jul.12c3). 1935 'Met one darky near Forest Vale who was riding a scraggy moke, whilst his gin trudged behind with a swag'(Queen.1Aug.2c2). 1956 'I never yet knew a battler that wouldn't handle a few mokes'(Ronan 84). 1977 'the ringmaster with a great flourish ushered in a poor, herring-gutted, bony old moke which he introduced as the champion buck-jumper of Australia'(Howcroft 6).

moles, moleskins 179.
(AND 1860-1976). 1835 'Just received twelve cases white and drab moleskins'(Com.Journ.13Aug.3c3). 1879 'trousers of a kind known in the slop-shops as "coloured moles"'(Anon.125). 1888 'Though our pants are moles and apparently made / With the aid of a toinahawk'(Sladen 170). 1895 'The shearer's mode of dress is both simple and inexpensive, merely a pair of moleskin pants and a merino singlet or flannel'(Gould 215).

money side 185.
1951 'some young shearer has stolen a march on his faster mates and got onto the "money-side" first, and a bit of an ironic cheer goes up'(McLeod 29).

Mongolian 28.
(AND 1859-1913). 1891 '[the graziers with] evident determination to continue employing Chinese [as scab labour]...will be left with the Mongolians to keep them company'(Lab.Bull.28Feb.2).

monkey
1. 136,161. (AND 1876-1944). 1881 'no one felt better pleased than he did to see the last lot of "monkeys", as the shearers usually denominated sheep, leave the head station'(Grant 66). 1885 'Monday mornings when the "drum" [swag] was dumped down and the week's monkey-shearing commenced'(Bull.15Aug.14c2). 1893 'Now and then the light showed you the brown grass-lark or a quail whizzed away from your approach, or you lit upon a "mob" of the wild, timid, yet inquisitive "monkeys" (sheep)''(Adams 137). 1905 'You've only got to sport your dover and knock a monkey over--/ There's cheap mutton for the Wallaby Brigade'(Paterson 126). 1907 'Musterers or Monkey Dodgers--men employed in mustering sheep'(Cooper 61). 1965 'Cutting a Monkey [song title]'(Aus.C.Life Vol3.25).

2. 204. 1908 'After the bale is pressed, and the "monkey" is down, the front and back flaps are thrown temporarily over the bale'(Aus.C.Life Vol3.25). 1961 'By applying pressure to the monkey, it forces the wooden lid down and all the wool is held under compression in the lower box'(Jordan 191). 1963 'It [wool press] had a long-geared shaft which moved the "monkey"--a kind of ram--up and down'(Smith 13).

3. monkey grip / strap
(a) 107. (AND 1911-1958). 1962 'You may grasp the saddle fore and aft, cling until you pull the monkey strap out by the roots but if your balance is faulty you'll still fail to stay with him'(Aus.C. Mag.May.45c1). 1965 'On a child's riding pad there was always a monkey strap to hang on with' (Crevelo Note). 1975 'The rails were thrown aside, and Mitchell, once out in the open, threw away the reins and grabbed the monkey grip with both hands'(Ryan 32).
(b) 177. 1965 'And about "monkey" for driver--How did "monkey" come in there?...the monkey strap would be that for the driver [on handshears] too(R.Ryan Interview).

monkey mouth 153.
1928 'Undershot or "monkey mouth" jaws are quite common, and would never be tolerated here, as such a sheep would be very much handicapped in its feeding'(Lascelles Aug.67).
moonlight(ing) 136,148.
  AND 1886,1892.  1892 'have you had a ride after moonlighters lately'(Boldrewood 46). 1924 'The musterers therefore operated on moonlit nights, and were known as moonlighters'(Aus.Work:8 Oct. 13 c1).

moonlighting 148.
  AND 1880-1978.  1870s 'occupations of Scrub riding, buckjump riding, and "Moonlighting" gave zest and life to the spirits of those early settlers'(Budd 22 (1)). 1881 'The exciting occupation of moonlighting we had no opportunity of sharing. Moonlighting upon the whole is not a remunerative affair, and it is the custom with some to shoot the scrubbers down on the spot'(Senior 67-8). 1929 'a sense of obligation urged him to stick to Conal until the whole of the mob they had moonlighted together was disposed of'(Prichard 218). 1932 'a famous stock rider and a good all round man, while in the scrub and moonlighting he was a wonder'(Scott 17 cl).

mop, muff 124.
  1833 'We understand that the gentry, vulgarly designated "mops," had a grand corobora lately' (Currency Lad 30Mar.3c2). 1984 (ref.1880's) 'Monica...was miffed. She thought him a muff' (Lawrence 129).

Moreton Bay rot 99.
  1817 'all the ills flesh is heir to such as fever and ague, Moreton Bay rot (skin scurvy) sandy blight and dysentery'(Fetherstonhaugh 207).

morgazeen See moccasin

mosquito peg 78.
  AND 1908,1935.  1908 "Mosquito-pegs," the bushmen call these stakes'(Gunn 27).

motey See moity

mother hair 163,202.
  1944 'Mother hair long, coarse "halo hairs" which are not uncommon in the wool of young lambs. Many of them are "kemp-like" in nature and are usually shed within three months of birth'(Minter 71). 1950 'Mother hair long, coarse, harsh, chalky kelps which sometimes occur on new-born lambs. They are shed and may or may not be replaced by normal wool fibres in the same follicle'(Belschner 699).

mouser 181.
  AND 1895,1965.  1895 'And the boss severely dams / The mercenary mouser who opens on the rams'(Bull.13Jul.23). 1965 'Mouser...the man who is out to make all the money he can... could disturb the peace and good fellowship in a shed'(Gunn ii 5).

mouth(ing) 139.
  AND 1870-1961.  1862 'mouthed all the ewes--took out 161 for fattening'(White 25Jan). 1870 'when they were "mouthed," at the time of delivery, fully 25 per cent of them were found with teeth worn down to the gums'(Graham 32). 1899 'At such times, "mouthing" is the safest system to adopt'(Jeffrey 37). 1913 'Sheep drafting in those days had to be done by hand, and my lot had to be mouthed and picked out of some twelve thousand sheep'(Gray 58). 1919 'Started to mouth ewes to take out old ewes'(Caldwell 31 Oct). 1965 'As soon they were drafted and mouthed the ewes were put out in the high basins'(Anderson 173).

mow 183.
  1888 'And when the shearers begin to mow'(Bull.17Nov.15c1).

mucklump 166.
  1952 'Hard lumps of dung and earth dried on to the wool between the back legs and the root of the tail termed: dags, clarts, shirlings or mucklumps'(Haigh 101).
Mud puff 66.
1888 'A few hot springs exist in Queensland at the present day, and several cases of "mud puffs" have been noted'(Sykes 14).

Mudgee (stone) 178.
(AND 1909-1964). 1959 "Mudgee stones" (a slate stone obtained only in that district) were always admired and few shearsers would allow anyone to use their "Mudgee"(Tritton 31c1).

Muff See mop

Muffled 166.
1961 'When wool grows up from the jaw (jaw pieces) and grows down from the forehead (crest or "wig") the face is known as "muffled"(Jordan 7). 1970 'muffled face, like skinfold, is a valuable indicator of constitutional fault'(Dun and Eastoe 89).

Mules 158,159.
v. (AND 1946-1986). 1945 'better results will be achieved by "Mulesing" them at that age [weaning] than at marking time, though it will be necessary to crutch or shear the patients first'(Pearse 389). 1954 'in four instances sheep were mulesed and in another they were jetted twice a year'(Aus.Bur. Ag.Ec.14). 1961 They say in the south that many men don't mules at all any more'(Aus.C.Mag. Sep.49c1). 1971 'Autumn drop lambs can be safely and effectively mulesed at lamb marking' (Gren.Rec.4Jun.3).

Mules operation 158.
1939 'the operation of crutch-fold removal (known in Australia as the Mules' operation) in the prevention of crutch strike among Merinos'(CSIRO Journ.Feb.53). 1946 'The original Mules operation consisted essentially of the removal of certain folds of wool-bearing skin from the crutch, and was not performed on plain-breeched sheep'(Vic.Dep.Ag.88). 1951 'Mules operation was performed on five sample properties and another five intended to commence the operation'(Aus.Bur. Ag.Ec.44). 1961 'The Mules operation involves slicing of loose wrinkly skin in the crutch area using a pair of dagging shears'(Jordan 216). 1973 'a mob of sheep to be mulesed off-shears will have to come through [shearing] when the mulesing operation can be started'(Aus.C.Mag.Jul.45).

Mulesing 158-9.
1947 'I consider mulesing a most important step in reducing fly strike'(Queen.C.Life 27Nov.3c5). 1962 'Clean mulesing beats blood poisoning'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.30c1). 1971 'There is a need for breeders...to mules their lambs at lamb marking. The benefits of mulesing have been well demonstrated'(Leeton N.Shop.19May.2).

Mulga
1. 69-70. (AND 1898-1969). 1902 'Mitchell and I turned off the track at the rabbit-proof fence and made for the tank in the mulga'(Lawson (2) 109). 1908 'Let 'em prospect in the mulga where the ants get in yer 'air'(Dryblower 28). 1952 'A drove Eighteen hundred miles through the mulga'(Cour. Mail 17May.2c1). 1968 'He worked on a station that was 12 miles from Corowa, not all that far, but it was out in the mulga'(Merritt Interview, Wagga Wagga ).

Mulga combs. 68-69.

M- bred (AND 1899,1930). 1901 'I'd forgotten for a moment you are not all mulga-bred' (Stephens 14). m- clan 1902 'And if you like to learn a bit about the Mulga Clan / Just listen to the patter of the western shearerman'(Gold.Fleece 2Jun.26). m- country 1924 'Besides, he knows the mulga country from A to Z'(Aus.Work.9Jul.1c4). m- engine 1901 'For I'd got an awful singeing while I watched this mulga engine / Doing all that I've related--through a cracked brick oven lid' (Stephens 16). m- fed 1895ca 'And a stranger there was present, one who seemed quite city-bred / There was little showed about him to denote him "mulga-fed"'(cit.Cutlack 1962.132). m- feed 1901 'With his load of station honour and his weight of mulga feed'(Bull.Reciter 9). m- mail 1906 'To Postmaster, Wiluna, Mulga Mail'(cit.Open Road
Oct.1972). 1972 'How the Mulga Mail was born--and died [headline]'.

Mulga scrub 1893 'When the last rose-tint is fading on the distant mulga scrub'.

Mulga shack 1947 'The little hut was made of iron--the genuine mulga shack, if ever there was one'.

Mulga wire 98. (AND 1899-1983). 1899 "How do you hear it?" "Mulga wires, missus, mulga wires".

Such news is carried in the bush by mulga wire--in other words, by travellers passing from place to place'.

Her impressions will be flashed to the cities by wireless rather than by the old-time "mulga wires"

"Mulga wires," a mysterious bush system of telegraphy, were also helped along'.

Mulga mullenizer 69. See mallee roller

Mullock over 186.

Mulga mungaree(r) 90.

Mulga, mungaree(r) 90.

Mungo 208.

Mungo over 186.

Mungo, mungaree(r) 90.

Murray paddler 111.

Murrumbidgee blanket 203.

Mushroom contractor 171.

Mushy 200-201.
refers to wool without any regular staple and is often dry and open' (Goddard 42). 1953 'the short fuzzy head wool, should be removed; also brands and any earthy and mushy backs' (Cooper 36). 1965 'Along the back of many fleeces wool may be seriously weathered so that staple formation has been largely destroyed, the fleece has opened up and it has become harsh and "mushy"' (Henderson 34).

**muster**

n. 136-138, 150. (AND 1841-1956). 1813 'a General Muster at the several Stock yards or districts where the herds grazed' (Hist. Rec. Ser. 1. Vol. 7. 741). 1835 'The scruffy and swampy nature of the Country has all along prevented me from making a complete muster' (Colonist 12 Mar. 88c3). 1844 'I have had several musters of my cattle since, but have never seen the beast' (Hawk. Cour. 11 Jul. 4c1). 1878 'the cattle being branded up, the business in the country town settled, the musters completed, and the stockmen gone home, he used to settle down for a week or two at home' (Boldrewood 2). 1902 'Stragglers are stray sheep missed in the general muster and found about the out paddocks and shorn after the general shearing' (Lawson (2) 79). 1920 'No dances or gatherings at muster-time, and most of the young men away' (Palmer 22). 1929 'they were setting for a three weeks' muster' (Prichard 238). 1962 'I'd never go out on a muster, not even to bring the ration sheep in, without taking my saddle flystrike kit' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 7c1).

v. 119, 144. (AND 1813-1972). 1813 '[Stock yards] where it is intended the Government Cattle shall in future graze, for the purpose of Mustering and Marking them' (Hist. Rec. Ser. 1. Vol. 7. 745). 1824 'I remember him getting into trouble about a fortnight before his cattle were mustered' (Aus. 9 Dec. 2c4). 1841 'accustomed routine of country establishments, such as superintending agriculture, mustering cattle, issuing rations, and keeping accounts' (Monitor 10 Feb. 2c4). 1853 'Once in two or three months it is necessary to "muster" cattle' (Sherer 364). 1879 'Mustering cattle and branding up today, will finish by Thursday' (Macdonald 25 Nov.). 1894 'In the Antipodes, flocks aggregating sometimes 150,000 have to be mustered, driven to the shearing shed, and there denuded of their fleecy coats' (Fison 67). 1903 'Spanker had called in every man on the station, to muster the ewes' (Furphy 187). 1916 'On Wednesday last we mustered the old Woolshed [paddock] weaners' (Want. Letter. 29 Dec. 2). 1932 '5 men would not be out of place as an extra man makes a difference in mustering' (Gibson 2 Nov.). 1965 'He was worried about this: he had not seen us muster at night before' (Gascoigne 161). 1971 ['heard'] the faint coo-ee from the rider nearest to me as we mustered through the thick scrub' (Narr. News 20 Apr. 10).

**musterer** 129, 136. (AND 1863-1980). 1891 'It has lately become the fashion to make boundary-riders and musterers find [pay for] their own saddles' (Truth 5 Apr. 7c3). 1902 'The musterers are yarning fresh "mobs" of "woollies," and presently take out the shorn flocks' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 28-9). 1918 'The demands of the A.P.U. for increased rates of pay for Musterers and Shepherds were read and discussed' (Labatt 21). 1953 'He suggested the classifications could be classified to include only boundary riders, stockmen, and musterers' (Cour. Mail 8 Sep. 7c1).

**mustering** 136, 137. (AND 1847-1978). 1845 'He was engaged in mustering to find out how many [cattle] were killed [by blacks] (Franklands diary n.d.). 1913 'One night a lot of 'em went out mustering, and rounded up the duffers in Pete McGrath's scrub' (Syd. Mail 5 Mar. 27c1). 1927-8 'Bad mustering means extra expense, and is likely to mean no sheep for the shearers' (Aus. W. Ann. Vol. 1. 90). 1934 'Alfred did the mustering and daddy the woolrolling' (Aus. Work. 14 Nov. 19c4). 1950 'The purposes for which mustering is carried out are many—the changing of a flock from one paddock to another—docking and ear-marking the lambs, and probably foot-rotting the ewes at the same time—bringing in the sheep for shearing, for dagging, for dipping, for culling etc' (Barns-Graham 50).

**mustering billy, stick** 137. 1953 'Each filled his small mustering billy and held it over the fire on the end of the mustering stick, which is a stout staff about six feet long' (Stronach 8).

**mutteye** 93. 1965 'Mutteye is the name given on the central north coast NSW, to young cobs of maize when ready to eat either raw or cooked' (Broome Note).
myall country / scrub. 68.
1867 'cattle are very fond of eating the leaves, and, as a consequence, "Myall country" is usually considered first-class' (Morison 20).

myxo(matosis) 155.

nab 136.
1968 'If the boss differed with the man [musterer] it led to a clash of wills [over a horse] which might end in the office with a cheque being drawn and the nab rolling his swag' (Towns. D. Bull. 1 Aug.).

nacker 105. See knob, nag
1827 'Found much difficulty in procuring horses; however, at 1/2 past 12 p.m. nags or nackers (which you please to call them) all ready' (Monitor 30 Aug. 623c2).

nag 105.
(OED sb.i.1). 1865 'There is also a "convinced" ground where many an owner is convinced, to his cost, that his nag is not the flyer he took him to be' (Wheelwright 237). 1869 'He has given the nags some "bush-hay"' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 5. 116c2). 1899 'He has given the nags some "bush-hay"' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 5. 116c2). 1899 'I jumped on my nag and after him in the direction of a station called the Paling Yards' (Derrincourt 324). 1924 'and we lent our nags with great pleasure' (Aus. Work. 2 Jan. 10c1). 1935 'I remember him yoking into a buggy, beside a big reliable chestnut nag, a newly-mouthed half-brumby colt' (Queen. 5 Dec. 21c1). 1962 'The nag's front hooves are kicking dust and his back ones are bogged and the heeler is ten yards back swimming for his hide' (Aus. C. Mag. Aug. 98c4).

namma hole / well See gnamma

nanto 105.
(AND 1839-1936). 1907 'take old Vagabond and run him on the section, and you'll always have a second nanto if anything happens to the other' (Partridge 12). 1908 'Suppose he was looking for his nanto where we cut his tracks' (Seagram 104). 1927 'Wild nanto. He [an Aborigine] means a horse, Jim' (Pals Mag. 674.3). 1935 'The horse-boys knew "nantos" from A to Z' (Finlayson 98).

narangy 126.
(AND 1891-1967). 1891 'The barracks are where the rangies live, and rangies are the jackeroos' (Bull. 14 Feb. 22c1). 1903 'Being a little too exalted for the men's hut, and a great deal too vile for the boss's house, I was quartered in the narangies' barracks' (Purphy 204).

nardoo, -fern, -stone 94, 153.
(AND 1860-1977). 1865 'They [Bourke and Wills] soon found the nardoo seed in the idea that on this they could subsist' (Howitt Vol. 2. 247). 1890 'The great thing with the blacks was nardoo. It bears a fruit, or seed pounded into meal between two stones' (Cleland 113). (AND 1912-1979). 1935 'Among the drifts, too, may be found the flat nardoo stones on which women pounded seeds to flour' (Walkabout 1 Jan. 15c1). 1957 'On the far Barcoo/ Where they eat nardoo, / Jumbuck giblets and pigweed stew' (Wannan 40). 1976 'The factor which makes nardoo fern poisonous [to stock] has been identified and isolated' (Ag. Gaz. 44).

native combs.

n- bear 92. (AND 1827-1979). 1827 'Our coola [koala] (sloth or native bear) is about the size of an ordinary poodle dog, with shaggy, dirty-coloured fur, no tail, and claws and feet like a bear' (Cunningham Vol. 1. 296). 1904 'The Koala or Native Bear, though rare is occasionally seen, but he is a very timid and retiring beast and does not interfere with humans' (St. Geo. Call 23 Jan. 204). 1931 'A little area of land, too hard and sterile for the uses of man—sanctuary for the birds, for the possum, and for the native bear' (Davison 54).

n- born white 53. 1848 'He was a native-born
white...had been a stock-owner all his life'(Haygarth 96). **dog** 131.155. (AND 1788-1970). 1792 'Four fine kangaroos, and several native dogs'(Collins 1.252). 1831 'Native dogs have of late become prevalent in the neighbourhood of Sydney...flocks of sheep...have been thinned by these vermin'(Syd.Her.25Apr.2c1). 1838 'Notwithstanding all this care, the native dogs sometimes break in and kill several of them in a night'(Waugh 33). 1841 'A party of gentlemen returning from a shooting excursion fell in with a Native Dog'(Port P.Gaz.13Feb. 3c5). 1851 'The native dogs destroyed, or drove away 50 sheep last night'(Hall 12 Oct). 1865 'We have been informed that the neighbourhood of Yallowin is infested with native dogs, not the pure dingo, but a cross breed, which are very ferocious'(Tumut A.Times 4Sep.2c3). 1880 'Found five sheep killed by native dogs put poison in the dead sheep'(O'Shaughnessy 28Apr). 1888 'I shot a native dog. D Hood put his name on the native dog list for two pounds [bounty]'(O'Shaughnessy 28 Oct). 1913 'He [the dingo] is erroneously called the native dog'(Harris 89).

**near side** 110. See also **offside**

1851 'When he was leaving Adelaide he took a near side leader of mine'(O'Shaughnessy 7). 1888 'and work like an old nearside poler'(Boldrewood 72). 1903 'So he was flyblowed as usual in regard o' cash [broke]; an' he was badly in want of a near side leader'(Furphy 16).

**neck comb**.

**neck pieces** 193. 1897 'in the case of large clips it is advisable to take off the neck pieces and bale them up separately from the other pieces'(Gold.Mort 7). n-, **go up the** 185. 1897 'ensure that the shearer takes the whole of the belly wool from the fleece with his own hand as soon as he has shorn it off, and before he begins to go up the neck'(Gold.Mort 6). 1933 'when about to go up the neck the learner must have his right leg between the sheep's hind legs, with the knee pressed against the brisket'(McKenzie 7). 1960 'This grand challenge shearer had the belly-wool off, and was going up the neck well ahead of Godfrey'(Mills 53-4). **neck wool** 193. 1934 'the fleece as it is opened up by the shearer will have more neck wool on one side than on the other, yet the average woolroller cuts straight across and a slice of good fleece wool goes into the pieces'(Hardie 22-3). 1957 'In the larger clips the neck wool should be kept separate wherever possible, as usually it is lighter in condition, and, in crossbred wools, finer in quality--hence of more value than the remaining piece wool'(Guthrie 217). 1964 'No.2 neck wool--very light-conditioned and long-stapled wool, also containing coarse matted lumps of inferior wool on the folds'(Munz 146).

**necks** 193.

1884 'Here the fleece must be opened out, and the inferior portions, such as pieces, necks (if seedy), breechlocks, etc., removed and placed in separate receptacles'(S 14). 1899 'The backs and necks are thrown into their respective bins as they are taken out of the fleeces'(Jeffrey 51).

1902 'These [fleeces] are skirted of dags, stained pieces, necks, etc, and rolled'(Gold.Fleece 2Jun.29). 1918 'The necks, if taken off, should be branded as such'(Bridge 9). 1927-8 'The pieces go to the piece-pickers' table, and the necks and backs are kept separate'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.96). 1931 'necks rejected from the first sort on account of being thinner and generally lower in quality'(Cowley 71). 1965 'this wool is included in "necks" which comprises wool from the face and head and the matted collar formed at the edge of the fleece about the face'(Henderson 34).

**neddy** 105. (AND 1887-1981). 1911 'But what about our poor neddies?'(Austral.21Jan.181c4). 1925 'the poor old neddy was started again with a bandage tightly sewn around his leg favourite for the Hurdle Race' (Truth 4.Jan.3c4). 1935 'the man who had gone for the fresh "neddies" had promptly turned into bed at the hotel and had a few hours' rest before starting again to our assistance'(Queen.18Jul.2c1).

**nerangy** See narangy.

**netting fence** 119. (AND 1900-1936). 1900 'The Freehold Lands and a portion of the leased and resumed parts are enclosed by a substantial Netting Fence'(Town C.Journ.7Nov.3c3).
Never / Never Never 65.
(AND 1892-1986). 1857 'I had the cattle mustered, and the draft destined for the Nievah vahs ready for the road'(Cooper 68). 1880 'Such is the state of things in the far west, Never-Never or Sundown Country as it is called'(Goulb. Her. 20 Mar. 5c4). 1896 'We have gone before through the shadowy door of the Never, the Great Unknown'(Dyson 110). 1899 'perished 'neath the hell-flamed heat in the Never Never'(Truth 29 Jan. 8c3). 1908 'But before I had time to dazzle the bushes with her the Wizard of the Never-Never charmed her into a bush-whacker'(Gunn 188). 1923 'the trackers found his tracks heading north into the Never Never'(Smith's 7 Jul. 5c5). 1935 The Rev. S. A. Drummond, a true Christ of the "Never-Never," has again come to Sydney with big companies of children'(Aus. Work. 2 Jan. 13c2). 1947 'These youngsters from the "Never Never" [on holiday in Sydney]'(Maclean 97). 1966 'this is the arid heart of Australia, the never-never'(McGregor 159). 1970 'a motor car is infinitely easier to find in the Never Never than a panicked human being rushing around in circles' (Walkabout Mar. 48).

Never / Never Never combs. 65.

new combs. See also new chum combs.
n- child 47. 1884 'I dread to think what the results would be to the "New Child," as fresh arrivals in the colonies are called'(Millais 74). n- chum 16, 17, 47. (AND 1828-1980). 1828 'I understood...that I was called a new chum'(Tasman. 15 Aug. 4). 1853 'In one lot you will see the lately arrived "new chum," with his carefully cultivated moustache, raised on the voyage, his leathern overalls, his fancy stick, and his "swag" done up in Macintosh'(Earp 173). 1874 'The name of new chum is now almost a thing of the past but when 22 years ago, I first became a Victorian citizen the two great divisions of the people were into old and new chums'(Austral. Sketch. 24 Jan. 10c2). 1886 'it is not at all an uncommon trick for the new chum to be mounted on a buck-jumper'(Clarke 164). 1896 'New Chum, good character, religious, willing to do anything'(Bris. Cour. 10 Jan. 8c3). 1912 'He pitched it strong to you because you're a new chum'(Syd. Mail. 10 Apr. 17c3). 1923 'I saw my ruse about scrutinising the new chum curiously'(Aus. Work. 4 Jul. 15c2). 1937 'the wages then paid were for shepherds (many of them new chums imported by Dr. Lang) 40 pounds a year and one ration for a single man' (Gunn 171). 1946 'There may be several hangers on, new chums looking for land or work, sticking close to our party for safety and companionship'(Macfarlane 18). 1953 'the "Squatters" [1830s] with their few head of cattle pushing out on the unoccupied territory as chance offered, mainly new chums from Scotland or England out for adventure in the first case, though most stayed on'(Eastman 11). 1964 'When there are thousands of men spread over a goldfield, some exciting discoveries are sure to be made by new chums and mugs'(Casey 23). 1977 'horses have a keen sense of humour and often go into fits of laughter when they see a new-chum harnessing them'(Howcroft 53). n- chumism 47, 48. (AND 1850-1898). 1886 'Every one, however new to the colonies, glories in calling a fresher arrival a "new chum", not of course to his face, if the new chum has muscle and sinew wherewith to back up his "new-chumism"'(Clarke 25). n- colony 63. (AND 1835-1896). 1842 'disposing of the public land in new colonies, or in new districts of old ones'(Hunt. Riv. Gaz. 8 Jan. 264). n- country 63, 131. (AND 1821-1977). 1834 'In a new country, not only have the roads to be repaired the same as in the old, but new roads have annually to be formed amid brush and rock'(Monitor 17 Dec. 2c5). 1835ca 'The twelve largest proprietors in the New Country are said to be Messrs [list follows]'(Steel Pam. 171. 2). 1841 'THE NEW COUNTRY discovered by Count Streleski [sic], in his land route from Sydney, and
designated by him Gipp's Land'(Monitor 24Feb.2c4). n- hand 47. 1833 'being a "new hand" in the Colony, I felt no little gratification at the mode in which business in that Court is conducted'(Tasman.28Jun.204c4). 1872 'squatters make a great mistake by employing new hands at low wages to work for them'(Eden 21). 1901 'is said to have a new hand with him'(Boldrewood 135). n- settler 47. (AND 1840-1981). 1888 'a correspondent signing himself "a new settler"'(North Coast Times 7Dec.2c7). n- world 131. 1830 'In the old country [Britain] land in such situations [geological] must be good; but in the new world [Australia] the reverse is generally the case'(Dawson 346).

new chum combs. 47.

n-c capitalist 1841 'remunerating prices will be obtained from the new-chum capitalist and the consumer for the ewe and wether sheep which they must have'(Monitor 29Jan.2c4). n-c cookie 1900 'Out shooting recently, I called on a new-chum cookie and enquired if there were any kangaroos in his paddocks'(Bull.13Jan.14c4). n-c digger 1857 'the unfortunate "new-chum digger" [in a narrowing shaft] finds, before he has got down to the bed-rock, that he has no longer room to stand' (Cooper 139). n-c Englishman 1891 'But one the buggy horse made a bolt of it when a new-chum Englishman was driving her'(Boldrewood 4). n-c hatter 1946 'Only a few weeks ago a new-chum hatter out at Eaglehawk Gully took over £2000 out of a hole in one week'(Devaney 20). n-c Jackeroo 1893 'There ain't a gleam o' intellect / in new-chum Jackeroos'(Gibson 206). n-c manager 1927 'It appears that the country is going from bad to worse, that the Government will not help the prospectors, that the stations are managed by new-chum-managers, that fences are going up' (Aus.Work.6Jul.13c5). n-c porter 1902 'not seeing a new-chum porter, who started forward by force of habit to take his bag, he walked stiffly off the platform'(Lawson (2) 54). n-c rouseabout 1924 'Joe Pile was a new-chum rouseabout on a Clarence River squattage'(Aus.Work.6Aug.13c1). n-c trick 1886 'A wharfinger throws a rope badly or hauls something awkwardly; it's immediately called a new-chum trick, a cart is put together in an unworkmanlike fashion; it's a new-chum trick'(Clarke 25-6). 1932 'It became dark so I tied the reins together and let them go (a real new-chum trick this)'(Scott 21c3).

ngamar See gnamma

nibble 184. 1923 'The owner was pleased to take long smoke-o's while I nibbled away at a cobbler'(Aus.Work. 1Jul.15c5).

nick 149. (OED v.ii.14). 1898 'It is evident that the Coonong (Vermont) blood "nicks" well (to use a stable phrase) with that old-established Saxon merino flock'(Queen.13Aug.329c4).

nievah vah See never never

night combs.

n- horse 107. (AND 1904-1965). 1920 'The night-horse will be in the yard, and there'll be a saddle planted near the rails'(Palmer 84). n- paddock 121. 1920 'Flocks of galahs circled round in the air to light on the green herbage of the night-paddock'(Palmer 20-1). 1934 'The man who has mustered them [stock horses] from the night-paddock, which ranges anywhere from five hundred to ten thousand acres, closes the yard gates on the troop of beasts inside'(Blue P.Vol.14.No149.374). n- stockman 133. 1827 'Dennis Mahoney was charged that he having the Government Bullockos in his care, as a night-stockman, had suffered them to go astray'(Monitor 1Nov.736 cl). n- watching 132. 1838 'a well-behaved shepherd [ordered 1,000 lashes] under a strong sense of the ingratitude of his master, for his care and night watching in former lambings'(Monitor 26Mar.2c5). n- watchman 130. (AND 1836-1849). 1834 'Mr. Black being sworn, stated, that the prisoner was employed in the capacity of night watchman over a flock of sheep'(Monitor 6Sep.2c5).

nipper 129. (AND 1915-1981). 1904 'some day the nipper would turn dog on him'(Palmer-Archer 31). 1942 'My job as a nipper was to round up the station hacks on an old plug [horse] named The
Drum'(Bull. 18Feb.14c3). 1973 'She does the same job as a male nipper--tea making, lunch buying, cleaning around'(Telegraph 16Aug.1). 1981 'Come smoko time Boof snuck back on the nipper's trike'(Sun Her.4Jan.45c3).

noil 200,206,208,209. (OED). 1897 'Noil is used for mixing with old tweeds, etc.[for remaking into shoddy cloth'](Otago 98). 1917 'Tender wools give a larger percentage of noil than sound wools'(Smith 185). 1964 'the "noil", the short fibres [taken out in combing], is used for woollen yarn and felt making'(Anderson 59).

noily, noity 200,208,209. 1895 'Noily--Wasty, musty, perished'(Hawkesworth 8). 1900 'any weak, webby, or frothy wool is called Noily'(Hawkesworth 172). 1901 'Noity--applied to wools that comb badly and waste in the process of manufacture'(Journ.Dep.Ag.WA.Jan-Jun 1%). 1907 'Noily Wool with a fuzzy or mushy tip'(Jeffrey 149). 1944 'Noily--wool which will yield much noil when combed'(NZ AEWS 60).

North Shore 63. 1827 'on his way to his country retreat on the North Shore'(Cunningham Vol.1.83).

nose bag 90. (AND 1894-1927). 1900 'in the "nose-bag" are small "tucker-bags" of tea, sugar, oatmeal, rice, and lentils, and a tin of mixed pepper and salt'(Brereton 29). 1928 'With what I produced out of my own scanty nosebag we soon had a feed going'(Queen.23Feb.12c1). 1941 'He even had me openin' his nosebag t'get the tucker out'(Bull.24 Dec.14c1). 1953 'a smattering of all the sorts that there were came in in single file to hold their "nosebags" over the flour bin'(Eastman 70-71).

nugget 148. n. (AND 1872-1976). 1852 'The word nugget among farmers signifies a small compact beast -- a runt'(Mundy Vol.2.352). 1874 'Helped to Brand a few Welbon nuggets'(Witten 3 Oct). 1885 'It's only a bit of scrub and a few gums. And a rare place to find nuggets'(Praed 132). 1902 'And brought a mob of nuggets there to begin as an overlander'(Kennedy 66). 1932 'he was credited with peculiar ideas as to the ownership of any nuggets or unbranded horses that might be found running about' (Scott 20c1). v. (AND 1881-1886). 1881 'she has an eye to business, and does not disdain nuggeting'(Praed 25). 1902 'what a place for nuggetting calves and running in brumbies'(Praed 183).

occupation certificate 54. 1984 'Any reputable immigrant over 21 years could procure fifty acres of unimproved rural Crown land open for selection...must be held by "occupation certificate"'(Lawrence 117.ref.1880s).

offsider combs. 110. See also near side

o- bullocky 1890 'Well, as it happens, I do want a bullocky--I want an "offside" bullocky, if you know what that means'(Bull.18Jan.13c3). o- leader 1899 'I asked the stockman to point out the near and off side leaders and polers, which made the expectant onlookers open their eyes'(Derrincourt 149). o- shafter 1943 'Every b----time I yolk up this b----offside shafter that b----near-sider gets loose'(Bull.17Mar.12c3).

offsider (bullocky). 110. (AND 1890-1919). 1910 'An "offsider," by the by, is, strictly speaking, a gentleman who is learning bullock-driving, and who is allowed to try his apprentice tongue on the offside [right hand] of the bullock team'(Bean 168). 1919 'he was able to ride after bullocks and act as offsider at pinches for his father'(Sorenson 14). 1932 'Macleod was too old to assist. I had a couple of off-siders'(Scott 48c2).

offsider (general). 172. (AND 1879-1983). 1895 'Green a cook Ryan got to come out yesterday left, as he wanted to work with his own "off-sider" or "slushy" and no other'(Ohulura 18Nov). 1903 'dressed himself to support me in the capacity which the nobles would call a "waiter" but in station terms we would
call him an "offsider"'(Clow 51). 1904 'He was manager at Jumbone, / Been boss of the board for years; / He'd joke with the cook's offsider, / Or sharpen a shearer's shears'(Johnston 37). 1910 'The cook is expected to allow the offsider 1s.4d. per head—a third out of the whole sum he himself receives' (Bean 168). 1918 'I handed them to the cook's "offsider" to place in his oven'(Aussie 18Jan.15c2). 1939 'If she could, she got into a shed as cook or offsider; otherwise she pitched camp near the hut and did a bit of washing'(Land FS Ann.23Aug.21c2). 1950 'When an average of twenty-four persons is cooked for, an offsider shall be employed'(Queen G.Gaz.27Dec.2996). 1952 'The drover's assistant or "offsider", is often a small boy'(Glasson 17). 1980 'This time it was the Boards and their Commissioners, Inspectors and all other officials and offsiders'(Gunn 77).

oil 102.

n. (dinkum-, good-oil) See also griffin

(AND 1915-1986). 1916 'Dinkum oil war news'(Anzac Book 134). 1927 'He's after the good oil from Mr.Bill Frank...who knows all about it'(Truth 13Nov.2c2). 1931 'find out who has been supplying the minister with the "dinkum oil"'(Aus.Work 8Jul.13c4). 1957 'Afterwards he slipped me the good oil'(Bris.Cour.Mail 14Jun.1c11). 1984 'He had some good oil to pass on to a friend'(Sun Her.1Jan.49c1).


1968 'I'll oil you blokes up on what's what'(O'Grady 30).

old combs.
o- chum 47. 1846 "New Chum", in opposition to "Old Chum"--the latter as a mark of respect attached to the more experienced Colonist'(Hodgson 366). 1855 'Three years were required to make an old chum, who was expected in that time to cultivate a moustache and to wear a dirty cabbage-tree hat—an old chum is now a curiosity; the new-comers have outnumbered them'(Caldwell 42). o- colony 63. (AND 1853,1856). 1834 'The produce of the wheat lands of the Old Colony (on this side of the mountains) are now supplying Sydney with bread'(Monitor 15Apr.2c3). 1838 'the country between the Murrumbidgee and Port Phillip was five times more fertile than the average of the land of the old colony'(Monitor 19Mar.2c5). o-country 63. (AND 1834-1981). 1833 'Let them look back to the noble stand their forefathers made, in the OLD COUNTRY, against the oppression of arbitrary power'(Tasman.23Aug.269c1). 1834 'a purer and more correct English is spoken in that country [USA] than in the old country'Bennett Vol.1.331). 1867 'a well-intentioned gentleman lately arrived from the old country'(Bennett Vol.1.331). 1880 'Old hands cannot remember having seen one deliberately killed'(Ferres 34). 1904 'old hands may remember the case of Finley's grey horse, who was known far and wide'(St.Geo.Call 9Jan.7c3). 1929 'Many a new chum—and some old hands too'(Bull.17Jul. 28c4). 1939 'Old hands cannot remember having seen one deliberately killed'(Syd.M.Her.Supp. 3Apr.19c2). 1963 'Politicians have used port development as an election vote catcher for longer than the old hands can remember'(Aus.C.Mag. Aug.27c2). 1981 'They stuck with the old hands—the men who took the State side to within a whisker of the Sheffield Shield last season'(Sun Her.18 Oct.78c1). o- thing 94. (AND 1848-1945). 1848 'a slab hut beyond the boundaries of the colony, where the traveller's entertainment is confined to the "old thing," as it is contemptuously called, that is to say, beef and *damper"(Haygarth 6).

1845 'It was...the muttonous diet of the outback that produced the expression the Old Thing for a meal of mutton and damper'(Baker 80).

ominator See hominy

on the bogghi See bogghi


1825 "One-horse shays" are among the various forms of locomotion to be seen on the way to the Races'(Aus.28Apr.3c4). 1825 'An excellent one horse chaise'(Aus.19May.1c3). 1825 'The poor man who expected to carry his "cordial" in his cart or one horse "shay"'(Aus.22Dec.3c1). 1878 'in the one-horse dray is a family'(Ill.Aus.News 27Dec.219c1).
open combs.

o-faced 166. 1970 'Sheep with little face cover are commonly referred to as open faced--those with a lot of face cover are referred to as muffled'(Dun and Eastoe 86).

o-out 1. 1844 'Another plan is to stump-fall the trees, and then to open out the stump all round'(Atkinson 126).

o-out 2. 1851, 1878 'A hundred [shearing tally] I could go, if coves [bosses] would let me "open out," and take a bigger "blow"(Gibson 180).

o-shed 172. 1953 (ref.1872) 'Brown and Wetherby's was an "open shed", where the shearer that came were taken on until there were hands enough, so they knew they might lose the job if they didn't look sharp'(Davin 36-7).

o-opened 185,186. (AND 1882-1965).

1866 'no one knew how to "open" a sheep, or run down the "whipping shoulder" or put an edge on a shears like him'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.825c1). 1870 'the neck should be carefully opened, not with the shears slanting, but by small, careful blows, until the wool is parted, and the shearer has secured a "good face" to his work'(Graham 62).

1882 'in no case allow the fleece to be opened half-way up the neck, or, as some shearers do, under the lower jaw'(Armstrong 167).

1890 'there are various modes adopted by different shearers of "opening up"'(Past.Farm.Gaz. Aug.10).

o-outcombs.

o-beyond 64. 1909 'Numbers of the fellows, many good, honest men, came in from out beyond with large cheques. That was the shanty-keeper's opportunity'(Searcy 163).

o-blocks 64. 1909 'Many of the out-blocks have extraordinary nicknames'(Searcy 111).

o-bush 58,64. 1908 'I was "the missus" from the homestead, and with the Boss, or "Maluka" (as the blacks always called him), was "out bush," camping near the river'(Gunn 3).

o-camp 64. (AND 1905-1981). 1913 'There was an out camp hut which...had the reputation of being haunted'(Bull.21Aug.18c1). 1926 'The clean-skins were mixed with quiet cattle, far down from the range, and taken to stockyards at a musterer's out camp'(Aus.Work.8Dec.13c5).

o-house 64,78.

1920 'a faint wind was stirring the pepperinas that trailed over the tin roofs of the kitchen and outhouses'(Palmer 67).

1955 'we caught sight of him in his shirt sleeves splitting wood by the outhouse'(Palmer 2).

o-hut 77. 1849 'two armed men, having their faces disguised, visited an out hut on the establishment of Captain Turner'(Goulb.Her.5May.5c2).

o-paddock 121. (AND 1886-1919). 1863 'the bushrangers retired into the out-paddock and remained behind the fence'(Mudgee Lib.26Nov.3c2). 1902 'Stragglers are found about the out paddocks and shorn after the general shearing'(Lawson (2) 79).

1925 'smoke was rising in the direction of the out paddocks'(Aus.Work.4Feb.13c3). 1955 'we caught sight of him in his shirt sleeves splitting wood by the outhouse'(Palmer 2).

o-run 115. 1842 'the out run is sufficient for a milking herd, flock of wethers, and the working bullocks of the establishment'(Hunt. Riv.Gaz.29Jan.2c2).
outback. 1865 'I'm inclined to think that the capable cooks of the far Outback haven't had their talents and their deeds sufficiently acknowledged'(Aus.Work.19Jul.5c2).

outback 64. (AND 1803-1861). 1803 'impropriety of employing labourers of the different Out-Settlements without a previous enquiry into their circumstances'(Syd.Gaz.10Jul.3c1). 1819 'in cases of murder at any out settlements, the parties are returned thither, if found guilty, to be executed'(Slater 7).

out-stations 125. (AND 1847,1856). 1847 'the settler and the out-squatter, who...have lived like hermits in the bush for six or eight months'(Angas Vol.2.192).

out-stations 114. (AND 1829-1980). 1825 'I committed the charge of the place to the prisoner (Murphy), it being an out station, distant about four miles from Cawdor, where I reside'(Aus.12May.3c4).

out-stations 64. (AND 1803-1861). 1803 'impropriety of employing labourers of the different Out-Settlements without a previous enquiry into their circumstances'(Syd.Gaz.10Jul.3c1).

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The Salvation Army does good business in some of the out-back towns of the great pastoral wastes of Australia (Lawson 24). 'The actions of the Labor Movement in bettering the conditions of the outback workers' (Aus.Work. 6Jan.5c1).

outbacker 64.

(outd 1900-1981). Some idea can be formed of what the honest and law-abiding outbacker had to put up with(Searcy 178). 'J. Scott probably one of Australia's most chronic outbackers' (Austral.16Jan.9c1). 'The outlaw draws no rigid distinctions between one class and another' (Aus.Work.31Jan.13c1). 'A seaside camp was arranged under the guardianship of Mr. and Mrs.Drummond with 64 outbackers enjoying every moment of their lives'(Aus.W.Week.10Jun. 24c3).

outbackery 64.

(AND 1961-1986). 'Outbackery of course, but outbackery in a new vein, on the move' (Walkabout Nov.43 c3).

outfit 140.

'1912 A drover's "outfit" was expected at the station during the course of a few days'(Bowes 91).

outlaw 107.

(AND 1900-1978). The most untamable outlaw is the renegade thoroughbred horse(Bull.19 Oct.22c1). 'Neither can the "outlaw" buck continuously for half an hour, as some fiction writers would have us believe'(Walkabout 1Jan.15c1).

outside 53,64,102.

(AND 1847-1951). The "outside squatters"...have a hard time of it(Kennedy 148). 'The most untamable outlaw is the renegade thoroughbred horse'(Bull.19 Oct.22c1). 1937 'A man from outside said to his fellow passenger, "A man is mad to come into this country to farm"'(Sargent 10). The eventual downfall of this gang was brought about by informers from "outside" men...who seemingly drifted into the country(Idriess 82).

outside beat, track 114. See beat, track.

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(AND 1888-1913). Yelled in the slang of the Outside Track: "By God, it's a Christmas spree"(Bull.23May.3).

outsider 53.

(AND 1867-1879). 'Of course this sketch is not meant to pourtray [sic] the life of all stockmen in the West, but rather that of the outsiders'(Burran.Argus 3May.4c2).

outsorts / types 199. See also lowsorts

1941 'Out type Fleeces refers to fleeces that will not match in any of the main classes'(Goddard 42). 1953 'Pieces, bellies and locks and outsorts, will be dealt with in the same manner as in a Merino clip'(Cooper 34).

overgrown fleece 151.

1969 'An overgrown fleece has more than twelve months growth'(R.Ryan Interview ).

overland 142.

n. (AND 1894-1927). 'Overland has disappeared into the distance with two horses, a dog, and a pound note, by droving on the Overland, the double mirage of adventure and romance'(Franklin 378).

v. (AND 1882-1979). 'Overland has disappeared into the distance with two horses, a dog, and a pound note, by droving on the Overland, the double mirage of adventure and romance'(Franklin 378). 1901 'led me to try my hand at overlanding sheep to Victoria'(De Satge 74). 1912 'A drover's "outfit" was expected to "overland" the bullocks to Adelaide'(Bowes 91). 1929 'The Newlyweds had overlanded from Sydney to Melbourne by car'(Aus.W.Mirr.1Jan.16c2). 1970 'he overlanded cattle to South Australia'(Broken Hill Dec. 7). adv. (AND 1837-1871). 1838 sold his property, and went to Manara to purchase sheep to bring overland'(Docker 2). 1840 'Nearly seven thousand head of cattle had been purchased and were on the eve of starting overland for Port Phillip and South Australia'(Port P.Her.10Jan.2c4). 1850 'He came overland we believe, about ten months or a year ago'(Melb.M.Her.SJul. 1c7). 1867 'the latter represented himself as a squatter, and engaged him to assist in taking a mob of horses
overland' (Kiama Ind. 26 Sep. 2c2). 1916 'Shortly after this the deceased, with his young wife, travelled overland per bullock team to Dalby' (Queen. 18 Nov. 16c3).

overland combs. 142.

**o- jaunt** (AND 1838-1954). 1836 'On my overland jaunt from the north coast to Port Macquarie [sic]’ (O’Connell 87). **o- line** 1909 'he was engaged opening up a stock route from the M’Arthur to Powell’s Creek on the overland line' (Searcy 128). **o- ride** 1885 'He may spend a month or so on the Diggings, do an overland ride' (Praed 2). **o- route** 1853 'the enormous profits reaped by the first parties, in spite of the loss of both men and beasts by drought and skirmishes with the blacks, made the overland route a favourable adventure with the young bushmen' (Sidney 227). **o- track** 1938 'Men spoke of... the new country south of Gundagai on the overland track' (Fraser 31).

**o- ander**
1. 133, 141. (AND 1841-1979). 1836 'the bearded embrowned "overlander" with keen eye and ragged defiance of formulae' (Clarke 146). 1845 'Among the beings peculiar to the wilds of Australia, the class of men called Overlanders must not be omitted. Their occupation is to convey stock from market to market, and from one colony to another' (Pridden 335). 1857 'The overlanders are the pioneers of civilisation in Australia' (Cooper 66). 1870 'The "overlanders" know that at Dubbo they can always make certain of crossing the Macquarie' (Aus. T. C. Journ. 8 Jan. 7c1). 1881 'The drover, or "overlander," has a twofold object: to bring his herd to its destination without loss, and in good marketable condition' (Senior 61). 1890 'Joe Breador was an overlander, as good a horseman as ever sat a colt, and the best all-round man in the North' (Truth 10 Aug. 3c3). 1904 'By degrees the child told me he had been brought down from the Warrego, by some overlanders' (Palmer-Archer 220). 1915 'But the old hatter is getting feeble these times, and some day an overlander will find a corpse and a fine mob of horses grazing nearby' (Bull. 23 Dec. 26c3). 1926 'I was making a damper at the time, and before I had it in the ashes the overlander had disappeared around a bend' (Aus. Work. 7 Jul. 13c3). 1936 'Lack of capital kept him from joining the overlanders who rushed along the Major's Line in the years following' (Franklin 23). 1945 'he sang of the roaring days of the overlanders who had cared for no one' (Tennent 94). 1951 'The road followed a line which had been blazing by the first overlanders' (Clune 3).

2. 161. 1960 'Many farmers, through over-stocking and wrong grazing methods, produce flocks containing a fair proportion of "overlanders", sheep with matted fleeces' (Mills 99-100).

**overlanding** 142.

(AND 1847-1977). 1868 'sending down sheep or cattle, overland, for sale at any of the colonial markets is termed overlanding, and the men thus employed in the transmission of stock are called overlanders, or, by another term, drovers' (Brownie 1). 1892 'In the bush, were it not for "overlanding" or droving trips, I think the young fellows would not move about much' (James 256). 1915 'The "overlanding mob" is a rare sight "inside" where the two chained road is fenced, and there is no chance of spreading' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Jul. 11c3). 1968 'Jeff Carter fills in with an account of the early days of the cattle industry, of trouble with Aborigines resentful of the invasion of their lands, of the first overlandings by cattle owners' (Walkabout Nov. 44c2).

**overseas man** 46.

1896 'They are "overseas men", Britons in every sense of the word. They are in Westralia, not to become colonists, but to make money' (Leader Supp. 30 May. 7c1).

**overseer** 125, 176.

(a) 120,121,126. general. AND 1806-1955. 1822 'Settlers should have as resident Overseer a Free and unconvicted Person, with a Bonus of a Grant of Land to encourage Residence' (Hist. Rec. Ser. 1. Vol. 10. 788). 1839 'he thought my object of obtaining a position as Overseer, was right' (Hargrave 23 Apr.). 1847 'an overseer, who is to take charge from the beginning of the stores and the conduct of things generally under yourself' (Harris 286). 1850 'Rankin's overseer and stockman from Bugarbejer came today, but they had no tidings for me' (Woodward 14 Jun.). 1860 'we found we were out of sugar so we bought some off the overseer' (Chittleborough 25 Jun.). 1879 'Overseer, Lampy, drafting ewes and lambs, hoggets and maiden ewes and classifying sheep' (Macdonald 21 Jun.). 1890 'Overseers... applied for
managerships on his stations' (Couvreur 47). 1899 'On the overseer coming to turn the men out to their work next day I was in bed' (Derrincourt 98-9).

(b) shearing. 120,121. (AND 1913,1946). 1917 'The shearing and incidental operations will be carried on under the direction of the employer or person in charge of the shed (in this agreement called "the overseer")' (Aus.CCA 50). 1931 'An overseer should also remember that his conduct, both at and between the sheds, helps considerably in furthering the Company's and his own interests' (Grazcos 8). 1949 'In the meantime the overseer in the shed is watching the clock' (Ciba 2732). 1957 'When a shearer has shorn a sheep he lets it go into the counting-out pen, where the overseer counts the number shorn every run' (Guthrie 215). 1967 'Overseer means the man in charge of the shearing team. His duties may include overseeing bookkeeping, and woolclassing or experting but not both' (Woodbridge 2).

overshot 153. See undershot.

(OED 5). 1961 'If the lower jaw projects beyond the top jaw, the lower jaw is said to be "overshot"' (Jordan 7).

ox persuader 111.


pack 1. 203.

OED sb.i.2). 1888 'bins and receptacles are emptied from time to time into bags of stout canvas, technically called "packs", and are subjected to great pressure in the wool press' (Cassell 223). 1902 'Pack...a measure of weight in wool, usually 240 pounds. In the colonies, short term for wool-pack' (Gold. Fleece 1 Feb. 11). 1918 'Wool comes into the country from abroad in jute bags, or "packs", as they are called' (Ormerod 107).

pack(er) 2. 102.

n. (a) (OED 3.US). 1898 'A packer is a man who carries rations and stores over rough country by means of pack-horses' (Bull. 8 Jan. red page c4). 1915 'The "pack" with a small mob deserves a mention all to himself' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Jul. 11c3). 1926 'The packer, who generally acts as cook, is a very important unit in a high country mustering outfit' (Lilico 5). 1949 'their baggage team, consisting of pack horses or mules in charge of the "packer" who also fulfilled the duties of the cook, butcher, and numerous other roles' (Crawford 41).

(b) 1890 'The Darling drover with his saddle-horses and packers' (Argus 7 Jun. 4c1). 1911 'From here we used "packs" to get to the Calder' (Bull. 5 Jan. 7c4).

v. (OED v.i.9). 1948 'If the country is rough, the waggonette is dispensed with and packhorses are used, all equipment, such as food, camping gear and bedding being "packed" [carried by packhorse]' (Aus. Pol. Journ Vol. 2. no. 1. 24).

pack combs.

p- bullock 102. (AND 1832-1888). 1843 '...should therefore prefer a greater number of light carts or pack bullocks' (Syd. M. Her. 31 Oct. 4). 1893 'to Razor Back Mountain...to take charge of a valuable pack-bullock and bring him to Molonglo' (Demarr 56). p- horse droving 140. 1932 'As we were "pack horse droving" there was very little comfort...and wet camps were the order of the day' (Scott 51 c3). p- track 102. 1953 'A prospector reported his discovery of a thylacine footprint on the Jane River goldfield pack track in much the same area' (Cour. Mail 1 Jul. 7c2).

packie 102.

1952 'Next on the list is the "packie"--half-cook, half-handymen, always good with horses or mules--who takes blankets and provisions into "camp," as hut or tent life is called' (Pascoe 162).

1960 'That year the station had what was probably the last full gang...The packie was Bill Sparrow' (Newton 45).

packman 102. See packer 2.a)

1872 'Sent box to William by packmen' (Walter 7 May). 1953 'A terrific clatter of spoon on tin plate awakened me--the packman's gong, a sound I came to know full well as the weeks went by' (Stronach 10).
pad

1. 103. (AND 1893-1981). 1904 'by degrees got to their pad, that led to the edge of a big billabong, where the scrubbers came to water’(Palmer-Archer 170). 1912 'If it were possible for them to come along the pads in say, threes and fours, one could bag 15 or 20 wallabies every time'(Syd.Mail 10Jan.34c3). 1926 'He traced the pad along which the brumbies had come, and found a track of unshod hooves'(Prichard 30). 1953 'pad...made by stock travelling one line continuously’(Lamond 283). 1966 'I must tell you that they [kangaroos] leave pads that even a blindfolded blackfelllow could follow, but there are no pads leading to that [water] hole'(Waller 40).

1980 'I want to find their [sheep] camping-ground, I must follow their pad to the water drain'(Gunn 195). 1915 'you'll find a hearty welcome at the far end o' the pad'(Bourke 83).


pad it / the hoof 103.

(OED v.i.1.c). 1923 'Didn't bring a horse, boss. Padded it'(Bowes 104). 1847 'arrangements would have subjected us to the mortifying necessity of "padding the hoof" over one of the most villainous ascents in New Holland'(Bell's 27Nov.2c3).

paddock

n. 120,121. (AND 1808-1981). 1816 'Broke-out of the Paddock at Kangaroo Point...a small red cow'(Hob.T.Gaz.29Jun.1c1). 1826 'The size of enclosures or paddocks, as they are termed, should be regulated by the purpose for which they are intended'(Atkinson 93). 1845 'about 250 acres are fenced in convenient paddocks'(Hawk.Cour.2Jan.3c3). 1865 'The police lost sight of the bushrangers in a paddock of growing maize'(Goulb.Her.25Feb.3c2). 1871 'There were five or six paddocks...each of which comprised over ten thousand acres'(Trollope 21).

1882 'Small paddocks may enable me to calculate even two acres per sheep but what encouragement is there to do so’(Brodribb.6). 1901 'The absence of wild dogs [is necessary] to give you a fair lambing under the paddock system'(de Satge 49). 1916 'They may be running in a paddock and browsing on the stuff without any bad results manifesting themselves'(Bull.16Mar.22c4). 1932 'The Battalion was out for a week's spell and the camp was in some paddocks near Cercus'(Smith's 2Jan.16c5). 1950 'They are tormented by neighbours who behave as if they were camped in the middle of a 10,000 acre paddock'(Aus.Work.24May.8c7). 1969 '[the property] has been divided into 25,000 acre paddocks with a total of 300 miles of fencing. The paddocks are about six miles square, and the woolshed about 25 miles from the main homestead'(Walkabout Feb.18).

v. 121,148. (AND 1847-1971). 1847 'The horses were paddocked for the night'(Bell's 11Dec.3c1). 1870 'Since paddocking sheep has become prevalent, and especially where the paddocks are large, the ewes too frequently are found to split into small mobs'(Graham 42). 1879 'it is considered that as the horses...would naturally make to their old haunts if they were left free, they were either paddocked or otherwise taken care of by the Kellies [bushrangers]'(Goulb.Her.24Sep.2c3). 1894 'Australia has...led the way in proving the advantages of paddocking sheep instead of following the old method of shepherding them'(Fison 76).

1914 'One great mistake...made by squatters when they got their sheep paddocked, for they almost invariably overstocked'(Hamilton 48).

paddock man 120.

1908 'Mr.J. Parker, one of the "paddock men", met with a painful accident'(Morn.Bull.7Mar.10c3).

paddock, off the 121.

1956 'Lambs, of course, are better shearing right off the paddock'(Bowen 13).

pan jam 91.

(AND 1864,1970). 1968 '"Pan Jam," made from unskinned kangaroo tails roasted in the ashes, and gently fried with bacon, mushrooms and pepper'(Syd.M.Her.8Jun.19c5). 1970 'Such food references as...pan jam are well left to history'(Gunn in Ramson 1970.63)
panel 119. (OED sb.i.8). 1863 'Put up twenty pannel (sic) of doglegged fence'(Fitzgerald 23Apr). 1896 'Father along St Omer road line of fence found two panels down'(Bedervale 3Jun).

panem 90. 1899 'And his food is called his "tucker" / Or his "panem" or his chuck"'(Goodge 150).

pannikin 79,97. (AND 1830-1982). 1827 'A tin quart pot or pint panakin [sic] constitutes the amount of his culinary utensils'(Monitor 12Jul.507cl). 1830 'He went to the spring and brought me a pannican full'(Dawson 200). 1843 'a tin pannikin of a half-pint measure'(Rowcroft 24). 1851 'I placed a pannikin of scalding hot tea before him, and a slice of damper'(Tester 47). 1862 'Then with our tin vessels, or as they are called in Australia, pannikins, we dipped into the billy, and partook of the fragrant effusion'(Brown 73-4). 1899 'But come along and have a bite and a pannikin o' billy tea'(Walker 54). 1915 'It was Paddy balancing the log against the counter and pouring a pannikin of rum into his interior'(Bull 9Sep.24c4). 1930 'he took the billy from the fire and helped himself to another pannikin of tea'(Palmer 186). 1940 'Do they have their pannikins with them'(Aus.Work.3Jul.12c2). 1946 'Help yourselves to pannikins, gents, and here's johnnycake'(Devaney 32). 1955 'she skinned her bare knee on the edge of a log and dropped the pannikins'(Palmer 22).

pannikin combs.

p- boss 79,124,126. (AND 1898-1983). 1898 'The term [pannikin boss] is applied colloquially to a man on a station...who has no definite position of authority, or is only a "boss" in a small way'(Morris 339c1). 1931 'In regard to the labourers' award the hours of pannikin bosses, team drivers and waggonette drivers will be reduced to 88 a fortnight'(Aus.Work.7Jan.4c4).

p- overseer 126. (AND 1891-1906). 1891 'we bushmen changed the names Colonial experience, pannikin-overseer... and all that "push" into Jackeroo'(Truth 15Mar.7c3). 1904 'There were among them pannikin overseers, jackeroos, musterers'(Palmer-Archer 327).

p- snob 122. (AND 1953). 1953 'My mother-in-law was a pannikin snob as my father would have said'(Caddie 41).

p- wash 79. (AND 1974). 1911 'Last night and this morning we had a "pannikin wash"--just a little water poured over the hands for cleanliness sake'(Syd.Mail 12Jul.35c1).

Paroo shower 89. See Darling shower
1991 'It was only 37 points--what they call a Paroo shower, more dust than water'(Syd.M.Her. 16Nov.3c8).

parrot mouth 153. See monkey mouth, overshot, undershot
1945 'turning to modern faults of the Merino, defects that occasionally crop up are undershot and overshot jaw, the latter condition sometimes being known as "parrot mouth"'(Pearse 167).
1970 'the worst example of parrot mouth that you could see in a racehorse'(Syd.M.Her. 18Apr.9c5).

parrot pie 91.
(AND 1839-1977). 1907 'I reckon a spell down south, where we can get something different from tinned dog and parrot pie to eat, would be a darned good thing now'(Macdonald 90-91).

passenger 139.
1960 'They [poor sheep among good ones] become "passengers" or "culls", producing little by way of progeny or wool'(Mills 94).

pastoral combs.

p- lease 57. (AND 1850-1985). 1951 'In Settled Districts pastoral leases were granted for one year; in Intermediate Districts the term was extended to eight years; and in the Unsettled area 14 Years'(Broderick 5). p- nabob 125. 1852 'Many of the pastoral nabobs of Australia possess the man power of a 2,000 ton steam ship and could mount a dragoon regiment at two days notice'(Mundy Vol.2.21).

p- station 115. (AND 1848-1957). 1854 'there is a space of 1100 miles in a straight line, and over a vast extent are scattered about 3000 pastoral stations'(Howitt 200-01).
pastoralist 125. (AND 1880-1985). 1893 'the agreement, which is the excuse for the trouble...pastoralists drafted for the shearer to sign' (Merrii 141). 1907 'Pastoralists complain bitterly of the carelessness on the part of drivers of the railway engines, attributing the [bush] fires chiefly to that cause' (Morn.Bull.19Feb. 5c3). 1931 "Pastoralist" was chiefly used to represent the station holder, as compared with the farmer but it is rapidly going into disuse (Allen Note 10Feb). 1935 'We read much, and hear a lot, about the alleged hardships of the pastoralists, but...never at any time were they confronted with the unpleasant possibility of being compelled to carry their swags' (Aus.Work.25Sep.10c2). 1963 'On that day the representatives of wealthy graziers and pastoralists with their friends threw out a bill to give rural workers a 40 hour week' (Aus.Work.27Mar.4c1).

patter 90. 
(AND 1790-1881). 1833 'His excuse was that the [dead] child was sick...adding he himself did not patter (eat) any of it' (Sturt Vol.2.223). 1851 'when a gin...produces a half-caste child, they say "that been patter white bread"' (Henderson Vol.2.114).

PCS 193. See pieces
1934 'if you brand one line, say, 1ST PCS, and there is a still-lower line, brand it plain PCS' (Hardie 1934.63). 1961 'dirty edges, which can be called either "1st PCS" or "PCS"' (Eves 12)

pea (eater) 153. 
(AND 1901-1935). 1935 'Most of his mob had pink eye, a few were pea eaters' (Bull.2Jan. 20c2).

pea struck 153. (AND 1902-1974). 1980 'When you're driving pea-struck horses, / That stagger in their tracks' (Gunn 210).

pea rifle 81. 
(OED III.7.1862). 1910 'deceased obtained the loan of a defective pea rifle' (Melb.Her.9Mar.8c3). 1916 'Got the old pea rifle and shot two rabbits on way home' (Witten 18Mar). 1924 'this boy brought home a pea rifle and hid it under the house, where his mother found it' (Pol.Rec.30Mar.78). 1939 'accidently shot in the foot with pea rifle at Oxley Creek, yesterday morning' (Cour.Mail 4Sep. 9c7).

peach leaf 153.
1888 'the cattle dying from eating a poisonous weed known as the peach leaf and which was very common here then [1873]' (Sykes 17).

peacock 57.  
(AND 1892-1972). 1889 'the squatter...will barricade himself against outside selection as much as possible by peacocking and dummying the land' (Bell.H.Soc.5Jul.3c2). 1916 'Surveyor Muntz in plotting the selections has "peacocked" the property, passing over the poor lands and marking off only those areas suitable for cultivation' (Queen.18Nov.29c2). 1932 'Blackmail was also levied on the squatters by "get rich men" who "peacocked" the land by buying alternate blocks at auction [of a station which was only on lease to a squatter] and threatening to impound stock' (Scott 19c1).

peacocking 57. 
(AND 1892-1968). 1894 '[squatter lessees] dummying all the positions which offered the best means of blocking the selectors from getting to water. This system, commonly known as "peacocking"' (Epps 28). 1925 'He sent for a surveyor, and deliberately set to work to destroy a large area of the public estate...by buying the choice spots, water frontages etc., a system known as "peacocking," the effect of which would make the residue of his lease of little, if any, value to anyone else' (Suttor 506). 1932 'This [fencing law], while it effectively squashed this form of "peacocking" in later years, was a hardship to genuine settlers' (Scott 19c1).

pear See prickly pear
pen n.  
(a) 121, 122. (OED sb.i. 1.b). 1915 'The crossbreds were strengthened by nine or ten small pens from the sheep breeders' show'(Syd.M.Her.6Jul.11c4).
(b) 121, 161, 169. (AND 1879-1912). 1846 'No.8 is the pen into which they are driven immediately before they go into the shearer's hands'(Hodgson 39). 1891 The shearer shall not be allowed to catch any sheep from his pen while it is being filled'(ASU 8). 1895 'Each pen has a door opening on to the board, and two shearers are supplied with sheep from each pen'(Gould 211). 1912 'And now the last are in the pens—along the grinning board'(Tait 11).
(c) (AND 1897-1984). 170. 1892 'Pens are usually ballotted for, and a shearer who is taken on is said to have "got his pen"'(James 98). 1902 'secure a "pen" for him at a shed when he isn't on the spot' (Lawson 38). 1927-8 'weeks before the work starts, applications for pens and from shed hands begin to come in'(Aus.W.Ann.90). 1932 'Ye'll never want a pen for shearing as long ye carry that reference'(Scott 24c3). 1953 'Yes, boss, I'm after a pen'(Eastman 37).
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1964 'he first took a pen at the age of 17 and has been out each season since then'(Aus.Work.29Jul 16 c3). 1975 'Joe's up from Dirranbah, looking for a pen'(Ryan 70).

pen v. 191.
(a) (ext.OED v.i. 3.b). 1971 'increased supplies of sheep and lambs were penned at Homebush saleyards today'(Wagga D.Ad.22Jun.13).

pen mate 161, 170, 184, 187, 205.
(AND 1895-1980). 1897 'And "Barcoo" says to his pen-mate: "Twig / The style of the last 'un, Jim"'(Bull.11Dec.29c4). 1911 'these pairs are called penmates, and they turn the grindstone for each other'(Sorenson 237). 1955 'being a very slow shearer, as compared with my penmates, I did not get a chance to shear many rams from the pen each time it was fullled'(Barnes 7). 1964 'The newcomers were put pen-mates with old Bill—no one who knew him would have him on'(Newton 42).

penner up 191.
(AND 1887-1979). 1890 'the shepherds' dogs are barking in the yard, and the penner-up is cursing at the back'(Woodhouse 33). 1911 'Penners-up must pen sheep on Saturday afternoons and Sundays if necessary, and are not entitled to any overtime payment'(Aus.CCA 31). 1917 'They act chiefly as "penners-up" of the sheep and as "pickers-up" of the fleeces'(Aus.CCA 31). 1926 'penner-up be paid overtime for all work done over 44 hours per week, and that two penner-ups be employed where there are 15 or more shearers'(Aus.Work.6Jan.20cl). 1932 'I was Boss of the board, Woolclasser, Penner up etc. and had my time fully occupied'(Scott 27c3). 1945 'needless pushing, bruising... otherwise knocking about of sheep so frequently indulged in by incompetent penner-ups'(Pearse 112). 1953 'at the back of the shed worked the "penners-up" whose job was to keep the catching pens full for the shearers. We always alluded to them as the "pen-uppers"'(Stronach 31). 1967 'The penner-up must keep the sheep moving forward, quietly and carefully, as space becomes available in the shed'(Woodbridge 29).

penning 190.
1915 'Merinos formed the bulk of the penning'(Syd.M.Her.6Jul.11c4). 1971 'There was a much heavier penning of sheep and lambs'(Wagga D.Ad.25Jun.11).

penning up yard 191.
1880 'Race too narrow, penning up yard too small and middle yard not lambproof'(Macdonald 17Sep).

pencil locks 193. See locks 1950 'second cuts, pencil locks, or small pieces of wool clinging to the fleece'(Belschner 697).

pennies on the roof 190.
1968 'Rousies say "pennies on the roof" when the sound of rain is heard on the tin roof'(Craig Note).


Perth wool 195.
1952 'These western wools, particularly those from the neighbourhood of Perth are often referred to as "Perth wool"'(Haigh 44).
pesa See pise

pet 150.
1893 'Tailed the pets and 63 Bush lambs'(Witten 7Sep). 1916 'Ernest shore pet lambs at house and then mustered lambs in Park [paddock]'(Harden 19Dec).

pick combs.
p- over 166. 1884 'Jack and Alice picking over wool'?(Caldwell 28May). 1916 'Picking over wool at W shed from crutching & cleaned up the shed'(Harden 16Jul). 1932 'gave some of the local black sheep a job at picking over the stained pieces'(Scott 51 cl). p- pieces 166. (AND 1910). ca.1880s 'No shearing, others picking pieces wool'(M.Wilson 11Sep). p- sticks (see stick pick) 1901 'Mick Fallon and I picking sticks'(O'Shaughnessy 7Apr)...'picking till 12 oclock' (O'Shaughnessy 28Apr). p- up 169, 191. (a) (AND 1862-1982). 1846 'ten or twelve men are hard at work, clipping the wool or picking up the fleeces'(Hodgson 40). 1900 'He "picked up" in one shed where I was shearing' (Lawson 37). 1934 'My father is a cook and my brother is picking-up at PiBallawray shearing shed' (Aus.Work.19Sep.20c1). p- up (b) 167. 1883 'Gill picking up [dead wool] on the right blocks' (Macdonald 18May).

picker (up) 173, 185, 190, 191. (AND 1870-1980). 1867 'Where a classer is employed, he ought to have the pickers up of the fleeces, the rollers at the table, and men at the presses, under his charge'(Jordan 92). 1879 'Gill putting up a hut for pickers up, etc. near the shed on No.104'(Macdonald 21Aug). 1888 'one of the "pickers up" catches the newly-severed fleece, taking care not to break it, and conveys it to the table' (Cassell 223). 1900 'a green-hand applying for work as picker-up or woolroller--a shed rouseabout' (Lawson (2) 32). 1907 'hear the bleating of the sheep...the clash of the knockers on the shears-blades, the hurrying run of the pickers-up'(Morn.Bull.2 Oct.7c7). 1916 'Yes I'm a picker-upper'(Bull.6Jan 22). 1927-8 The pickers-up, wool rollers, and piece-pickers do exactly the same work in the same way as they did fifty years ago'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.94). 1937 'As soon as the belly wool has been removed, see that this is flung well clear, ready for the picker-up'(Dangar 5). 1949 'the picker-up gives the wound a dab of Stockholm tar to promote healing and to keep the blow-flies ofr'(Ciba Rev.74.2733). 1959 'Pickers-up took the fleece as it fell on the board, and spread it skin-side down on the wool-tables'(Tritton 26). 1970 'the picker-up stands ready to swoop on the fleece'(Aus.W. Week.).

picking-up 191. 1934 'picking-up is more important, as a badly gathered fleece cannot be properly thrown out'(Hardie 17). 1959 'I had been given a learner's pen...while Duchy was given picking-up' (Tritton 15c1).

pick(ing) 134. (AND 1901-1938). 1882 'Round Webster's and Reserve [paddocks]: just pickings and nice short grass in them'(Macdonald 11May). 1891 'Picking...straw, thorns, twigs, seed, or any vegetable matter'(Hawkesworth 5). 1917 'with a fall in about a week or so we should have a nice green pick on the burnt country for the sheep'(Want.Letter.30Mar.3). 1932 'The next day we set forth and were fortunate enough to get a bit of green picking for the sheep along the route'...'his sheep stopped dying as ours did when they got the pick of green grass'(Scott 50c1). 1959 'There had been good sheep-feed...short picking which sheep prefer'(Tritton 17c2). 1973 'Cattle chase the green pick and it is hard to get them on to the mulga'(Bris.Cour.Mail 3Jan.8c7).

picture wool 199.
1952 'New South Wales produces the "picture wools", i.e. what the trade knows as very fine and excellent types, worthy of being shown'(Haigh 45).

pie pieces 167.
1931 'pie pieces are trimmings or loose ends of sweated skins cut or clipped off by the puller'(Allen Feb). 1944 'Pie pieces...may consist of skin pieces from dead sheep, or they may be leg and head pieces from which the "puller" cannot pull the wool during fellmongering'(Minter 71). 1950 'pie pieces...pieces of skin with wool adhering which have been cut from skins during the process of fellmongering'(Belschner 699).
pie(d) wool 167.
1900 'pie wool...the wool picked off the pie pieces'(Hawkesworth 269). 1931 'pie wool...a technical term in fellmongering meaning the wool which is picked off pie pieces'(Allen 23 Feb). 1946 'pie wool...picked from fragments of skin, weevily skins, trimmings and shankings which have been sweating in a heap to free the wool from the portion of skin'(Guthrie 226). 1952 "pied wool" is as stated, a "pie", namely, many kinds of wool altogether, often skin pieces'(Haigh 45). 1964 'Pie wool is derived from skin pieces, shanks, rejected pieces of skin...that have been put into a concrete pit or piled in a heap so that the heat generated putrifies the skin so that...wool can be recovered'(Smith 78).

piece combs.
p- picker 192,199. (AND 1899-1979). 1899 'the "Piece Pickers" gather them [skirtings] up and sort them on their own tables'(Jeffrey 51). 1911 'There is some little experience required for the wool-roller and the piece-picker, something more than for the picker-up'(Aus.CCA 31). 1915 'Every piece picker has separate bins into which he throws his different lots'(Mathews 13). 1934 'when an armful [of pieces] has accumulated, they should be carried straight to the piece-picker'(Hardie 20). 1944 'The efficient piece-picker has a quick eye, and good wool hands which enable him to feel a fault as well as see it'(Minter 44). 1956 'The skirtings that are taken from the fleece are dealt with by the piece-picker whose job is that of a minor classer'(Gold.Fleece 104). 1962 'In the back country, shearing contractors...often employ bush classifiers who wouldn't even make good piece pickers'(Aus.C.Mag.Jun.89c2). p- picking 166,170,196. (AND 1905, 1928). 1919 'follow the wool through the various processes of skirting, piece picking, classing, etc.'(Kelly 79). 1932 'One...was supposed to assist with piece picking and pressing'(Scott 48c2). 1953 'There must be a piece-picker, who will skirt the fleece on one side of the wool-table and attend to the piece picking'(Cooper 36). 1961 'piece picking can demand fast work and constant movement of both hands'(Jordan 189). p- picking table 170. 1944 'the second cuts accumulate under the skirting and piece-picking tables'(Minter 14). p- wool 193. 1882 'Have the piece-wool divided into first and second pieces'(Armstrong 170). 1897 'the locks and any "piece" wool that has become detached...should be carefully swept on one side'(Gold.Mort 7). 1946 'it [neck wool] is lighter in condition--hence more valuable--than the remaining piece wool'(Gold.Mort 30).

pieces 166,195,203. (AND 1881-1979). 1867 'the large pieces taken off in skirting go under the head of "Pieces"'(Jordan 93). 1876 'The total number of bales of greasy wool this season is 889, or 718 exclusive of locks and pieces'(Davison Letter.copy in Gardner 1956.131). 1888 'The skirtings removed from the fleece are called "pieces" and are called "first" or "second" according to quality and cleanliness'(Cassell 223). 1891 'The locks and pieces are also separated into four classes'(News Cut.PL Vol.2,3). 1902 'These are pieces but not picked over'(Witten flyleaf). 1912 'the locks, pieces, and belly-wool are packed separately from each other, and the main body of the wool'(Hunter 29). 1926 'in the United States and in South America wool...is sold unsorted--fleece, pieces, bellies, and locks, rolled up together'(Chard 22). 1935 'Pieces or belly-wool can be thrown into their respective bins and tramped occasionally, but each class must be kept in separate bins'(Cook 2). 1946 'segregating at the outset wools of non-combing length...the short wools such as short pieces...from the remainder of the clip'(Gold.Mort 20). 1964 'wool room bins and pieces bins all on the ground level'(Pearse 136).

pig combs.
P- hump / jump(ing) 107. (AND 1884-1938). 1872 'Coming home in Crossing the river Pony set to pig jumping'(Walter 11 Apr). 1912 'Jack...had once ridden a "pig-jumping pony", when on a visit to a friend'(Bowes 87). 1925 'My mount was a tall chestnut, which only pig-jumped at the start, and I was one of those who laughed when Sam threw a somersault out of his saddle'(Aus.Work.4Mar. 13c2). 1929 'Up and down the colt went, slewing, rooting, pig-jumping'(Prichard 79). p- meater 147. (AND 1879-1900). 1884 'Among them was a large proportion of bullocks, which declined with fiendish obstinacy to fatten...known by the stockriders as "ragers" or "pig-meaters"'(Boldrewood 105). p- root 107. (AND 1900-1980). 1912 'Each of these men has sat and chatted or smoked as the vicious brute beneath him pigrooted'(Sydney Mail 17Jul.36c1). 1926 'The fury of his bucking was spent, though he still pig-rooted, jumping and rearing spasmodically'(Prichard 65). 1938 'She [racehorse] appeared to...

piker 147
(AND 1887-1980). 1904 'a cock-horned piker mud fat bellowed and crashed into the scrub('Palmer-Archer 170). 1923 For years that seem beyond counting Jack has wandered and followed the long-horned "pikers" along, and from, and to the Bulloo river('Aus.Work.4Jul.1c5). 1932 'There was an old cow with them, a real old "piker", they had been unable to get her to leave the place before'(Scott 44c1). 1968 'the lot feeder avoids small stunted cattle, cattle that appear tight in the hide, nervous cattle, and big "old piker" bullocks of the Northern Territory'(Ag.Gaz.Jul.390).

pilot 141.
v. (ext.OED v.2). 1893 'Piloting Walter Ball through Long Gully paddock with his sheep to the yards to be drafted'(Capel 21May). 1903 'M.G. piloting 3000 ewes through from the Warego to Bairrin'(Ulah 17May). 1911 'The holdings being smaller, we were piloted through all the stations' (Syd.Mail 26Jul.33c1). 1932 'I do not think Charlie was piloting them [sheep]'(Scott 41c3).
n. 1903 'Travelling sheep Bourke to Armidale Noonan owner Younger in charge M.G. pilot'(Ulah 6Jan).

pimply gut 152.
1961 'This worm causes a disease of the intestines--called "pimply gut" by the butchers, because the nodules on the wall of the gut render it unfit for sausage casing'(Jordan 287).

pin (bullock) 109-10.
(AND 1898-1980). 1898 'From pin bullocks to the leaders, every beast was wearied out'(Bull. 13Aug.3c2). 1959 'the pin bullocks take the pull'(Tritton 36c2).

pinch 104.
(AND 1846-1985). 1847 'There is only one pinch on the range, and a scrub about three-quarters of a mile wide'(Bris.Cour.10Apr.2c2). 1852 'what colonists name "pinches," ascents in the mountain that would puzzle a London drayman'(Mossman 36). 1872 'Occasionally the driver makes his whip resound like the report of a gun--as a gentle reminder that some "pinch" has to be surmounted'('ll. Syd.News 8Jun.91c3). 1883 'Our route lay across the Major's line for about five miles when we crossed the pinch'('Curr 75). 1923 'I'm trottin' along the road of life...and feel the uphill pinches' (Moses 37).

pink 167,186.
(AND 1897-1975). 1892 'But no one can't pink a underd Whydah wethers a day. Less'n a pou'n a day aint wages for sheerin'('News.Cut.PL.129). 1904 'Every shearer pinks his sheep as the manager passes('Palmer-Archer 61). 1912 'The last old hairy cobbler is pinked with tender care'(Tait 11). 1927-8 'They would pink or rib and quarter it, or leave their initials on the side'('Aus.W.Ann.103). 1932 'A sheep was "pinksed" by being shorn with about an inch of the point of the shears'(Scott 27 c1). 1939 'He was a very clean shearer, every one of his sheep being beautifully pinked, and never a cut on any of them'('LFS Ann.23Aug.19). 1953 'two distinct cuts could be seen, some sheep being pinked(closely shorn) while others had the wide open cut of the ordinary shearer'('Eastman 78). 1959 'I saw Dick Hinton shear 274, at Uliman in 1908, and every sheep was pinksed'(Tritton 42).

pinking 186.
1911 'In most sheds where pinking is desirable the ringer...restricted to a certain limit, and no one is allowed to go beyond him [to prevent racing]'(Sorenson 241).
pink eye 100,152.
1899 'the notorious "pink-eyeing" districts out nor' west'(Truth 8 Oct.6c4). 1934 'A well-known drover was travelling along the banks of the Bulloo River with a flock of sheep when 2000 of them developed "pink-eye"'(Queen.15 Jan.3c1). 1968 'Pink eye in feedlot cattle can be a problem in summer...it may be necessary to institute control measures'(Ag.Gaz.Jul.392c3).

pink rot 200.
1945 'Now and again red and bright green to greyish-green stains appear on wools, the cause being bacterial, while finally there is the disease known as "pink rot," rarely seen in Australia, but more common in New Zealand'(Pearse 202).

pint pot 79,93.
(ext.OED). 1862 'Wright galloped after them [bushrangers] for about two miles, when one of them ... threw away his blankets and pint pot, which were strapped on to his horse'(Mudgee Lib.14 Nov.3c5). 1891 'all with the inevitable pint pot and tin billy'(Praed 78). 1907 'I got out my swag of personal belongings, and strapped it up in a bluey...and fastened it and a pint-pot on my saddle' (Partridge 12-13). 1932 'I was lying on my elbow and drinking from a pint pot'(Scott 14c1).

pirly 202.
1922 'Avoid weak pirly wool on the back'(Perry 42).

pisé (de terre) 76.
(ext.OED) 1858 'I was inclined to try a new kind of building which had lately been introduced in the colony, under the name of pise building'(Rowcroft 190). 1890 'Jack lost no time establishing himself in his bedroom in the new cottage, which he had judiciously caused to be built of "pise," or rammed earth...securing coolness, solidity and thickness of wall'(Boldrewood 66). 1930 'The walls of the pesa homestead...stood out with surprising clearness against the background of green'(Palmer (2) 31). 1968 'Where trees were scarce, walls were made of pisé, a mud mixed with the toughest grass available'(Freeland 104). 1969 'There are many fine buildings of pise de terre—simple but laborious process...earth is rammed between formboards to build up thick walls, which give marvellous insulation'(Muchmore 12). 1971 'the oldest homestead in Hungerford district. Constructed of pisé'(West Her. 23 Apr.8).

pit trap 155.
1917 'But with these pit traps working and a poisoning when the summer is over, we should be able to reduce the pest to normal'(Want.Letter.22 Jun.5).

Pitt Street farmer / grazier 125.
(AND 1971-1985). 1965 'New Natives are generally quickly labelled with the old familiar terminology of Pitt Street Graziers—or whatever the current derogatory term is'(Canb.Times 11 May. 2c2). 1972 'A Pitt Street farmer is a Sydney business or professional man running a country property as a sideline'(Syd.M.Her.14 Apr.6). 1986 'They think we're all Pitt Street farmers. But this is no hobby here'(Syd.M.Her.15 Feb.6c2).

pizzle 166,193.
(AND 1891-1982). 1897 'If not attended to promptly, gangrene of the pizzle results and death shortly supervenes'(Gold.Mort 16). 1914 'The flies are striking a small percentage of the wethers on pizzle'(Coonamble 5 Apr). 1917 'let some other person take the risk of grass seed, bad pizzles and other losses'(Want.Letter 4 Feb.1). 1932 'every care being taken not to injure the pizzle of male sheep or the teats of ewes'(Ag.Gaz.1 Aug.558). 1962 'Shear across the belly and avoid cutting the pizzle'(Aus.W.Bur.3).

pizzle combs.

p- button 194. 1933 'clean the crutch, taking care not to cut or injure the teats on the ewes or ewe lambs, or the pizzle button of the wethers'(McKenzie 4-5). p- pieces 194. 1899 'the "Belly and Lock Picker"...is very careful to take out all stained pizzle pieces from the wether bellies'(Jeffrey 51). p- ring 166. 1956 'No wether should be crutched without being pizzle-ringed'(Bowen 62). p- rot 166. 1961 'A pizzle may be sliced leading to pizzle rot'(Jordan 199).
**p-stain** 199. 1934 'show the board-boy how to remove pizzle-stains'(Hardie 19). 1935 'the bellies should be very lightly trimmed and pizzle stains removed from the belly wool of male sheep'(Goddard 19). **p-wool** 199. 1965 'they [bellies] should have the wet heavily-stained pizzle wool trimmed out to be dried and packed separately'(Henderson 86).

**place** 114,116. 1899 'We must go down to the lower gully...and then we'll be sure of being below the cocky's place' (Brereton 121). 1920 "Don't forget this is your place now," she said to him as they walked down the tracks together(Palmer 20). 1929 'She had an idea if they got a place of their own she could keep him away from the pubs'(Prichard 22).

**plain** 66,144. 1824 'the plains bear a strong resemblance to what are called sheep downs in England'(Curr 55). 1848 'The country was grassy, and so open as, almost to deserve the colonial name of "plain"'(Mitchell 136). 1860 'produced the plateau or "plains", as bare tracts occupied by basalt, &c., are improperly locally designated'(Clarke 159-60). 1873 'Squatters who look after their own runs always live in the bush, even though their sheep are pastured on the plains'(Trollope 163).

**plain (wool)** 201. 1900 'Plain is wool where the curves in the staples are scarcely discernible'(Hawkesworth 174).

**planter's friend** 93. 1870 'I found Dr. Boot trying to manufacture sugar from Planter's Friend, and was informed he had succeeded in getting it to granulate'(Walter 23Jun).

**pleuro(er)** 152. 1863 'Got them all, say 3200 and never saw any dead or dying of pleuro or any disease'(Macansh 6). 1896 'There were floods, and droughts, and bush fires, and a touch of pleuro too'(Dyson 120). 1900 'We need never fight the "pleorer", drought and flood'(Bull.27Jan.32c1). 1918 'When we got within about forty miles of Rockhampton I heard that there was a great deal of "pleuro" ahead of me'(Fetherstonhaugh 235). 1932 'once a mob of cattle which had been through the "dip" at Mungindi were suspected of having Pleuro...found not to be Pleuro and they were permitted to travel'(Scott 57c3).

**pluck** 149. **See dock** 1904 'Started plucking tails and did [cut] young lambs'(Ulah 2Jun).

1899 'W.Cole and Ulric plucking dead wool'(Ulah 4Aug). 1931 'Plucked wool is the wool that is gathered from the carcass within a short period after the death of the animal'(Cowley 167). 1950 'Plucked wool...removed from the carcass of dead sheep as soon as the fibres become loose in the skin; a superior grade of "dead" wool'(Munz 152). 1962 'Some sheep die in the paddocks, and wool removed relatively soon is known as "plucked wool"'(Barnard 17).
plug 105.
(OED 6 US). 1942 'My job...was to round up the station hacks on an old plug named The Drum [slow-moving] '(Bull.18Feb.14c3).

plunge dip 157.
1950 'A plunge sheep-dip consists of a long, narrow swimming-bath about 2ft. wide and 5ft. deep' (Belschner 113). 1961 'The alternative to a swim dip or plunge dip, is the use of the shower, or spray dip'(Jordan 19). 1975 'When I was a shedhand, it was clean out the plunge, cart and chop wood...and anything else that was goin'!'(Ryan 123).

pocket 203.
(OED sb.1) 1899 'Pocket...an irregular package of wool, the tare of which may be under 11 lbs.' (Sinclair 66). 1965 'That year's wool clip of twenty-one bales was packed in "pockets". These were small bales which held about 70 lb. of wool' (Anderson 24).

pocket press 204.
1964 'pocket press...small wool press designed to turn out bales--or "pockets"--weighing from seventy to ninety pounds suitable for loading on to a packhorse'(Newton 165).

pody 146,147.
n. (AND 1872-1983). 1870 'observed...some very small sheep amongst their weaners, and... found that these "poddies" had all two teeth up, whilst the bulk of the flock had not even commenced to show signs of cutting their incisors'(Graham 35). 1893 'If I did occasionally put my brand by mistake on one of Massey's "poddies," I at any rate took all sorts of care that no one else did' (Mackay 75). 1900 'Poddie...a lamb having lost its mother and stunted in growth'(Hawkesworth 31). 1916 'Your poddies are pictures at present, and already I have got three in for milkers'(Want.Letter. 21 Oct.3). 1934 'Arthur took delivery 20 poddies at £1 per head from Frank Wade'(Gibson 2Sep). 1956 'A halfpenny a gallon was the fee for...taking the milk in and bringing back the skim for pigs and poddies'(James 154). 1968 'they've got to get a farm outside the zone and concentrate on cream, with the sideline of pigs and poddies'(Poul.t.Farm. 17Feb.30).

poddy combs.
p- calf 146.
1923 'The only persons visible were three children, who were tethered like poddy calves in the shade of a clump of trees'(Aus.Work.26Sep.15c1) . 1970 'Poddie calves line up at feeding time'(Lachlander 31Jul.3) .
p- dodger 146. (AND 1913,1926). 1913 'The cows had been milked...and poddying completed'(Bull.29May 48c3). 1992 'If a cow dies before she's reared her calf, poddying is the only answer on my place--either on a milker or by hand feeding'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.29c2).

poddy dings.
p- dodging 129,136.
1957 'Mick did a bit of poddy-dodging when things were slack'(Porteous 61).

pointer 110.
(AND 1872,1941). 1872 'the pair [of bullocks] next to the pole are called the "pointers", and are also required to be pretty steady'(Eden 36).

points 191.
(AND 1871-1970). 1867 'the points, or desirable qualities, which characterise a well-bred merino' (Jordan 3). 1870 'Any ewe that "strips" her belly-wool, or loses her wool at the points whilst rearing a lamb, should be discarded'(Graham 37). 1888 'Dirty backs, muddy points, heavy dilberries all vanish before the machine'(News.Cut.PL.27). 1897 'By retaining hold at the
points originally gripped and throwing the rest of the fleece gently away from him, the picker-up should be able to spread it neatly, tip uppermost...without causing any break'(Gold .Mort 7). 1902 'The points or extremities of the fleece, i.e., the flanks, shanks, neck and head pieces'(Gold.Fleece 1Feb.11). 1911 'sheep may take a longer time [to shear] if they have more wool on the points and round the eyes' (Aus.CCA 18). 1922 'The wool should be lustrous, soft to touch, free from kemp, and well spread on the back, belly, and points'(Perry 44). 1935 'Pay special care to the clean shearing of the points and breech, because woolly points collect grass seeds'(Goddard 7). 1961 'The ideal is a thoroughly covered sheep with plenty of wool down to the points'(Aus.C.Mag.18c3).

poison cart 155,156. (AND 1898-1948). 1905 'First Poison Cart arrived on Ulah'(Ulah 2May). 1917 'I have poisoned the river paddock this week and to-day one poison cart was working in Rosehill [paddock] '(Want.Letter 28Apr.1). 1932 'Men poisoning with poison carts, trapping, pit traps and driving into wire yards were the principal methods adopted'(Scott 59c1). 1956 'it had smeared all the filth it could muster from its poison-cart propagandists last month'(Aus.Work.25Jan.3c2). 1980 'We [rabbits] greet the poison cart with smiles, / It is our ration bus'(Gunn 37).

poison muzzle 142. 1903 'behind the pack horse ambles listlessly a tall, slate-coloured kangaroo dog, furnished with the usual poison muzzle--a light wire basket worn after the manner of a nosebag'(Furphy 2).

poisoner 173. (AND 1905-1969). 1902 'they will be heard to-day whenever a "poisoner" officiates from the Gabo to the Leeuwin'(Gold.Fleece 1Sep.25). 1918 'He an' the other poisoners play euchre for the rations' (Aussie Vol.2.16Feb.6c2). 1936 "Splendid Stew"...a real "poisoner" who must have spoilt tons of flour'(Walkabout 1Feb.46c2). 1957 "poisoner","baitlayer","Crippen" were all in fairly common use as descriptive titles [for the cook]'(Wannan 40).

poker 147. See piker. 1908 'one of the lads on duty...stock-whipped the old poker back to the mob'(Gunn 239-40).

pole bullock, poler 110,111. See shaft bullock. (AND 1860-1959). 1861 'his two pole bullocks...walked into the water and got drowned'(White 16 Oct). 1865 'went off to look for one of his "polers," who luxuriated in the name of "Strawberry"' (III.Syd.News 16Jun.11c1). 1872 'Twelve bullocks is the usual number in a team, the two polers and the leader being steady old stagers'(Eden 36). 1903 'All mosey's team, except the polers, had been hooked on, but with no result beyond the breaking of a well-worn chain' (Ferguson 98). 1932 'Charlie crept out along the pole and balanced it and I released the polers'(Scott 31c2). 1951 'As we used to admire a pet horse, the bullocky his pair of polers that were the best "b----" bullicks in all the land!'(Idriess 15). 1964 'two well-trained polers...work with the driver, know his every command'(Idriess 70).

pole dray 109. (AND 1843-1915). 1844 'will sell by public auction...two carts and two sets of harness, seven pole drays and two new wheels'(Guard.6Apr.29c4).

poley 146. (AND 1843-1976). 1840 'STRAYED...A BLACK POLEY cow, brand almost illegible'(Port.P.Her.12 May 4c5). 1846 'Mary Clarke, a Nepean nymph, was indicted for having stolen a poley cow'(Bell's 11Jul.1c4). 1867 'Killed sick poley bullock and a sick red cow'(Dungog H.Soc.2Dec). 1872 'he will get it [noose] placed nicely over her horns, or, if a poley cow, her neck must do'(Eden 83). 1891 'I'll take some galloping to wheel that poley brindle's mob, and if they once break there's no headin' 'em'(Boldrewood 130-31). 1902 'She repeated a well-known story of the bustin' of a poley cow last year'(Baynton 125). 1921 'Yes, go as smoothly as our two poley bullocks'(Sargent 138). 1978 'put that light poley of yours in too, and bring Dinkum's bridle and yer spurs'(Garvey 123). 1982 'Black Poll or Poley, which is usually pure bred Angus but is always without horns and always black' (Nat.Farm.1Jul).
police paddock 121.
(AND 1840-1960). 1839 'at Mr.Reeves' suburban ten acre Allotment, nearly adjoining the Police Paddock'(Port P.Gaz.7Dec.2c1). 1865 'On Tuesday last the remains of the bushranger, Johnny Gilbert, were interred in the police paddock at Binalong'(Burran.Argus 27May.3c3). 1877 'As the Spring has now commenced and rain has fallen all Police Paddocks...are to be closed at once...to allow the grass sufficient headway'(Gren.H.Soc.24 Sep). 1910 'there are no police horse-paddocks from which remounts may be obtained'(Bull.23Apr.13c3).

policeman's jog 106.
1880 'Each of the troopers has one spur only, consequently one side of the horse goes faster than the other, and the result is a peculiar amble, called the "Policeman's jog"'(Inglis 62).

poll See poley
poll wool 165.
1961 '[when shorn] the poll wool is known as a topknot'(Jordan 8).

polling 165.
1959 'Wigging or ringing or polling [sheep], per hundred'(Unit.Graz.Queen.sheet 1/1).

pom(my) 46.
(AND 1912-1984). 1920 "P- plenty of m- matches" shivered our pommy, "but not a scrap of p-paper"(Bull.8Jul.26c3). 1933 'some graceless pommy asked him once'(Bull.12Sep.21c1). 1945 'He was an Englishman, not a "pommy" mind you...he hadn't even reached that dignity'(Coast to Coast 63). 1969 'I'd love to see a bit of the Australian bush, being a Pommy and all that'(Wom.Day 20Jan.58). 1976 'He never played centre for Australia against the Poms'(Syd Sun 12Apr.4).

pond 84-85.
(AND 1835-1886). 1838 'Water has become so precious...where rivers do not flow for half the creek ponds of the Colony are dried up; and some rivers, so called are now dried up, save a pond here, and another there'(Monitor 7Nov.1c3).

pony 190.
(AND 1911-1982). 1915 'A "pony" is a rouseabout who carries the fleeces from the classer to the wool-bins'(Bull.28 Oct.22c4). 1931 'a "pony" may also be needed by the classer if the shearing team is a fast one. The "pony's" duty will be to assist the classer by taking the classed fleeces and stacking them in their respective bins'('Cowley 105). 1963 'In the era of big shearing, a "pony" acted as assistant to the woolclasser'('R.Ryan Interview ).

poor man's gate 119.
1968 'A poor man's gate is usually made of barbed wire with only uprights at each end, no stay and secured by wire loops to fence posts. It is light and easily made, at best a makeshift, and a source of much profanity'('Knox Note).

poor man's stripe 152.
1903 'you could count their ribs a quarter of a mile off; and they had acquired that crease down the hip pathetically known as "the poor man's stripe"'(Furphy 264).

port(hole) 169.
(AND 1882,1965). 1882 "port-holes", or small doorways, are made (one for each shearer), through which the sheep are turned when shorn'(Armstrong 175). 1902 'A shearer half-way down the board slams his sheep out the open "port"'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan.31). 1910 'Out of these port-holes there kept issuing shorn sheep, which ran down little sloping boards, and thus filled the pens'(Hornung 98). 1956 'with blades the relation of catching pen door to the board or porthole is not so important as with machines'(Bowen 8). 1964 'the sheep when shorn are shot out through portholes into counting-out pens outside the shed'(Newton 165).

Port Phillip wool 195.
1952 'Port Phillip wool is excellent, fine, good length, very sound in fibre'(Haigh 45).
possum 92.
(AND 1770-1979). 1882 'about 1ft.deep in the debris of decomposing "possums"' (Macdonald 3Jul).
1931 'a little area of land, too hard and sterile for the uses of man--sanctuary for the birds, for the 'possum, and for the native bear' (Davison 55).

possum combs. 92.

p- notch 1960 'that big blackbutt over there! Look at the possum notches cut in the bark' (O'Grady 28).

p- rug (AND 1840-1930).
1903 'Just at sunrise, one glance round the vicinity brought me out of my possum-rug' (Furphy 175).

1926 'possum skins had been pegged out to dry on the door and along the wall' (Prichard 35).

possuming 92.
(AND 1852-1951). 1844 'initiating an English friend into the barbarous mysteries of opossum-shooting (familiarly termed "possuming")' (Meredith 135).
1915 'she was always more eager to be "possumming" and chasing calves' (Prichard 156).

post and rail (fence) 118.
(AND 1820-1978). 1835 'About nine miles of post and rail fencing being required along the new line of road' (Aus. 2Jan. 3c4).
1848 'The well-trimmed hedge and the substantial wall are rarely met with, and are usually represented by post-and-rail fences, and by walls of loose stones, both...being occasionally in need of repair' (Westgarth 271).
1851 'firm ground was gained at last, and very soon a post and rail fence enclosing a neat slab hut, came in sight' (Tester 67).
1890 'can you put up a post and rail' (Couvreur 51).
1903 'the post-and-rail reserved for the stockyards and home enclosures' (Cambridge 96).
1911 'The old "post-and-rail fence" was a standing dish to him' (Austral. 21Jan. 1824).
1916ca. 'she jumped across the post and rail' (Bell. H. Soc.).
1942 'this fence...was to be entirely different from the post-and-rail or brush fence, the two types then in general use' (Glasson 3).

post and rail (tea) 98.
1871 'many a pannikin of tea has been dipped up from among the "posts and rails" in the billy' (Ill. Syd. News 18Mar. 154 c1).
1887 'when the stalks and coarse particles of the fragrant leaf float thickly thereon, it is sometimes graphically styled "post-and-rails" tea' (All Year Round 30Jul. 66).
1902 'I didn't feel inclined for corned beef and damper, and post-and-rail tea' (Lawson (1) 72).
1918 'the other name [for tea] was "Post and Rails," which speaks for itself' (Fetherstonhaugh 30).
1938 'an unchanging diet of mutton-chops, unleavened damper, and post-and-rail tea' (Praser 31).
1956 'stores which carried no goods more precious than post-and-rail tea and moleskin trousers' (Ronan 3).
1965 'smoko [consisted of] scones and "post and rail tea" (tea stalks floating on top of the tea brew)' (Vance 52).

post-hole digger 119.
1939 'a better tool than the auger is a post-hole digger' (Idriess 2).

post the trees 101.
1861 'we should soon get hold of him by having notices posted on the trees at the different goldfields...he asked us to accompany him...we might see "posting the trees" for ourselves' (Nassary 47).

post town 65.
(ext. OED. 1). 1872 'our so-called post town...one small inn, a slab hut or two, and a store' (Kerr 174).

pot, sling the 97.
1893 'a signal for the people at the station to "sling the pot" for the coming guest, let him be stranger or not' (Demarr 106).

pot combs. See also boil down.

p- price 147. 1874 'the market value of sheep was very little above "pot" price, or the amount they would realise if boiled down and converted into tallow' (Stamer Vol. 2. 197).

p- sticker 207.
1889 'the men on the green have rolled up their last sheet, the potstickers are limping up from the river' (Bull. 7Sep. 20c2).
1932 'the appendages were brought in by a couple of
1917 'Potsticking...scouring wool by hand, mostly used by small country wool-scuivers'(Smith 184). 1950 'Potsticking...a simple, old-fashioned method of scouring wool' (Belschner 699).

**pound** 117.
n. (ext.OED sb.ii.l.1.c). 1932 'First the "lane" was filled, this being a long narrow yard with a small pen or "pound" at its end fitted with several gates leading to separate yards'(Scott 17c3). 1934 'the best colt in the district gets out of a paddock that should be as horse-proof as the pound in Scone' (Bull.3Jan.31c3).
v. 1920 'Last week your father got his blackboys to yard all Macy Duncan's horses, and he was going to pound them for being on his run'(Palmer 37).

**pound keeper** 117.
1949 'A request was forwarded asking the poundkeeper to make a visit to the township'(Cam.News 22Feb.1c2).

**pound yard** 117.
1899 'I brought it on to Bathurst, put it in the poundyard, and had it sold by auction'(Derrincourt 243).

**prad** 105.
(AND 1812-1977). 1831 'mounted his prad, and hied himself off to the races'(Syd.Her.25Jul.4c1). 1842 'the fellow, who had his eye on Mr.Darling's prad, requested him to ride on a bit, until he could see his paces'(Corn.Chron.21May.4c3). 1866 'they [bushrangers] suddenly made into the bush and made off, apparently giving up the intention of attempting to recover their prads'(Goulb.Her. 7Feb.2c5). 1898 'the trade was confined to the passing "cockatoo" farmer, who invariably arrived on a bony, drooping prad, took a drink, and shuffled away'(Dyson 99-100).

**pre -empt, -emption, -emptive right** 56.
1867 'they...have derived enormous advantages from "pre-emption right"...purchasing a square mile of land where the head station is situated'(Morison 128). 1890 'My friend has the run and the stock and the pre-empts all in his own hands'(Boldrewood 322).
1932 'The land laws [in 1860s] were bad, they permitted a Selector to take up 640 acres of Conditional Purchase and what was called a pre-emptive right for three times the amount [of land] of his Conditional Purchase'(Scott 19c1).

**prepar(er)(ing)** 209.
1905 'The initial stage is opening or loosening out the staples so that they will more easily pass through the next machine, called the preparer, which is preliminary to the carding'(Ag.Gaz.245). 1944 'preparation of the wool for combing in the preparer gill-box only done with long-stapled wools, hence the term "preparing wools"'(NZ AEWS 60).

**press**
n. 170,203. (AND 1828-1926). 1848 'it [classed fleece] is folded up neatly, and set aside to be ready for the press, which is in full operation throughout the day'(Haygarth 48). 1864 'The press consisted of a large box set on end, and without either top or bottom; the sides were detachable, and were merely clamped together when pressing was being done'(Armour 14). 1893 'Worked at the press & finished all'(Witten 10 Oct). 1904 'Or worse! You might be bundled into the press and be shipped to London'(Farm.C.News 8 Oct.10).

1931 'Shedhands may be required to do...carrying wool to the press without extra payment'(Grazcos 23).
1859 'it was nearly Christmas before our wool was pressed and ready for the drays'(Kingsley Vol.2.25). 1905 'always press fleeces by themselves, and do not mix in the sweepings, locks, and dags, as frequently happens'(Ag.Gaz.Mar.241). 1946 'I and others were kept on to press and deal with the wool'(Collinson 29). 1956 'when the bale is pressed, see that it is numbered and branded neatly'(Bowen 95). 1964 'On June 18, 1964, Mr.L.(Stan) Landgrafpft pressed 49 bales in 7 hours 48 minutes at Lyndon Station'(Aus.Work.15Jul.16 c3).

pressing room 168.

1874 'Behind the bins again is the press-room, where the wool is pressed into bales either by a screw-press or a lever press'(Caird 23). 1900 'Behind this room again was the pressing and branding room'(Syd.SS.Joum.20Mar 5). 1904 'and to enter the pressing room was to run into imminent danger of being buried beneath an avalanche of wool'(Farm.C.News 8 Oct.lO).

presser 173,204.

1872 'the presser having got inside...rolled fleeces are handed to him and packed to a certain height'(Eden 97). 1885 'Paid off shearers, general hands & pressers'(F.H.Wilson 7 Oct). 1909 'The pressers next remove [from bins] and press each sort in separate bales, and on each bale is placed a brand denoting class of sheep and quality of wool(Evans 44). 1917 'The money payable to pressers is to be divided...in equal shares for work which they have respectively done'(Aus.CCA 10). 1935 'This [stacking] is the best method, as in the first place it gives the presser a firmer surface to tramp down, and the wool does not spring up as it does when it is just bundled in'(Cook 23). 1951 'Directly a bin is filled with wool the pressers start putting it into the wool press, tramping the fleeces down into the two boxes and finally forcing the wool from one box into the other by mechanical means'(McLeod 30). 1961 'Before the shearing commences it is the presser's duty to see that the press itself is in working order'(Eves 23).

prickly pear (sheep) 153.

1910 'people from the Brisbane River way have no idea what it is to clear pear country here'(Queen.SFeb.39c2). 1924 [(resolved] That all maggoty and prickly pear [shorn] sheep be paid for at the rate of £1 per hundred'(Aus.Work.2Jan.19c3). 1928 'Mr. Bruce at Narrabri spoke of the splendid work being carried out in prickly pear and blowfly eradication'(Aus.Work.8Aug.l1). 1957 'bright green wilga bushes fought with the prickly pear for every square foot of ground' (Porteous 219-20). 1980 'While even rain clouds go on strike, / And all but pear is done'(Gunn 31).

pricky 179.

1957 'Pricky [describes] comb teeth which have become sharply pointed'(C.Ryan 208).

prog 90.

(OED sb.ii.1). 1826 'these two overseers...allowed him a sufficiency of "prog"'(Aus.15Jul.3c4). 1844 'The chimney swept won't spoil the prog'(Col.Lit.Journ.Vol.1.239). 1868 'What about that prog?' "Right you are sir, there's a cold shoulder and an arf of a pudding in that box"'(Aus.Journ.Vol.3.502c2). 1894 'While just to raise a quid or two to find the "lush" [prog] and "prog"'(Bird 1Dec.5c3). 1912 'I'm just ready for a bit of prog'(Bowes 204).

prop 150.

n. (AND 1881-1895). 1884 'The "touchy" mare gave so sudden a "prop"...that he was thrown' (Boldrewood 115). 1969 'prop...sudden stop by a horse going at full speed'(Sun.Tel.11May. 35c4).

v. (AND 1844-1984). 1870 'Another man used to teach his horse...to gallop full speed up to the verandah...[then] stop in his stride, or prop'(Kennedy 94). 1901 'An old camp horse will often throw a new chum as he isn't sometimes quick enough when his horse props to follow the sudden turn of a beast'(Satge 66). 1929 'The horse shied, propped and shot Ted fair over his head'(Prichard 67). 1958 'The horse propped dead, and put its head to the dust between its forelegs'(Niland 144).
proppy 153.
(AND 1866-1969). 1888 'He is still very "proppy", and a couple of circles on the sand track did not appear to work much improvement'(Bris.Cour.20 Oct.6c2). 1945 'proppy for a horse that jibs and plays up when ridden or driven'(Baker 70).

property 102,116.
(a) (AND 1825-1985). 1830 'We are going to value some property, about six miles off'(Savery 352). 1861 'we reached our midday halt at our companion's property at Mount Mercer'(Meredith 232). 1872 'I am sure that squatters make a great mistake, and do much injury to their property, by employing new hands at low wages to work for them'(Eden 21). 1879 'Everything in a state of glorious confusion, but by patience and perseverence can be made a splendid property'(Macdonald 20Jun). 1897 'encampment of nomad Chinamen upon one part of the property'(Couvreur 37). 1946 'The wool clips from stations and larger grazing properties generally are handled by competent, experienced and proved classers'(Gold.Mort 20). 1953 'he was going to a property up the road' (Cour.Mail 1May.1c5). 1961 'With this goes the value of your own shares in the property'(Aus. C.Mag.Aug.74c1). 1974 'He found employment as bookkeeper on a grazing property outside'(White 174).
(b) 51,94. 1826 'it is customary throughout the Colony for the proprietor to supply persons employed on his farm...with provisions and other necessaries. These articles, termed in the colony "property", are charged to them at customary prices'(Atkinson 103).

proprietary partner 51.
(ext.OED A.1). 1852 'the proprietary partner, as he may be called, [in a share-farming agreement] follows some other profession or his pleasures, or holds a government appointment at the capital or elsewhere'(Mundy Vol.1.282).

protected land 70.
1976 "Protected Lands" are defined as being within a notified catchment area where the surface generally has a slope in excess of 18 degrees from the horizontal'(Walcha News 15 Jan.9).

public store(s) 42. See store
(AND 1790-1849). 1803 'issue to them [discharged prisoners] out of the public stores, a proportion of cloathes [sic], and provisions for their subsistence for a year'(Syd.Gaz.26Mar.lc2). 1849 'Twelve or eighteen months' ration from the public store'(Harris 28).

puddle 86,87.
1948 'recourse must be made in some cases to puddling'(Graz.Ann.149 c2).
puddle tea 97.
1851 'We did justice to the salt beef and damper, the puddle tea was rather thick and nauseous' (Tester 25).

puftaloon variants. 95.
(AND 1853-1979). puff balooner 1853 'The Americans indulge in this kind of bread, giving them the name of "puff balooners"'(Mossman 126). puff de loon 1964 'A camp oven full of "puff de loons" (fried scones to the uninitiated)'(Ronan 140). puff de looney 1908 'the cooking lessons proceeded until the fine art of making "puff de looneys", sinksers, and doughboys had been mastered' (Gunn 189). puff de luney 1908 'Charlie Smith was duly installed as cook, and signalised his appointment by a breakfast of "puff de lunies" and charred chops'(Seagram 225). puftaloons 1914 'His special lines were puftaloons and pancakes, but he was an artist at fried potatoes, fried tomatoes, and curry cooked in a pan'(Mackness 100). 1936 'The Johnny cakes mentioned are called in the Bush "puftaloons"'(Aus.W.Mirr.7 Apr.42). puftaloony 1942 'She was making puftaloonies all the time we talked and in next to no time had a plate of them in front of us, with a hot cup of tea'(Langley 296).

puggy 86.
1932 "Puggy" ground often breaks up under the pick to form into sticky clay balls'(Idriess 41). 1972 'ground and camp had dried out considerably...although puggy in spots'(Hoofs Mar.40).
pull 136. 1938 'the heading dog is silent and is used to "pull" or bring the sheep back to the shepherd'(Burdon 107). 1953 'It is said by some that on rough country he spends too much time eyeing the sheep and not enough "pulling" them'(Stronach 44).

pull back 179. 1965 'With new shears the operation known as "pulling back" is often carried out so that the blades will take more wool in each cut'(Pearse 340).

pulled comb 179. 1949 'Effective action can be expected...if the identity can be established of the man who was forced to leave the Board at Bendoc Park by our members refusal to work with him for using a pulled comb' (Aus.Work.5Jan.8c2). 1967 'On October 11, 1966, Mr.W. Spellman, Organiser for the AWU., called at Beragoon Shed...and observed the person known as K.Smith...shearing with a pulled comb'(Aus.Work.22Mar.11c1).

pulled wool 167. 1965 'specifications which applied to greasy, scoured, pulled wool (from skins)'(Henderson 50).

puller 167. 1. 1917 'Pullers...employed by fellmongers to pull the wool off sheep-skins and at the time sort it into its various grades and qualities'(Smith 184). 1931 'trimmings or loose ends of sweated skins cut or clipped off by the puller'(Allen Note). 1944 'Pullers...who pull the wool from treated sheep skins and sort it at the same time'(NZ AEWS 60). 1952 'The first task of the fellmonger is to loosen the wool fibres so that they can be detached, an operation which is done by hand, hence the name "Puller"'(Haigh 59). 1966 'Whichever method [to loosen wool in skins] has been used the skins then pass to the "pullers" who stretch the skin and push the wool off with a curved knife, or by hand'(Anderson 102). 2. 107. 1896 'For a puller, or one that has the habit of bearing too hard on the bit, start him slowly with a loose rein'(Queen.11Jan.81c3).

pulling pen 169. See catching pen 1902 'clutches another from the "pulling" pen, and out she comes'(Gold.Fleece 1Jan.31).

punch 109,134. (AND 1859-1943). 1874 'But with every stone he broke and every bullock he punched he was slowly but surely working himself up to be a master of the great arts of colonial experience'(Australian Sketch.24Jan.10c2). 1886 'At punching oxen, you may guess / There's nothing out can "camp" him' (Kendall 207). 1892 'We had better sport and harder work with bullocks when "punching" our way through the first days of this colony's history'(Hallack 85c2). 1946 '[working dogs] punching stubborn bullocks through the mulga'(Davison foreword).

tencher 105,109-10. 1966 'A puncher is the driver of a team'(Telford Note).

pure merino 124,125. (AND 1826-1976). 1826 'has heard defendant speak of plaintiff in the terms "a pure merino"--believes this to be a cant word for a free settler'(Aus.2Aug.3c4). 1846 'the prisoner, who being a pure Merino, was sentenced to three years imprisonment in Bathurst Gaol with hard labour'(Bell's 4Apr.3c3). 1867 'Mr. Comity went to give his usual daily scriptural instruction to the little "Highland laddie" who was looking after his "pure merinos" [children]'(Houlding 66). 1893 'impassioned and turbid "spouting" against "the pure merinos"--the squattocracy and officialism of the hour'(Adams 63). 1936 'he was a pure merino who would not abscond from a fine young wife and children' (Franklin 69). 1953 'apparently the other Pure Merinos wanted a big bank balance as well as a name' (Caddie 41). 1960 'But before this work could be put in hand the intrigues of John Macarthur...and others of the "Pure Merino" class sent Macquarie home to Mull, a broken man'(O'Grady 148). 1974 'a pure merino was an Australian whose ancestry had no convict blood--I believe it was once an allusion to the Macarthur family, so rather antique'(Knox Note).
pure merinoism 124.
1827 'this new partnership-deed, which for pure merinoism, beats Mr.John Macarthur's bank
hollow'(Monitor 15 Oct.703(41).

purse 150.
(OED s.b.8.b). 1882 'slitting the scrotum...the cut heals more quickly, and is less liable to the
attack of flies; and when the sheep goes to market the process has not detracted from the size of
the scrotum, or purse'(Armstrong 137). 1922 'One method [of castration] is to slit the purse
about an inch from the end, press the cods out, and withdraw them with the teeth, afterwards
pressing the cut ends of the purse together'(Perry 80). 1956 'Wethers require only the back of the
purse to be done, and do not require so much to be taken off the back as a ewe'(Bowen 62). 1961
There are two ways of opening the purse to remove the testes (stones)'(Jordan 212).

push 81.
1908 'Dan and ourselves dined also at the Stirling on damper and "push" and vile-smelling blue-
black tea'(Gunn 220).

push over (gate) 119.
1968 'The push-over, metal gate invented by a Queenslander, is attached at the base to both fence
posts. After a vehicle has been driven into and over it, the gate is slowly pulled upright by
weights' (Krauel Note Qld).

push scrub 68.

put in 1. 131. 1886 'After lunch we mustered 341 [ewes] and put in Squatter [ram] who is in rare
buckle' (Macdonald 6Mar).
2. 172. (ext.OED.44.b). 1959 'Then the cook was put in. (Cooks are never elected, but always
"put in")'(Tritton 25c2).

put to 131.
(OED v.51.c.b). 127. 1867 'They can then be put to the ram at the proper season'(Jordan 51).
1868 'The very choice ewes in mobs of 60 each are numbered and their numbers entered into a
stud book with descriptions of their fleeces, and each mob is put to a ram particularly selected for
them' (Jondaryan 111. 25).

puzzle 120.
1879 'Had a puzzle made at reserve gateway'(Macdonald 30Jun). 1880 'Patterson and Billy
putting up gate instead of the puzzle between Martin Ryans'(Macdonald 4Mar).

quality 197-199,208.
1891 'Quality...fineness, with high character and breeding'(Hawkesworth 8). 1907 'Lincoln-
Merino Hogget...showing bold, compact, lengthy staple, with crimps indicating quality and
softness of texture'(Ag.Gaz.Aug.710). 1919 'the merino wool is called "sixties" quality, while
the wool from the Lincoln is called "thirty-sixes"'(Kelly 45). 1929 'In wool practice the term
"quality" usually refers to fibre thickness only...though some employ it to include other not well-
defined characters'(Ag.Gaz. Dec.898). 1935 'Quality...has an important bearing on yarn
construction; some buyers require only fine wools, while others prefer broad ones'(Goddard 14).
1946 In relation to wool, quality refers to the diameter of the fibre, which is usually indicated by
the evenness and number of crimps or waves' (Gold.Mort 21). 1965 The word "quality" is
usually taken...to mean "excellence", but when used to describe wool it specifically means
"fineness"(Henderson 49).

quality number 197,199,208. See count 2.
1952 'Quality number...indicating the comparative degree of fineness'(Haigh 102). 1965 'Estimates of fineness...are described by "quality numbers" rather than "count
numbers"'(Henderson 49).
quamby 73. 1892 'At present he is doing a "quamby" in his own "humpy" at Balmain, and I'm afraid has gone bung likewise'(Hummer 23Jan.3).

quandong(ing) 93. (AND 1836-1975. 1897 'She went one day hunting for five-corners, native currants and quandongs in the bush with the children'(Turner 33). 1903 'She had watched the deepening crimson of the quandong, amidst its thickening contexture of Nile-green leaves'(Furphy 74). 1944 'We leave the river and pass through a mallee and quandong scrub'(O'Shaughnessy 2). 1859 'Being very disgusted with the shearing I went... quandonging'(Peppin 20Oct).

quart (pot) 1. 79,97. (AND 1806-1977). 1834 'kindled a fire on which he placed the tin jug or quart'(Lang Vol.2.104). 1851 'an old gin contrived to get hold of our quart pot, and was walking off with it when I detected her'(Tester 130). 1868 'very a cheerful fire was blazing, and the quart pot was simmering over the ashes'(Houlding 361). 1875 'a "quart-pot"...is a strong tin mug, with two handles of wire fixed on the same side, through which a stick can be conveniently passed, to remove the pot from the fire'(Hill 109-110). 1883 'a quart pot of tea was set to boil for each person, after the Sydney fashion [each drinks directly from his own quart]'(Curt 105). 1891 'Mr. Burdock was up...looking as fresh as if he'd camped out with nothing stronger to drink than quart-pot tea'(Boldwood 110). 1903 'boiling my quart-pot on a separate handful of such semi-combustibles as the plain afforded'(Furphy 176). 1922 'A quart-pot is of greater circumference at the base than at the top, and is made of good black tin'(Austral.21Jan.93c1). 1935 'the horses were washed down, watered, and given a feed of chaff and oats, while the driver boiled his quart-pot for dinner'(Plowman 65). 1948 'The tea was made, the table set, we were thirsty and I had a swig at my quart pot of tea'(Harney 52). 1956 'He boiled his quart-pot, ate a careless breakfast...and rode into another day'(Idriess 9). 1971 'The stock-saddles, the saddle bags, the quarts strapped to the side of the saddle'(West.Her.4Jun.1). 1978 'He chose a shallow place in the river to strip and wash while his quart boiled'(Garvey 169).


rabbit v. 154-5. 1905 'Wyatt rabbiting in the morning & out to the shed...afternoon MG & Gardiner rabbiting, Doherty rabbiting'(Ulah 8Aug). 1918 'Jack rabbiting in spring [paddock] all day'(Harden 30Jul). 1982 'In the 20's Dooley was a bush-worker by day, building silos, shearing, rabbiting and anything else that came his way'(Syd.M.Her.10Apr.1c3).

rabbiter 155. 1892 'He would take him on as a rabbiter, and rig him out with a tent, camp fixings, traps, and perhaps even a dog or two'(Hornung 114). 1953 'Fourteen musterers, two packmen, one cook two rabbiters...three gallons of O.P. whisky, one accordion...mix well--and the result will surprise you' (Stronach 16).

rabbiting 155. 1963 'Rabbiting, with about a week's trapping and gassing is carried out by dogging while in search for noxious weeds'(Aus.C.Mag.Vol.15.No8.13 c3).

rabbito 155. (AND 1902-1977). 1908 'When I ought to think of bizness, I can only think of you, / And instead of "Rabbit-oh!" I sings out "Liza!"'(Spencer 84). 1943 'Mrs Drew knew all about her...
neighbours from the butcher and the grocer and the rabbito' (Tennant 181). 1965 'A horse and cart, with Kogarah "rabbito" Mr Bill Harper at the helm, was the first private vehicle across the new Captain Cook Bridge yesterday' (Sun Her. 20 May. 17).

rabbit combs.

r- (proof) fence 119. (AND 1883-1981). 1893 Jack & Fred sorting gate on rabbit Fence' (Ulah 27 Oct). 1902 'Mitchell and I turned off the track at the rabbit-proof fence and made for the tank in the mulga' (Lawson 109). 1932 'About 1904 I was asked to make an inspection of the Barrier Rabbit Fence from near Mungindi to Moomin Creek about fifty miles' (Scott 58c3). r- harbour 155. 1919 'Harry and I burning rabbit Harbour and hollow trees in No. 11 Pad' (Caldwell 18 Jul). r- trap 152. 1936 'his son set 24 rabbit traps in his paddock' (Pol. Rec. 9 May. 265). r- trapper 155. (see rabbiter) 1930 'he is now following the occupation of a rabbit trapper, about 12 miles out of Nowra' (Pol. Rec. 23 Sep. 138).

race

(a) external. 121, 123, 137, 154. (AND 1862-1978). 1862 'they were passed into the last division [of a dip], called the "race," from which they scrambled out on to the opposite bank' (Polehampton 215-16). 1867 'When a mixed flock require drafting, to place in separate lots the various descriptions of sheep, with regard to age, sex, &c., the modern sheep farmer always makes use of drafting yards, with a narrow race and swing gate' (Jordan 69). 1880 'At the other end of the race is a gate, which swings forwards and backwards across the narrow exit' (Tyrwhitt 52). 1892 'Coming up to meet the centre of the race is a fence, and to this, is hung a gate, which swings easily on its hinges...and thus your drafting is done' (James 97-8). 1900 'while Mr. Robinson was classing the sheep through one race, the other was being filled' (Syd. SS. Journ. 16 Mar. 5). 1911 'If the sheep are to be drenched in a race, it is admitted that the risk of injury to the shed hand is not established' (Aus. CCA 7). 1931 'the quickest, safest and most reliable means of drafting sheep is through the "race"' (Cowley 186). 1941 'the best method [of branding] is to run a few sheep into a race or small pen' (Goddard 17). 1950 'At the end of a long narrow race there are two swinging gates leading into four yards' (Barns-Graham 56). 1973 'crudely railed sheep yards with race and swing gate for drafting' (Aus. Worker 14 Feb. 2).

(b) internal 169. 1895 'There is a passage (called a race) in the centre of the building...the race is always kept filled with sheep from the sweating-pen, and as the catching-pens become empty they are filled from this source' (Gould 211). 1900 'The yards were all erected at one end, and the sheep came up an incline into the back race, which was divided into four large large pens' (Stock S. Journ. 20 Mar. 5). 1928 'clouds of dust arose from the yards, to the accompaniment of yelling and beating of tins, as sheep were driven up the "Races" into the "shed"' (Robertshaw 142). 1955 'The catching pens, with races for feeding the pens with sheep, took up the centre portion [of the shed]' (Barnes 6). 1965 'A race at the back of the catching pens is regarded by many as unnecessary, but if made wide enough it is an advantage for flexibility' (Pearse 127).

racing 181, 186, 187, 189. See running 1848 'it is not the least important part to keep a sharp eye on each man, to prevent "racing"...in their endeavours to outshear each other' (Haygarth 47). 1871 'Some [shearers] are deceitful, shearing carefully when overlooked, but "racing" and otherwise misbehaving directly the eye of authority is diverted' (Corn. Mag. Jan. 78). 1907 'the complaint alleged against it [the tally board] was that it encouraged "racing"' (Morn. Bull. 14 Nov. 5c7).

raddle

n. 188. (OED sb. ii. 1). 1867 'it is a good plan to put a distinguishing number with raddle on each ewe, and a corresponding number on her lamb' (Jordan 56). 1868 'The lambs thus obtained from these ewes are marked with the same number as their mothers by using raddle first' (Jondaryan 25). 1873 'The old crawlers from the sugar loaf paddock we first dressed and marked with raddle' (Schrader 8 Oct). 1899 'Each man was supplied with a lump of red raddle, with which he kept his tally (by marking a stroke for each), and also put a distinguishing mark on each sheep' (cit. Fraser 1938. 161). 1902 'When it [wool bale] emerges, it is sewn with precision, marked with "ruddle" (according to the bin it was taken from), and bundled over for branding and weighing' (Gold. Fleece 1 Jan. 31). 1916 'Marked 8 rams with raddle on prelock' (Witten 25 May). 1922 'It is a good idea to use raddle of different colours...with which the sheep are marked on the nose' (Perry 95). 1937 'each shearer marked his sheep with a private mark in raddle, counting out
pens not being then in use' (Gunn 138). 1941 'he had a lump of red raddle...tied in a small bag or a piece of hessian, and by a soft tap with this on a part of the sheep used only by himself, he marked the animal before releasing' (Glasson 8). 1965 'He fumbles in the pocket of his overall for the raddle; the ewe darts into the safety of the rear of the pen with a new blue mark on its rump'(Gascoigne 14).

1965 'He fumbles in the pocket of his overalls for the raddle' (Gascoigne 14).

1965 'The usual practice is to raddlemark the noses and to use a more permanent mark following the shearing, or else to shear the culls as a separate mob'(Du Faur 151).

1871 'By dint of close watching, constant reprimand, and occasional "raddling" (marking badly shorn sheep and refusing to count them) Mr. Gordon had managed to tone him down'(Corn.Mag. Vol.23.88).

1879 'Killed a bullock, a wild radical, red and white'(Macdonald 27Jun).

1964 'How can the problem of the "Raft" below Moree be solved'(Land 10Sep.34).

1884 'They oppressed the rest of the herd...and paid nothing. They were known by the stock-riders as "ragers" or "pig-meaters"'(Boldrewood 105).

1882 'Many rams exhibit great pugnacity'(Armstrong 10). 1967 'For the purpose of the Pastoral Award, ram means an entire [not desexed] male sheep over 6 months of age'(Woodbridge 267).

1893 'Hire yourself out to a dairyman, take a contract with a rail-splitter, sign articles with a cockatoo selector'(Argus 17Jun.13c4). 1899 'Next morning I told the railsplitters of what had happened'(Derrincourt 116).

1906 'What the h--- do you mean by turning in with a pair of "rakers" [spurs] like that on your heels for'(Rudd Mag. Sep.685c2).
range(y) 66.
(AND 1805-1978). 1843 'blackfellows came down the range towards my hut'(Syd.M.Her.19Sep. 2c6). 1854 'One of the overseers at this station told us that one day as he was riding in the ranges' (Howitt 230). 1888 'at full gallop through timber or down a range'(Boldrewood 21). 1925 'leading the inspector to a secluded spot in the ranges'(Smith's 21Feb.20). 1888 'and a scrubby rangy country at the back for miles'(Boldrewood 7).

rangie 126. See narangy
1891 'bushmen changed the names Colonial experience, pannikin-overseer, rangie-boss, and all that "push" into Jackeroo'(Truth 15Mar.7c3).

ration 90,130.
(AND 1843-1960). 1854 'These rations consist of 10 lbs of flour, 12 lbs of meat, 1/4 lb of tea, 2 lbs of sugar, and a quantity of tobacco for the week each man'(Howitt 208). 1923 'He only wanted rations or Tucker'(Aus.Work.3 Oct.15c1). 1948 'she stopped to stare in consternation at the carcass Dad was dressing for rations'(Bull.14Jan.23c3).

ration combs.

r- flour 93,130.127.
1840 'Good ration flour is also selling at the Carter's Barracks to the poor, at 18s. per 100 lbs.'(Port P.Her.14Jan.2c4). r- paddock 121. 1903 'the right plan would have been to go through the ration paddock, and in by the Quandong gate'(Furphy 40). r- sheep 94.
(AND 1872-1967). 1895 'George went to Gobba for ration sheep'(Ohulura 5Dec). 1945 'With an average flock a good order in which to shear is ration sheep first'(Pearse 311). 1961 'the owner will tie the legs of the "ration sheep" to render him immobile, and may leave him while he catches a second sheep' (Jordon 20). r- waggon 121. 1896 'Frank rode in and as quickly as he could fetched the ration-waggon with a mattress'(Queen.11Jan.65c2).

rattler
(a) 108. (ext. OED 2.b). 1832 'and the display of gigs and rattlers hastening to the scene of action, was unusually numerous'(Hill's 13Jul.3c2).
(b) 103. 1895 'Battle the rattler, to travel on a train without paying'(Crowe 7). 1908 'You've done the rattler in today, you a'int (sic) got Buckley's ope'(Dryblower 16). 1931 'it was a hard job to know what to do with the army of "rattler jumpers"...going to the country in order to search for work' (Bal.Beac.5Feb.12c2). 1939 'if we don't hustle, we'll miss the rattler'(Aus.Work.19Apr.8c3). 1979 'be refreshed"--but not on the northern rattler'(Sun Her.7Jan.11).

dattler, jump the 103.
1914 'we returned to the station and "jumped the rattler" back to our siding, accompanied by four bottles of rum'(Bull.8Jan.24c1). 1926 'There is a mode of travelling about Australia known to tramps as "jumping the rattler"...preferably goods trains'(Aus.Work.4Aug.13c3). 1938 'they serve a stretch in the "cooler" in Alice Springs for jumping the rattler'(Cour.Mail 3Nov.15c4). 1943 'we sat around his stove talking about the rattlers and the hoboes who jumped them by perching on the couplings' (Harris 72). 1959 'not seeing any sense in walking, they had jumped the rattler all the way'(Tritton 11cl). 1965 'we jumped the rattler out of Brisbane by force of habit'(Hardy 49). 1980 'he always hummed [begged] a lorry lift / Or jumped the blankey rattler'(Gunn 24).

rattles 166.
1968 "Rattles" was once occasionally heard to describe dried excrement on the tail of a lamb' (R.Ryan Interview ).
Raw wool contains large and variable amounts of moisture' (CSIRO Bull. No. 130.18). 1950 'Raw wool—the world's most important natural fibre—contains impurities, inherent and acquired' (Int. Wool Sec. 26).

Receiving yard 122,123.

And 1848–1960). 1848 'the former [two larger yards in a cattle enclosure facing the entrance] are known as "receiving"...yards' (Haygarth 68). 1887 'Along the side of this were large receiving yards for the sheep, connected with the water by narrow lanes for admitting the sheep as they came from the wash-pool' (Nics 262). 1915 The receiving yard, here illustrated, is 80 feet by 80 feet, and estimated to hold 1,600 grown sheep (Mathews 8). 1946 'The four small check pens shown will hold approximately 25 sheep each, and the main entrance yards or receiving yards will hold approximately 400 sheep' (Vic. Dep. Ag. 67). 1961 'Once sheep are in the main or receiving yard, one man can usually move them to smaller yards or pens for close inspection' (Jordan 17).

Regain 207. See regain 1957 'the wool after leaving the driers is spread out on floors and allowed to regain condition before it is baled for delivery to the mills' (Guthrie 225).

Red combs.

R–bullock 59. 1953 'a threat received by mulga wire of an attempted raid to carry off the non-union shearsers and to run a "red bullock" (fire) through the outfit' (Eastman 74). R–light 176. 1956 'Ah, me boy, the Red Light's [overseer] here. One "pinks" them a bit when the Red Light's around' (Bowen 2). R–rain 89. 1964 'We had seen this phenomenon before and called it "red rain"...caused by moisture falling through the thick blanket of red dust' (Adam-Smith 163). R–steer 59. (And 1931–1984). 1900 'at night the sky was aglow from the reflected fires as the "Red Steer" consumed the dried-out timber of the big burn' (Dorr. H. Soc. 2). 1979 'Put in the red steer' (May Diary Qld). 1995 'then I put the red steer through it [bushland]' (ABC 12 June). R–terror 89. (And 1956,1959). 1959 'Drought and the dust storms called "The Red Terrors" dogged the town [Broken Hill] that was madly making millions' (Chauvel 45). R–water 157. 1949 'The price of cattle fell, pleuro and red-water [fever] broke out, the property then would not have brought a thousand pounds' (Idriess 137).

Regain 207. See regain 1952 'Regain...natural or conventional allowance of moisture in tops and yarn; the difference between a state of...dryness and the moister state due to absorption of atmospheric water' (Hunter 114). 1944 'Regain...the amount of moisture scoured wool, semi-manufactured wool and textiles will absorb when absolutely dry and then subjected to a standardised humidity and temperature' (Minter 71).

Remittance man, remittancer 25,48.

And 1888–1984). 1897 'A remittance man got his quarterly allowance from England and lived up to it, as these swells all do' (Nisbet 233). 1911 'them English schools send a lot of duffers to the Colonies, jackeroos an' silvertails, an' remittancers by the hundred' (Dorrington 49). 1936 'A supply of remittance men was to be found at the hotels in the townships, some of whom had been sent out for unalloyed uselessness, others because to this they added imbiping' (Franklin 309–10). 1941 'Porter put on his best English accent, but nothing would convince the other bloke that he wasn't a remittance man, or some kind of nasty renegade' (Aus. W. Week. 15 Nov. 14c2). 1952 'He's a remittance man' (Cleary 26). 1959 'We reckoned he must be a remittance-man, of whom there were many at that time in the west' (Tritton 28c2).

Rendezvous 135.

And 1848,1865). 1848 'A spot on which the cattle are thus in the habit of assembling and basking during the day is called a "rendezvous"' (Haygarth 59).
rep 173,175.  
(AND 1899-1977). 1900 'In response to complaints, direct and not chosen generally for Sunday, the shearsers' rep requests both apostles to shut up or leave'(Lawson (1) 136). 1910 'they stroll over and find the "rep," who calls a meeting and puts the question to it'(Bean 172). 1927-8 'the rep has to intervene between the owner or man in charge and have the faults remedied'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.100). 1931 'Just before the cut out of "A" the shearsers' Rep informs the Overseer that the shearers will not take the cook on to "B" shed with them'(Graczos 26). 1946 'Charlie was a union representative or "rep," and also a gun shearera'(Clune 89). 1957 'Rep...Shearers' representative. Usually the shearer, other than a learner, who draws number one stand automatically becomes the rep.'(Ryan 208).

reserve 135,141.  
(AND 1864,1870). 1882 'Alick & Billy put sheep out on Reserve'(Macdonald 15Feb). 1917 'some of the reserves are just covered with them [Bathurst burrs]'(Want.Letter.26May.2).

rib (and quarter) 183.  
1899 'He ribbed the wether and ribbed the ewe'(Goodge 43). 1932 'rib and quartering was done by shearing those parts first in a corresponding direction to the ribs and then turning the sheep so that the shears were parallel with the quarters'(Scott 1932 ref.1880s.27c1).

ribbon handler 108.  
1934 'Harry is one of the very few surviving Cobb and Co's drivers--"ribbon handlers"--who were immortalised in Henry Lawson's poem, "The Lights of Cobb and Co"'(Aus.Work.17Jan.14c5).

ribbons 108.  
(OED sb.I.4.b). 1844 'Mr. Weller [coach passenger]...muttered something about the danger of inexperienced parties attempting to "handle the ribbons"'(Hawk.Cour.19Sep.2c2). 1864 'not necessarily acquainted with the management of the ribbons'(Ill.Syd.News 15 Oct.10c3). 1889 'the fine young lady that handled the ribbons so well'(Couvreur 233). 1930 'There weren't many men about now who could handle the ribbons like he could'(Palmer(2) 14). 1964 'A Cobb and Co [coach] came rolling into town, on the last dash, Jim Denison handling the ribbons'(Idriess 67).

rider 75.  
(AND 1872-1945). 1881 'The roof was covered with sheets of bark, held down by large wooden riders pegged in the form of a square to one another'(Grant Vol.1.133). 1980 'logs trimmed to form posts, beams, roofing ties and riders, the riders being secured over the roof to prevent the wind from lifting the bark sheets'(Sowden 11 ref.1830s homesteads).

ridge, ridging 187.  
1937 'ridges should be kept to a minimum...many otherwise good shearers mar their finished sheep by an extravagance in this direction'(Dangar 5). 1957 'Ridging, or weather-board shearing...is brought about by shearing with the lower, or right hand tooth of the comb raised off the skin, then making the following blow with the top, or left hand, tooth close to the skin'(McGarry 7).

rig 150.  
1900 'Rigg (sic)...a young male sheep that has not been properly, or only half castrated' (Hawkesworth 31). 1950 'Rig...a male sheep not properly castrated, one testicle not being removed' (Belschner 700). 1967 'A ram imperfectly castrated is sometimes called a rig'(R.Ryan Interview).

right of station 50,114.  
1839 '317 Head of Horned Cattle (mixed herd) with a right of station, on which they are now depasturing'(Port P.Gaz.23Nov.3c1). 1844 'The above will be sold with Right of the Station at Garothey, near Wellington, where the sheep are running'(Guard.6Apr.29c4).
ring v.

1. 183,189. (AND 1894-1978). 1896 'The man that "rung" the Tubbo shed is not the ringer here' (Paterson 136). 1908 'Mr.W.Brown has made the best tallies over there this time, and he will "rung the shed"'(Morn.Bull.23Jul.3c1). 1930 'Rivalry for the "ringing" of the shed is keen, and with such a uniform team the ringer is hard to pick'(Syd.M.Her.7Jun.11c1). 1966 'a claim to have "rung the board" at such & such a station...would be a more influential testimonial than a character reference signed by the Angel Gabriel'(Sutherland 75). 1981 'Often, he would ring the bell on stands of 26 pens where only top shearers got a start'(Wagga Lead.13May.39c2).

2. 138. (AND 1868-1975). 1864 'In this plan [circular receiving and forcing yards for dipping & drafting sheep] it will be seen that the habit of "ringing", which all stock have when disturbed in a yard, is turned to account'(Bruce 9). 1874 'After half an hour's "ringing"...the word forward is given and the united herds, watchfully guarded...are put in motion and headed for the scene of the next drive'(Stamer Vol.2.234-5). 1884 'The cattle were uneasy and "ringed" all night'(Boldrewood 388). 1899 'If we can only do this the wild cattle will make for our station "ragers", and then we can keep ringing them out on the plain until we reduce the whole lot to order'(Walker 126). 1906 'the cattle began to "ring", forming themselves into a compact mass'(Paterson 169). 1926 'He had ringed many a mob single-handed, riding his own brumby, trained to the game, lying along his off-side on the off-side of the mob, so that the wild horses could not see the man against the strange horse, and were conscious of only one of themselves galloping round them'(Prichard 46). 1932 'If the cattle had started to "ring" in the water there was sure to be a smash but in this case all got safely across'(Scott 25c2). 1959 'We rode into the camp to the sound of the horse-bells as Graham Shepley went out to ring the cattle'(Chauvel 200). 1961 'The outside sheep follow each other round continuously, leaving the sheep inside milling about...This habit is known as "ringing"'(Jordan 17).

3. 70. See also ringbark. (AND 1866-1982). 1845 'the houses of the settlers peeped out as eyes from the centre of cleared patches, fringed with belts of "rung" timber'(Tucker 2). 1871 'the run of the sap having been stopped by ringing the bark'(Trollope 21). 1879 'About 20 acres of 77 has been already rung'(Macdonald 28Jul). 1885 'They were only pressed into service when shepherds were scarce, or "rung" trees...required felling'(Pracd 34-5). 1891 'I set to work ringing about an acre of forest, and anxiously watched the result...the boughs began to droop and wither quite soon'(Fenton 57). 1903 'I was workin' mates with a raw new-chum feller las 'winter, ringin' on the Yanko' (Furphy 93). 1932 'The system [rounding]... was all right in the open country but when scrubs had been rung...it was the "dickens" of a job'(Scott 13c3). 1961 'Did they ring and [bull]doze the dead timber'(Aus. C.C.A. 8). 1967 'Ringing means trimming wool around the pizzle' (Woodbridge 13).

5. 199. 1961 'When the finger is flipped across the taut wool staple, the sound of the vibration is referred to as a "ring." If the wool "rings," it is said'(Jordan 173).

ring n.

1. 138. (AND 1890-1934). 1932 'They [sheep] had tramped the ground under them until it was quite firm and hard while outside their ring it was soft and spongy'(Scott 15c2).

2. 183. 1975 'he would love to throw off his inhibitions, grab a few rings [quotis], and play with them'(Ryan 118).

ring combs.

r- fence 119. 1970 'The first country to be fenced would be for horse paddocks and then ring or outer fences would enclose the property'(Broken Hill Vol.6.8). r- horn 146. 1864 'they may not be able to head a regular ring-horn"'(III.Syd.News 15 Oct.10c3). r- neck 126. 1898 'Ring-neck...the equivalent of Jackaroo...in reference to the white collar not infrequently worn by a Jackaroo on his first appearance and when unaccustomed to the life of the bush...derived from the supposed resemblance to the collar...of the Ring-neck Parrakeet' (Morris 390c1). r- tank 86. 1968 'all the silly things [sheep] would do was run up the banks of the ring-tank...and bleat piteously for the water to come to them as they couldn't get to it' (Walkabout Jul.38).

ringer

1. 173,182-84,187,188. See ring v.1. (AND 1871-1984). 1870 'The presence in your shed of a leading man, or, in shearers' vernacular, "a ringer," is objectionable'(Graham 63). 1891 'the great strong hands of the man who had been "ringer" in every shearing shed in Northern Queensland' (Bird 30May.3c2). 1902 'The "big guns" (fast shearers) try to keep as near the
"ringer" as possible" (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 28). 1912 'The ringer, was dealing out steady blows as he would shear a sheep, with minimum waste of time and energy' (Tait 29). 1923 'Many the Monday's ringer I've known a sick, sore and sorry man on Tuesday' (Hatfield 197). 1947 'Alec was a great hand with the shears. Ringer of pretty well every shed he ever shore in' (Palmer 6). 1956 'The ringer is the shearer who shears the most sheep from the time the annual shearing commences until the shed cuts out' (Dutton 102). 1966 'A good shearer must learn to relax if he is ever to become a "ringer" -- the fastest shearer on a team' (Anderson 90).

2. See ring v. 2. 137. (AND 1909-1986). 1959 'He had three native ringers [stockmen] with him -- men who circle the cattle until they have stopped walking and bunch together and finally laid down' (Chauvel 200). 1963 'I'd reckon a lot of ringers in the district would be doing their boundary riding on animals good enough to win a Melbourne Cup' (Aus.C.Mag. Vol. 15. No. 1. 6c2). 1982 'My father used to tell us stories of ringers in the bush, putting their cattle dogs down the bottom of their swags at night, like furry hotwater bottles' (Syd. M. Her. 26 Jun. 37c4).

ringing
1. 187. See v.1. 1882 "Running", or "ringing"... a practice that should be discouraged where it is desired to insist upon a good clean cut, as it increases the speed, and therefore decreases the quality, of shearing (Armstrong 169).

2. 70. See ring v. 3. 1882 'Told R.T. Black he would be fenced out and have to pay for ringing and fencing' (Macdonald 17 May). 1891 'always jars my nerves... the "ringing" and destroying of the gum trees by the settlers' (Nisbet Vol. 1. 129). 1910 'Started ringing above sheep yard' (Witten 29 Jan). 1932 'He [ overseer] had to see that the ringing was properly done' (Scott 13c2).

3. 166. See ring v. 4. 1917 'For wigging and ringing in addition to crutching, 1/3 per 100, additional to crutching rate' (Aus.CCA 7). 1922 'The minimum rates for crutching, wigging, and ringing at sheds' (Aus.Work. 12 Jul. 21c1). 1950 'Ringing... removal of a circle of wool from around the sheath or prepuce of rams and wethers; this is often carried out during crutching' (Belschner 700). 1961 'the stained wool from the pizzle area of the wethers is removed.'

This operation is known as "ringing" (Jordan 197). 1973 'In wethers, "ringing" or the removal of wet and stained wool from around the prepuce, may also reduce the risk of fly-strike' (Alexander 93).

ringbark 70. See also ring v. 3. (AND 1866-1982). 1890 'Self & Larry cut Burrs in Lagoon [paddock] and Holly came to ringbark' (Regan 10 Feb). 1900 'the bleached trunks of the dead ring-barked trees, gleaming white against the dark purple-blue of the distant foliage' (Firth-Scott 2). 1910 'The remainder was all under pastoral occupation and though some had been ringbarked most of it was open forest, chiefly box' (Queen. 19 Mar. 19c3). 1936 'In almost every district one passes through can be seen the gaunt skeletons of ringbarked trees to remind a traveller of the destruction wrought by unthinking man' (Aus.Work. 22 Jul. 11c5).

1948 'It is an offence to ringbark or otherwise destroy trees in a state forest or timber reserve or on any Crown land not held under conditional lease' (Graz.Ann. 107c2). 1970 'cut down scrub and ring-barked trees' (Telegraph 11 Nov. 84).

ringbarked fig. 70. 1908 'I couldn't spit in ther street, or in a tram, or in a shop... I was fair ringbarked' (Fletcher 23c2). 1932 'Thomas's family had been ringbarked at his father's death, for Thomas... was the last descendant of an honourable family' (Lower 7).


1913 'A gang of ringbarkers for a week would not be out of place' (Bull. 2 Jan. 15). 1931 'Wanted... Contract Ringbarkers to ring 10,000 acres... Contractors must engage camp of men' (Bal. Beac. 30 Apr. 8c1). 1936 'at Easter-time we went with a shearing contractor... opened a ringbarker's camp' (Aus. W. Mirr. 7 Apr. 16c2).

ringbarking 70. 1878 'I... request that you will take steps to put a stop to all unauthorised ring-barking on Crown Lands in your district' (Den.Chron. 21 Mar. 4c2). 1880 'a fringe of dreamy-looking withered trees,
done to death by the murderous custom of ring barking' (Inglis 352). 1896 'Ring-barking is chiefly resorted to where the timber is very heavy and where time is no immediate object' (Price 17). 1907 'But the remainder of the selection...made good pasturage after the careful system of ring-barking which had been in force during Dawson's period of dummying' (Partrige 15). 1932 'Ring-barking was almost immediately decided to improve the country' (Scott 13c1). 1939 'I have frequently been out of countenance in my most earnest efforts at ring-barking' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Feb. 7c6).

ripple iron 76. 1947 'the little "ripple-iron" home of the sheep selector' (Hill 22).

roach back, roachy 153. 1950 'Roach Back...a rise in the backline of a sheep, usually towards the loin' (Belschner 700). 1969 'Roachy is a term to describe an animal with a hooped-up backline, also called "roach-backed"' (Killen Note).

road (on the) 103-4, 142. (AND 1901-1937). 1898 'had sent the rest of his cheap purchase [of stock] "on the road"... subsisting at free quarters, on other men's pastures till shearing' (Boldrewood 179).

roadster 105. (OED 2). 1838 'This handsome animal [horse]...particularly adapted for breeding good "roadsters"' (Monitor 21 Feb. 3c6). 1984 (ref. 1880s) 'Lennie peacocking on an enormous hairy-heeled roadster' (Lawrence 107).

roaster 87. (OED 1.4). 1901 'Hasn't it been a roaster to-day? Considerably over 100 in the shade' (Franklin 189).

robust 199. 1950 'Robust...a wool possessing more than the average amount of firmness and bulkiness for its type' (Belschner 700).

roll call 172. (AND 1899-1909). 1891 'the shearers roll was called, the new pastoralist agreement read, and the members were required to sign it' (Anon. n.p.). 1902 'even those who are not in the books are desirous of being at the "roll call" to get a chance stand' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 28). 1912 'After a delay of four days after the date fixed for the roll call...the boss proceeded with the calling of the roll' (Tait 55). 1922 'Please send more leaflets and stickers, so that I can give them out to shearers before they go to roll call' (Shear. S. Bull. Vol. 1. No. 1.3). 1937 'Before the roll was called they would eat out of your hand...chop wood for the kitchen, help the children feed the pet lambs, and make themselves so nice, but once they signed the roll things were different' (Gunn 243). 1946 'The boss of the board stood on the loading platform and read the roll-call of men who had applied for work by letter' (Clune 87). 1956 'The night before shearing was to start there would be a roll-call at the shed' (Dutton 95). 1967 'the employees are instructed to arrive at the station on a definite date but agreements are not entered into until roll-call, i.e., when shearing actually starts' (Woodbridge 20). 1975 'wondering how the team would turn out, how many shearers would turn up at roll call' (Ryan 28).

roll up 1. 170. 1871 'Some one uttered the words "roll up!" Then the seventy men converged, and slowly... walked up to the end of the shed' (Corn. Mag. Vol. 23. No. 23. 85). 2. 191. 1944 'Roll-ups...unskirted fleeces which have been rolled up with the belly wool inclosed [sic]' (Minter 72). 3. roll (up) 192. (AND 1863-1979). 1884 'They are farmers' wools...well got up, the fleeces being fairly skirted, carefully rolled, and well packed in neat pressed bales' (S 6). 1897 'I'm just in from west of the Darling, "picking-up" and "rolling wool"' (Bull. 11 Dec. 29c1). 1904 'Every wool-roller rolls up still more neatly' (Palmer-Archer 61). 1946 'Here [at rolling table] they are skirted, rolled and taken to the wool-classer' (Gold. Mort 18). 1956 'The next procedure is for the
fleece to be skirted and rolled' (Bowen 92). 1965 'Another [shedhand] must be all day at the wool table skirting, rolling and putting fleeces away in bins for pressing' (Gascoigne 166).

**roller** 191, 192. See wool roller

(AND 1892-1955). 1867 'Where a classer is employed, he ought to have the pickers up of the fleeces, the rollers at the table, and the men at the presses, under his charge' (Jordan 92). 1888 'The roller-up, with a rapidity which is the result of long practice, separates the skirtings i.e., inferior portions of the wool' (Grant 63). 1930 'At the wool tables the rollers are busy skirtting, tying and handing to the classer, the ewe fleeces that had accumulated' (Syd. M. Her. 7 Jun. 11). 1961 'Instruct the wool-roller or rollers exactly what to remove from the fleece' (Eves 11). 1973 "Don't throw it out!" the rollers shout' (Aus. Work. 14 Mar. 7).

**rolling** 170, 190, 192. See wool rolling

1897 'With very little practice the whole operation of skirtting and rolling can be carried out in such a way as to make tying unnecessary' (Gold. Mort 7). 1965 'Rolling is then commenced from the brith by reaching across the body, gathering in the end, and folding it forward some 15 to 18 inches' (Henderson 85).

**rolling table** 168, 170, 187, 191.

1904 'fleece after fleece ... fell on the floor ... from whence they were carried by an army of boys to the rolling tables' (Farm. C. News 8 Oct. 11). 1915 'For six shearers, one rolling table is enough, but an extra long one is very useful' (Mathews 13). 1941 'Spread the fleece as evenly as possible on the rolling table which should be large enough to accommodate the fleece with ease' (Goddard 34).

**roller lapping** 207.

1950 'Roller Lapping ... a special type of top manufactured from long staple wools ... for use in covering the squeeze rollers in wool scouring machinery. The term is sometimes applied to raw material suitable for the manufacture of roller lapping' (Belschner 700).

1964 'Roller Lapping ... Lincoln wool of about ten inches in length used to wind around the rollers guiding the scoured wool through the compartments or bowls used in scouring' (Smith 12).

**roo guard** 157.

1968 'the water bag ... hanging from the roo guard on the front of the Fargo' (O'Grady 12).

**rooshan** 147. See also Russian

1843 'if you are purchasing a team of bullocks (said to be broken-in), make your own driver unyoke and yoke them ... or you may find you have got a set of Rooshans' (Caswall 34-5).

1849 'Are there any "Rooshans" in the mountains' (Harris 53). 1861 'Whenever I saw a bullock stand sulking by itself, I gave it a wide berth; such a one is generally "a Roosian"' (Wheelwright 58).

1881 'such an infuriated specimen of the bovine tribe ... is what is termed in bush parlance a "Rooshian" ... in drafting from one yard to another one of them will turn round and deliberately challenge his human tormentors to put him out' (Ill. Aus. News 24 Aug. 154c4).

**root** 107. See pig root

1929 'Up and down the colt went, slewing, rooting, pig-jumping' (Prichard 79).

**root picking** 70.

1965 'On the farm I was a kind of rouse-about, chopping, burning off, (mallee) root-picking' (Perth Note).

**rope** 139.

1827 'running them [horses] into some secure place for roping' (Monitor 20 Jan. 288c3).

1836 'it [a cow] was roped the same day, thrown down, and examined' (Corn. Chron. 27 Aug. 1c3).

**roping pole / stick** 137.

(AND 1890-1981). 1849 'This roping-stick ... is a thin sapling of the best wood' (Harris 129).

1890 'I happened to knock down the superintendent with a roping-pole' (Boldrewood 44).
rosella 163,184.
(AND 1849-1972). 1900 'They entertained the "rouseys" with a lot of fairy tales of how they shore the jumbucks and rosellas from the hills'(Woodhouse 49). 1910 'If there is an old ewe in the pen, a "rosella" as they call her, with most of the lower wool worn off, she goes the first'(Bean 193). 1933 'Rosella...sheep which have shed a portion of their wool...not always due to disease. Feverishness will sometimes cause the wool to rise'(Allen Note 23Feb). 1952 'He had grabbed an old ewe, a "rosella", with most of the wool on her belly worn off, and he had just that much start on Cooper' (Cleary 182). 1959 'a shearer's idea of paradise is a pen full of rossellas'(Tritton 77). 1975 'and all those rosellas. They should be half-price'(Ryan 77).

rotten 201.
1946 'Some wool may be very tender or "rotten" and would be useless to comb; these therefore find use in the woollen section of the trade'(Gold. Mort 22).

rough (off) 107,172,180,186. See tomahawk
(AND 1878-1946). 1848 'a horse-breaker, who contracts to break them all at so much per head... "roughs them off" as speedily as possible'(Haygarth 78). 1890 'Dick could shear if he was willing... But he wouldn't shear at Mai Mai, started in to rough them through'(Woodhouse 30). 1902 'sometimes "roughs" and "tomahawks" with "second cuts" between'(Gold. Fleece 2Jun.26). 1956 'Rough 'em...the opposite to "pink 'em", and meaning rough shearing and a bad job of the sheep' (Bowen 156).

rough country 66.
1953 'We were discussing rough country, and Wattie broke in, "Rough country! Why, this country is a bowling green [in comparison]"'(Stronach 21).

rough it 58,73.
(OED v.i. II. 4). 1828 'he can rough it as well as any other man'(S. Asian Reg. Jan. 107). 1840 'those that emigrate from a mature conviction...and are resolutely determined to "rough it," come what will' (Leigh 3). 1855 'The "bringers of good tidings" to the diggers must be young men with strong constitutions who can "rough it"'(Caldwell 82). 1861 'the permanent occupier can "rough it"--in other words destroy his constitution--in some smaller and equally ill ventilated a bedroom'(Goulb. Her. 13 Apr. 2c1). 1871 'if they would come to Victoria, they may have to rough it if they would get on'(Ballantyne 19). 1879 'I do not know what the emigrants of the present day would say if they had to "rough it" as we did'(Innes 11). 1887 'some newly-arrived young Englishmen, who had never seen a day's "roughing it" in their lives--gentlemen'(Daly 141). 1897 'He had a wonderful liking for travelling about in the bush, camping-out, and "roughing it"'(Archer 27). 1908 'I wouldn't like to be stranded anywhere but I'm quite ready to rough it and enjoy roughing it'(Town's D. Bull. 2Jun. 7c7). 1965 'Roughing it with him on the islet'(Daily News 12 Apr. 3).

rough sort 150.
1915 'representatives of prime, medium weight...with not such a large showing of medium and rough sorts as usual'(Syd. M. Her. 6 Jul. 11c5).

roughie 107.
(AND 1929-1978). 1929 'Hugh was there to see that the "roughie", as they called him, got more riding and handling'(Prichard 197).

round (in / up) 138.
v. (AND 1847-1982). 1872 'they keep them [sheep] all huddled together, by constantly sending their dogs to "round them up,"'(Eden 122). 1874 'when the rider is a green hand... instead of there being a bull "rounded in," horse and rider are bowled over'(Stamer Vol. 2. 238). 1884 'There are sure to be sheep about, and he [a dog] cannot resist "rounding them"'(Queen. 19 Jan. 92c4). 1894 'spent many a night rounding the mob on lonely Queensland cattle camps, where hostile blacks were as thick as dingoes'(Argus 23 Jun. 11c4).

n. (OED 2. US). 1943 'many young bulls and heifers escaped the round-up'(Bull. letters 29 Dec).
1960 'A hectic round-up [review] of all jobs...was undertaken over the past week'(Aus. Work. 6 Jan. 7c1).
Rounder up 136.
1911 'believed that herds found in the hills rightly belonged to the rounders-up'(Dorrington 8).

Rounding up 136.
1881 'hands bespeak of many a day in the saddle, searching for stray cattle, and of roundings up over many a fair thousand acre'(III.Aus.News 29Jan.2c1).

Round yard 122.
1920 'the young man in the round yard, dropped the chestnut's halter and sauntered over to the rails'(Palmer 15).

Rouseabout 89,129,190. See also roustabout.
(AND 1861-1984). 1879 'Paid off all the shearers and rouseabouts to-day at Woolshed'(Macdonald 9Nov). 1892 'the panting machinery in the wool-shed, and the rouseabouts and hands packing the wool'(Parker 20). 1911 'I am cook and rouseabout, and I own the sheep'(Bris.Cour.18Apr.14c7). 1949 'the rouseabouts are kept on the run with shouts of "wool away!" and with adjecitives thrown in'(Ciba No.74.2733). 1956 'shearers had to refuse work until all the black gin rouseabouts were supplied with red stockings'(Aus.Work. 28Nov.10c1). 1966 'a rouseabout (shedhand) races up, gathers the fleece and flings it deftly on to the wool table'(Anderson 88).

Rouseabout(ing) 190.

Rouser, rousie 174,190.
(AND 1896-1984). 1896 'They are all shearers, or at least they say they are. Some might only be "rousers"'(Lawson 42). 1906 'Among the rousers, or blue tongues as they were called, was an old man named Johnston, nicknamed "The Lizard"'(Rudd Mag.Jan.1157c1). 1912 'And so through days of stolid sun that make the rousies fret, / With nerves all worn to ragged edge the shearers swear and sweat'(Tait 10). 1922 'The Rousie from his hard-earned wage / Is docked each week a quid, / But only weaklings will engage / To do what squatters bid'(Shear.S.Bull.Vol.1.No1.2). 1933 'The rousie entered the office to be paid off'(Bull.29Nov.20). 1936 'the noise and the bustle, the cries of the rousers'(Aus.W.Week.4 Mar.53). 1943 There were seventy rouseabouts; the shearers and the rousies had separate messes, with, of course, their own cooks'(Walkabout 1Feb.30). 1963 'The rousies pinched my beer...Drank the lot'(Smith 16).

Rousing 190.
1899 'D'you know how to shear, then?...Goin' rousin'?/(Brereton 43).

Roustabout 190. See rouseabout
1886 "roustabout"...is synonymous with "handy man", i.e. a man who can put his hand to almost anything'(Clarke 198). 1892 The "roustabout" or "rouseabout" implies a general utility man or boy in a shearing shed'(James 97). 1911 'He was just erbout class enough t' be roustabout at a trainin' stable fer dogs'(Dyson 161). 1970 'generally being a roustabout'(Aus.W.Week.4 Mar.53). 1981 'Mr.Sproul...looks more like a roustabout than a writer and artist'(Syd.M.Her.7Aug.9c1).

Route 140. See stock route, TSR.
1932 'A "Cockie" near Inverell abused Tim for "allegedly" letting his sheep stray off the route onto his ground'(Scott 8c4).

Rowdy 147.
(AND 1872-1897). 1872 'a crush...useful for branding or securing a troublesome or, colonially, a "rowdy" bullock'(Eden 69). 1896 'And I can ride a rowdy colt, or swing the axe all day'(Paterson 125).
Royal George 97.
(AND 1827,1846). 1827 'The "Royal George", (an iron pot holding four gallons of water) was then placed on the fire'(Monitor 12Jul.507c2).

rubblings 167.
1952 'Rubblings...wool too short to pull from the pelt and which is literally rubbed off'(Haigh 102).

rubbishing fence 117.
1882 'Went out and saw McGlede who is putting up a rubbishing fence round his two blocks'... Then along Ledwell's Old Ram Pad'k fence, a rubbishing one'(Macdonald 9Jun).

ruddle See raddle.

run n.
1. ref. property. 110,116,147. (AND 1804-1977). 1817 'This land is in general very good, and fit for Cultivation, is well supplied with water, and has an excellent and extensive run for Stock'(Hob.T.Gaz.25 Oct.1c2). 1824 'Our flocks still remain on the old runs except a few that were on ____ [property] which we were obliged to remove'(W.Lawson letter 14Jun.2). 1832 'capital dairy, stock-yard, and good comfortable huts, and well watered by creeks running through the Farm, besides possessing an extensive run'(Currency 29Dec.1). 1847 'The formation of the run was whitish granite and it is a well watered and richly grassed country'(More.Bay Cour.3Jul.4c2). 1855 'A Mr.Aitken...landed fifty-three sheep on his run,' and now that person had got nine squatting stations of 50,000 acres each'(Age 31 Oct.5c4). 1863 'People are now buying runs in the belief that the Act will be amended so as to enable them to occupy them advantageously'(Albury Ad.15Aug.3c4). 1873 'It [rain] will be a good thing for that end of the run, for it holds a great deal of water'(Gray letter 16Jun). 1882 'A Mr.Skene was "out on the run", and accidentally came across the bodies'(Bris.Cour.13 Oct.6c6). 1896 'Will went into Gobba to drive two gentlemen over the run'(Ohulura 14Jan). 1900 'We go through the day of eight hours in runs of about an hour and twenty minutes between smoke-ho's-from 6 to 6'(Lawson (1) 133). 1892 'At shed. Sheep not dry till last run'(Ulah 14Sep). 1900 'We go through the day of eight hours in runs of about an hour and 20 minutes between smoke-ho's--from 6 to 6'(Lawson (1) 133). 1911 'A run is anything from seventy-five to ninety minutes, when the bell rings for smoke-o, lunch, afternoon tea or knock off'(Sorensen 241). 1918 'Flat out to the last notch, he begins on a long, stern chase, that may last the whole "run"'(Syd.M.Her.7Jun.11c1). 1939 'When a board of fast shearers kept them going through the "runs" the apprenticeship was rather strenuous'(Land.FS Ann.23Aug.20). 1946 'The last run was from half-past four to six o'clock, and it was the best run of all'(Clune 91). 1956 'When actually shearing--that is, in the runs--a shearer should not drink too much'(Bowen 14). 1964 'No shearer must enter his catching pen before the gong goes and also he must not bring a sheep out on to the board after it has been run at the end of the "run"'(Newton 163).
(b) 115,134,111. 1927-8 158. 'In order that the ewes and lambs won't be too long in the shed, a run or two of ewes is shorn and then a run of lambs'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.96). 1956 'No one knows better than I how a bad run can tend to get a man down--a run of sticky sheep, or gear not
cutting the best, or perhaps the back aching a bit...and suddenly a big wether kicks and...rakes you down the middle' (Bowen 7).

(e) 170,205. 1911 'the shearsers in Queensland are mostly professional shearsers in contractors' teams of fast workers, with a run of big sheds' (Aus.CCA 22). 1926 'the usual difficulty of the shearer in getting a run of sheds one after the other' (NZ WU 15). 1939 'They had been waiting in town for the start of a run of sheds' (Land FS Ann.23Aug.20). 1955 'They told of having a good run of shearing when one year, in March, they started at a station...and, after "cutting out" shed after shed...they sailed over to New Zealand and finished the shearing season there' (Barnes xii).

1956 'the contract system has meant...a longer "run of sheds," perhaps spreading over a period of seven or eight months' (Dutton 97). 1967 'When it is necessary to engage a team for a run of two or more sheds, separate agreements for each shed must be signed' (Woodbridge 20). 1975 'Me life has been one long run of sheds, following one after the other, each one in itself an event' (Ryan 149).

run v.
1. 115,134,139. (AND 1795-1963). 1824 'the terms he was on were to run his cattle' (Aus.No9.3c1). 1867 'A lot of imported sheep were turned into a paddock in which a flock of colonial sheep were depasturing, and the whole were allowed to run together for about four or five months' (Jordan 11). 1887 'He runs far too many sheep with each shepherd in broken country like this' (Nicols Vol.1. 122). 1907 'On this station the sheep had to be run in very small flocks, for the country was heavily timbered and much broken' (Syd.Mail 6Nov.1187). 1910 'He is running sheep, which looked healthy and in fine condition' (Queen.1Jan.20c2). 1916 'and it is only in a season like the present that one can run cattle cattle here' (Want.Letter.4Aug). 1942 'In hot weather when meat could not be sent a few "killers" were branded and run with the shepherd's mob' (Glasson 12). 1953 'During shearing a paddock supposed to be running five thousand wethers was mustered and the sheep brought to the shed' (Eastman 77). 1961 'Some farmers who do not have many paddocks will run ewes and weaners together, but where possible they are held in separate paddocks' (Jordan 14).

2. run(ning) 187. See also racing. 1867 'Some do it (break the fleeces)...in their hurry-scurry...running one another, and in kicking away the fleeces before going in or after fetching another sheep from the catching-pen' (Jordan 90). 1871 'Not like some sheds where a man can "run" a bit and make up for lost time' (Corn.Mag. Vol.23.No133.86). 1882 '"Running", or "ringing"...is a practice that should be discouraged where it is desired to insist upon a good clean cut' (Armstrong 169). 1895 'The big tally men set a bad example to others, and cause "running", which means bad shearing' (Gould 218). 1902 'All the while the shearsers are running the "ringer" of the morning for the first place at afternoon "smoke oh"' (Gold. Fleece 1Jan.31). 1931 'The Overseer has a right to change a shearer from one pen to another. This is sometimes an advantage where two shearsers together are running each other' (Grazcos 10).

run combs.

r- about 137,147. 1890 'Open that gate...pointing to the one which led into the "run-about" yard' (Boldrewood 218). r- bush 58. (see go bush) 1905 'Everybody "ran bush" at once to hide, with the Willeroos full chase after them' (Gun 1). r- holder 124. (AND 1863-1930). 1880 'Having been asked to visit the district by several influential run-holders' (Inglis 124). 1920 'Early and late snows invariably mean stiff losses to the run-holders' (Bull.8Jul.24c2). 1956 'Undoubtedly the runholder's talisman was capital; even if he was without skill himself, the colony was full of resourceful but penniless young men who would look after his sheep for him' (Gardner 58). r- hunter 124. (AND 1848). 1848 'He met several runhunters, who were resorting to the most extraordinary and even fraudulent means to secure a right of possession by pre-occupation' (Mait.Merc. 8Jan.1c2). 1964 'Eventually run-hunters reached...Sturt's old camp Minandichee [Menindee] on the Darling' (Iddess 92). r- hunting 124. (AND 1890-1916). 1890 'What do you say if I go run-hunting with you' (Boldrewood 238). r- in 138. 1867 'Henry on a mare just broken in--one of the "Yesabah" lot--lately run in' (T.G.Wilson 5Sep). 1873 'It is generally found convenient to have a horse near the house for the sake of "running in" other horses' (Trollope 194). 1881 'The back stations of the interior are nearly all troubled with the presence of wild horses, and periodical attempts are made to run them in' (III.Aus.News 24Aug.154c4). 1902 'It's only a bit of scrub...what a place for running in brumbies' (Praed 183). r- of sheds 170. (See run n.2.e.) 1957 'These contractors arrange a "run" of sheds, so that their team of men will have as much work as possible during the season' (East Syd.Tech.
rushed. 136,138,147. (AND 1889,1892). 1839 'the poor blacks had scattered the cattle all over the country—
they had rushed the cattle two or three times—some had been speared, and one was found
killed' (Aus. 29 Aug 2c6). 1844 'Proceeding to Mr. Arnold's station they [Aborigines] destroyed
the hut, killed both the men in charge, and rushed all the cattle off the run' (Mait. Merc. 9 Nov. 3c1).

rushing 138. 1842 'he heard a rushing of the sheep, and supposing that they were attacked by native dogs,
went to the sheep yard, but found it empty' (Port. Merc. 7 Sep 3c5). 1880 'the hobbled horses are
stampeded also by the sudden noise and flight of the rushing cattle' (Ill. Aus. News 24 Aug 15Sc1).

rush tank 165. 1880 'When they reach the rush tank the valve is opened, and down comes the accumulated body
of water, and the sheep are thoroughly soaped and cleaned' (Inglis 137-8).

Russian 147. See rooshan (AND 1838-1945). 1845 'These wild Russians, as they are here called, will...clear at the first
leap a stockyard six feet in height' (Mackenzie 118). 1847 'Only now and then, when a real
"Russian" happens to be among the mob, circumspection must positively be practised as well as
bravery' (Harris 260). 1880 'Only about 20 bullocks now remained to cross [the river] but they
were regular "Russians" and were continually breaking away' (Harrison 64). 1945 'An old term
worth noting... obsolete for half a century or more, is Russians for wild stock' (Baker 68).

sad 200. 1946 'There is also tick and lice discolouration, the wools in this case being very dull or "sad"
(Gold. Mort 25-6).

saddle pooch tucker 94. 1947 'Out on the run with the cattle he lives on "saddle-pooch tucker" of damper and salt beef,
and, as one told me without a smile, "a couple of tins of jam in case of sickness"' (Hill 14).
sale yard 122.
(AND 1839-1985). 1864 'the lease for one year of the market and sale yards and water reserve were put up to public competition by the Town Clerk'(Bris.Cour.13Jan.2c7). 1970 'wanted the saleyards to continue as a separate undertaking'(Wagga D.Ad.10Jul.3).

salt -horse / junk 90,94,99.
1833 'this meat is not fresh beef, but something in substance resembling a good hard board, and generally termed "salt-horse"'(Currency 16Feb.2c3). 1891 'After having lived on salt junk for a month'(Praed 77). 1906 'On opening up their "cribs" at mid-day the boss, who had damper only, looked at the half-caste Billy's nicely-boiled salt junk'(Rudd Mag.Jan.1208 c1). 1936 'It lent adventure to their passage as they camped in frost or rain and lived on damper and salt junk, cooked by themselves at night'(Franklin 100).

sand monkey 66.
(AND 1958,1981). 1958 'I was over on a bit of a sand-monkey about a mile off, setting a string of traps'(Williamson 59). 1965 'sand monkeys are nearby [a dried up river] patches of pure sand in the surrounding black soil'(Broome Note). 1978 'Quite often in "sand monkey" country, they [bullocks] would "belly away" from the whip as I swung it'(Muse Apr.5).

sanded, sanding 105.
1938 'if a horse has to eat and breathe too much sand, the cumulative effect is disastrous. "Sanding" must be an endemic disease in many parts of South Australia'(Ratcliffe 242 note). 1955 'Well, Doctor, I'm bound up as if I'm sanded'(Marshall 38). 1960 'Horses became sanded caused by close licking to the ground for feed'(Temora H.Soc.1890s note).

sandy 161,200.
1941 'examine the fleece and if the back portion is dusty or sandy or tender and wasty, it should be removed'(Goddard 35). 1956 'Sandy sheep are a real problem, for the sand, grit and dirt are hard on the cutters, combs and handpieces'(Bowen 49).

sandy combs.

s- back 193,200. 1902 'They can detect "stains" among "first pieces,"..."sandybacks" and "double fleeces" amongst the good wools'(Gold.Fleece 2Jun.28). 1953 'wethers were sandy-backed and hard shearing'(Stronach 29). s- blight 100. See blight. (AND 1846-1982). 1852 'In New South Wales these storms sometimes cause the eye-blind or sand-blind as the malady is indifferently called'(Mundy Vol.1.85). 1861 'But is not so dangerous as the "sandy blight," for then the inflammation is accompanied by burning pain, often producing fever from extreme suffering'(Nassary 32). 1870 'The sandy blight had completely blinded him, and but for the accident of the mailman diverging...the poor fellow would have perished'(Eve.News 3Feb.3c3).

1878 'I was attacked with sandy blight, which a person must have before he can form any idea of how painful and annoying it is. Take a handful of fine sand and fill both your eyes...you will have a faint idea of what it is like'(Stevenson 74). 1891 'He had pretty near lost his sight with the sandy blight, which made him put his head forward when he spoke, as if he took you for someone else'(Boldrewood 78). 1900 'crouching and groaning...tortured by the demon of sandy blight'(Lawson 18). 1908 'almost starving at times...and at others being stricken down with "sandy blight", Gulf fever, and other ailments'(Morn.Bull. 7Mar.1oc3). 1918 'all the ills that flesh is heir to in a new and tropical country to harass us, such as fever and ague...sandy blight'(Fetherstonhaugh 207). 1947 'The harm was caused by sandy blight in childhood'(Maclean 171). 1956 'Sandy-blight is a scourge in certain parts of the interior'(Idriess 26). 1969 'And so it spreads to whites who call the condition "sandy blight"'(Abbie 71). s-cobbler 161,200. 1960 'a gun...having trouble with a pen of sandy cobbler's'(Aus.C.Mag.Feb.40).

sappy 198.
1915 'Those [sheep] which returned from Tamworth were fat, with a nice bloom on them, and a sappy appearance'(Austral.3Jul.8c1). 1944 'Sappy...frequently applied to wool from the southern tablelands of N.S.W. which are heavy in condition'(Minter 72). 1971 'with 15 Black Baldy sappy calves at foot 2 Months old'(Wagga D.Ad.19Jun.18).

sardine blow 185.
1954 'To-morrow I go with my sardine blow for a century or the sack'(Wannan 94).
sardine tin 76.
1891 'tin shanties commonly and appropriately called "sardine tins"'(Hales 47).

sawbie See Sorby

say cast 194.
1899 'Say-cast--The coarsest part of the fleece at the tail end of the sheep'(Sinclair 68).

scab 152.
(OED sb.2). 1831 'the contagious disorder, commonly called the scab or mange, in sheep or lambs' (Monitor 15Aug.3c3). 1852 one or two epidemics of "scab" or "catarrh," and the grazing settler is settled indeed'(Mundy 257). 1895 'When the mobs reached their destinations, scab at once manifested itself on the stations along their whole line of travel'(Austral.Past.Rev.64).

scab act 152.
1866 'came with a summons for a breach of the scab act'(O'Shaughnessy 27Jun).

scabbed 152.
1838 'several flocks on the banks of the "Hume" are also scabbed--and no doubt the infection will now spread in all directions'(Monitor 7Sep.2c5).

scabby (mouth) 152.
1835 'Smith had bought some sheep...he found out immediately afterwards that they were scabby, and thereupon returned them to the plaintiff'(Aus.27Feb.2c4). 1851 'Some of the sheep were scabby, and these, of course, required to be doctored, at which operation I also assisted'(Henderson Vol.l.199). 1868 'Micky walked up to a stringy bark sapling, and rubbed his back against it, like a scabby sheep'(Houlding 355). 1883 'scabby sheep, which mine undoubtedly were, were prohibited from travelling, under a heavy penalty, except during the month of February'(Curr 39). 1895 'when the mobs reached their destinations, scab at once manifested itself on the stations along their whole line of travel'(Austral.Past.Rev.64).

scab shed 172.
(ext.OED sb.4.b). 1900 'the shed was looked upon as a "scab" shed'(Syd.Stock Station Journ. 20Mar.5). 1904 'the shed is fifteen miles from here...it's a scab shed...Non-union'(Palmer-Archer 57-8).

scalded 83.
(AND 1920-1977). 1883 'We went to the scalded plain for a load of sleepers'(O'Shaughnessy 8Jun). 1932 'It [tank] was on a hard scalded ridge of perhaps 100 acres in extent'(Scott 63c1).

scalp 156.
(AND 1891-1950). 1907 'After some discussion, it was resolved not to make any alteration to the present system of receiving scalps'(Morn.Bull.7Feb.3c5).

scalper (AND 1897-1919). 1907 'it being impossible to notify scalpers of the dates of such visits [of the receiver of dingo scalps], they frequently arrived in Tambo after the receiver had left'(Morn.Bull. 7Feb.3c5). 1914 'he was a scalper, who was just then out after the coat of our national bird, the kangaroo'(Bull.15Jan.22c1).

scamping 186.
(OED v.ii.1). 1913 'bigger "tallies" are frequently made, but care is exercised by the overseer to prevent "scamping" and careless shearing'(Harris 154).

scatter on 136.
(AND 1914,1978). 1908 'Then dropping his bantering tone, he reported a scatter-on among the river cattle'(Gunn 260).
scillion See skillion

Scobie McKay 180. 1964 'Scobie McKay...One of the most famous of the old-time blade shearers. At one time a fast blade shearer was referred to as a Scobie McKay'(Newton 165).

scoop See silt scoop

scracer 87. (OED 1). 1893 'The sooner we get home the better, for it's going to be a regular scracer'(Mackay 310). 1899 'it was a real scracer. A soft, sweltering summer's day'(Rudd 114). 1966 'But in the shed at Glenroy...you only had two scorchers in February'(Aus.Work.1Jun.96c5).

Scotch coffee 97. 1836 (AND 1836-1934). 'At dinner they [women convicts] have animal food and vegetables, and at supper "Scotch coffee", i.e. burned corn'(O'Connell 47). 1904 'tea is replaced by "Scotch coffee", i.e., flour roasted in an oven'(Bull.7Apr.16c4).

scour n. 207. (AND 1896-1959). 1907 'returning to shear 10,000 at the local scour'(Towns.D.Bull.18Jul. 5c1). 1911'It seems to be the practice of most stations to send the wool to some outside scour'(Aus. CCA 7). 1931'There were the rouseabouts for the woolshed and the scour'(Hatfield 193). 1944'The station scours then gave place to central scours worked by contractors who retained staffs of expert wool washers'(Walkabout Jan.36c3).

v. 200,207. (AND 1851-1977). 1867'The average loss of weight from scouring fleece wool is about fifty per cent, therefore the owner of wool in the grease only gets half its real value'(Jordan 77). 1888'Very dirty wool is...often roughly washed or "scoured" before being sent away, fully half of its weight in dirt being thus got rid of'(Cassell Vol.2.222). 1899'Several important sales of...large lines of local scoured, have been effected during the last few days'(Syd.Mail 7Jan.43c1). 1910 'runs in the real Australia, on the Darling and Warrego, where they have water, often scour their own wool'(Bean 202). 1932'I formed a small scour on the Boomi River...where we scoured the low wools'(Scott 48c2). 1953'wool is scoured in a washing-machine, and an ample supply of good-lathering soap and plenty of soft water are essentials'(Clair 21). 1965'Estimates of fineness of greasy and scoured wools...are described by "quality numbers" rather than "count numbers"'(Henderson 49).

scourer 87. 1897'wool that is out of condition, may be made to give the best results by enlisting the services of a scourer well up to his work'(Gold.Mort 15). 1923'Agreement forms for Shearers, Crutchers, Shed Hands, Cooks [etc]...and "Scours" may be obtained from the Worker Office'(Aus.Work.19Sep. 16c3).

scouring 207. 1897 'But there are circumstances in which scouring may be manifestly the proper course to adopt' (Gold.Mort 15). 1926'The old style of scouring was by hand, or with baskets, after a hot soak to soften the grease and dirt'(Chard 19). 1937'Scouring was given up about 1914, and all wool sold in the grease'(Gunn 105). 1957'There are several methods of scouring, but in modern times the operation is generally carried out in a wool-scouring machine'(Guthrie 221). 1964'In scouring, impurities such as grease are removed by washing the wool in soap and water alkali'(Anderson 56).

scouring combs. 207.

s- bowl 1964 'Even with the most careful sorting small spots of brand find their way into the scouring bowls'(Anderson 56). s- plant 1964'The scouring plant is usually made up of four troughs or bowls with false bottoms'(Anderson 56).

s- shed 1975 'Next to it was a big scouring shed'(Ryan 128).

s- works 1908'The old scouring
works on the station were also dismantled...the only course left...is to get the clip scoured elsewhere'(Morn.Bull.14Mar. 9c6).

**scours, scoury 153.**

1907 "Calves" Cordial for Scours, 2/6 packet'(Morn.Bull.1Feb.1c3). 1965 'Quickly I noticed a scoury tail or two, and then they were all in trouble'(Aus.W.Week.3Feb).1973 'That's it [lush, unfamiliar grass]. What they call the scours. These horses never see green grass'(Lewis 192).

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the clearing of the standing forest and scrub has been done by bulldozer and ripper' (Cane Quart. 1 Oct. 54c1).

v. 68. (AND 1860-1965). 1880 'Billy & I were scrubbing at Robert's selection' (Andrews 19Mar). 1893 'On arrival at the selection they immediately started to scrub and ringbark about 20 acres' (Neelds 7Sep. 1). 1903 'M.G. scrubbing Frontage Studs [paddocks] & along the river' (Ulah 13Feb).

scrub combs. 69. Other pages added where relevant.

s- aristocracy 1900 'The banker, the storekeeper, one of the publicans, the butcher...were the scrub-aristocracy' (Lawson (2) 39).

s- bashing 69. 1982 'pretending to be listening to an account of the summer's scrub-bashing in Tasmania' (Syd. Uni. B. Journ. Feb. 4).

s- bred 69. 1901 'Killed in the flamin' mallee, yardin' a scrub-bred steer' (Jull. Rec. 120).


s- cattle 147. (AND 1880-1963). 1876 'To wheel the wild scrub-cattle at the yard' (Gordon 8).

1897 'burning days and fiery nights on the great blank plain of the centre...the wild joy of drafting scrub cattle' (Turner 35).

s- country 105. (AND 1847-1978). 1891 'On him alone the scrub country had an exhilarating effect' (Waterhouse 15).

1939 'Cardwell to Cooktown--rejoicing in the name of the scrub country' (Collinson 128).

s- cutter (AND 1845-1980). 1884 'Down at the scrub-cutters' (Ulah 11Feb).

1904 'three scrub-cutters drawn up close to a nailcan filled with hot coals' (Palmer-Archer 39).

s- cutting 1900 'While scrub-cutting...Daniel Mullane had both his legs broken through falling from a tree' (Town C. Journ. 6Jan. 16c1).

1919 'Regan and Hendricks started scrub-cutting on the same day' (Bull. 9Jan. 47c1).

s- danger 22. 1890 'He is one of those infernal scrub-danglers from the Lachlan come across to get a feed' (Boldrewood 193).

s- dash 1932 'On another day we had a wild scrub dash...one of the most successful "scrub" dashes I was in' (Scott 34c3).

s- dasher 1901 'And we held the reputation, crack scrub-dashers on the station' (Bull. Rec. 157).

1932 'The Boyles were famous cattle men, scrub dashers and great bush riders' (Scott 24c2).

s- dashing 106. 1904 'I pick out some assorted timber which I have acquired in my back hair during our scrub-dashing' (Palmer-Archer 144).

1946 'helping to brand calves, driving mustered stock, while Fred did the scrub-dashing' (Davison 166).

1966 'The objective is to head off the leaders, slow them down and turn them--they have a phrase for it--"scrub-dashing"' (Sun. Mail. Mag. 9 Oct. 4c5).

s- fruit 1919 'Generally they have no vegetables, except that in the tropics the blacks are occasionally persuaded to dig for yams and search for scrub fruit' (Bull. 2Jan. 22c3).

s- knife (AND 1882, 1892). 1901 'The whole of the gold field is one great scrub, through which off the tracks, it is impossible to pass without a scrub knife' (Ball 1).

s- land (AND 1833-1980). 1880 'They say...that the richest lands are the scrub lands and the lands near the coast...pre-eminently suited for agriculture' (Inglis 78).

1890 'The sun had set on Christmas Eve / When, through the scrub-lands wide' (Bull. 6Dec. 54c4).

s- ram 147. 1956 'Before that you had to take a scrub ram or any kind' (Aus. Work. 19Sep. 12c4).

s- rider 22. (AND 1881-1957). 1881 'A favourite plan among the bold scrub-riders to take advantage of the bright moonlight nights' (Grant Vol. 1. 207-8).

s- riding 22. 1870s 'In calling to memory incidences of scrub riding...still carried enthusiasm tinged with excitement and danger' (Budd 64.1).

1883 'Indeed it was wonderful to see with how little practice he [Aborigine] would come to the front in scrub-riding' (Curr. Vol. 290-1).

s- roller (AND 1914-1978). 1892 'More ruined homesteads...After that the scene of the recent operations of a scrub-roller are passed' (Hallack 52c1).


1953 'Gully raking and scrub-running, the search in gullies...and scrub...for stock, especially cattle, to steal' (Bevan 216).

s- yard (AND 1897, 1946). 1897 'Past haunted half-way houses--where convicts made the bricks--/ Scrub-yards and new bark shanties, we dash with five and six' (Bull. 11Dec. 7c2).

scrubber 69, 129.

1884 'Dave took rations to scrubbers' (Ulah 11Feb). 1909 'Joe went out with a Scrubber to look at Pillagalala' (Fitzgerald 3Mar).

scrubbing 69.

1909 'Pa took a Scrubber out to Flickaroo to show Scrubbing [work] to a man. He took the scrubbing' (Fitzgerald 27May).

1926 'He...drew my attention to the clearing--scrubbing, he called it--"Jarge" had done on the hill among the gaunt skeletons of ringbarked trees' (Syd. Mail 3Feb. 16c3).
scrubby 68.
(AND 1802-1971). 1824 'the banditti escaped into an immense scrubby wood, leaving behind them all their provisions'(Hob.T.Gaz.3Sep.2c1). 1831 'emigrants who have come to the country with a view to secure a portion of our scrubby bush land'(Monitor 11Jul.2c2). 1846 'The country was of a various character...sometimes scrubby, sometimes well-timbered, and in other places rocky'(Morn. Chron.28Mar.2c3). 1853 'The country is scrubby, and the whole spot was evidently selected with great judgment'(Goulb.Her.6Aug.3c4). 1867 'On seeing them he immediately dashed off on foot into the scrubby range close at hand, and the police after him'(Kiama Ind.12Sep.c4). 1878 'the tracks led into the scrub, and the police on this at once said that it was too scrubby to go that way'(Den.Chron.19Dec.3c2). 1901 'The school was situated on a wild scrubby hill, and the teacher boarded with a resident a mile from it'(Franklin 14). 1924 'He had a scrubby farm on a hill near Tomki Bight' (Aus.Work.19Nov.15c2).

scrub 2.
68,106,147. 1892 'Scrubs abound on every side, slab-sided, barrel-headed brutes, a mongrel animal, neither one thing nor the other'(Bird 9Apr.7c1). 1917 'The scrub...is the result of mating animals of poor breeding, of low powers, and of poor care and bad feeding' (Queen.12May.31c3).
v. 69,106,147. (AND 1880,1902). 1903 'Uhric scrubbing cattle in Urah [paddock]'(Ulah 11Feb). 1932 'After a week to ten days of this scrubbing--the mob would be taken to Head Station' (Scott 21c2).

scrubber 68,69,106,147.
(AND 1848-1982). 1858 'they saw the same youth riding through the mob, hunting a strange beast--a scrubber to all appearance'(Goulb.Chron.14Sep.4c4). 1866 'scrubbers are not worth keeping at any price, and in many places they are being all shot'(Goulb.Her.11Apr.2c6). 1874 'Went over the river after cattle (scrubbers) got an unbranded cow'(Witten 4Feb). 1880 'Without them [coachers] it would be impossible to keep the scrubbers together' (Stevenson 109). 1888 'They [bushrangers' horses] were poor scrubbers, and two of them were shod'(Town C.Journ.3Jul.8c1). 1901 'But be careful when you're racing those dashed scrubbers off the grass'(Bull.Rec.11). 1904 'Er cove wot takes no thought o' his cattle gets only scrubbers'[Fletcher115c2]. 1912 'It was a big-boned, vicious scrubber, and Jack knew that kindness would only be thrown away'(Hennessey 7). 1919 'Buy any old scrubber [pig] and put him in the pen with a well-bred slip [to check fattening ability]!'(Syd.Mail 9Jul.17 c3). 1924 'Settling down in a secluded spot, they would probably remain undiscovered until they had increased to a big herd of scrubbers'(Aus.Work.8Oct.13c1). 1932 'Nothing finer than his pen-picture of a wild chase after "scrubbers" in rough mountain country' (Stewart 46). 1957 'The scrubbers were crashing headlong through everything, snapping branches and trampling bushes underfoot'(Porteous 221). 1970 'They were half-wild scrubbers, accustomed to freedom in the ranges'(Walkabout Oct.10c2). 1980 'Let me feel him wheel the scrubbers / Leap fallen timber in his stride' (Gunn 143).

scrubber bull 69.
1887 'keeping a watch on the Wallaroo cattle and preventing the cows from being enticed away into the hills by the "scrubber" bulls'(Nicols Vol.1.269). 1963 'He said he chased a scrubber bull until he had him beat'(Aus.C.Mag.Jun.104c2). 1980 'Along the Maranoa where the scrubber bulls grow large'(Gunn 179).

scrub 3. 68,69.
(AND 1827-1985). 1862 'these "sons of the scrub" inviting themselves to spend an evening with a surprised squatter'(Bell's 3May 2). 1968 'They...plucked families from ancient oyster-shells of inner-city suburbs, and emptied them amid yawning letter-boxes out in the scrub [country]'(Aus. 10Aug.9). 1978 'In the scrub pavlovas [pudding] are the real trap'(Nat.Times 27May.28).

scruff 139,143.
(AND 1881-1976). 1881 'The smaller calves are scruffed [hand caught], and soon finished'(Grant Vol.1.228). 1927 'he just went on to the station and scruffed a few calves--as a matter of fact, it was forty head of mixed cattle'(Blacket 264).
scruff 143.
(AND 1905,1957). 1978 'Of course you get the "Scruffers", dogs who will lug (catch by the ear) and hold a pig'(Muse 5).

scruffing 139,143. 1957 'Most people would regard scruffing as hard, dirty, and, if the calves are really big, dangerous work'(Porteous 229). 1978 'head dogs...tracking dogs, scruffing dogs (cattle dogs)...are indeed specialists'(Muse 5).

scuddgeroo 96. 1877 'The meal, made into what they call "hominylf" here, is very good "scuddgeroo," and is wholesome and fattening'(James Vol.3.169).

second(s) 185,196,198. 1895 'Seconds...Best wool from throat and breast'(Hawkesworth 5). 1912 'the main body of the wool classed as "firsts" or "seconds," "clothing" or "combing," is packed separately [from pieces, bellies etc] and marked with the station brand and the wording denoting its quality'(Hunter 29). 1944 'Never use the words "Fleece" or "seconds" on bales when branding them; far better to use the letters AA and A'(Mather 70). 1957 '[ref. fellmongered wool] "Firsts" comprise the fleece wool, "seconds" comprise the pieces, and "thirds" (where necessary) are made up of shabby trimmings' (Guthrie 225).

second combs.

second(s) 185, 1965. 'Second bellies...Short heavy-conditioned wool in the proportion of one to four or five of first bellies'(Henderson 86). s- clothing 209. 1895 'Second clothing is a very wide grade, containing much tender from the low comings, and the rough, low, harsh wool'(Hawkesworth 6). s- combing 198,208. 1870 'a good "second combing" wool, if sound, will often bring a satisfactory price'(Graham 30). 1884 'A second combing could be made of all fleeces a trifle coarser and less showy than the firsts, provided the fibre was sound and well grown'(S 15). 1910 'It is as long, but coarser and stronger, with more waste and unevenness, he [classer] tumbles it into "second combing"'(Bean 200). s- cut 186,187. 1870 'The only place where a second cut can be tolerated is about the points, where the wool hangs in tangles'(Graham 63). 1882 'this [shearing first side beyond the backbone] avoids the second cut caused by the blow up the back'(Armstrong 168). 1893 'expressed his entire satisfaction with them [machines], stating that they take off all the wool, there are no second cuts in the fleece, and the sheep are never half-skinned...often the case with the hand shears'(Mclvor 141). 1910 'odd locks and second cut...mount up...under the tables'(Bean 199). 1937 'every shearer knows that "second cuts" must be avoided at all costs, as the boss, the wool-classer, the wool-broker and the wool-buyer all loathe them'(Dangar pt.2.n.p). 1943 'Other guns advise...run long blows rather than short blows, which is less quick, causes second cuts and uses up more energy'(Walkabout 1Feb.30-31). 1956 'the loss to our annual wool clip by second cuts is very large'(Bowen 3). 1966 'He has shown that second cuts alone cause a hidden, though direct loss of 8 cents a sheep'(Anderson 86). s- pieces 193,198. 1895 'second pieces are gritty, not so good a colour, generally dirty, seedy, and much discoloured, but should be free from "stained"'(Hawkesworth 7). 1900 '2nd pieces...the largest of the skirtings after the broken has been picked out'(Hawkesworth 214). 1922 'the britch ends made into second pieces'(Perry 121). 1944 'the coarser fringe from the britch goes into the "second pieces"'(NZ AEWS 43). 1965 'shearing-board hands are responsible for dealing with second pieces, locks and bellies'(Henderson 88). s- shear 187. 1965 'effective work in preparing second-shear wools can be done with a broom on the shearing board while sheep are being shorn'(Henderson 103).

section (line) 51,52. (AND 1830-1893). 1832 'The orders from home are to sell the land in quantities not less than one square mile, which comprises one section or 640 acres'(Hill's 5 Oct.2c1). 1841 'The agricultural or horticultural operations of the new emigrants are to be directed to the 100,000 [one] acre sections for the supply of the town'(Monitor 24Feb.2c3). 1841 'bounded on the north by the first section line...and on the south and east by section lines'(Monitor 1Jan.4c2). 1870 'owned a section which he had bought many years before'(Houlding 68). 1907 'You know that big section back of the scrub that Dawson dummied for you'(Partrige 10).
seedy 191.207.
1894 'As each fleece is brought up it is opened out, and all inferior parts removed, such as seedy
necks, skirtings, or soiled pieces' (Fison 71). 1935 'Wool is termed "seedy" when it is carrying...
seed of piripiri (hutiwai), horehound, burr clover, or Bathurst burr' (Cook 12). 1950
'Seedy...wool containing grass and certain other seeds' (Belschner 701).

select 55.
(AND 1826-1982). 1827 'Persons receiving authority to select land, who do not report to the
Surveyor General within four months from the date of such authority...will be considered to have
abandoned their claim' (Gleaner 26 Apr. 1c1). 1831 'sanctioned a number of grants which were
cancelled, because not selected before 1828' (Monitor 5 Apr. 3c1). 1841 'persons wishing to
select land must previously pay...any number of pounds sterling...not less than the number of
acres they wish to select' (Port P. Gaz. 3 Feb. 2). 1859 'the little squatters who would select land in
the middle of runs, would do little good either to themselves or others' (Gipps. Guard. 6 May. 3c5).
1879 'I have decided to select 640 acres, thereby securing that part of the run from serious
inroads from the vultures [selectors] for the future' (Couvreur 84). 1908 'Deceased had recently selected
land in the locality' (Bris. Cour. 1 Jan. 5c4). 1951 'Many selected the choicest areas on a run, often enclosing the
lessee's main water supply' (Broderick 5).

selection 55, 126.
(AND 1826-1977). 1826 'it requires settlers to be lexicographers, to understand the difference
between selection and possession' (Monitor 29 Dec. 258). 1834 'The run...consists of many
thousands of acres, and the selection was originally made by a very experienced person' (Monitor
11 Feb. 3c6). 1879 'Had a long yarn with Ducker who says he could make more at 20/- per week
on a station than he does on his selection' (Macdonald 2 Sep.). 1882 'Went to see Jenkins...he had
gone to tank on selection at Moramina' (Ulah 18 Feb). 1899 'Our selection adjoined a sheep-run on
the Darling Downs, and boasted of few and scant improvements, though things had gradually got
a little better than when we started' (Rudd 14). 1910 'Surveyor Andrews had left for Bladensburg
to survey an area of unoccupied country into homestead selections' (Queen. 9 Apr. 36c2). 1920
'he...had never managed to extend his miserable selection to keep enough horses to run the coach
properly' (Palmer 12). 1932 'Woods Brothers have recently taken up selections on the Welbon
Plain' (Scott 58c1).

selector 55, 117, 126, 127.
(AND 1866-1978). 1831 'selection itself is a mockery, unless it is implied that at the highest
bidding the selector shall have preference of purchase' (Monitor 11 Jul. 2c2). 1862 'it may be of
use to inform intending selectors how they must proceed to become conditional
purchasers' (Braid. Obs. 4 Jan. 2c4). 1879 'Went also round Burnt Creek South, good country for
sheep but troubled with a selector... who has over 1100 acres there, must fence him off' (Macdonald 30 Jun). 1883 'The farmer is usually known as a "selector", because under the
Land Act he selects a piece of ground...and purchases it on credit for agriculture' (Twopenny
244). 1893 'The country townships they created in the centre of a circle of their colossal "runs"
ereat out a miserable existence with the meagre patronage of the selectors' (Adams 146). 1910 'For
the would-be selector there can therefore be said to be no lack of choice, and ample information is
readily afforded as to the conditions attaching to each' (Queen. 1 Jan. 3c2). 1963 'Where the
selector can do them himself with his own plant, costs could be considerably less' (Aus. C.
Mag. Nov. 90c2).

serang (head) 175.
(AND 1911-1968). 1911 'I hereby threaten to produce affidavits from several boundary riders
and one serang [person in charge]' (Bull. 19 Jan. 14c4). 1974 'I'll go down and see the head
serang' (Niland 140). 1975 'You the head serang, here?' (Ryan 113).

set down 52, 53. See also sit down
1831 'every inducement...held out to form new agricultural settlements there, besides giving
every possible encouragement to those settlers already "set down"' (Syd. Her. 16 May. 2c3). 1838
'And there they [Scots immigrants] are "set down", and are already beginning to hire servants for
themselves' (Monitor 26 Feb. 3c2). 1842 'Those newly arrived emigrants who have been used to
agricultural pursuits...set down upon some well chosen farm with their families'(Hunt. Riv.Gaz.15Jan.2c1).

set stocking 135.
1965 'In some quarters of scientific thought in Australia set stocking is held as the panacea for the sheep industry'(Bull.27Mar.81c2).

settle (down) 45,53.
(AND 1812-1981). 1827 'My brother and I...are settled down, as the phrase goes, and you can scarcely conceive how much my heart is lightened by the change'(Monitor 30Mar.360c2). 1838 'I have received an offer from two gentlemen in Sydney to join them in settling--they can command the cash, and I the skill'(Monitor Supp.29 Oct.2c5).

settlement lease 57.
1932 'In 1896 large areas of land in the Moree district were thrown open in Settlement Leases of about 2560 acres each'(Scott 57cl).

settler 45,48.
(AND 1788-1985). 1825 'active sun burned settlers from the interior;--the townspeople;--New Zealanders;--Tahitians and other foreigners are all mixed up here'(Aus.21Apr. 2c4). 1834 'Our settlers require somebody to cook their victuals, as well as townspeople'(Monitor 4Apr.2c2). 1861 'an individual in member of the Legislature, and a rich settler, claimed the distinction of being spokesman'(Meredith 176). 1881 'he was not of the stuff to make a satisfactory settler'(Praed 108). 1899 'MacEwan shared the settler's supper and lodged during the night in his house'(Brereton 86). 1926 'John Connolly...famous as a fine type of settler...was made manager of Mount Larcom Station'(Queen.27Feb.11c3). 1968 'A settler named Horace Foster had been accidentally shot. The Flying Doctor could not make a safe landing'(Wom.Day 16Dec.113). 1987 'Hawkesbury River...the waterway which carried early settlers to the base of the Blue Mountains'(Telegraph 7 Apr.45).

settler's combs. 49.

s* clock (AND 1827-1943). 1827 'The loud and discordant voice of the laughing jackass (or settler's clock, as he is called)'(Cunningham Vol.1.217). 1845 'the laughing jackass, the Australian jay, or settler's clock as it is called, making merry with the first glimpse of daylight'(Howitt 101). 1851 'The laughing-jackass, or settler's-clock, is a strange-looking bird of the goat-sucker tribe' (Henderson Vol.2.182). 1868 'Just as the sun was rising in the morning, they were awakened by the loud cacinations of those well-known punctual bush birds commonly called "the settler's clocks"'(Houlding 373-4). 1873 'In the morning we were awakened by the jolly chimes of the settler's clock, or by the clear metallic notes of the magpie and bellbird'(Austral.Sketch.17May.39cl). 1897 'Shafty...Deep combing wool~strong stapled'(Gold.Mort 12). 1910 'The wool is well grown, a splendid length, very sound and shafty'(Queen.8Jan.34c2). 1922 'a shafty wool is one full to handle with a long compact free growth, denoting sound constitution'(Perry 129). 1937 'Shafty wool...is full, bold, lengthy and compact'(Wool.Man.27). 1946 'Shafty...having a bold, strong, lengthy, and densely grown staple'(Vic.Dep.Ag.40).

shafty top-maker 202.
1941 'Shafty Top-Makers refers to wools of good length, but carrying some fault'(Goddard 42).
shake down 77.
(ext. OED 1).
1835 'common hospitality...the damper with its usual accompaniments in the bush had been presented with all imaginable frankness, and the shake-down duly prepared' (Colonist 5 Mar. 73c1). 1845 'they retired to rest...being accommodated with a shake-down of straw on a sheet of bark' (Tucker 134). 1853 'you can get a shake down amongst the chaff in the barn' (Read 53).

shandygaff 169, 175. See box

shankings 193.
1900 'Shankings are made into the lowest classes of woollen goods, such as low carpets and rugs' (Hawkesworth 177). 1937 'Shankings...are the trimmings on the legs of sheep' (Wool. Man. 29). 1962 'Bellies, shankings and "second-cuts" should not be mixed with fleece wool' (Aus. Wool Bur. 4).

shanty 77, 130.
(OED 1, US). 1905 'the little bark shanty in which the chrysalis stage of his existence had been passed, rejoiced in the name of "Modesty Cottage"' (New Idea 6 Oct. 354c1). 1938 'We were lying in the sand again outside my shanty' (Bull. 6 Apr. 6c2).

shanty keeper / town 77, 205.
1971 'planned to renovate shacks on the Brungle aboriginal shanty town reserve near Tumut' (Tumut A. Times 25 May. 1). 1984 'if his people could have two pastoral areas instead of shanty towns...there would be employment, self-esteem, pride and dignity' (Sun Her. 15 Jul. 32c2).

share farm 47, 51.
(AND 1909). 1971 'Mr Rees sharefarmed the property of the late Mr James O'Brien' (Temora Ind. 2 Apr. 7).

share farmer 51.

shares up / down 175.
1963 'As far as shedhands are concerned "shares are up" as rain threatens and "down" when the threat dissipates into fine weather' (R. Ryan Interview).

shay See jack shay.

shear for the sack 187.
1959 'The only way he could get out was to "shear for the sack"; that is, knock the sheep about, and few men would do this, for to build up a reputation as a rough shearer made it hard to get sheds' (Tritton 33).
shear / shore 184. (AND 1891-1945). 1862 'Tom found Murphy's lambs that were lost--shore them this afternoon' (White 24 Oct). 1879 'shore today 822'(Macdonald 22 Oct). 1888 'one man shore 118 sheep without altering a screw of his machine'(News.Cut.PL. Vol.136.27). 1916 'All last week the sheep were wet and they only shore one and a half days'(Want.Letter.12Nov.2). 1928 "Blokes", said Sir Clancy... "many sheep has been shore since I humped me bluey along the Castlereagh"'(Sun.Tel.Pic. 9Dec.7c1). 1932 'He shore seventy three ewes in one hundred and three minutes'(Scott 11c3). 1950 'a lot of fairy tales / Of how they shore the jumbucks'woodhouse 49). 1954 'Most properties shore in their own sheds, 98 per cent in pastoral districts'(Aus.Bur.Ag.Ec.Pt.3:11). 1964 'I was never a gun shearer, although I shore good tallies in my younger days'(Aus.Work.26Aug.5c4). 1983 'the shed where he first shore 100 sheep a day'(Land 10Mar.3c3). 


shearers' vote 175. 1954 'Spring shearing is the season [just beginning] of a unique ballot...it is known simply as "the shearer's vote"'(Wannan 57).

shearing combs.

sh- agreement 170,171. 1894 'the all-important shearing agreement, by which masters and men alike are bound "till the shed is cut out"'(Fison 69). 1975 'Back at the bench in the engine room, he drew out a shearer's agreement form from a folder'(Ryan 113). sh- board 168,169. (AND 1882-1980). 1867 'The shearing boards should be kept constantly swept and clean from pieces and locks'(Jordan 90). 1894 'immediately behind the shearing-board are the "catching pens"'(Fison 69). 1903 'The two musicians...took their positions by the wool-press and the dancers prepared to waltz round the shearing board'(Clow 32). 1913 'Woolly sheep can be sheltered under the floor of the shearing board and wool room, as well as in the receiving and catching pens'(Ag.Gaz.2Dec.1052). 1922 'The shearing board should be of a good width, and be separated from the holding pens by a solid wall'(Perry 16). 1931 'gathering up the wool from the shearing-board and carrying it to the tables' (Cowley 78). 1944 'Any repairs should be put in hand...and the shed prepared by scrubbing out the shearing-board and wool-room'(NZ AEWS 41). 1964 'In the Lake Coleridge shed the shearing board is split by the wool-tables with six or eight stands each end'(Newton 41). 1973 'When shearing with the blades, a sheep can be shorn in practically any position on the shearing "board"'(Aus.Work.14Mar.7c1). sh- contractor See contract shearing.

sh- in the grease 195. See grease, in the. 1872 'the sheep being clipped with all the dirt in them that had accumulated since the year before, technically termed "shearing in the grease"'(Eden 98). sh- machine 178. (AND 1852-1965). 1890 'The excellent shearing machine...will prove a great boon to sheep-farmers, as it will, I believe, relieve them from the tyranny of the shearers'(Brown 146). 1913 'The shearing machines were worked by electricity'(Harris 151). 1946 'The shearing machine, although increasing number of sheep shorn per man, actually increases his physical strain as...the sheep resists all the time' (Macfarlane 56). 1950 'A shearing machine works in a similar manner to a barber's clippers and is power-driven through a flexible drive'(Int.W.Sec.12). 1973 'In 1877, an Irishman, Fred Wolseyley, put forward a principle for the working of a mechanical shearing machine'(Aus.Work.14Feb.3c6). sh- pen 169. See pen n.(b). sh- season 170. (AND 1833-1910). 1846 'in the shearing season this snug little settlement commands a good share of the business transacted in the district'(Bell's 27Jun. 1c4). sh- shed 168. (AND 1829-1977). 1838 'a good substantial barn of large dimensions, shearing sheds, piggeries'(Monitor 31 Oct.3 c2). 1851 'we visited the shearing-shed...where I very frequently spent the day, keeping tally of the sheep shorn'(Henderson Vol.1.198). 1879 'there were the shearing sheds, and the apparatus connected with shearing, to be inspected...out of courtesy to the "boss," who was very proud of them'(Gent.Mag.570-71). 1918 "Shearing-shed" means a building used for the purpose of shearing sheep, or for any operation connected with shearing, and includes all buildings and premises connected therewith'(Labatt 44). 1941 'When building a new barn it should be constructed in such a way that it may be readily be converted into a shearing shed'(Goddard 17). 1964 'In the early days, the shearing shed was a rough hut made of bark with canvas spread on the bare ground to keep the wool clean'(Anderson 41). sh- table 186. 1957 'The most important development in the industry since the inception of mechanical shearing of sheep is a new device known as the "Shearing table"'(Ryan 172). sh- tally 188. 1897 'Shearing tallies--a week on a page, showing
at a glance what a shearer's tally is for one run, a day, or his total' (Syd. SS Journ. 24 Sep.).

sh- team 164, 170. (AND 1926-1977). 1973 'Cynicism, as well as humour has its place in the life of a shearing team' (Aus. Work. 14 Feb. 2c2). 1978 'a fresh lot of sheep are put into the shearing-yards...each shearer aiming to get those sheep which have the lightest and most open fleeces' (Haygarth 47-8). 1864 'the sheep are then driven to the shearing yard and handed over to the shearers' (Ili. Syd. News Vol. 1. No 5. 7).

shearing 149. 1901 'After shearing, when probably he is a year and half old, he is called a shearing [sheep], a shearing, a sheep-hog, or a tup; and a shearing wether when castrated' (Journ. Dep. Ag. Jan-Jun. 8). 1950 'shearing...once shorn sheep, usually between 1 and 2 years' (Int. W. Sec. gloss).

shears 177. See blade-, hand-, machine-.

1852 'if ever I was tempted to turn my sword into a sheep shears, I know of no spot so attractive' (Mundy Vol. 2. 20). 1864 'A hundred and twenty fleeces a day was reckoned good work for one pair of shears' (Armour 17). 1885 'he learned a good style of holding the sheep and his shears' (Austral. 239). 1894 'Mustersers are riding in with flocks for the shears' (Fison 71). 1909 'the sheep are then driven to the shearing yard and handed over to the shearers' (Ili. Syd. News Vol. 1. No 5. 7).

1971 'off shears had increased from $1.80 to $3.20 a head' (West. Her. 25 Jun. 2).

shed See also shearing shed.

(a) 165, 206. (AND 1853-1978). 1871 'Half-an-hour after sunrise Mr. Gordon walks quietly into the vast building which contains the sheep and their shearers--called "the shed"' (Corn. Mag. Jan. 75). 1888 'Mr. Wilson has about 200,000 sheep to shear, and fitted his shed with a 9-horse power engine and stands for 38 shearers under Wolsey's machines' (News. Cut. PL. Vol. 136. 27). 1909 'Gangs of shearers travel about the country from shed to shed, and earn at the rate of £1 to £2 per day' (Evans 30). 1934 'there are many sheds where the accommodation is not up to standard' (Aus. Work. 17 Oct. 17c4). 1947 'A number of Union men from Wilcannia...went to take the "scabs" out of Grassmere shed' (Aus. Work. 15 Jan. 9c4). 1963 'We had a 50-stand shed and there were about 5000 ewes in the yard ready for a start' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 41c4).

(b) 170, 205. (AND 1893-1978). 1857 'men in search of a "shed" would not be long without finding one' (Yass Cour. 31 Oct. 5c2). 1960 'Bruce and Bill shore sheep for sheep throughout the shed' (Newton 37). 1974 'He's got a shed at Pokataroo' (Niland 98).

shed (up) 200.

1961 'it is important that the sheep can be "shedded up" easily at night, and that they can be moved easily from sweat pens, down lanes, to a race alongside the catching pens' (Jordan 113).

1967 'if the weekend is near, it is usual to bring in "dry" sheep--hoggets, weaners, wethers, or maiden ewes--to avoid "sheddung" the ewes and lambs' (Woodbridge 57). 1970 'in a rash moment I had promised to help shed up the ewes for tomorrow's shearing' (Aus. C. Mag. Mar. 90).

shed combs. See Part 4. ch. 3 where these terms are widely scattered and repeated.

sh- boss 175, 176. (AND 1887-1955). 1904 'A shed boss must know all that breathes under the roof, though it be beyond sight or hearing' (Lancaster 81).

1912 'Scotty followed the boss of the
board to his quarters, and was introduced to the other shed boss--the wool classer' (Tait 115). 1949 'the shed boss, probably the hardest worked of all' (Crawford 45). 1975 'Outside the engine room, the shed boss stood waiting, face set in tight lines' (Ryan 58). sh-hand 129,170, 173,185,190. (AND 1898-1977). 1885 'A few got tired of trying to shear, and were given employment as shed hands at weekly wages' (Gould 214). 1917 'Overtime payment is to be made to shed hands if...time worked by them exceeds the time worked by shearers by more than 30 minutes' (Aus.CCA 8). 1931 'Actual costs vary according to the number of shedhands employed, the speed of the shearers, lost time due to engine trouble, or wet weather' (Grazcos 7). 1946 'The fleeces are then picked up by the shed-hands and taken along to the wool-rolling tables' (Gold.Mort 18). 1967 'shed hands...are engaged as general useful hands for the shearing' (Woodbridge 27). 1975 'the promise of wet weather and an early break engendered in shedhands' (Ryan 135). 1982 'A shedhand earns $203 a week after paying $41 for his board and lodging' (Syd.M.Her.12Aug.1c5). sh-manager 176. (AND 1879). 1918 'When shearing wet ewes the shed-manager may alter the intervals for smoking and extend the hours to the extent of half an hour in order to complete the cut-out' (Labatt 30). 1967 'Manager means the man in charge of the complete shearing operation' (Woodbridge 2). sh-rep 173. (AND 1909, 1914). 1962 'Shed Rep R.Chitty reports on the cut-out of Mt Stuart after shearing 14,000 sheep' (Aus.Work.20Jun.10c1). sh-stain 200. 1965 'The animals should be held in the yards for a good half-day before shedding, otherwise the wool will suffer shed-stain' (Gascoigne 160). sh-start 168,172. 1955 'It is important that all "shed starts", with conditions of accommodation, be reported to this office' (Aus.Work.23Mar.10c2). sh-over the 175. 1895 'it was no sinecure to be "over the shed," as it was called, (that is, in charge of it) when one had such a lot of roughs to deal with' (Kirby 146).

sheep combs. For most items refer also to the second term for more reference.

sh-barber 180. (AND 1912-1959). 1959 'Most sheep-barbers...drink one or two bottles of beer between knocking off and going in to tea' (Bull.23Dec.16c1). sh-break 118. 1885 'They're awaiting ahead near that sheep break--three of 'em' (Austral.Chris.Supp.1c1). sh-breeder 198 1934 'too often our sheep breeders have to face severe losses by droughts' (Syd.M.Her.6Jun.8c3). sh-cocky 128. (AND 1897-1977). 1899 'a prosperous wheat and sheep cocky with two sons' (Bull.17Jul.11c4). 1956 'He could be, and would have been described as a struggling sheep cocky, whereas to-day he is a very wealthy man' (Aus.Work.5 Sep.1c4). 1981 'One of my favourite stories is about a sheep cocky during the wool boom who had not become accustomed to being wealthy' (Forbes Ad.8c3). sh-dip 157-58. 1. 1867 'Mr Alexander Bruce, in his work on scab, gives a very ingenious plan for receiving and forcing pounds was sufficient capital to commence sheep-fanning' (Stamer Vol.2. 144). sh-fold colony, were not at all like the same animals we see at home...the way they would circle round a farmer' (Ballantyne 33). sh-farming 124. 1874 'I was so stupid to believe that a thousand trough and drive the sheep in one at a time' (Anderson 40). 1866 'the injurious operation produced by tobacco sheep-dip, namely, its constitutional and morbid effect on the sheep's health, arises out of the peculiar influence of the narcotic poison' (Omega 38-9). 1882 'With a highly poisonous sheep dip, made with arsenic, this ducking cannot be throughly (sic) done, or the sheep would be killed' (Menzies 23). 1957 'if you're in a place like this...no wonder you want to go and drink sheep-dip' (Niland 166). sh-dipping 158. 1865 'Those who have...much to do with sheep-dipping, must have observed how often the persons engaged...think and act as if a cure of scab-infected sheep can be effected without exercising the utmost care' (Omega 32). sh-dog 143,145. 1893 'The sheep dogs, common in this part of the colony, were not at all like the same animals we see at home...the way they would circle round a flock of sheep...was something wonderful' (Demarr 181-2). sh-drover 141. (AND 1841-1905). 1903 'During the mustering season the stock-riders and sheep-drovers often scoured hundreds of miles of country' (Clow 9). sh-establishment 114. (AND 1833-1851). 1842 'excellent station in the Geelong district, where he had erected huts and other requisites for a sheep establishment' (Port.Merc.21Sep.2c5). sh-farmer 124. 1871 'The squatter is the sheep farmer' (Ballantyne 33). sh-farming 124. 1874 'I was so stupid to believe that a thousand pounds was sufficient capital to commence sheep-farming' (Stamer Vol.2. 144). sh-fold See fold. 1841 'although consisting of only a few slab huts and sheep-folds, it is not to be effected without the personal labour of the sheep-owner' (Jameson 164). sh-grower (AND 1840-1967). 1919 'I notice that Minister Oman has been advising...sheep growers--to hold their jumbucks back' (Bull.16Jan.26c3). sh-hut 1833 'These men appeared at my sheep-hut late on Monday evening' (Colonist 25Jan.3c1). sh-man 124. (AND 1901-1980). 1938 'Nine sheeplemen out of
ten...will take any gamble rather than break up their breeding flocks'(Ratcliffe 327). 1969 'one sheepman down from the north-west of N.S.W. for the ram sales'(Wom.Day 17Mar.8). sh-master 124. (AND 1835-1936). 1847 'I never heard one illiberal, avaricious man, which certainly two thirds of the sheep-masters are, say one word about it'(Harris 332). sh-net 121. 1839 'LOST...one bundle containing three sheep nets'(Port P.Gaz.21Dec.3c1). sh- overseer 150. (AND 1834-1920). 1847 The deceased was a sheep overseer, and was over the prisoner, who was a watchman'(Bell's 6Nov. 1c3). 1857 Mr Bruce a resident and squatter...required a sheep overseer'(Cooper 23). 1897 'One of these emigrants...first as hutkeeper at an out-station, but soon promoted...to the laborious and responsible office of sheep-overseer'(Archer 76). sh-owner 124. (AND 1839-1965). 1867 'One large sheep-owner remarked...that he had one hundred mouths to fill all the year round'(Morison 121). 1918 'the attention of the Sheep-Owners' Federation was directed to be drawn to the matter [pay demands]'(Labatt 21). 1933 'you will find nearly every sheep owner or boss of the board willing to give a learner every chance if it is seen he is trying to do his best'(McKenzie 9). 1956 'While acknowledging the sterling qualities of most sheepowners, it is imperative that I set out obligations and requirements of a sheepowner'(Bowen 11). sh-pad 103. 1903 'We found that the little girl [lost] hadn't kept to the sheep-pads as we expected'(Furphy 191). sh-proof 118,121. (AND 1872 -1946). 1888 'In order to keep the paddock secure, or, as it is commonly called, "sheep proof," men are appointed to go around the fence two or three times a week'(Cassell Vol.2.219). 1903 'The fence, much damaged by floods, was repaired merely to the sheep-proof standard'(Furphy 134). sh-room 1867 'Among other improvements are...woolshed...with...sheep-room capable of holding 1,500 sheep'(Morison 139). sh-run 115. See run. (AND 1823-1965). 1824 'TO LET...that valuable FARM and very excellent Sheep Run...containing 2000 acres'(Hob.T.Gaz.7May 1c3). 1836 'land owners' add to their already too extensive sheep-runs'(Bent's News 9Jul.2c3). 1873 'the rich men who during the panic have taken up the whole country is parcelled out in extensive sheep stations and cattle runs, which are secured lease...to their actual possessors by an Act of Parliament'(Lang 13). 1863 'Constable Wright believes the same men recently robbed a sheep station on the Crudine Creek'(Mudgee Lib.9Apr.2c6). 1887 'The overseer suggested that Harold should ride round with him in the morning, and visit some of the sheep stations'(Nicols Vol.1.114). 1897 'After a couple of months of this, I started with my flock for an unoccupied sheep station...under the guidance of Dusty Bob and his gin'(Archer 42). 1937 'There were many sheep stations, as it was a large run'(Gunn 73). 1965 'He first arrived as...an assisted migrant of 15 to work on a sheep station in New South Wales'(Bull.23May.49c1). sh-shy 145. 1946 'Kelpies were about as good as you'd get, but some were sheep-shy, or indifferent'(Davison 36). sh-station 115,121. (AND 1825-1982). 1828 'part of some of the flocks grazed on these ill-selected sheep-stations, were removed to eligible dry runs before the wet season set in'(S.Asian Reg.No.1.Oct.87). 1832 'A gentleman at Sydney, who has a sheep station near Goulburn Plains'(Hill's 14Dec.2c1). 1852 'the whole country is parcelled out in extensive sheep stations and cattle runs, which are secured leases...to their actual possessors by an Act of Parliament'(Lang 13). 1863 'Constable Wright believes the same men recently robbed a sheep station on the Crudine Creek'(Mudgee Lib.9Apr.2c6). 1887 'The overseer suggested that Harold should ride round with him in the morning, and visit some of the sheep stations'(Nicols Vol.1.114). 1897 'After a couple of months of this, I started with my flock for an unoccupied sheep station...under the guidance of Dusty Bob and his gin'(Archer 42). 1937 'There were many sheep stations, as it was a large run'(Gunn 73). 1970 'He first arrived as...an assisted migrant of 15 to work on a sheep station in New South Wales'(Bull.23May.49c1). sh-vanner 146. 1968 'A sheepvanner is a weaned calf, usually dairy stock, confined to market in the double-decked railways sheep van'(Knox Note). sh-walk 114. 1826 'What a truly fortunate circumstance for the Colony, that the land...should be continued a forest and converted into an everlasting sheep-walk'(Aus.1Apr.5c1). 1844 'In it are to be found large tracts fit for the plough...extensive horse and cattle pasturages, and very extensive sheep walks'(Atkinson 11). 1873 'the rich men who during the panic have taken up almost deserted sheep-walks become richer and richer'(Trollope 93). 1880 'After the passing of the Robertson Land Act, the extent of the sheep-walk was reduced to about 60,000 acres, which was gradually converted into freehold'(Brown 151-2). 1936 'Today the sheeper treks the great sheep-walks in a motor-car or cycle, a master tourist'(Smyth 15). sh-wash 1. 164. 1883 'On reaching Tongala I found my sheepwash and woolshed, such as they were, nearly ready for use'(Curr 96). 1914 'It was shearing time, my brother being over the board and I at the sheep wash'(Hamilton 93). sh-wash 2. 164. 1847 'corrosive sublimate used in compounding sheepwash'(Harris 381). sh-washer 164. (AND 1841-1943). 1876 'men who profess to be shepherds, boundary-riders, sheep-washers, shearers and the like'(Trollope 69). 1893 'a large
building used during the shearing season for the rouseabout and sheep-washers...farther along the creek were shearers' huts'(Merrii 47). 1912 'The shepwasher, up to his middle in midstream, or standing outside the tank...seizes the swimming animal and souses it below the surface, rubbing vigorously with one hand to liberate the loose dirt in the fleece'(Hunter 30). 1937 'Sheep washers were paid 4/6 per day, but those holding the sheep in the water or under the spouts got a shilling a day extra'(Gunn 171). sh- washing 158,164. (AND 1834-1980) . 1838 'the deceased had been attending the sheep washing...he returned home along with the men'(Monitor 16Feb.2ec5). 1855 'They pay 10s. per day for sheep washing, and board and lodging; and 30s. per hundred for shearing sheep, also with rations'(Howitt Vol.1.140). 1867 'The great desideratum for successful sheep washing is an abundant supply of clean and soft water'(Jordan 77-8). 1887 'Harold found sheep washing no light work'(Nicols Vol.1.264). 1897 'Here, I had my first lesson in sheep washing...and had to stand...up to my waist in water-no joke in the winter when there was frost on the ground'(Archers 40). sh- yard 122. (AND 1809-1959). 1846 'I remember...a place in the heart of the scrub, where there was a sort of shed, made with branches of trees; some sheep yards, that never could have held sheep within them, and a lot of skins, skeletons, and half decomposed carcases, lying strewn about, a ruinous, deserted, melancholy spot'(Lloyd 163). 1859 'up to the sheep-yard beside the woolshed'(Kingsleys Vol.2.280). 1872 'we had invited shearers and musterers, and all the odd hands which flock to a station at shearing-time, to come up to our house which stood in a valley a mile or so away from the sheep-yards, wool-shed. etc.'(Davins 20). 1890 'Sheep yards vary greatly, according to the requirements of the locality, the size of the flock, and whether sheep are fattened for the market or a permanent flock is kept'(Brown 156). 1927-8 'They are at the sheep yards drafting early and late'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.93). 1933 'At the approach of night the sheep were brought home and "penned" securely in the "sheepyard"'(Harris 4). 1890 'The design of shearing sheds were, I think, indigenous to Australia and New Zealand' (Gascoigne 10). sheep-o 162,174,191. (AND 1900-1982). 1900 'the sheep-ho's or the engine drivers at the shed or wool-wash, call him, if he does sleep'(Lawson (1) 131). 1912 'a boy of similar complexion [Maori], known in the language of the shepherds, as...sheep-oh...to keep the pens full with animals for the convenience of the shearsers'(Koebel 121-2). 1927-8 'no time will be lost in filling up the catching pen at the shout of "sheep o," which means that a pen is cut out'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1. 99). 1956 'The "sheep-o" must keep an eye on them for smothering, the first sign of which is sheep jumping up in the pen'(Bowen 47). 1967 'the penner-up...filling the catching pens as the shearers call "sheep o!"'(Woodbridge 29). 1975 'Sheepo!" a pen refilled, and then another'(Ryan 43). shepherd 74,129,130. n. (OED 1). 1827 'The assigned prisoners are employed...as shepherds, or stockmen'(Gleaners 19Apr.3ec2). 1834 'The London pickpockets are considered to make the best shepherds in the colony, as it suits their naturally idle habits'(Bennetts Vol.1 90). 1861 'Formerly employed as a shepherd at Mr.Darlow's station'(Vic.Pol.Gaz.21Nov.434c1). 1890 'The poor reckless wretches who come in from the bush, bent on a "spree"--the shepherds, swagmen...with cheques or cash orders to change...have no thought for the consequences'(Bath.D.Times 9Jan.2c3). 1985, ref.1850s 'The shepherds, far from being mythical, were usually ticket-of-leave men employed by farmers to keep sheep from straying, and to protect them from Aborigines'(Syd.M.Her.6Apr.14c5). v. (OED 1). 1874 'he fancies the sheep upon his run are only being half shepherded while "the cove" (as he is called) isn't on the ground'(Kennaaway 175). 1883 'mine complained that the station was scruffy, without feed, and almost impossible to shepherd on'(Curr 43). 1899 'In the year I write of [1856]...the only extra hands employed...a picker-up, two wool-pressers, a man to shepherd shorn sheep, and another to shift yards (hurdles) daily for the marked sheep'(Fraser 161). shepherd's combs. 129-33. sh-'s blanket 1930 'Mulein (Verbascum thapsus), or the Shepherd's Blanket, is a stout, erect, densely-white, woolly biennial plant'(Dubbo Disp.24Apr.7ec2). sh-'s broom 1942 'Shepherd's broom...a bunch of box tree or pine twigs, their tips being cut level and all bound tightly around a long handle'(Glasson gloss.2). sh-'s cabbage also 93. 1942 'they would boil the nettles and eat...
them with their dry corned meat and damper, hence the term "shepherd's cabbage" (Glasson 23).

**sh's clock** also 49. (AND 1879,1955). 1880 'The first sound heard in the wood was the peculiar note of the laughing jackass...the colonists gave it the name of the "shepherd's clock" (Hamilton 31). 1880 'The first sound heard in the wood was the peculiar note of the laughing jackass...the colonists gave it the name of the "shepherd's clock" (Hamilton 31).

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**sh's hat** 1942 'Shepherd's hat...Generally a cabbage-tree, made from the *Livistona australis* palm' (Glasson gloss.2).

**sh's hut** also 77. 1851 'Saw a shepherd's hut--made for it, and found it deserted--and fast falling to ruin'(Tester 89). 1885 'as the number of squatters increased...shepherd's huts and stockmen's camps lay far apart'(Praed 6). 1890 'The lad had struck a shepherd's hut'(Couvreur 58). 1942 'Shepherd's harp...A [home made] musical instrument, usually played solo and in solitude'(Glasson gloss.2).

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**sh's lantern** also 80. (see also Ballarat) 1942 'Shepherd's lantern...a clear glass bottle was turned over a candle flame till hot all round...near its base. The bottom would crack off when dipped in cold water. A piece of tallow candle would be dropped into the bottle's contracting neck, which served as both socket and handle'(Glasson gloss.2).

**sh-miles** 1834 'it is a saying in the colony shepherd's miles are short those of stockmen long' (Meston 31).

**sheep** 98. 1964 'She: Tea'(Newton gloss.165).

**shilleen / shilling** 77. See skilling

**shingle (splitter / splitting)** 75,76. (AND 1828-1882). 1826 'This land invaluable for its timber...and also, at the rate of £2 per week for allowing two pair of shingle splitters to work thereon'(Aus.3Jun.4c2).

1833 'To shingle splitters--WANTED, immediately, 200,000 shingles of the following dimensions...cash will be paid on delivery'(Tasman.8Feb.42c3).

1888 'a good bush carpenter, and didn't turn his back to anyone for...shingle splitting'(Boldrewood 19).

**shingler** 75.

1834 'James Legget, a shingler in the employ of Mr. Dargin'(Monitor 17Dec.2c5).

**shirled (hogget)** See shurled

**shoddy** 208. See also mungo

(OED 1). 1897 "Noil" is used for mixing with old tweeds, &c., which are torn up and manufactured again into shoddy'(Otago 98).

1910 'the true meaning of the word "shoddy,"...wool capable of being used...the second time'(Jackson 53).

1926 'when merino wools became plentiful, these goods were replaced by better styles, wool mixed with cotton, or shoddy, or of pure wool'(Chard 12).

1933 'woollen rags, both new and old, as well as old clothing, which are ground up into a fibrous mass and re-manufactured under different names, like "mungo" and "shoddy"'(Clair 18-19).

**shoot** 76,86,169. See chute, shute.

(AND 1900-1955). 1894 'Jock went out to Weel Wally to cart timber for shoot & bring in rafters' (Ulah 5 Oct).

1900 "The boss-over-the-board" was leaning with his back to the wall between two shoots'(Lawson (1) 32).

1908 'On one occasion, nineteen men sent 3260 sheep down the shoots, an average of 172 per man'(Morn.Bull.28Mar.9c3).

1920 'Others removed...naked-looking jumbucks as they emerged from the stands, passing down the shoots to the pens, shorn of the golden fleece' (Lone Hand 1Nov.32).

1933 'Now guide the sheep to the "shoot" of the counting out pen'(McKenzie 9).

**shorn(ie)** 163,188. (AND 1965-1982). 1928 'already a thin line of "Shorns" were straggling into the receiving pens' (Robertshaw 142).

1936 'But there were never any "raddled" shorns...in Jim Davidson's pen' (Smyth 5-6).

1972 'Topsfield reported that 39 of the "shornies" had died of the cold'(Cox 216).
short combing 208. 1842 The short-combing wool has...a shorter staple, and is finer and more felty'(Aus.NZ Mag. 282).

shot 94. See dynamite. 1913 called at his particular station for the proverbial free pannikin of "dust" (flour), pinch of "shot" (baking powder), and "banjo" (shoulder) of mutton'(Harris 146).

shotty (tip) 202. 1911 The short, black-tipped (both shotty and blocky) much-wrinkled and small-sized type of sire...had ceased to find a place in the affections of breeders'(RAS Ann.64). 1964 'Shotty tip is a wool condition in which grease accumulates as small black pellets on the tips of wool fibres'(R.Ryan Interview).

shoulder roll 192. 1956 This shoulder roll is simple and fast, it goes into the press in one roll and not as two rolls folded together...with very much less likelihood of rolls coming apart or fleeces being broken' (Bowen 94).

shoulder strip(ping) 196. 1970 'The job [grading] was carried out...by the use of the shoulder strip and by the combined use of classers' grading and strip weight...shoulder stripping is a technique that requires time and care'(Dun and Eastoe 33-34).

shower dip 157. 1917 'I regret to say that they do not honestly recommend the shower dip'(Want.Letter.7Apr.4). 1945 'The shower dip has advantages over the plunge when handling ewes heavy in lamb...they can be dipped the day before lambing if necessary'(Pearse 142). 1961 'The shower dip comprises—a concreted well to store water for the dip wash—an engine and centrifugal pump, with suction pipe from the well—delivery pipes to the shower enclosure which has corrugated iron sides'(Jordan 248).

shurled / shirled hogget 149. 1891 'Shurled hoggett...first fleece from a sheep after it has been shorn a a lamb'(Hawkesworth 7). 1900 'Shurled hoggett—a young sheep still having two centre broad teeth, and which has been shorn as a lamb. Relates to either male or female'(Hawkesworth 31). 1965 'Shirled hoggets...this wool has not the usual badly weathered "lamb tip" of woolly hoggets and it is frequently of slightly better colour and grade, although of shorter length'(Henderson 98).

shute 169. See also chute, shoot 1946 'One by one sheep were dragged from the pens, defleeced in two shakes of a lamb's tail, and booted down the shute into the cold world'(Clune 89). 1955 'The last of 216,879 sheep went down the shute'(Lamond 90). 1980 'when you've...kicked 'em down the shutes, you'll find their wool is worth just bugger all'(Gunn 135).

side combs.

s- hole 86. 1919 'Harry and I netted in the lease tanks [to prevent sheep from bogging] and let water into side-hole that Hulm cleaned out'(Caldwell 9Apr). s-jumper 107. 1899 'He [a horse] was no side-jumper, however, his worst trick...being to catch a rider by the leg'(Derrincourt 143-4). s- line 102. [of road] See sideling 1848 'the road...shelved off very rapidly towards the precipice, so as to afford little foot-hold for the cattle, and formed, what...is called a "sideline"'(Haygarth 129).

sid(e)ling 104. (OED sb.2). 1852 The road...a mere bush track—we fell among rocks on the crest of some ridge, or, in avoiding them got upon a "sidling" on the slope of the hill'(Mundy Vol.1.266). 1879 'Around this hill the traffic wound, always on a slope or "sidling"'(Grundy 224). 1965 'A sidling is a sloping hill, heard occasionally on far south coast of N.S.W.'(McGregor Note).
silkiness 198. 1895 'Silkiness...A combination of softness, fineness, and brightness'(Hawkesworth 8).

(silt) scoop 86. 1932 'a man named Howard was holding the scoop'(Scott 43c3). 1968 'A silt scoop, used for cleaning out tanks (or dams) when they have water in them, is worked on long cables'(Craig Note).
silt(ing) 86. 1932 in the dry spell he had taken on the silting work at a weekly wage'(Scott 38c3).

silvertail 190. 1966 'A silvertail [jackeroo], though working as an ordinary rousie, will eat and camp at the homestead or the classer's quarters'(Craig Note).

single bow 177. 1938 'the shears they used were one inch and a half shorter in the blade and, being joined by a single instead of a double bow, required a wrist of iron to drive them continuously'(Burdon 84).

sink 85. (OED v.18). 1862 'Jones is to go on the dray as far as the Pine Ridge where he is to sink a well--at 9/- per foot--logged with 6 inch pine logs'(White 19Jun). 1879 'Adam Potts went to Mr Singh's to sink a well'(O'Shaughnessy 6Feb). 1897 F. Emerson commenced sinking a well on the bank near Geppert's(Uhulura 14Jan). 1905 Mr. Kelly and W. Talbot came down to see about sinking in the hole Bob Bird sunk in'(Tierney 27Mar). 1916 'Agreed with them to sink well in Box [paddock]' (Witten 8Jan). 1932 'Owen Matthews was sinking a well'(Scott 43c3).
sinker 1. 85. 1882 'Wood went with rations to the trial shaft sinkers'(Ulah 14Mar). 2. 95. 1908 'the cooking lessons proceeded until the fine art of making "puff de looneys," sinkers, and doughboys had been mastered'(Gunn 189).

sit down 52,125,134. See also set down (AND 1798-1963). 1828 'the Governor made minute enquiries of each [Aborigine] into the state of his or her family, the place where they were accustomed to *sit down*'(Monitor 7Jan. 885c1). 1835 I 'I have never descended to anything like downright lying to prevent a new-comer from sitting down too near my farm'(Colonist 12Mar. 82c4). 1843 'challenged a newcomer for "sitting down" within ten miles of him, which he considered to be an encroachment on his runs'(Hood 144). 1857 'I couldn't recollect anyone having "sat down" in this quarter and I had fancied that there had been no station except my own but within fifty miles or more'(Cooper 30). 1864 'croppy [escaped convict] sit down along there [spoken by an Aborigine'](Goulburn 9Apr. 7c4). 1896 'Mr. Learmonth had taken up Ettrick and Ellangowan...about the same time that I "sat down" on the Lower Eumeralla'(Boldwood 63).
sitter down 53,125. 1930 'A run in those pioneering days, if the squatter or sitter-down had sufficient flocks (a flock then was considered to be 600 sheep), consisted of the home station...and several huts placed at convenient spots'(Billis 24).

six tooth 149. 1905 'we shore the six-tooth wethers from the plain'(Paterson 28). 1917 'the bayonets [paddock of ewes] are now rising 6 tooth'(Want.Letter.13Apr:2). 1932 'They were divided into four flocks of nearly equal size: 2,000 two-tooth, four-tooth, six-tooth, and full mouth'(Thompson 50). 1941 'If, however, the young wethers are to be kept for shearing until they are six-tooth...then they should be culled also'(Goddard 11).
sixties 197. 1912 'Sixties are the typical merino, forties the medium crossbred, and fifties and fifty-sixes are the fine crossbreds approaching to merino in quality'(Hunter 16). 1920 'taking 60's for example...it will take 60 hanks each of 560 yards to weigh 11b. of spun material'(Macdonald 145). 1941 'Sixty's count...applied to wool of a certain quality and when combed 1 lb. of the
combed tops will spin 60 hanks of yarn' (Goddard 43). *1964* The terms "60's", "64's", and so on, refer to the number of hanks measuring 560 yards which can be spun from a pound of wool which has been washed and combed' (Aus.Wool Board Feb.No18).

**sixty nine** 173.

*1956* Sixty-nine... the call made to let the shearers and hands know that ladies and visitors are entering the shed' (Bowen 157).

**skillagillee, skilly** 96.

*1869* 'skillly--the beverage of flour (or maize) and water, used in prisons' (Aus.Journ.Vol.4.685c2). *1880* the effect of that skillagillee has long passed away, and I am as hungry as a hunter' (Hamilton 35).

**skillion** in various spellings 77, 78.

(AND 1799-1973). *1799* Jones went into the skilling, and coming out... took up a large knife' (Lond. Miss.Soc.300). *1825* 'A sick captain of a ship who solicited the use of one of their skilleens to lay his head in out of the sun and wind was refused' (Monitor 10May 1153c2). *1828* 'There is a substantial stone house, two stories high, with four good rooms, besides skillings' (Aust.25Aug.1c2). *1983* 'a new barn, 50 by 19 feet, with a skilling round it' (Tasman.24May 163c1). *1834* 'died leaving houses and skilleens (chiefly of his own building)' (Monitor 21May 4c1). *1840* 'Upon this allotment is erected a very neat brick skillion with two rooms' (Port P.Her.3Jan.3c5). *1841* 'To let--APARTMENTS UNFURNISHED, and also a Scillion with two stall Stables' (Omnibus 6Nov.47c4). *1849* 'a long shilleen or low building, annexed, under a sloping roof' (Harris 57). *1858* 'At the back of the long room of twenty feet, a skillion, to serve as a kitchen, &c' (Rowcroft 56). *1861* 'the same extraordinary number of small, mean habitations presents stray little bits of dwellings, with perhaps one window and a door to the street, and a slant roof or "shilling" behind' (Meredith 94). *1887* 'pulled down roof of old skillion at back of old shop' (O'Shaughnessy 21 Oct). *1890* 'she went to her bedroom—a small, low, slab skillion, built on to the end of the house—and fell on her knees by the bunk' (Lawson (2) 30). *1912* 'I'm running up a skillion, so as we can break a door into it from our bedroom' (Spencer 16). *1936* 'they... whispered in the shed at night, or in their skillion bedroom adjoining the girls' (Franklin 153). *1956* There was a little skillion adjoining the hut, used for storing vegetables' (Aus.Work.19 Sep.10c3). *1966* 'the skillion chimney could be regulated to thwart wind and rain, and also to throw the heat to or from us' (Waller 29).

**skin pieces** 186, 187.

*1963* manufacturers who buy the wool employ sorters to pick both "second -cuts" and "skin pieces" from the wool before it is processed' (Aus.Wool Corp. n.p).

**skin wool** 167.

*1882* 'Wool taken from the skins of slaughtered sheep is called skins-wool or pelt-wool, and is of more variable quality than fleece wool... being obtained in all stages of growth' (Armstrong 56). *1912* 'Skin wool... removed from sheep skins by sweating or fermentation' (Hunter 114). *1944* 'Skin Wool... removed from sheep skins by fellmongering and then scoured' (Minter 72). *1953* 'animals slaughtered for food provide "skin wool", which is of an inferior quality and is woven into coarser cloths and is also used for felt making' (Clair 18). *1966* 'Skin wool is inferior to shorn wool. In most cases it is dead and dull in appearance and possesses a charactistic smell' (Anderson 101).

**skirt** See also skirtings

n. 192. *1888* Their [rollers' or skirters'] duty is to take off the "skirt" and dirty portions of the fleece' (Cassell 2.2223). *1899* With some clips it may be advisable to take off a good deep skirt' (Jeffrey 50). *1934* 'Smartly rip off the burry skirts with the outer hand and drop them into the basket' (Hardie 22). *1957* 'remove any bulky extraneous material, such as burry skirts... that may still be attached to the fleece as the result of faulty skirting' (Guthrie 221).
The fleeces should next be skirted, that is, unfolded, one by one, on a table, or counter, and the coarser extremities taken off. After the fleece is properly shorn, it is spread on the screen to be skirted, rolled, and sorted. The better the fleece is spread on the table, the easier it is for the rollers to skirt it. The skirter removes all portions around the edges of the fleece that are below the average standard of the fleece; this leaves the fleece more even in quality.

Behind these tables stand the wool-rollers or skirters, whose business it is to take off any dirty or inferior wool from the fleeces. He will superintend the skirt, and see that the men remove all the objectionable parts before rolling up the fleeces. The skirter cuts away the dirty, seedy, and burry parts, particularly at the neck and sometimes the back.

The skirting aims at removing all the stained wool and the heavy low-yielding edges from the fleece. The object of skirting is roughly to divide the fleece into two lines—the free, fleece wool, and the burry. The object of skirting is to remove all the wool which does not match the main body of the fleece in quality and appearance. The burriest portions of the fleece are the skirtings, which come from the lower part of the body and are usually variable in length. The big stations may even divide up the skirtings or pieces from the fleece into different classes, besides keeping the bellies, locks, and stained wool all separate.

The skirtings removed from the fleece are called "pieces," and are "first" or "second" according to quality and cleanliness. The skirtings are usually separated within each quality range... the bulkier, cleaner wool becoming what is termed "broken", while the shorter, discoloured, heavier conditioned wool is graded as "necks" or "pieces".

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skywonkie 87,88.
1917 "Skywonkie" signifies weather-prophet'(Baynton 119 note). 1967 There is a stirring Australian word for any man shrewd at foretelling weather. Such a man is called "skywonky" (Masefield 79).

slab n. 75,76. (AND 1829-1934). 1828 'a hut...built of rough slabs, and covered over with sheets of bark; the slabs having interstices between them, often wide enough to put your hand through; and at night, the cold air...is dreadful'(S.Asian Reg.Apr.211). 1838 The hut in which they lived was composed of slabs, not very closely connected'(Monitor 21 May.3c4). 1851 'a prisoner contrived to remove some slabs of which the walls were composed'(Bath.F.Press 15 Mar.4c3). 1861 'Sent Furness out to Tunkey [paddock] for a load of slabs'(White 24 Apr). 1879 'We tried to fix the slabs in the well' (O'Shaughnessy 7 Nov). 1885 The hut was built of logs and slabs, the roof of bark'(Praed 8). 1900 'finished-putting up slabs to the buggy shed'(O'Shaughnessy 25 Apr).

1910 'Went up & downed a tree & split 11 slabs'(Witten 18 Mar).
v. 75,86. (AND 1835-1883). 1826 'Kennedy's farm...with a house erected thereon, slabbed and shingled, and two mud huts'(Aus.24 May.2c1). 1846 'we could but regard the visits of the slim Mrs.__ as intrusive, even to the slab'd hut of "an honest woman"'(Bells 10 Oct.1c1). 1867 'Woolshed, 100 feet long, shingled with sawn and slabbed floor'(Morison 139).

slab combs. 75.
s- barn 1834 'a large substantial slab barn, with stock yard, huts, etc.'(Monitor 1 Jan.1c3). s- cottage (AND 1856-1918). 1844 'On this station there is a good slab cottage...and all other necessaries for a station'(Guard.16 Mar.4c2). s- dwelling 1923 'pieces of snow gained an occasional entrance through the chinks in the old slab dwelling'(Aus.Work.10 Jan.13c4). s- fowlhouse 1839 'a substantial slab dwelling, 40 feet by 16...together with slab fowl-house' (Colonist 2 Aug.3c4). s- house (AND 1839-1951). 1869 'we passed through Studley Park, with here and there a slab house or tent'(Townend 155). 1920 'there was a slab-sided house of three or four rooms, covered by a bark roof, and supported by a lean-to kitchen from the smoke came in gusts'(Palmer 12-13). s- humpy (AND 1865-1905). 1931 'The slab humpy to which he had brought his bride, thirty years back, still stood, although a new house had been built in front of it' (Davison 17). s- hut (AND 1836-1982). 1838 'I have never slept in the open air, but I have often done so in a slab-hut, where you could put your hand between every slab'(Waugh 33).
1847 'He next meditates constructing a slab hut for genteel accommodation'(Matt.Merc.3 Feb.2c5). 1851 'very soon a post and rail fence—enclosing a neat slab hut came in sight'(Tester 67). 1872 'our so-called post-town which consisted but of one small inn, a slab-hut or two, and a store, which was at the same time the post-office'(Kerr 174). 1880 'Four constables occupied a small slab-and-bark hut on the night in question'(Goulb.Her.30 Jun.2c6). 1900 'On the right was a squat cottage...on the left, a slab hut in a bare paddock'(Breton 94). s- seat 1928 'Andy sank down on the slab seat, his powers of speech dried up'(Palmer 214). s- table (AND 1880-1922). 1861 'a roughly-made slab table, a fixture, of course, as bush tables usually are, and round it were placed several chunks of wood...in lieu of chairs'(Earle 310).

slaibbing 75,76.
1916 'Finished slabbing [sic] in the pit [latrine]'(Witten 2 Aug). 1960 'Red gum slabs were especially cut for well slabbing'(Stow 2).

slaughter yard 78.
1894 'I went out prospecting by Demsey's slaughter yards'(O'Shaughnessy 26 Mar). 1932 'a slaughterman...was taking a load of beef from the slaughter yards, about a mile from Tirzah to the shop in Moree'(Scott 15c3). 1977 'There were fowl runs...a dairy...small stacks for the rouseabouts...a jackaroos' barracks, slaughter yard, and woodheaps'(McCullough 73-4).

sleep out 78.
(AND 1927-1986). 1935 'In the open...was the bedroom—or better still, the sleep-out'(Plowman 101-2). 1964 'for years after we shared a makeshift bed on the floor of the sleep-out, which was really only a section of the back veranda'(Johnston 11). 1967 'Weekender and sleepout bespeak our sunny climate'(Aus.Highway 4 Nov).
sleeper combs. 75.
s- cutter / cutting (AND 1899-1981). 1920 'Some sleeper-cutters from the scrub / That runs to Mallacoota Bar'(Bull.9Sep.14c1). 1928 'One had been a sleeper-cutter in Queensland, and the other a motor driver'(Telegraph 20Dec.10c2). 1959 'There were a few sleeper cutters' camps along the route and sleeper cutting seemed to be the only effort to make use of one of the biggest timber areas'(Tritton 75c1). 1970 'For a sleeper cutter Gil Green knows a lot about the tourist industry'(Aus.17Sep.13c1).

sleeping squatter 125.

slip 146.
(OED v.i.29). 1834 'mentioned that a number of his cows has "slipped their calves"'(Bennett Vol.2. 356). 1870 'That she has not calved or even slipped her calf I am perfectly convinced'(Kemp 29 May). 1957 'You shouldn't have slipped that joey [child] for a month yet'(Niland 235).

slip combs,
s- jack 95. 1907 'Harry gave the mixture two final rolls and threw the huge slip jack into the fatty pan'(Rudd Mag.Apr.221c2). s- panel 119. (AND 1844-1934). 1857 'You perhaps remember that piece of soft sandy ground opposite the slip-panel'(Cooper 59). 1864 'a bush tracker started in pursuit, and running down the tracks ultimately got to a slip-panel'(Past.Times 8 Oct.3c3). 1872 'the cattle-yards had not the luxury of gates, but were closed with slip panels, which the "old hands" learned to take up or let down very expertly'(Resident 62-3). 1893 'Take him round by the water-hole and wait for me by the slip-panels'(Austral.1Aug.302c1).

slip(s) 167,207.
(OED sb.iv). 1900 'Skin wool...term used to imply that the pulled wool has been scoured, to distinguish it from slipe, or unscoured skin wool'(Hawkesworth 269). 1910 'Crossbreds are somewhat wanting, there being only 15,000 bales available 85 per cent of which are slipes'(Queen.8Jan.34c1). 1920 'Slipe Wool...taken from the skins of sheep; not shorn wool'(Macdonald 142). 1957 'In this form [fellmongered in a liming process] it is known as slip'(Guthrie 225). 1964 'Wool taken from the skins is known as "slipe" and is usually taken to the scouring bowls'(Smith 78).

slippery Bob 91.
(AND 1864-1970). 1968 "Slippery Bob," made with kangaroo brains mixed with flour and water into a batter, and poured a tablespoon at a time into a pot of emu fat'(Syd.M.Her. 8Jun.19c5). 1970 'Such food references as...slippery Bob and pan jam are well left to history' (Gunn in Ramson 1970. 63).
sliver 209.

(OED sb.i.2). 1899 'On emerging from the carding machine, the wool assumes a rope-like form, known as "sliver"(Jeffrey 100). 1905 'When carded, the sliver has a cloudy appearance, and contains all short, faulty, unsound fibres, which are combed out'(Ag.Gaz.245). 1918 'The material is oiled [best olive oil]...as it passes through a "gilling" machine designed to straighten the fibres of the sliver preparatory to their passage into the comb'(Ormerod 112-13). 1943 'Finally the wool is drawn off and condensed into a sliver similar to a thick endless ribbon'(Walkabout Nov.25c3).

slum(ming) 181,186,187.

(AND 1878-1966). 1893 'Our reply was that either his sheep were badly "slummed," or they were a lot of culls growing under 3lbs. in the grease'Mclvor 140). 1905 'But I've never slummed my pen, my lads, what'er it might contain'(Paterson 27). 1926 'the wool rollers...slum the skirting, with the result that a rough harsh portion of the fleece...is left on and goes with the fine wool'(Sutton 2). 1960 'At shearing, guns can slum pen after pen of fine, clean sheep, because an opportunity has come to set a new record'(Aus.C.Mag.Vol.8.No1.73c1).

slush lamp / light 25,80.

(AND 1862-1980). 1861 'From the ridge pole hung a rough slush lamp'(Earle 310). 1871 "Slush lamps" are an institution in the Bush'(Carrington 188). 1893 'The place is dimly lit by flaring candles and slush-lamps'(Barry 188). 1904 'The hut was a blaze of light from a row of slush lamps that stood on a rough shelf'(Palmer-Archer 283). 1912 'a slush lamp, made by keeping an old bowl or pannikin replenished by refuse fat or dripping in which is inserted a thick cotton wick'(Booth 31). 1928 'For the moment the glare of the slush-lamp blinded his eyes, and he stood there dazed and unsteady'(Palmer 214). 1937 'As for light, the best by far was a slush light, which usually consisted of a jam tin...filled with fat'(Gunn 227). 1942 'He would half-fill a jam tin with mud, thrust a stick, about the thickness of a pencil, vertically into the centre, tie round the stick a piece of cloth to form a wick; then filling the tin with mutton fat, his lamp, known as a slush lamp, was complete'(Glasson 17). 1955 'A table in the middle had as its central ornament a slush-lamp on a greasy tin plate' (Lamond 21). 1964 'He studied it [prospecting book] by slush lamp in his hut at night'(Idriess 124). 1971 'I would read by a slush lamp, which is just a stick jammed in a tin full of fat with some sand in the bottom to keep the stick standing'(Willey 164).

slushy, slusher 172. See also offsider

(AND 1880-1974). 1880 'the cook, or, as he was called on all occasions, "Slushy," persisted in his work'(Hamilton 3). 1900 'We hate the Boss-of-the-Board as the shearers' "slushy" hates the shearers' cook'Lawson (1) 135). 1935 'Most other men drew the line at "Mary Ann jobs," but all was grist to "Slushy's" mill'(Queen.12Dec.2c4). 1949 '[in a list of employees in a big shed] 1 cook, 1 cook's mate, generally known as the offsider or "slushy"'(Crawford 45). 1959 'Having over a 100 men to cook for, he [the cook] selected two off-siders, sometimes called "slushies," and started duties immediately'(Trinton 25c2). 1973 'our cook's slushy (officially known as the cook's offsider) went crook [ill] with a nasty bite which bush methods could not cure'(Lewis 176).

small- farmer, man, settler, squatter 45,48,54,126.

1810 'I intend forming this tract of country into a new and separate district for accommodation of small settlers'(Macquarie 22Nov.17). 1825 'upon Governor M[acquarie]'s system of small settlers, he remarked...they will not only keep the country poor and wretched, but rear up a turbulent and immoral democracy like that of America'(Aus.3Mar.2c1). 1841 'it has been in the power of the proprietors to dispose of nearly all the land now offered for sale to small settlers, for the purpose of raising grain'(Monitor 1Jan.3c4). 1855 'a small settler made us move our camp at night from off his purchased land'(M.Wilson 29May). 1911 'The significant fact about the buyers was again the preponderance of "small" men...the term is popularly applied to the newer generation of sheep breeders'(Syd.Mail 12Jul.28c1). 1932 'The small man improves his land far more than the men with large areas'(Bris.Cour.17May. 3c3).
smash 138.
1881 'The bottom sketch shows a mob of fat cattle rushing at night, or, as it is technically termed, "a smash" taking place'(Ill.Aus.News 24Aug.155c1). 1899 'there's an awful old terror of a roan bull in the stramash [Eng.dial.'smash'], a regular "rager"(Walker 124). 1903 'Track destitute of all feed, these sheep had a smash here losing over 250'(Ulah 12Mar). 1932 'Our first big smash was when we came to the creek...we lost probably a hundred or more [cattle] there'(Scott 49c1).

smithfield 143.
1981 'About 1830, a drover named Timmins...mated the smithfield with a dingo'(Syd.M.Her. 7Aug. 16c5).

smoker 81.
1893 'Out with your smokers [guns], and don't forget to use them if they interfere'(Merrii 49).

smokewalker 59.
1969 'The "Smokewalkers"--more precisely the bushfire fighting force of the National Parks Association'(Sun.Tel.30Mar.80).

smoking hour / time 173. See smoko
1847 'Those men...[have time off] not including smoking hours which occupy more time than dinner'(Bell's 14 Aug.3c1). 1855 'A curious practice exists in the Colony of taking a "smoking time" in the forenoon for a quarter of an hour, and again in the afternoon'(Caldwell 129).

smoke -o. -ho, -oh 96,97,161,173,183.
1866 'The king [top shearer] then bawled out in a loud voice, "smoke, oh!"...the shears were dropped, tobacco and pipes brought out'(Goulb.Her.14Nov.2c4). 1881 'How welcome the sound of the bell seems, as at stated intervals it proclaims a short interval for smoke-oh'(Ill.Syd. News 29 Oct.10c1). 1894 'everyone simultaneously on the ring of the bell, commencing and "knocking off" for meals, for brief rests known as "smoke-ho's!" or for the day'(Fison 70). 1908 'a little trouble occurred in connection with the time allotted for the last "smoke-ho" during the day' (Morn.Bull.3Jul.7c3). 1926 'all shed hands who are employed by the hour shall be paid for smoke-oh' (NZ WU 4).

smoko 144,161,181.
1892 'I write not of ringers and snaggers. I don't know much about shearing, but I know a lot about shearsers'(Humer 27Aug.3c4). 1902 'Poor "snaggers"--50 sheep a day, that's what they mostly are'(Gold.Aeece 2Jun.26). 1907 'it will generally be found that when three or four men are up among the two hundreds [tallies] in a shed, the "snaggers," who usually do eighty or ninety, are chopping thirty or forty more [see racing] (Morn.Bull.14Nov.5c7).
1922 'The sheds that are shearing at award rates have very poor teams of snaggers'(Shear.S. Bull.25Aug.3). 1963 'Snaggers are usually older shearsers who are slowing down'(R.Ryan Interview).

snail(e)y 146.
1884 'Snaileys and poleys, old and young...they were a mixed herd in every sense'(Boldrewood 68). 1891 'There's a snailie Wallanbah bullock I haven't seen this two years'
I am informed that where a bullock has lost one horn the tendency is for the other horn to grow curly, and the term "snail" is consequently used (Allen Note 23 Feb).

**snake fence** 117.

1918 'fenced their run with stringy bark saplings laid end on end--what was called a "snake fence." This was in 1854. I have never been able to hear of anyone else having fenced as early as this' (Fetherstonhaugh 74).

**snake fence** 172,180,188.

1933 'then went to Trinkey which was a snap and raddle shed...There are just a few of the old snap and raddle shearers left' (Aus.Work.17May 18c5).

**snapjack** 95.

1869 'what do you think of some snapjacks (pan-cakes), by way of a change' (Howell 19).

**snow** combs.

**snowcomb** 179.

1958 'The recently developed "snow" comb which leaves about half an inch of wool on the sheep will find a wide use in early-shorn flocks' (Stevens Vol.1.79).

1960 'One is the "snow comb", a thick comb on the handpiece that ensures that sufficient wool is left on the sheep to keep it from freezing' (Mills 62).

1974 'Under investigation...the use of snow combs to leave more wool on the sheep' (Aus.C.Mag.Apr.24).

**soak** 83.


1894 'The country is terribly dry, water being chiefly obtained from "soaks"' (Wigg 9).

1902 'At several of the "soaks" where we expected to get water none was available' (Marshall 22).

1915 'For a bit of a change from my "mooted grange" / A camp by an outback soak' (Bourke 82).

1845 'To wash them, they are thrown into what is called soaking pens, made in water four or five feet deep' (Mackenzie 90).

1850 'Tried putting some soap in the water (soak pool) and for about half the day it had great effect' (Ogilvie 28 Oct).

1857 'Snob: A hard-cutting woolled sheep' (Ryan 208).

1951 'But Eucla has a reserve supply, a soak in the sandhills' (Idriess 82).

1874 'Before the coming of the whites, every permanent soak, spring, or waterhole had its little or big group of natives' (Syd.M.Her.26Apr.13c5).

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1874 'The art of sheep-washing can be acquired without standing the livelong day up to one's waist in the soak-hole' (Stamer Vol.2.186). 1888 'others [sheep washers], standing on the poles of the soak-holes, crutch them [rub wool with crutches q.v]'(Grant 62).

soakage 83. See soak 1.

(AND 1892-1973). 1894 'water...accumulates in soakages around the base of barren outcrops of granite, often of very large dimensions, and which act as catchment for rain water'(Wigg 9).

1908 'Dug a soakage along the creek a bit and got it'(Gunn 223). 1937 'Constable McKinnon's riding camel is also shown drinking from soakage dug in a sandy creek bed...No doubt Mr. McKinnon has scooped out this soak for his reliable "ship of the desert"'(NSW Police 1Jul.34c2).

1964 'Not much of it [water], but so important that Purnamoota was known as "the Soakage" for a long time'(Idriess 114).

soakpan 83.

1969 'On either side of the river, soakpans gave the land the appearance of a vast battlefield pock-marked with huge shell craters'(Walkabout Feb.17c1).

sociable 108.

(OED B.2.a). 1895 'They drove in the Sociable from there to meet Mother by ordinary train' (Ohulura 30Apr). 1913ca. 'Saddle horses, sulkies, spring carts and sociables for the passengers' (Dorrigo H.Soc.3).

sod 71,75,95.

(AND 1852-1980). 1948 'Unless the maker [of damper] was an expert at the game...they were very heavy and well deserved the epithet bestowed on them--"sods"'(Angelo 44).

sod hut / sod up 71,77.

(AND 1827-1884). 1839 'June 1st, 1837...Melbourne then possessed two weather-boarded houses, with about a dozen sod huts'(Port P.Gaz.2Nov.3c4).

1844 'then to sod it up [stump to be burnt out] ...cover it with turf, leaving only a small hole on one side to put in some fire' (Atkinson 127).

soldier settler, settlement 57,128.

(AND 1917-1979). 1922 'I got a job digging potatoes at a soldier settler's farm'(Melb.Her.1Jul.11c3).

1924 'Soldier settlers on Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area are extremely dissatisfied'(Aus. Work.16Jul.4c3). 1959 'One of Australia's leading stud sheep breeders has donated 70 merino flock rams for distribution to soldier settlers who have gone on their blocks'(Aus.Work.21Jan.8c7).

1981 'No farming is permitted on the marginal areas [unsuited for profitable farming] where the soldier settlers broke their hearts [after World War 1]'(Adam Smith 180).

sool 144.

(AND 1889-1985). 1849 'Hey! hey! sow! her boys!...and on went the whole pack, seizing the poor beast'(Harris 135).

1889 'And "sools" his dog around a score / Of "crawlers" from his flock' (Bull. 10 Aug.8c1).

1920 'As Tom led his colt out a Joker with a false sense of humour sooled on his cattle dog'(Bull.1Jul.22c2).

1976 'They kept sooling the dogs on, and at daylight my grandfather went out to see what they had bailed up'(Dorr.H.Soc.12/Pl/A1.3).

Sorbys, sawbies 177.

1938 'Long before reaching the shearing board the click of "Sorbys" could be heard, until the introduction of the dummy which had the effect of deadening the sound'(Fraser.161.ref.1856).

1920 'When I first went upon the track, / In eighteen sixty-four, / A-shearin' sheep with Sawbie's shears, / At three an' six a score'(Stevens 96).

sort (a). 122,139,206. See class (a)

1892 'Jack sorting sheep brought from the ridge'(Ulah 20 Aug).
(b). 192. See class (b)
1873 'As my young friend sorted his own wool, he was generally in the wool-shed before the shearers'(Trollope 194).

sorter 192. See also wool sorter.
1879 They [fleeces] are put into a bin by the sorter's assistant, who takes them in little waggons to the wool presses'(Gent.Mag.572).
1909 The wool-rollers then skirt and roll up each fleece, placing it on the sorter's table close at hand'(Evans 44).

sorting 191,194,200,206. See also wool sorting.
1944 'Sorting...dividing or breaking up of fleeces into their different counts or qualities. It is usually done in the mills so that yarns of specific counts may be spun'(Minter 72).
1953 'On the great Australian sheep stations wool classing replaces the "sorting" of the English wool trade'(Clair 17).

sorting table 168,170.
1851 'As each sheep is shorn, the shearer takes the fleece to the sorting-table, and...tells the tally-keeper to mark one for him'(Henderson Vol.I.199).
1912 'The wool-classer takes his stand before the sorting table'(Koebel 122).
1932 'As the fleeces fall they are picked up and carried to the sorting tables, and the classers skirt and class the fleece'(Birt 5).

sound 197.
1867 'Wool to be "sound" must be strong, firm, and elastic'(Jordan 24).
1900 'The term sound can be applied to all wool, whether fine, medium or strong'(Hawkesworth 170).
1907 'Lincoln - Merino Hogget...showing a bold, compact, lengthly staple...growth is free, very sound'(Ag.Gaz. Aug.710).
1937 'Sound...when a wool will stand a reasonable amount of tension without showing signs of weakness'(Wool.Man.27).
1944 'Spinners types and especially warp wools must be absolutely sound, whereas average or inferior topmaking and wefty types are not necessarily sound'(Minter 73).
1950 'Sound...wool that has the necessary tensile strength to undergo the combing process economically'(Belschner 702).

soundness 198,199.
1860 'By Soundness is meant the staple sound and strong'(Shaw 4).
1873 'Soundness is intimately connected with "trueness;" it means strength of the fibre generally, and also a freedom from those breaches or withered portions'(Youatt 72).
1910 'Strength or soundness, and elasticity are two properties which each description of the staple should possess'(Jackson 4).
1935 'Soundness is an important factor to some manufacturers, while others disregard it'(Goddard 14).
1953 'Soundness refers to the tensile strength of the fibre'(Cooper 25).

sound mouth(ed) 149.
1945 'Sound-mouthed cast-for-age breeders are a much better proposition, though there is a danger with them if the change of conditions...is very drastic'(Pearse 152).
1950 'Sound mouth...a sheep whose teeth are still firm and retain their natural position...usually refers to an aged sheep'(Belschner 702).
1962 'Sound-mouthed cast-for-age breeders are useful if from a reputable property'(Aus.C. Mag.Feb.30c1).

southerly (buster) 88.
(AND 1850-1986). 1852 'Such is a slight sketch of a Sydney hot-wind, and its constant follower the Brickfielder, or, as the Port Jackson boatmen call it, the Sutherly [sic] Buster'(Mundy Vol.I.83).
1869 'At 4p.m.the Waimea started down the river in a southerly buster'(McKinnon 2 Oct).
1879 'We have...tasted of each varied pleasure the city [Sydney] and its surroundings afford, and also one or two of its southerly bustlers'(Innocents No1.7).
1891 'This summer is remarkable for the number of southerly bustlers we are having'(Berry M.Journ. Vol.4.139).
1929 'An inland heat-wave, a southerly "buster," a plague of flying ants, and rain were uninvited visitors to Sydney during the weekend' (Telegraph 4Nov.3c3).
1967 'After the hottest day of the year, Sydney continued to swelter in abnormally high temperatures last night when a promised southerly failed to arrive'(Cour.Mail 27Jan. 13c5).

southerly burster 88.
(AND 1950-1906). 1850 'the whistlings of old Eolus in the shape of a southerly burster'(Bell's 5 Oct.2).
1867 'he left the place as much discomposed as...a fashionable belle who had lost her bonnet in a "southerly burster"'(Houlding 137).
1875 'some clouds appearing to the southward...our fellow-passengers predicted a storm, called a "Southerly burster"'(Hill 270).
southern country / district 63.
1838 'Its centrical situation therefore stands unrivalled in the SOUTHERN COUNTRY'(Monitor 21Sep. 1c3). 1841 'A mixed herd of cattle, at present running in the southern district, near Goulburn' (Monitor 20Jan.1c1). 1846 'A private letter has been received in Sydney...that the Port Phillip or Southern District is very shortly to be separated from the Sydney, or Middle District'(Bell's 7Nov.2c3).

spade (press) 204.
1872 'he [presser] wedges them [fleeces] down with an iron instrument called a spade'(Eden 97).
1890 'We devoted the next few days...to fixing the spade-press--that friendly adjunct to the pioneer-squatter's humble woolshed'(Boldrewood 202). 1956, ref.19th.century, 'A few abandoned the method of baling wool with a spade and began to use screw presses'(Harte ch5.1).

spade pressing 204.
1897 'If spade-pressing or simple tramping into bales be unavoidable, even then a neat, flat-sided bale can be produced with care'(Gold.Mort 10).

Spanish twist 119.
1969 'Spanish twist is a makeshift method of tightening fence wire with the aid of two sticks--one crooked stick can be used, but often breaks'(Knox Note).

spear off 184.
1956 'From this style, shearers started to "spear" the belly off, usually by laying the sheep almost flat on its back'(Bowen 21).

spear horned 146.
1892 'brought red cow in from Little StrathaJlan, & put spear horned cow out'(Bedervale 25Aug).

special cut 186.
1956 'Shearers sometimes call this [pinking] a special cut'(Bowen 156).

Speck, the 63.
1933 'first murphies didn't come from the Speck [Tasmania]'(Bull.27Sep.21c2).

specky 207.
1901 'Moity or specky...used when the wool contains small specks or particles of vegetable or other matter often found in the necks'(Journ.Dep.Ag.Jan-Jun.195).

spider (sulky) 107.
(ext OED sb.7). 1932 'I drove a little grey pony of my brother Jim's in a little spider sulky'(Scott 56c2.ref.1901).

spinifex country 63.
1911 'the blacks are becoming more cheeky and beginning to believe that when possessing firearms they can commit outrages with impunity, and retreat to the spinifex country'(Austral. 21Jan.167c2).

spinner's type / wool 197,208.
1941 'Spinners' type...a superior combing wool. It is shafty, well bred, and free from fault' (Goddard 43). 1957 'The percentage of spinner's wool was thus 64 per cent. of the whole of the Merino fleece production of the Commonwealth'(Guthrie 66).

spinning count / quality 197,199,208. See count
1910 'Tops are made and sold under the headings of numbers which signify their quality or spinning count...60s is where fine crossbred leaves off and merino begins...46s marks the border line between coarse and medium crossbred'(Jackson 13). 1919 'Spinning Quality...refers to the fineness of the fibres; "counts" are high or low in proportion to the number of hanks of yarn a pound of scoured top will spin'(Kelly 75). 1934 'In the trade, wool is referred to by its spinning
count—seventies, sixty-fours, fifties, and so on’ (Hardie 97). 1946 ‘the determination of the
"Count" or "spinning quality" from the grower's point of view becomes comparatively simple'
(Vic.Dep.Ag.37).

split 75.

1. (AND 1793-1928). 1831 'next day I had the satisfaction of splitting no less than 1000
shingles' (Cowie 92). 1832 'I was...splitting in the bush for my master'(Currency 10Nov.3).
1838 'there were only 3 left for cutting down and splitting timber for making improvements'
(Docker 13). 1852 'O'Dohue and O'Doherty...have been "classed" for hard labour parties--one
of these gentlemen I left in hospital...the other is devoting his energies...in "splitting
shingles" (Mundy Vol.3.219-20). 1868 'I'd had a long job splittin' posts and rails, an' puttin' up
stockyards'(Houlding 365). 1879 'Pat and I split 35 posts and 9 rails' (O'Shaughnessy 26Nov).
1880 'He asked me if he could split in Long Neck [paddock]' (Andrews 15Mar). 1905 'As I grew
up I was obliged to plough, to split rails, to herd the cattle' (Wags Vol.1.No.11.1).

2. 138. (AND 1848-1888). 1848 'The most frequent and troublesome habit is that of [cattle]
breaking off from the main body, or "splitting"' (Haygarth 63).

split bag 102.

1953 'Split Bag...a corn sack...sewn at both ends...sliced in the middle, slung over the saddle in
crude form of valise to carry saddle loads' (Lamond 284).

split stuff 168.

(AND 1836-1978). 1852 'along a mile or so of road lined with pretty cottages--pretty although
formed only of "split stuff" and bark' (Mundy Vol.1.146).

splitter 76, 129.

See also tiersman (AND 1826-1978). 1833 'Mr.JOHN MARTIN is authorised to order off all splitters, surveyors and
others' (Tasman.25 Oct.337c3). 1845 'there were two splitters located near us...they had a license
[sic] to split timber on the crown lands' (Howitt 105). 1852 'The undersigned is ready to treat
with a pair of Splitters and Fencers for the erection of a stockyard on his premises' (Bath.F.Press 7Jan.3c4).
1862 'Went to lambing places & out to splitters...bullocks brought in a load of
shingles' (White 17Feb). 1879 'Left a note for splitters, ordering them to cease' (Macdonald 8 Oct).
1885 'They said they were good splitters, and that they had a mate behind, who was first-rate at fencing' (Praed 152).
1903 'It belongs to a couple of splitters, living in the horse-paddock hut; and they only use it to come across for rations, or the like of that' (Furphy 97).
1923 'Splitters and fencers spend much time repairing tools and appliances when not working'
(Aus.Work.21Mar.13c5). 1960 'paling splitter...workman who splits palings from bush trees
(and sometimes shingles)' (Bull.16Mar.19). 1973 'Wanted, Pulpwood splitters to split at
Boyer' (Merc.Hob.8Dec.23c7).

splitting 76.

1837 'Wanted...a young man...who understands rough carpentering in its various branches,
erecting weather-boarded buildings, sheep pens etc., splitting, fencing, and sawing' (Corn.
Chron.2c4). 1851 'I was seated on a huge gum log busily engaged in wiping away the copious
streams of perspiration, which the exertion of splitting...had produced' (Tester 1). 1884 'Started
Miles boys splitting for this top end of the plain' (Macdonald 3Sep). 1899 'at Circular Head, a
great deal of paling splitting was going on' (Derrincourt 114). 1910 'Went splitting after dinner
got 54 posts' (Witten 4May). 1924 'there are a lot of good splitting trees on the paddock suitable
for posts' (Temora H.Soc.13 Jun.1).

spoonbill 190.

1898 'ruseabouts [are called] "leathernecks," "spoonbills," "loppies," or "Jack,"' (Bull.1 Oct.
14c3).

sport ram 138.

(ext OED 6.b). 1961 'His stud is based on a sport polled ram which appeared in the Merino stud

spot 1. 95. 1910 'The cook...struggled in with two kerosene tins of steaming black tea and a supply of
"spot", and dumped them down' (Rudd 88).
The weather was so bad that I could not dip them... so I had to "spot" the sheep, that is, to apply local treatment to affected parts (Vic.H.Soc.Mag.Dec.213).

Spotting 57.

1859 "Spotting a Run", that is, picking out parts of it only to buy, may command the pasturage of the whole of the remaining portion (Fuller 72). 1949 "Spotting" was buying up key positions, fertile land, and leaving the barren, water courses [etc...] in fact picking the eyes out of the land and spoiling it for future disposal (Crawford 94).

Spotted dog 95.

1968 'Spotted dog is currant dumpling usually eaten with golden syrup' (Woods Interview).

Spout (wash) 165.

(AND 1871,1873). 1873 There are various modes of washing,--but on the stations which I saw on the Darling Downs the sheep were all "spouted" (Trollope Vol.1.122). 1878 'if the water is soft, the process is easy and inexpensive, but if it is hard... hot water is used with machinery for spouting the sheep, and the application of soda and soap' (Hodgson 8). 1893 'The heavy fleece realised in late years from hot water and spout-washed sheep... few in number and of a finer class than ordinary' (Coghlan 17). 1901 'I was able to spout-wash the sheep by natural spouts formed by damming up the creek' (De Satge 97 ref. 1859). 1926 'On some stations better washing was done (spout washed), hot water and some soft soap used' (Chard 19).

Spout washing 165.

(AND 1842-1927). 1848 'The plan of spout-washing is generally adopted where practicable, and consists in pouring down from the elevation of a few feet a jet of water upon the sheep' (Westgarth 252). 1867 'A decided improvement in spout washing has been introduced by Mr. Macknight, of Dunmore' (Jordan 84). 1874 'The sheep are washed in hot water with soap in it, then they go under shower-baths of cold water... this is called spout-washing' (Caird 5). 1901 'The mania for spout washing and steaming the sheep had not set in, as it did some years later in southern Queensland... the most complicated as well as the most expensive sheep operation of the year' (De Satge 50). 1937 'Spout washing was abandoned in 1887, and the plant was turned into a scouring works' (Gunn 105). 1949 'Another method was "spout washing". Each sheep after... soaking for five minutes was brought under a shoot of water falling from a height of about 2 feet' (Crawford 42).

Spouter 165.

1937 'Two "spouters" operated at each jet, in an excavation 4 feet below ground level, and working up to their middles in water, catching each sheep as it passed from the sweating shed and placing it on a table... under the jet and rolling it from side to side till it was thoroughly washed' (Gunn 100).

Sprouting 75.

1880 'Jack and Billy finished stable spouting and tank' (Macdonald 16 Apr). 1892 'Got the spouting for the back of the kitchen, Harry putting the spouting together' (Towner 29 Jun). 1907 'Cut some 40 feet of spouting for pump' (Witten 28 Dec). 1919 'Millards plumber soldering all the leaky joints in the spouting around the house' (Caldwell 18 Jan).

Spray dip 157. See also swim dip.

1951 The majority of farmers use plunge dips although one spray dip was noted (Aus.Bur.Ag.Ec. 8). 1961 'With a spray dip, the same conditions apply as with a swim dip--i.e. the sheep's wool must be wet down to the skin' (Jordan 245). 1973 'The spray-dip holds batches of 60 animals in a walled enclosure, or race. Spray nozzles are located overhead, on the floor, and around the sides' (Alexander 93).

Spreader Jack 109.

1937 'The bullock dray drivers did not like the horse drays, which were called "spreader Jacks"... These spreader Jacks were mainly owned by small cockies' (Gunn 136).
spring cart / trap 108.
1880 'from a neighbouring German settler, Ching managed to secure the loan of a spring-cart'(Inglis 68).
1932 'But somebody goes out with a spring-cart and picks up the iron'(Hatfield 7).
1880 'Our conveyance...was denominated a spring-trap'(Inglis 68).

spring gun 81. 1932 'He had set a spring gun on one of their tracks'(Scott 65c3.ref.1908).
1943 'As a boy I remember two or three rusted and broken spring guns screwed into trees'(Bull.29Dec. 11c1).

springer 146.
(OED 1.7). 1884 '200 Head of cattle, comprising--Milkers...Springers'(Town.C.Journ. 5Jul.15c2).
1889 'Special Sale of Springers 50 Forward Springers'(Braid.Disp.16 Oct.3c6).
1915 'We happened on to a mob of springers grazing unattended'(Bull.9Sep.26c1).
1933 'Good milkers and springers were not plentiful and met a keen demand'(Cam.News 5Jan.5).
1961 'Run springer cows and heifers in a paddock chosen to make observation easy'(Dairy Topics Vol.6. No5.3).

springing 146.
1971 'The calved cows have calves at foot, while the springing cows are all in calf to an Angus bull' (North.Star 7Jul.10).

spuey 104.
1932 'The road was "Spuey" in parts and the waggons were continually being bogged'(Scott 37c1. ref.1889).

squanches 75.
1870 'Joe had stopped up all the squanches or gaps between the slabs, so as to keep out snakes' (Houlding 13).

square head 180.
1864 'Recollecting I was a square head, I replied "Nothing"'(Armour 17).

square tail 137. See bangtail
1902 'The last mob of cattle was brought in and square tailed'(Praed 270).

squaring (axe) 81.
1918 'The tools necessary for squaring a log are--an American axe, a squaring or road axe'(Farm. Hand.186).

squat 52,53,115.
(AND 1827-1982). 1829 'the Settlers...who have squatted themselves where they have been least likely to be disturbed, do much mischief'(Tasman.5Jun.163c3).
1837 'The Magistrates of Yass are putting the squatters to the right about. Very few will procure licences to squat'(Syd. Her.5Jan.2c6).
1847 'On the road they had camped...at a water-hole where there was a sly grog seller squatted' (Harris 272).
1852 'One may squat on a large or on a small scale, squat directly or indirectly, squat in person, or by proxy'(Mundy Vol.1.282).
1866 'you know that this broad land does not belong to these gentlemen--they just sat down, squatted, on it'(Aus.Journ. Vol.1.694c1).
1883 'Anyone was at liberty, on payment to the Governor of a yearly fee of £10, to "squat" on country not already occupied'(Carr 22.ref.1840s).
1893 'Years ago, his parents, fresh from the wilds of Connemara, had squatted on this forest reserve of Scrubby Corner'(Barry 2).
1918 'F.A.Anson who squatted at Peraki'(Bull.4Jul.20c2).

squattage 55,65.
(AND 1846-1942). 1846 'by reducing the price of the crown lands to the minimum of five shillings per acre, the graziers are enabled, or compelled, to acquire a permanent interest in their squattages' (Mait.Merc.9Dec.2c4).
1852 'at some distant squattage browse the flocks and herds that support this establishment'(Mundy Vol.1.310).
1864 'The extension of squattages in the back country between the Lachlan and the Darling is gradually going on'(Past.Times 17Sep.2c3).
1870 'These squattages are not freeholds, nor are they likely to be unless the upset price of land is to be greatly reduced'(Age 4Jan.3c5).
1880 'By this time the squattages had largely got into the
hands of owners to whom all these changes of pasture, policy and tenure, were as old fables (Inglis 376). 1905 'Her home was a squattage far out in the west' (Rudd Mag. Jul. 660). 1913 'among the Jingera mountains there are more wild dogs to the acre than there are to the squattage in any other part of Australia' (Bull. 17 Jul. 15c4). 1923 'With me were a squattage overseer and a shed rouseabout from South Australian side' (Aus. Work. 7 Feb. 15c2).

**squatter** 46, 53, 54, 125.

(AND 1837-1976). 1829 'If the Squatters... carry the habits of civilisation, such even as is theirs, beyond the reach of the settled country, surely such is not only not an injury, but is an absolute good' (Tasman. AA Rev. 5 Jun. 163c3). 1833 'There are likewise in the colony persons called "squatters," (the term is American) who are commonly... of the lowest grade... and not unfrequently pilfer whatever else they require' (Breton 442). 1843 The squatter in Australia is one who either cannot, or will not, purchase land, and is able to take out a license of £10 per annum for the use of a certain district of waste and unsold crown land' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Oct. 2c8). 1851 'Mr. C... the squatter on whose grounds I discovered the Gold wanted to know what my maits wanted their' (Ballarat. H. Soc. 7 Sep. 5). 1864 'A man overburdened with money buys a station, puts on a cabbage-tree hat, mounts boots and spurs, and goes forth with stock-whip in his hand, and he becomes a squatter, in his own estimation of course' (Past. Times 19 Nov. 2c5). 1879 'the term "squatter" is now used to describe one of the most useful and important classes of the community, principally the large pastoral tenants, who rent the land from the Crown for grazing purposes' (Heaton Pt. 2. 260). 1883 'I have found that the "squatters" grind the men down to the last penny in wages... charging fearfully high prices for rations' (Queen. 14 Jul. 58c4). 1896 'Our mirth-loving contemporary says: "millionaire squatter never drinks, never smokes, never swears, and is a bachelor"' (Queen. 4 Jan. 12c1). 1907 'the young women who used to come to Australia to marry "squatters" and despised domestic labour for high wages in the interval until the expected "squatter" arrived' (Towns. D. Bull. 11 Dec. 4c7). 1918 'I have shared your meat and damper... As we camped behind a log, / When the union was the puppy, / And the squatter was the dog' (Telegraph 3 Jul. 13c8). 1936 'the Australian squatter and his missus... have always been noted for a physical independence, a dignified ability to fend for themselves, resembling that of the higher animal world' (Franklin 123). 1949 'Enterprising "squatters" established large holdings with or without Government consent, & their flocks multiplied' (Ciba Rev. No. 74. 2709). 1956 '[ref. 19th century] The employer dictated the terms and was sole judge as to their fulfilment, and if an appeal was made to law it would be a squatter who would sit as magistrate' (Aus. Work. 25 Jul. 9c2). 1964 'If, as the graziers claim, there is not much profit in growing wool and meat, how can the vast wealth of deceased squatters be explained' (Aus. Work. 6 Sep. 3c3). 1991 'The 20 or so artists living at the old Gunnery School... were described... as squatters' (Syd. M. Her. 4 Feb. 7c7).

**squatter** comb. 125.

s- aristocracy 1880 'They are not interesting proteges to the squatter aristocracy' (Inglis 61). s- 's chair (AND 1880-1976). 1937 'the carpenter would make several squatter's chairs... very simple and comfortable... like a short ladder with only two rungs in it' (Gunn 198). s- 's clock 1872 'punctually at noontide the laughing jackass, aptly called the squatter's clock, would mark the hour with a long burst of apparently incontrollable laughter' (Resident Pt. 1. 14). s- 's licence 1841 'Gentlemen, in possession of unlimited range of pasturage... at no cost to yourselves, became so glaringly absurd, that Government thought it proper to... make you pay for the accommodation... Hence the origin of squatter's licenses' (Monitor 3 Feb. 2c3). s- 's store 1868 'the necessaries must be got from the squatter's store, as the sine qua non is "buy from me, or I won't employ you"' (Burran. Argus 26 Sep. 3c3).

**squatterarchy** 125.

1881 'the squatterarchy of the Koorong rose up in a body' (Praed 25).

**squatterdom** 125.

(AND 1855-1963). 1864 'Upset squatterdom domination, / Give every poor man a home, / Encourage our great population, / And like wanderers no more we'll roam' (Thatcher 24). 1901 'He came and went with that pleasant familiarity practised between congenial spirits among squatterdom' (Franklin 73). 1936 'Taken all in all, Squatterdom is fast getting back into its old-time prosperity stride' (Aus. Work. 15 Jan. 11c4). 1947 'We know that if it were not for the
Australian Labor Party the wage slaves of this country would still be under the heel of squatterdom and foreign controlled financial institutions (Aus.Work.17Sep.7c1).

squatteress 125.


squatterie 125.

AND 1847,1849). 1847 'paying with his hard cash, collects the stock, engages servants, purchases a dray and bullocks, loads with supplies, and off all start for new Providence squatterie' (Mait.Merc.3Feb.2c4).

1934 The deserted diggings which were bound to be found somewhere on your squatterie (Bull.13Jun.31c2).

squatterize 125.

1874 'A very civil smooth spoken man is Mr. Smith's overseer; for like most of his class he hopes some day to "squatterize" on his own account' (Stamer Vol.2.224).

squatting 115.

(a) 1836 'We are credibly informed that there are no less than eleven vessels employed in the trade between Launceston and Port Philip--such is the rage for squatting in the new settlement' (Syd.Her.5May.3c1).

1847 'On arriving in this colony, we found to our astonishment that squatting was illegal, and that we would not be allowed...to carry our goods into the interior and form a station upon Government land' (Landor 255).

1853 'the idea of squatting in the bush is the most distant thought ever entertained' (Read 50).

1874 '[note] now-a-days (1871) ... The Australian world had gone squatting mad. Sheep runs were the real Australian gold fields' (Stamer Vol.2.196-7).

1893 'Fortunately he inherited some money at the time, so he did the best thing possible--throw up the church, went into squatting' (Favenc 107).

(b) 1865 'Jamison was worth £20,000 in properties and squattings' (Tumut A.Times 16Mar.2c4).

squatting combs. 125.

s- district (AND 1841-1882). 1862 'the true kangaroo dog has almost wholly disappeared throughout the squatting districts' (West.Post 31May.3c3).

1875 'In the squatting districts they [troopers] have been of great use in dealing with cattle duffers and sheep stealers' (Austral.Sketch.10Jul.59c1).

s-fraternity 1890 'The squatting fraternity of Australia are combining to crush unionism' (Truth 2Nov.1c6).

s- industry 1922 'Marvellous Prosperity In The Squatting Industry' (Aus.Work.26Jul.13).

s- interest (AND 1842-1918). 1852 'the squatting interest, by far the most powerful and important in the colony, was unrepresented in the legislature, in so far that no members were returned for the unsettled districts' (Mundy Vol.2.35).

s- licence 53. (AND 1839-1884). 1838 'it would be a proper regulation in granting squatting licences for places beyond the limits of the colony, to provide that the applicant should engage a free man as an overseer' (Monitor 12Feb.3cl).

s- line 1874 'Seven hundred and fifty pounds is ample to start a man in the squatting line' (Stamer Vol.2.142).

s- magnate 1852 'squatting magnates, like some I had the pleasure of visiting, are the aristocrats of the land. Many of them are well-educated gentlemen' (Mundy Vol.1.283).


s- station also pp.53-55,115. (AND 1841-1878). 1847 'This will contain...statistical information...[on] police and squatting districts; their Boundaries, Population...every Squatting Station, etc.' (Bell's 3Jul.4c5).

1865 'A Mr. Aitken...landed fifty three sheep on his run, and now that person had got nine squatting stations of 50,000 acres each, and had made a fortune of £100,000' (Age 31 Oct.5c4).

squattism 125.

1845 'AUSTRALIAN SQUATTISM [headline]' (Morn.Chron.26Feb.2c1).

squatocracy 125.

(AND 1843-1983). 1841 'a dinner was given to him [Commissioner of Crown Lands]...which was attended by a large number of the "Squatocracy" of New England and Darling Downe' (Syd.Her.19Jun.2c4).

1846 'The go-ahead principle is firmly planted in the breasts of our independent squatocracy' (Bell's 18Apr.2c4).

1854 'this system [land jobbing]...effectually closing up the lands in this colony as if they were left in the hands of the squatocracy' (Argus 24Jan.5c2).

1864 'the end of all this [bushranger threat] will be that a goodly number of the squatocracy...will either place overseers on their stations or else sell all off' (Goulb.Her.8Jun.2c4).

1874 'The squatocracy the aristocracy of Australia, and for no man has the squatter a more supreme contempt than for the agriculturalist' (Stamer Vol.2.168).

1881 'The aristocratic portion of Melbourne society, and indeed of Australian society in general, consists of the "squatocracy"' (Nesfield 132).

1893 'his class [free selector] was virtually boycotted by the
squattocracy of the country, and not recognised in a social point of view'(Pioneer 153). 1901 'The Bossiers and Beechams were leaders of swelledom among the squattocracy up the country'(Franklin 73). 1914 'Some of the Squattocracy were compelled to disgorge about £300 per annum in wages to thistle-cutters'(Bull.6 Aug.26c2). 1931 'The "Pastoral Review"...says there is now "sane government in Queensland". The organ of squattocracy is loud in its praises of the...Nationalist Government'(Aus.Work.4 Feb.11c3). 1941 'the Graziers' Association, otherwise the Squattocracy, has been the bane of Australian politics for generations'(Aus. Work.23 Jul.3c1). 1959 'Tommy's uncle mentioned a name that ranked high in local squattocracy'(Hamilton 156). 1975 'Once the venue for stately balls for the Western District squattocracy, the Customs House that day was the scene of a bitter clash between two of the proudest names of rural Australia'(Nat.Times 24-29 Mar.26).

squattocrat, squattocratic 125.

AND 1843-1975. 1854 [headline] Squattocratic Impudence'(Melb.M.Her.18 Feb.4c5). 1869 'Banister got up in most squatocratic raiment'(Aus.Journ.Vol.5.18c2). 1899 'the term "genuine squatocratic"...is meant to cover those two or three squatocrats who are...independent of the big financial institutions and pawn shop'(Truth 5 Nov.4c6).

squeal 109.

1926 'Seen fifty-six bullocks on to a log, meself...but I reckon a six load squeal's the best workin' mob'(Prichard 105).

squire settler 48.

1827 'be the sinners gentle or simple, Squire Settlers or Dungaree Settlers'(Monitor 9 Mar.339c2).

squirearchy 48.

1838 'The Yass squirearchy...would not issue to any free, freed, or ticket-of-leave hired servant ...ARDENT SPIRITS'(Monitor 9 May.2c5).

squirt 175.

AND 1912,1915. 1912 "Git the squirt," he said crossly to a picker-up. The boy ran down the board to the engine-room. "Wanted, expert," he yelled; "No.6" [stand]'(Tait 78). 1964 'In shearing talk the shed expert is the squirt'(R.Ryan Interview).

St.George disease 152.

1975 'St.George disease affects cattle wherever the desert rice-flower grows...lose weight, scour, and develop large swellings under the jaw'(Ag.Gaz.Aug.45c1).

St.Georges Terrace farmer 125.

1984 'Our Pitt St. farmer is a St.Georges Terrace farmer in Perth'(Syd.M.Her.6 Aug.30).

stacking 204.

1917 'The payment for stacking, if done by piecework pressers, is a matter for mutual agreement'(Aus.CCA 10). 1967 'Stacking is the arrangement of bales pyramid-fashion in the shed'(R.Ryan Interview).

stag 150,162. See also ram stag

AND 1848-1982. 1853 'Brought in a bullock (W.O stag) from Woolshed Run and killed him this evening'(Ogilvie 5 Dec). 1872 'Killed for the blacks by I.H.K. a white faced stag branded IM'(Kemp 29 May). 1884 'Got in a couple of killing stags from the N.R East [paddock] with the cart' (Macdonald 19 Jan). 1907 'Stag...ram castrated any time after twelve months old'(Cooper 60). 1932 'I had a wild scrub stag at the yards one day and he broke from the yards'(Scott 44c1). 1943 '[after cutting] the steer (or, if it is a grown beast, the "stag") evolves'(Bull.29 Dec.13c4).

1962 'That poor quality line of steers is made worse by that blue-eyed woolly stag'(Aus.C.Mag.Dec.67).

staggy 150.

1869 'delivered black staggy bullock to John'(Mackay 18 May).
stage waggon 108.
1825 'A stage waggon has recently been set in regular motion...for the safe conveyance of merchandise'(Aus.3 Mar.2c2).

staggering bob 146.
(AND 1874-1978). 1880 'By this time we had eaten up all our provisions...and we were compelled to live upon what the men called "staggering bob"—that is, newly-born calves'(Hamilton 60). 1900 The time I've had with them staggering bobs...when we pitied poor, weary, footsore little calves: could 'av brought in a mob of snails quicker'(Gunn 173). 1951 'After this followed "Staggering Bob"—that is cutting out a calf from the mob and killing it'(Broderick 18).

staggers 153.
1982 'tests so far seem to indicate that consumption of cats' head weed may be the cause of Coonabaraban staggers'(ABC 25Feb).

staging 111.
1965 'the art of "staging", which meant lightening the load at the bottom of steep inclines, taking up a few bales of wool and coming back, time and again, for the rest'(Durack 12).

stained 185.
1895 'Three sorts and a "stained" are sufficient for the skirtings when the wool contains seed'(Hawkesworth 7). 1901 'Stained...a yellow, and sometimes greenish hue, caused by ill health of the sheep and urine stains'(Journ.Dep.Ag.Jan-Jun.195). 1920 'Stained...As done by the sheep's excretions'(Macdonald 142). 1934 'Hang a chaff-bag near the belly pack or basket to take the stained wool from wether and ram bellies'(Hardie 19). 1959 'the piece-pickers sorted it [skirtings] into three grades: clean, stained and burry'(Tritton 26).

stained pieces / wool 199,300.
1910 'the piece-pickers...divide it on their tables into first pieces, second pieces, and perhaps stained pieces'(Bean 203). 1920 'keeping the bellies, locks, and stained wool all separate'(Macdonald 144). 1935 'After detaching the stained piece from the belly-wool the latter should be thrown into a bin allotted for that class'(Cook 5). 1941 'Hang up a pack, plainly raddled "STAINS," in a corner of the shed for dried stains from the [drying] rack'(Hardie 19). 1961 'Bellies and stains could be put into the same bales, but the stains must always be kept apart'(Jordan 178).

stains 166,191,194,199.
1899 'Sorting the pieces into two sorts, besides the stains, will generally be found sufficient'(Jeffrey 51). 1915 'If the locks and stains are not picked over during the course of shearing, but are held over for wet weather delays, the stains should first be dried'(Mathews 14). 1934 'Hang up a pack, plainly raddled "STAINS," in a corner of the shed for dried stains from the [drying] rack'(Hardie 19). 1961 'Bellies and stains could be put into the same bales, but the stains must always be kept apart'(Jordan 178).

stand 168,169,180,187.
(a) (AND 1888-1973). 1888 'over 200,000 sheep to shear...and stands for 38 shearsers under Wolseley's machines'(News.Cut.PL.Vol.136.27). 1902 'those who are not on the books...at the roll call to get a chance stand'(Gold.Fleece 2June 28). 1912 'Nineteen shearsers, for a board of twenty-four stands, had answered the roll call'(Tait 35). 1920 'others removed bewildered, naked-looking jumbucks as they emerged from the stands'(Lone Hand 1Nov.32). 1930 'Each man grabs what he fancies in the way of "tucker," and makes his way back to his stand'(Syd.M.Her.7Jun.11cl). 1941 'The row of shearsers parallel and closer to the catching pen had the advantage of a shorter distance to bring the sheep to their "stands"'(Glasson 7). 1957 'During 1888, forty stands of shearing machinery were installed at "Dunlop" station, to shear 184,000 sheep'(Ryan 2). 1963 'the shearsers...drew lots as to the choice of stands'(Smith 14). 1973 'During 1888, forty stands of shearing machinery were installed at "Dunlop" station, to shear 184,000 sheep'(Ryan 2). 1963 'the shearsers...drew lots as to the choice of stands'(Smith 14). 1973 'The era of the big sheds was in 1890...though not in carrying capacity and numbers of shearing stands'(Aus.Work.14 Mar.7c2). 1983 'in the early days we took a Coopers two stand plant in the back of a spring cart'(Land 10Mar.3c1).
(b) 170,180. (AND 1895-1918). 1902 'I've got a stand in Big Billerbong shed an' I'll soon knock a few quid together'(Lawson (2) 19). 1908 'before shearing the shearer writes and applies for a "pen" or "stand" at an early shed'(Ogilvie 34). 1932 'when last shearing was finished you promised to keep me a stand this year'(Scott 24c3.ref.1883). 1953 'Shearers mainly secured their stands by letter'(Eastman 73).

**staple** 197,201. (OED 1). 1867 'It would be well if parties purchasing these sheep...were not led away by the length of staple'(Jordan 10). 1907 'There is a nice lengthy staple showing with a good growth and full of character'(Ag.Gaz.Aug.710). 1913 'There are good enquiries for all classes of the staple'(Syd.M. Her.3May.9c3). 1950 'Staple...numbers of wool fibres which naturally form themselves into clusters or locks'(Belschner 702). 1965 'The fleece may contain anything between 10 million and 50 million fibres arranged in staples...bundles containing some thousands of fibres, each bundle more or less separate from its neighbour'(Henderson 33).

**star, star lot, star room** 206. 1897 'Star lots are sold subsequently to the lots of four bales and over, and owing to the mixed nature of offerings...the buying trade is not always attracted thereby'(Gold.Mort 9-10). 1922 'all lots of less than three bales are "starred" or else "grouped" with other people's wool'(Perry 121). (AND 1899-1951). 1941 'every bale of an unclassed clip and of "star" lots must be put up for inspection' (Goddard 30). 1953 'Star lots consist of lines comprising less than four bales, and also bales which are underweight, i.e. less than 200 lbs.'(Cooper 32). 1961 'Small lots of two or three bales are called Star Lots, sold in the Star Room, but do not attract big buyers, and bidding is not so keen'(Jordan 179). 1965 'wool in lots of less than four bales may be offered as "star" lots...can be justified only for very superior wools'(Henderson 93).

**starey** 201. 1917 'The big, bulky, fine fleeces look very "starey" when just shorn and the inexperienced classer often mistakes this for coarseness'(Smith 106). 1934 'Doggy wool has a "starey" appearance--it is mostly met with in chalky-white fleeces like old, run-out rams'(Hardie 40).


**station** (a) 114,129. (AND 1820-1895). 1845 'It is my intention to form an establishment here for at least three separate herds...at three distinct stations'(Macquarie 7 Oct.120). 1882 'There have...been instances of stock-keepers, at distant stations, having been murdered'(Dixon 47). 1882 'Stolen from our station at Campbell's River...twenty-eight ewes in lamb, and one ram'(Aus.Jun.1c2). 1835 'went down the Lachlan River to form a station for John Neville'(O'Shaughnessy 1). 1838 'established two stockmen, prisoners of the Crown, at Goulburn Plains. This "station" was some forty miles further south and west, than the previous furthest station'(Monitor 19Mar.2c3). 1846 'I have disposed of all my...horses, sheep, and cattle, with the stations and runs on which the same are depasturing'(Bell's 31Jan.3c6). 1850 'At length the overseer fixed on a spot for the Station'(Goulb.Her.19 Oct.2c3). 1898 'Take salt to Kenneys station & Glenns & Morgan finished tryangle [sic] fence'(Regan 12May).

(b) 116,141. (AND 1843-1986). 1825 'Mr.McAllister's station lies to the westward'(Hovell 16). 1839 'I expect to start off instanter for his station'(Hargrave 23Apr). 1846 'Wilson, the notorious bushranger, had been joined by seven others, with whom he was robbing stations in New England' (Mait.Merc.28Mar.2c5). 1865 'Even now there is a large sprinkling of "old hands" [emancipees] on many stations in the bush'(Burran.Argus 24Jun.3c1). 1872 'the big stations, where from 60 to 100 "hands" are often employed in washing, yarding, clipping and tarring the sheep, and in sorting and pressing wool when shorn'(Mcfarland 121). 1885 'Corindah was...a representative station, one of the show places of the district'(Austral.Chris.Supp.2c3). 1909 'Some of the small stations are freehold, and some of the large squatters often own frehold blocks in addition to renting large leaseholds from the Crown'(Evans 9). 1922 'one man...made enough money out of carrying to evolve him into a big squatter--with stations in two states'(Aus.Work.12Jul.5c1). 1932 'She and her friend...took a job on an out-back station in
NSW, met the two flash abo stockmen, and are now living in Mia-Mia's rearing half-castes' (Bull.6Jan.20c2). 1959 'The team is working under drought conditions at this station'(Aus. Work.24Jun.10c2). 1974 'things got so bad I had to look for work at last. I presented meself to the manager of a station down that way'(White 275).

(c) home station 114,129. (AND 1840-1979). 1826 'an invaluable station for large stockholders, as a home station, where the choice of flocks and herds might be improved or brought to slaughter or sale'(Monitor No.12.89c2). 1834 'A stock-station being...purchased, the Emigrant has the power of renting Government land...in the immediate neighbourhood of his home station'(Monitor Mar.205). 1842 '[after Aboriginal raid] the sheep being accustomed to the run, made off to the home station instead of to the scrub, and were all recovered with the exception of twelve'(Port.Merc.31Aug.2c5). 1861 'The home station is usually about the centre of the run, and in settled districts all has the comforts and appliances of civilisation'(McCombie 128). 1874 'This shepherd looked after a distant and isolated part of the run, 40 miles from the home station'(Caird 17). 1886 'The squatter himself had his headquarters at the home station...the "main hut", generally a structure about forty feet long by twenty broad'(Garvan Vol.3.756). 1894 'The shearing shed...is often situated at some distance from the "home station," where the owner resides'(Fison 67). 1933 'He erected a home-station of sods and rough poles, with the plainest bark roof'(Camb.Hist.Vol.7.197).

station combs.

s· brand 115. 1905 "W" was the letter of the station brand, and she had seen it on the cattle and remembered it'(Gunn 49). s· dump 204. 1899 'It [baled wool] is carted to the stores of the stevedores if it has to be dumped, or, if station-dumped, is at once put on board ship'(Sinclair 30). s· ear mark 149. 1867 'These notches [cut in lambs' ears] are known as the "station ear mark"'(Jordan 65). s· hand 115,129. 1868 'so far as outward appearances go, the station hand has, as a rule, no complaint to find as to the way he is treated'(Browne 19). 1891 'If there is any disagreeable work, the station-hands invariably leave it for him [a jackeroo] to do, for they generally abhor him as an upstart' (Nisbet Vol.1.180). 1918 'Station hand does not include female domestics working only at the homestead, or any male...who has no duties outside the house'(Queen.SW Ind.33). 1949 'Gold was soon found to be not merely a rival industry enticing station hands away from their jobs'(Ciba Rev.No74.2717). 1956 'We have experience of "station hands" being required to work 60 and 70 hours a week'Aus.Work.23Feb.6c1). s· holder 124. 1865 'He was an extensive stationholder on the Campaspe'(Past.Times 14Jan.2c3). s· horse 107. 1868 'He appropriated two of the best station horses to his use'(Kiama Ind.Supp.20Aug.4c4). 1908 'Hall and Gilbert [bushrangers] rode down the paddock and ran the station horses up to the yard'(White 136). s· house 115. 1894 'The shearing shed...is often situated at some distance from the "home station,")where the guest, at dinner, must be as alert with the talk and the forks as...in a country house at home [England]'(Wood 13). s· hut 115,1916 'From the tank and the bore and the station-huts, from the Black or the Red Soil Plains'(Bull.24Aug.10c1). s· jack 92. 1898 'Let the [salt beef] be soaked...beat it well...put the beef into it [flour and water paste], boil it, and you will have a very nice pudding, known in the bush as "STATION-JACK"(Morris ref.1853). s· life 101. 1864 'In station life sheep-shearing is usually the most important event of the year'(Ill.Syd.News 15 Oct.76c1). 1891 'the larrikin, who will either sling station-life or hump the swag'(Truth 15Mar.76c3). s· logo 115,1902 'copying out of branding tallies for the station log'(Praed 156). s· owner 124. 1863 'The station-owners round here have been so often plundered that they now keep scarcely anything on their premises'(Yass Cour.11Feb.2c5). 1880 'this is no business of the station-owners'(Inglis 64). 1907 'It was thought necessary that station-owners and others should meet and confer on the subject [dipping]'(Towns.D.Bull.5Jul.3c1). 1934 'no station-owner would increase the number of rouseabouts once shearing is under way'(Bull.31 Oct.22c1). 1987 'station owners feared the unions would "move in"'(Syd.M.Her.5May.3c3). s· shearing 115,171. 1967 'Station shearing...A grazier does his own shearing usually employing local shearers and shed hands' (Woodbridge 7). s· work 115. 1865 'Nor would the exigencies of station work be so incompatible with married life as is sometimes pretended'(Tumut A.Times 21Aug.2c4).

steady 144.

(AND 1884-1923). 1870s 'This action [rounding up and staying with cattle] named by the stock keepers "Steadying them" was one form of...getting them under control'(Budd 17.2). 1909 'It's not always easy to steady a big mob and make them feed again'(Bull.28 Oct.13).
steamer 91.  
(AND 1820-1903). 1820 'Their meal consisted of the hind-quarters of a kangaroo cut into mince-meat, stewed in its own gravy, with a few rashers of salt pork, this dish is commonly called a steamer'(Jeffreys 69-70). 1827 'the favourite dish being what is called a steamer, composed of steaks and chopped tail, (with a few slices of salt pork,) stewed with a very small quantity of water for a couple of hours in a close vessel'(Cunningham 289). 1843 'This national dish of the Van Diemen's Land bush is called a "Steamer"'(Rowcroft 38). 1903 'The menu was curried rabbit and "kangaroo steamer"'(Truth 1 Oct.17).

steely 200. 1967 'Steely refers to wool grown on trace element deficient pastures, showing a distinctive sheen and lacking character'(R.Ryan Interview).

steer 146. 1943 "'steer" means in the Australian cattleman's acceptance...a young bullock (castrated)'(Bull. 29Dec.1304).

step 187. 1894 'the manager has to be very vigilant in seeing that the shearers' work is well done...uniform and without second cuts or "steps"'(Arthur 16).

stick, sticker 136,144. 1928 'We continued to ride around the camp, and thanked our stars the sheep were sticking well' (Aus.Work.4 Apr.5c1). 1963 They [sheep] may be just plain stickers'(Aus.C.Mag.Oct.39).

stick picker /picking 70,129.  

sticker up 92.  
(AND 1830-1862). 1831 'he cooked in the mode called in colonial phrase a sticker up'(Cowie 112). 1852 'Here I was initiated into the bush art called "sticker-up" cookery'(Meredith 1.54).

stinger 87.  
(AND 1867-1942). 1899 "'it'll be a stinger to-night", Dad remarked...as he staggered inside with an immense log for the fire'(Rudd.32-3). 1923 'this is a stinger and no mistake. My hair seems to be crackling...and my mouth tastes of brass'(Bowes 184). 1942 'The next day was a stinger; and we had to pick in Greenfeast's dry, starved bean crop'(Langley 220).

stitcher 181. 1966 'A stitcher is a poor quality shearer who frequently cuts sheep'(McDonald Note).

stock combs.  
s- (and station) agent 50,51,57. (AND 1819-1981). 1888 'delivered to a firm of stock agents that had bought them'(Boldrewood 113). (AND 1884-1985). 1910 'One of the local stock and station houses...advises us that since the beginning of the year they have sold 242,202 sheep and 4,093 head of cattle'(Queen.16Apr.35c5). 1931 'ample time to visit the store, and bank, and saddler, and stock and station agent'(Davison 13). 1965 'The last ones to go in a drought are the emus and the stock and station agents'(Syd.M.Her.23 Oct.2c8). 1970 'One stock agent has vowed, "I'll get my clients' rams out of this country somehow"'(Aus.12Sep.1c1). s- book 135. 1847 'we took his stock book (a book which every stockholder keeps, with a full and minute description of every head of horned cattle...entered in it)'(Harris 120). s- boy 135. (AND 1935-1963). 1955 'The stockboys had roped the piebald now and thrown a saddle on him'(Clearay 65). s- breeder 132. 1834 'wealthy grazier and flock-master, capitalists commencing as stock-breeders'(Monitor 3Jan.1c3). s- camp 133 1970 'on the stock camps they eat only dried salt meat and damper'(Aus.18Sep.11c2). s- country 135. (AND 1847-1965). 1852 'very fine stock
country, beautiful flats...and fine gentle grassy hills'(Harris 128). s- driver 135. (AND 1836-1846). 1867 'a black boy called Tommy, better known as Mr.Pattison, from having been a stock driver in employment of Mr.Pattison'(Den.Chron.10Aug.4c3). s- establishment 135. (AND 1831,1843). 1835 'The land is subdivided into convenient Paddocks substantially fenced for any Gentleman having stock establishments in the Bathurst or New Country'(Comm.Journ.6Jul.1c5). s- farm 135. 1825 'This farm...is never without an abundant supply of fine fresh water...one of the best farms in this country for a stock farm'(Aus.27Jan.1c3). 1844 'waits situation as overseer of a Stock Farm or Out Station'(Guard.29Jun.125c4). s- farming 135. 1918 'With Macarthur other capitalists arrived, the first of their kind in the Colony and these also received large grants for the purpose of stock-farming'(Coghlan Vol.1.288). s- holder 124. (AND 1804-1930). 1827 'extensive losses of cattle experienced by graziers and stock-holders in various parts of the interior'(Monitor 20Jan.282c3). 1840 'a large stockholder at the Hunter has lately had no less than twenty applicants to purchase [cattle stock] in one week'(Syd.Gaz.14Jan.2c5). 1849 'the large stock holder can push his flocks out into ground rented for almost a nominal sum'(Harris Vol.1.14). s- holding 135. (AND 1844-1854). 1852 'labour so scarce and stock-holding so profitable'(Harris 405). s- horse 107. (AND 1888-1981). 1838 'Archer fret so much about the loss of his stock horse, fearing he should not be able to keep his stock together, which would occasion the ill will of his master'(Aus.2Jan.2c5). 1842 'the police...found that they had speared the stock horse' (Hunt.Riv.Gaz.12Mar.3c5). 1855 'The horse market rather dull...draught horses for the roads and stock horses are the only ones enquired after'(Age 19Nov.4c6). 1869 'The distant public-house, with the stock-horse standing sleepily at the verandah-post, while Jim is taking a smoke and "waiting for the mail"'(Clarke 52). 1911 'the two stock horses lashed unceasingly with their tails [at flies] and stamped in the dust'(Bruce 92). 1930 'they went on at the quick walk stock horses travel by' (Prichard 235). 1962 'Bob Crother's father...used thoroughbreds as stock horses'(Aus.C.Mag.Aug.68c1). s- hut 77. (AND 1826-1833). 1826 'he went alone in the stock-hut...in search of food, which was given to him'(Aus.6May.2c2). 1833 'Four men entered the stock hut of Mr.Gough, and took therefrom a double-barrelled fowling-piece and ammunition'(Tasman.11Oct.325c1). 1843 'they went to the stock-hut...and secured the person of the shepherd, keeping him in custody'(Syd.M.Her.5Apr.4c3). s- inspector 135. (AND 1896-1960). 1911 'a local stock inspector was at that moment quartered at the overseer's cottage'(Dorrington 264). 1932 'When initiated as Stock Inspector I had a good deal of trouble with stock trespassing on the TSR'(Scott 56c3). s- jobber 57. 1908 'He was a stock jobber, bought and sold horses and cattle, and was sometimes away for two or three weeks at a time'(Seagram 46). s-, keep 132. (AND 1828-1962). 1890 'What can you do, young man?" "Well...fence, split, milk, drive bullocks, stock-keep, plough"'(Boldrewood 96). s- keeper 132. (AND 1795-1905). 1816 'Mathew Keegan, a Bush Ranger, paid a visit to a Stock-keeper's hut at Pit Water, when there was unfortunately but a lone woman within'(Hob.T.Gaz.3Aug.4). 1824 'The defendant's cattle were...straying about...in the bush, without any stock-keeper'(Aus.No.10.3c3). 1833 'he [bushranger] then desired the stock-keeper to return or he would shoot him'(Currency 19Jan.3c2). 1845 'there's an empty outhouse, with plenty of straw, and our stock-keeper sleeps there' (Franklands n.d.). 1860 'the Australian stock-keeper tracks his charge through the boundless forests, over the wide plains and rugged mountains of the Australian interior'(Macpherson 186). 1876 'A stockkeeper generally comprised...manager labourer and all necessities in keeping the establishment in order'(Budd 17.1). 1903 'there ain't a drover, nor yet a bullock driver, nor yet a stock-keeper, from 'ere 'e'll that couldn't 'a' bossed that expedition [Burke and Wills] straight through to the Gulf an' back agen'(Forphy 26). s- keeping 132. 1866 'What the army is to all scapegraces in the old country stock-keeping and horsebreaking is in Australia'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.425c1). 1885 'mustering, cattle drafting, and such like mysteries of stock-keeping, rehearsed for his instruction'(Praed 2). 1908 'he had decided to give bullock-punching a turn as a change from stock-keeping'(Gunn 76). s- master 124. (AND 1839-1959). 1847 'One of the great expenses of a stock-master consists in drawing provisions for the use of his establishment from Sydney'(Sidney 36-7). s- owner 124. (AND 1804-1980). 1826 'the system pursued by many of the stock-owners is still...very rude and imperfect'(Atkinson 60). 1835 'We have seen a list of the twelve principal graziers, or stockowners in the West, or Bathurst Country, in the South, or New Country, and at Hunter's River, or the North Country'(Steel 2). 1848 'He was a native-born white, and had been a stockowner all his life'(Haygarth 96). 1917 'the stockowners of this country are deeply interested in the future of the meat export trade'(Syd.M.Her.3Jul.5c7). s- pony 107. 1908 'The bush
bullock sprung to her lash, / Where her stock-pony reefed at the rails' (Dryblower 73). s-propritor 124. (AND 1829-1853). 1852 'The mode of life and the business of a thriving stock-proprietor, or squatter...must be highly agreeable, exciting and healthful' (Mundy Vol.1.257). s-rider 133. (AND 1844-1973). 1860 'Quigley is a stock-rider at Mt.Aitken' (Gipps.Guard.9Mar.3c2). 1870 'We then, with the assistance of the stock-riders on the adjacent station, collected the cattle' (Burke 12). 1896 'Tens of thousands of cattle were managed and controlled by the stockman—as he was then called' (Boldrewood 115). 1903 'During mustering season the stock-riders and sheep-drovers often scoured hundreds of miles of country' (Clow 9). s-riding 133. 1865 'Identified him as Samuel Moran, who, ten years ago, was stock-riding on Rand's Mohonga station' (Goulb.Her.19Apr.2c3). s-rod 140. 1831 'It is merely the stock road, used by the first persons that sent stock to this district' (Monitor 18Jul.3c2). s-route 117,140. See TSR (AND 1844-1983). 1886 'I saw it on the stock-route to Bathurst' (Clarke 197). 1896 'He had fought his way on the Great Stock Routes from the sea to the Big Barcoo' (Paterson 51). 1903 'The mile-wide stock-route from Wilcannia to Hay was strewn with carcasses of travelling sheep along the whole two hundred and fifty miles' (Furphy 165). 1910 'Drovers report that the stock route between Adavale and Charleville is in a bad state for both grass and water, and if rain does not fall soon will be impassable' (Queen.5Feb.35c3). 1920 'He had never let any man get the better of him in a deal or allowed any cattle to stray beyond the limits of the stock-route' (Palmer 43). 1932 'It [a bore] was near the Gil Gil Creek on the new stock route to Bogabilla near the twenty three miles peg' (Scott 38c2.ref.1893). 1942 'Then I swing aboard the chestnut and am once more on the job, / As I poke them slowly down the bare stock-route' (Kelaaber 12). 1953 'a drover one hundred miles out along the drying stock route' (Cour.Mail 5Jan.1c11). 1969 'He told us we were right in the middle of a stock route' (Aus.W.Week.20Aug.33). 1981 'Imagine some of the mile wide stock-routes (that the road usually split down the middle) or open country without such help [dogs]' (Syd.M.Her.7Aug.16). s-run 115. (AND 1822-1975). 1828 'Some of our stock-runs now extend as far as 400 miles from Sydney' (Monitor 3May.1141c2). 1893 'Most of the stock runs in the vicinity of the gold fields were seized upon by the diggers without any compensation to the owners' (Pioneer 140). s-saddle 135. (AND 1887-1980). 1924 '[Advert.] The Pioneer Stock Saddle...built on a plated bar tree with steel stirrup bars' (Aust.Work.6Aug.2c4-5). s-station 115. (AND 1824-1853). 1826 'It was at a stock station...some distance from the settlement at Bathurst...where the prisoner was employed as a shepherd' (Aust.29Apr.3c3). 1830 'They had two of Mr. Hassail's bullocks with them, laden with the spoils of another stock-station, which they had just plundered' (Monitor 5Jun.2c4). 1832 'stock stations enjoy a state of security from the depredations of the Road-gang Runaway' (Hill's 14Dec.4c5). 1847 'We stopped for the night at Mr...stock-station' (Harris 227). s-transport 135. 1972 'There is a very real place for the drover in this time of fast stock-transport' (Hoofs Mar.26). s-yard 50,135. (AND 1794-1983). 1822 'To be sold by Private Contract, a very valuable Freehold Estate...comprising a good dwelling-house, barn, stock-yard' (Hob.T.Gaz.19Jan.2c1). 1832 'with capital dairy, stock-yards, and good comfortable huts, and well watered by creeks running through the Farm, besides possessing an extensive run' (Currency Lad 29Dec.1c3). 1847 'the cattle are first got into the stock yard, which is a large square enclosure of very strong posts properly half a rod apart, and 5, 6, 7, or even 8 feet high out of ground, and 2 or 3 feet in ground' (Harris 259). 1864 'The eldest daughter has been the only witness...her two sisters being engaged in milking the cows in the stockyard' (Bris.Cour.12Jan.3c2). 1896 'A stock-yard was the next necessity; to split and put up this important adjunct, without which we had no real title to call ourselves a cattle station, was imperative' (Boldrewood 53). 1907 'The land is divided off into stock yards, and offers a nice investment' (Morn.Bull.18Feb.8c2). 1926 'Red pushed his way through thick scrub to the wide shallow stretch of water lying outwards from the stockyard fence' (Prichard 53). 1940 'The men's quarters, the outhouses and the stockyards...gave a clear impression of that thoroughness in construction exhibited by the first men to settle in Australia' (Upfield 23).

stockman 129-133. AND 1803-1981. 1803 'Officers, etc., having Stockmen or domestic Servants of the above description, to send their names to the Governor's Secretary' (Hist.Rec.Ser.1.Vol.5.70). 1817 'STOCKMEN are wanted, who has [sic] been accustomed to the Care, and understands [sic] the Management of HORNS CATTLE' (Hob.T.Mag.22Mar.1c2). 1825 'Plaintiff's stockman drove the cattle on the lands' (Aus.20Jan.3c4). 1839 'my out stations have been robbed and re-robbed by a daring banditti—my stockmen's horses taken from them—and my hut-keepers pressed into their
service '(Aus.22Aug.4c2). 1847 'During the day the cattle were "tailed" by a stockman, and at night they were secured in a large paddock' (More.Bay Cour.3Jul.4c2). 1850 'Slept at Coobong amongst a rough lot of stockmen, mightily pestered with bugs' (Woodward 7Jun). 1859 'in future the explorers had better stay at home, and leave the discoveries to the stockmen and station seekers, as they are the only ones who will open up the country in the interior' (Past.Times 30Jun.4c2). 1872 'Here we first saw genuine stockmen, several of whom were knocking down their cheques at the public-houses' (Eden 16). 1891 'There you met the regular Australian stockman...wiry, tough, fearless chaps, who could ride any mortal thing that ever was foaled' (Bird 22Aug.3c1). 1923 'stockmen, shifting stock in rainy seasons, had [to do] some swimming too' (Aus.Work.21Feb.15c2). 1938 'Several years ago Australian Stockmen held up London traffic by cracking whips "like pistols"' (Pix 23Jul.16c1). 1961 'The old time stockman who was so trustworthy and reliable with sheep and cattle, was dying out' (Aus.C.Mag. Oct.73c1). 1970 'been here 18 years and we are still not stockmen' (Aus.17Sep.13c4).

stockman's hut 77,133. (AND 1806-1977). 1855 'told my guide that we must return to the stockman's hut for the night' (Howitt Vol.2.389). 1890 'They rode quietly along to the stockman's hut, gave their message, rested their horses for half-an-hour' (Cleland 57).

stockwhip 133,135. (AND 1839-1978). 1843 'the noise of these cracking stop-[stock] whips that frightens the cattle' (Rowcroft 122). 1852 'Then came the barking of a dog, and the loud reports of a stock-whip' (Goulb. Her.28Aug.1c2). 1872 'The stock-whip, which bears such a prominent part in all dealings with cattle, is from twelve to fourteen feet in length, with a short light handle of about fourteen inches long' (Eden 76-7). 1880 'The cries and shouts of the beaters, the cracking of the stock-whips, and the thunder of the horses' hoofs' (Inglis 132). 1895 'Making a stockwhip handle out of yarran' (O'Shaughnessy 19Sep).

Stockholm tar 190. 1906 'the mingling odours of wool in the grease, jute woolpacks, twine, dip, Stockholm tar, drying pelt's' (Sutherland 40).

stone (breaker) 180. 1961 'There are two ways of opening the purse to remove the testes (stones)' (Jordan 212). 1866 'The sheds were crowded with learners, known by the names of "stone-breakers" and "tomahawkers"' (Aus.Journ. Vol.1.825c1).

stopper 177. (AND 1895-1965). 1896 'Each man stepped up to his stand and drew off his stoppers' (Worker 24 Oct.3c3). 1954 'So lads, put on your stoppers [keep blades closed up], and let us to the hut' (Wannan 97). 1959 'the "stopper," another leather strap, to stop the shears from opening too wide' (Tritton 31).

stopping dog 144. 1960 'Bill hardie also had one of the great ones, a dog called Laddie, and one of the last of the real "stopping" dogs' (Newton 35).

store(s) 146. 1833 'to be sold by auction) 250 good store sheep' (Tasman.10May.2c2). 1859 'a mob of store cattle are en route for Melbourne' (Rep.Crime 19Sep.1c1). 1953 'About 15,000 stores now reach markets each year by land from stations north of Cooktown' (Cour.Mail 1Sep.3c6). 1968 'Sidney Kidman, years ago, found out that skinny stores from the Territory could well put on weight and condition' (Walkabout Nov.44c2).
store roll 192.
1956 'With the store-roll the bulk of the wool showing is back wool, which is not a fair sample of the average fleece'(Bowen 94).

store(s), off the 42.
(AND 1792-1832). 1792 'Next year I hope I shall be able to maintain two men off the store' (Everingham 12 Oct). 1827 'The consequences of these merrymakings [feasting on rations] was, being early in the week "off the stores," (a term commonly used to denote the total want of provisions)'(Monitor 13Jul.507c2).

straggle 138.
1953 'To "straggle" a block of country means...to muster in stragglers--sheep that were missed during the main muster'(Stronach 31). 1966 'Immediately after that we straggled the ewe blocks, crutched the hundred or so lambs we picked up and put them...over the Esk onto Pakety [paddock]' (Newton 32).

straggler 138.
(AND 1846-1977). 1842 'hurrying the affrighted cattle up the mountains, from whose tops many a straggler has not as yet ventured down'(Syd.Her.6Jun.Supp.1c6). 1848 'others [cattle] with no brand at all, and known as "stragglers," are mixed with the herds in the interior'(Haygarth 56). 1864 'two others were out scouring the bush for stragglers'(Araluen Star 30Apr.4c2). 1873 'Having "headed," or turned the stragglers, parried the charges of bulls, knocked up cows and ugly looking "scrubbers," drive them quickly into the yard'(III.Syd.News 5Sep.11c1). 1882 'Finished shearing straggling sheep. Shore 60 lambs. Total stragglers shorn 135 ewes & weaners and 70 lambs'(M.Wilson 6Nov). 1892 'Boys and Inglis fixing up the sheep and shearing stragglers' (Ulah 20Jan). 1902 'Stragglers are stray sheep missed in the general muster and found about the out paddocks and shorn after the general shearing'(Lawson (2) 79). 1916 'Have been trying to draft the stragglers for the last three days but it has been raining every day'(Want.Letter. 15Nov.6). 1928 'he strolled across to where Jim was putting the last few stragglers through the "dip"'(Robertshaw 128). 1932 'it was Sam and I who took this cow and calf and a few stragglers home to Bogamidi'(Scott 66c1). 1945 'stragglers or small mixed lots are quickly returned for redrafting'(Pearse 92). 1955 'He swung [drafting gate] subconsciously...ewes straight through; weaners to one side; stragglers in the third set of pens'(Lamond 13-14). 1966 'Any stragglers are a direct reflection, not only on himself but on his team of dogs'(Mills 13-14).

strainer 119.
(AND 1880-1981). 1891 'Call that a fence...strainers not big enough'(Truth 26Apr.7). 1920 'That's all right...it's only the strainer'(Bull.8Jul.26c1).

stramash 138. See smash
1899 'there's an awful old terror of a roan bull in the stramash [Eng.dial.'smash'], a regular "rager"' (Walker 124).

strange(r) 138.
1845 'stray cattle (or strangers, as they are called)'(MacKenzie 132). 1880 'Then mustered cattle in Sandy Creek. Found 60 Leary, 36 Fennel, 19 Mackinon, 187 strangers'(Macdonald 4May). 1885 'finished branding my calves at Drew's yard and getting all the strangers out into a mob'(Macansh 49). 1916 'Saw 2 strange sheep Supposed to be out of Moran's. LXB'(Witten 28Feb). 1934 'W.Gee delivered about 300 strangers'(Gibson 31Jul). 1966 'With the sheep now spread right to the far corners of Lochinvar country we were now getting our share of "strangers"'(Newton 177).

stranger's hut 77.
1892 'The Stranger's Hut is an institution. To it the wanderer goes, and finds a place to sleep and something to eat'(Parker 72).

strangles 153.
1883 'Chestnut colt had the strangles'(Hornery Aug). 1957 'his colt had the strangles, and the new chum had said, "Stwangles, eh? Did he do it with a wope?"'(Wannan 65).
strike 161. See flystrike
1963 'Poll wounds, not uncommon in the mating season, are often struck'(Aus.C.Mag. Nov.45c1).

string(ing) 111,140.
(AND 1876-1954). 1898 'You can see the front lot stringing, but the tail is out of sight'(Bull. 1Jan.3c2). 1932 'The sheep were stringing along and I had to keep riding from side to side and keep them together'(Scott 49c2.ref. 1899). 1958 'String...draw a mob of sheep out in long lines or single file'(Lamond 270). 1966 'It is the habit of sheep on the hill to travel in single file, i.e. to string'(Newton 190).

stringhalt 153.
1922 'It's very like one I have at the 'ut, but mine's got string'alt'(Melb.Her.3Jul.9c5).

stringy 197.
1895 'Stringy...Thin, delicate stapled wool'(Hawkesworth 8). 1899 "lean of staple," i.e., stringy' (Jeffrey 43). 1944 'Stringy...wool with thin string-like staples or that showing element deficiencies' (Minter 73). 1953 'Stringy...wool with a plain fibre but may be good sound wool'(Cooper 30).

stringy (bark) 76.
1. (AND 1799-1986). 1809 'the dead man's [hands]...bound behind with a band of stringybark' (Syd.Gaz.28May 1c3). 1846 'it was folded and tied up with some stringey bark'(Hawk.Cour. 17Sep.2c4). 1853 'He shreds the stringy bark but it won't blaze'(Geelong Ad.30Sep.last page c6). 1868 'He then put it on, and gathered its folds closely about him, with a strip of stringy bark by way of a girdle'(Houlding 360). 1880 'roofed with the long light slabs of leathery-looking stringy bark' (Inglis 51). 1899 'a few huts of stringy-bark, and some skeletons of deserted dwellings'(Brereton 103). 1943 'It was an unsympathetic, casual country...covered by a dirty fleece of stringy-barks, a tree that lives in sackcloth and ashes'(Tennent 147). 1963 'The property is 3,500 acres...heavily timbered with stringybark box etc'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.74c4).

2. 1836 49,76. 'Let us suppose the suitor an old "stringy-bark," such being the sobriquet in which inland settlers rejoice'(O'Connell 49). 1970 'In the 1820s "inland settlers" were already known by the sobriquet of Stringy-barks'(Ward 87).

stringy (bark) combs.
s- carpenter 1833 76. 'the workmanship...I beg you will not scrutinize, as I am but to use a colonial expression, "a stringy-bark carpenter"'(NSW.Mag.Oct.171). s- cockatoo 128. (AND 1905,1976). 1905 'The old cocky, he grew jealous, and he thumped me black and blue, / And he drove me off without a rap--the stringy-bark cockatoo'(Paterson 45). 1970 'Dad and Dave [ref.Rudd 1899] were not pastoral workers, bushmen proper, but poor selectors, "stringybark cockatoos", who were sneered at'(Ward 5).
s- country 63. 1960 'Andrew remembered...advice to avoid the ironbark and stringy country'(O'Grady 27). s- fellow 49,76. 1851 'Gold digging, Sir, requires iron bark MEN, not stringy bark FELLOWS with straight backs, and all blatherskite'(Intell.26Aug.1077c1). s- gunya 76. 1846 'that home proved to be a stringy-bark gunya, with barely room for two'(Bell's 1Mar.3c2). s- kitchen 1904 'the blue-gum sapling at the back of the old stringy bark kitchen'(Palmer-Archer 212). s- lawyer 76. 1846 'although the stringy bark lawyer is gone with his sheep, he means to cite you before the Commissioner for breach of agreement'(Mait.Merc.21Jan.2c6). s- pumpkin 49,93. 1838 'Potatoe pumpkins [sic], 10d. to Is. each...Stringy bark ditto, 8d. to Is. each' (Monitor 2IMay.2c2). s- settler 49,76. (AND 1836-1864). 1853 'imagining a "stringy bark settler" to be some savage or other'(Read 53-4). 1836 'an old stringy-bark settler like you'(O'Connell 51). 1864 'a dozen little huts or shanties, inhabited by what were termed "Dungaree" or "Stringybark settlers"'(III.Syd.News 16Jun.10c1). s- shed 76. 1915 'But then one ne'er dreamed...that thrift would build up from this stringy-bark shed a...cottage instead'(Bourke 56). s- sofa 76. 1833 'immediately he threw himself on a stringy bark sofa'(Hob.T.Mag.May 155). s- township 76. 1902 'butchers that have one yard at the back of a range, and another in the stringy-bark township' (Boldrewood 41).

strip bark 70. See also barker
1867 'out in the bush stripping bark'(O'Shaughnessy 13Jun).
stripy 200. 1870 'Stripey, or as it is sometimes called, watery wool, once pointed out, cannot be mistaken' (Graham 80). 1911 "Stripy" or watery wool, generally shows itself in inferior animals on or near the shoulder, where the best wool ought to be (Stewart 152).

strong 199. 1900 'Strong wool is usually grown on strong, hardy, robust, sheep' (Journ. Ag. Ind. 247). 1931 'Merino and crossbred wools having such features [thick or broad fibre] are called "strong"' (Cowley 36). 1944 'Australia has 78 per cent of merino sheep and 22 per cent of strong-wool sheep' (Mather 64). 1952 'Strong... refers to coarseness of fibre and indicates a low quality' (Haigh 102).

strong mob 149. 1858 'the strong mob... about a week or ten days old' (Bussell 179). 1867 'Those over four or five days old are also kept by themselves, and are technically termed the "strong mob"' (Jordan 61). 1937 'The next day they (the green mob) would be yarded into a larger yard, and called the second strong mob; after that, they were moved into another larger yard, and were called the strong mob' (Gunn 203).

Strzelecki track 102. 1964 'The importance to South Australia of this [Birdsville Track] and the parallel Strzelecki Track for the movement of stock, and of oil-search vehicles' (Age 15 Feb. 21c7).

stub fence 118. (AND 1882-1980). 1921 'You see this spud paddock is fenced with a stub fence--rough slabs standing on end' (Sargent 135).

stud 139, 150. 1894 'Fred reported the ram lambs boxed with studs so went and got them out' (Ulah 5 Jan). 1916 'he hoped to be here to class the rams and studs about the tenth' (Want. Letter 11 Aug. 2).

stud combs. ref. stock. s-b breeder 1917 'the work of fighting pests, both animal and vegetable, watching the interests of studbreeders in the matter' (Syd. M. Her. 2 Jul. 8c1). s- ewe 1959 'Stud ewes means ewes from which rams are bred for sale or station use or ewes which have tags in their ears or other stud marks... does not include culled stud ewes [nor otherwise tagged sheep]' (Unit. Graz. Queen. sheet 2/10). s- lamb 1896 'Dipping the studs. Marked 30 stud lambs' (Ulah 16 Oct). s- mark See stud ewe above. s- ram 1945 'Stud rams should... be shorn by hand before the general shearing' (Pearse 312). s- register 1917 'the establishment of a Merino Stud Register' (Syd. M. Her. 2 Jul. 8c1). s- sheep 1918 'The rate for stud sheep shall be settled by agreement' (Labatt 9). 1931 'Consider stud sheep in tallies as single sheep at 32/6 per 100, and then credit each shearers' account with the number of stud sheep shorn at 8/2 per 100 extra' (Grazcos 14).

s- shearer 186. 1962 'The contractor knows he has four or five "stud" shearers (boss's men) on the board who will vote them dry' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Nov. 12c2). s- shedhand 196. 1964 'A staff man [classer] who groups fleeces into lines of comparable value is sometimes known as a stud shedhand' (Ryan Interview).

stump 70. 1825 'about 10 acres of which are stumped... and about 20 acres felled and ready for burning off' (Aus. 13 Jan. 1c3). 1833 'A snug little farm... containing 120 acres, 50 of which are cleared and stumped' (Currency Lad 23 Mar. 1c3). 1858 'Hewitt stumping' (Ogilvie 7 Oct). 1876 'Put on a man to stump clear & burn off the prairie [sic] paddock' (Witten 6 Jun). 1884 'it is allowed to employ prison labour... stumping or clearing Reserves' (Cooma Pris. Rec. 28 Oct). 1946 'At this place a number of men were kept, clearing land, burning off, and stumping, so as to get the land ready for cane-growing' (Collinson 19).

stump combs. 70-71. s- country 1981 'Not that there were many [women] around in the stump country, but they weren't hard to pick' (Sun Her. 4 Jan. 83c2). s- fall 1844 'Another plan is to stump-fall the trees
and then to open out the stump all round" (Atkinson 85). *s-jump plough, s-jumper* (AND 1882-1986). 1892 'The stump jumper is seen preparing for cultivation' (Hallach 27c2). 1898 'Stump-jump plough ... invented in Australia for ploughing the wheat-lands... often left with the stumps of the cleared trees not eradicated' (Morris 143). 1902 'Much of the mallee... was originally cleared and grubbed before the "stump-jumper" came into use' (Bull.8Feb.3c2). *s-root* 69. 1822 'One [mode of clearing] is, by cutting the tree down, and then stump-rooting it... digging round the roots, cutting the various branch roots' (Dixon 48).

**stumping, stump grubbing** 70. See grub

1826 'The timber is down, and the process of "stumping and burning" is in a forward state' (Aus. 6May.3c1).

**stumpy**

1. 202. 1901 'Stumpy... a short staple with broad top; a sign of old sheep's wool' (Journ. Dep. Ag. WA. 196).
2. 173. 1964 'Stumpy was once the Saturday morning period of four hours when shearing had a 44-hour week' (R. Ryan Interview).

**suburban shear(er)ing** 171.

1952 'Suburban-shearing is a threat to the wages and working conditions of Pastoral Workers' (Aus. Work. 3Dec. 6c3).

**sucker(ing)** 70.

(AND 1942). 1896 'He has called Tenders for Ring Barking, Suckering and cutting Seedlings' (O'Shaughnessy 28Feb). 1897 'Finished suckoting [sic] top v.y [vineyard]' (Tierney 20Nov). 1916 'I did some suckering in the Wool Shed [paddock]' (Harden 2Jul). 1932 'difficult to improve by ringbarking owing to the constant regrowth which necessitates almost incessant suckering' (Scott 47c3). 1935 'We were suckering on one of the company stations... suckering doesn't call for skill, but the boss was a stickler for a "clean" job' (Bull.25Sep.21c1).

**sucker bash (er)ing** 70, 129.

(AND 1942-1981). 1963 'Sucker bashing is cutting off shoots which appear below the ring on ring-barked trees' (Durrant Note).

1966 '[Aborigines] working as pea-pickers, suckerbashers, ring-barkers' (McGregor 297).

**sugar bag**

1. 171. (AND 1850-1981). 1850 'Boots, scraps of paper, torn rags, old sugar bags' (Bell's 9Nov.1c2). 1920 'Sweet potatoes, 5/6 to 9/- per sugarbag' (Bris. Cour. 13Jan.5c2). 1922 'I took my rifle and twenty three cartridges, also a sugar-bag, loaf of bread' (Austral. 1Jul.42c3).

**sugar bag contractor, shearer** 168, 171.

1967 "mushroom" shearing contractors (at times referred to as "sugar-bag contractors"), many of whom cut their prices to a dangerously low level when competing for the job' (Woodbridge 242-3).

2. 93, 95. (AND 1830-1985). 1830 'In the course of this day Wool Bill... discovered a choggabag, (wild honey) nearly at the top of a very high tree' (Dawson 237). 1847 'They gave me plenty of baked fish and cabbage-tree, and a "bangola" of "sugar-bag" (water sweetened with native honey)' (Harris 312). 1861 'George had tomahawked him while looking up a tree at a "sugar bag" (bees' nest)' (Goulb.Her. 16Jan. 4c1). 1881 'The regular sharp chop-chop of tomahawks could be heard... where some of them had discovered a sugar-bag or a "possum on a tree" (Grant Vol.1.67). 1902 'It was a great thing when we camped out if the black boys found and chopped down a "sugar-bag" so that we could season our damper with native honey' (Pradz 9).

1910 'Clearing [fence] line in Evening got Sugar-bag in one of the trees we fell. Not much honey' (Witten 19Apr). 1926 'The ascent was generally made for a goanna, a possum, bird's nest, or, best of all, a "sugar bag" (bees' nest) which required great skill' (Austral. Work. 8 Sep. 13 c3-4). 1947 'a peedong or wild native, who had fallen from a gum-tree while climbing for "sugar-bag"' (Hill 88). 1959 'ring of a tomahawk coming from somewhere... Natives! cutting out a "sugar-bag"' (Idriess 113). 1971 'In better country they chop sugar-bag, wild honey, out of the trees' (Willey 119).
sugar bagging 95.  
(AND 1906,1979). 1879 'Claude went sugar bagging with George and got about 5 gallons of honey, also a good stinging'(Macdonald 24 Dec). 1924 "Sugar bagging" was one of the frequent joys of settler families in the big-timbered areas'(Aus.Work.20 Aug.13c2).

sugee bag See sugarbag 1.  
1841 'the post bags were secured in an old sugee bag, which the robbers thought was...food for his horses'(Monitor 4Jan.2c3).

sulky 108.  
(AND 1902-1981). 1934 'her sulky was smashed to pieces by a train'(Queen.4Jan.3c2).

sundown / sunset (country) 63. 1880 'Such is the state of things in the far far West, Never-Never or Sundown Country as it is called'(Goulb.Her.20Mar.5c4). 1968 'A mob of about 12,000 drought-stricken sheep were going...towards Boulia--and that's over near sun-down in western Queensland' (Walkabout Jul.37c2). 1981 'out in what some call the Great Desert and we knew as Sunset Country, a rail track was being built to nowhere'(Adam Smith 10).

super(intendent) 125,176.  
(AND 1849-1967). 1845 'one Mr Wilson...was superintendant (sic) at the next station 15 miles further on'(Franklands n.d.). 1868 'I've often thought the masters [sic] and supers might take just a trifle ov care about their men's manners, an it wud be all the better for everybody'(Houlding 371). 1878 'The "Supers" brief instructions told-- / We mount, and scarce our steeds can hold'(South. Bust.56). 1899 'I never had a man brought for punishment...and was the better liked for it, both by men and supers'(Derrincourt 290-1).

super ref. wool. 198,199.  
1848 'Extra fine lots are classed by themselves as Super'(Westgarth 253). 1895 'Super...Taken from the back, across the loins, to neck'(Hawkesworth 5). 1927-8 'A Super is often made, but it may only total a few bales for the clip'(Aus.W.Ann.Vol.1.95). 1953 'These wools are then subdivided into supers, firsts and seconds'(Clair 18).

super combs.  
1895 'A super clothing consists of highest quality, the staple being short, with good colour, density, fine crimps which denote the presence of serrations for felting purposes, and soft and kind to the touch'(Hawkesworth 6). 1897 'whether it be described on the bale as super-combing or by letters...passes practically unnoticed by the buyer'(Gold.Mort 9). 1918 'If...the fineness of the staple varies, then it would be wise to make two parcels; the best fine wool in one line, and the best strong wool in another, making two lines of super combing'(Bridge 5). 1965 'Super crutchings...long-stapled high-yielding wool of good colour (Justifiable only if large quantities available)'(Henderson 89). 1983 'These lines are then subdivided into supers, firsts and seconds'(Clair 18).

swamper 110.  
(AND 1894-1983). 1894 'Teamsters [bullockies] are arriving with nothing but swags on board, the swampers [itinerants] baggage being more remunerative than ordinary loading'(Bull.28Apr.9c3). 1926 'His swamper yelled and danced, brandishing a long, hard strip of wet bark over the polers'(Prichard 6).

swampy back 153.  
1950 'Swampy back...a depression in the back between the shoulders and the loin'(Belschner 703).
swarm 173.
1962 'the gargantuan rams were brought in for shearing. After seeing them in the yards, the shearsers "swarmed" and decided to ask the squatter for 5 bob a ram--away above the award'(Syd.M.Her. 24Nov.12c1).

sweat locks, sweats 193.
1895 'It is surprising to see great quantities of wool...containing little or no unevennesses, or, as they are called in the trade, "sweats" in them'(Hawkesworth 1).
1931 'The presence of faulty wool, sweat-locks, etc, gives the fleece-wool a carelessly prepared appearance'(Cowley 61).
1944 'Most of the sweat locks fall on the shearing board and are collected by the board-boy'(Minter 14).
1953 'He [sheddhand] will keep the shearing board clear of locks, sweats, second cuts and fribbly edges'(Cooper 36).
1957 'Nothing looks worse than a pen of badly-shorn sheep, with ridges of wool showing, sweat-locks adhering to the lower parts of the body'(McGarry 6).
1961 'The short wool...is then carefully freed of stains, heavy sweats and dags before being thrown into its respective pack'(Eves 28-9).

sweat wet 169.
1967 'To avoid any fullness or "sweat-wet" in the sheep, and to allow time for them to drain out... yard the sheep for shearing at least four hours before the time of their being shorn'(Woodbridge 29).

sweating 167.
1882 'It [shed] is built as though it were two buildings--the one forming the cross of the T being used as a shearing board, sheep and sweating pens'(Armstrong 174).

sweating pen 169.
1882 'It [shed] is built as though it were two buildings--the one forming the cross of the T being used as a shearing board, sheep and sweating pens'(Armstrong 174).
1895 'This (the sweating pen) is where the sheep are kept from exposure to the weather, and prior to being put into the shearing-pens'(Gould 210).
1907 'When the shearer is selecting the sheep...it should be lifted up from the sweating [catching] pen and not dragged out by the leg'(Jeffrey 105).
1915 'From the receiving yard, sheep have access almost direct to the sweating pens--an advantage when a flock does not require any drafting'(Mathews 8).
1931 'the sweating pens are sufficiently commodious...the loss of time through rain can be very materially reduced'(Cowley 175).
1940 'These results...could not detect sweat in the fleeces of sheep kept in "sweating pens"'(CSIRO Bull.No.130.46).
1953 'the sweating pen derived its title from an early custom: to increase the weight of wool cut sheep would be roused around and then penned up to sweat before being shorn'(Eastman 132).
1961 'Sheep are placed in sweating pens and if overcrowded some will go down during the night'(Jordan 18).

sweating shed 165.
1879 'they are passed through soak tanks...next into a sweating shed, which is to all intents and purposes a Turkish bath, to remove the dirt of the year from the wool; next they are put under the spouts'(Gent.Mag.572).
1937 'The process of washing the sheep was to run them through a hot water soak into a sweating shed (practically a sealed room) where they were held till the right temperature (something like 110 degrees) was reached'(Gunn 100).

swarms See sweat locks

sweeper (up), sweepy. 191. See also broomie.
1898 'The "sweepy" that swept the board'(Bull.20Sep.11c4).
1910 'the rouseabouts, the pickers-up, and sweepers, and tarboys and the rest are paid by the day...whether there is shearing or not'(Bean 166).
1932 'in addition to the shearers there are shed hands, sweepers up, a cook, a presser, and a wool classer'(Thompson 83).
1965 'it is not unusual to find him [picker-up] sweeping the board (as "sweeper", "broomer", or "broomie")'(Gunn ii.8).
sweepings 193.
1875 'he had seen whole fleeces swept away with the sweepings...the existing condition of things in some warehouses was disgraceful'(Brodribb 20). 1883 'In 1862 the whole clip, hot water washed, including pieces, locks, and sweepings, averaged 2s.9 1/2d.'(Gibson 34). 1902 'It has been said that the locks and sweepings from the board are sufficient to pay all ordinary expenses...on the average sheep-station'(Gold.ACre 2Jun.28). 1910 'the former [stains] can go with the sweepings of the board'(Jackson 28). 1935 'He should see that his board is kept clean, taking all large pieces of wool or dags out of the sweepings'(Cook 8). 1945 'sweepings from the shearing board should be baled separately from those that fall...under the rolling and piece-picking tables'(Pearse 327).

swelldom 125.
1901 'The Bossiers and Beechams were leaders of swelldom'(Franklin 73).

swelling blight 100. See blight
1867 'the "swelling blight" is not painful, and is attributed to the sting of a small fly'(Morison 203).

swim
(a) 88. 1908 The Diamantina River has been a swim for the last three months'(Morn.Bull.21Mar. 10c2).
(b) 164. swim (dip)
1867 'The swim is fenced in on either side by saplings, resting on piles close to the surface of the water'(Jordan 81). 1917 'they do not honestly recommend the shower dip...we must resort to the swim dip again'(Want.Letter.7Apr.4). 1961 'With a spray dip the same conditions apply as with a swim dip--i.e. the sheep's wool must be wet down to the skin'(Jordan 245).

swing gate 123.
(AND 1865-1965). 1867 'When a mixed flock require drafting...the modern sheep farmer always makes use of drafting yards, with a narrow race and swing-gate'(Jordan 69). 1878 'has no more idea of a swing-gate than a shearing-machine'(Boldrewood 91). 1894 'The flock is...drafted according to their age and sex by means of that useful invention, the swing-gate'(Fison 72). 1901 'for big lots of sheep the "swing gate" is more in use than the "handling" system'(De Satge 285). 1914 'Before the advent of Morton's swing gate, which came into general use in the early [eighteen] fifties, all drafting was done by hand'(Hamilton 48). 1932 'run the sheep into a long narrow race or races about 24-30 inches wide then mark the sheep selected with raddle and draft them off with a swing gate'(Scott 14c1). 1955 'The overseer stood at the drafting race, the swing-gates in his hands, his eyes fixed on the entry where the sheep came in at a time'(Lamond 13). 1973 'sheep pens with slab floors, earth floors for shearing, crudely railed sheep yards with a race and swing gate for drafting'(Aus. Work. 14Feb.2c4).

swing the billy 97.
1974 'I'll swing the billy. Had your breakfast?'(Niland 94).

swing the gate 182.
(AND 1898-1965). 1898 'To "ring" the shed or shear most sheep is to "swing the gate" [i.e. of the catching pen]'(Bull.10 Oct.14c3). 1962 'He swung the Gate at Netley in eighteen eighty four' (Stewart et.al.234).

swivel gun 81.
1914 'Swivel guns are veritable engines of duck destruction'(Melb.Her.4Mar.1c3).

Sydney flash, cross 133.
1968 'The Sydney flash is a trick done with a stockwhip, involving triple cracks with a single swing' (Letter Clark Vic).

Sydney pot 79.
1879 'what is known as a "Sydney pot,"...consisting of a quart billy, the close-fitting lid of which formed a pannican'(Anon.125).
T shed 168.

1874 'the most useful form of shed, is what was commonly called the T-shaped shed'(Caird 23).

1882 'the T shed, which is largely used...is built as though it were two buildings—the one forming the cross of the T being used as a shearing board, sheep and sweating pens'(Armstrong 174).

1934 'The wool-rolling table in a T shed should face the centre of the board so that it is equidistant to the end shearsers'(Hardie 20).

1975 'what a shed, huge and T-shaped with seventy stands, on the bank of the Darling'(Ryan 128).

table hand 191.

(AND 1928).

1956 'In large sheds, the table should be out in the floor where table hands can get all round it'(Bowen 92).

table locks 191,193.

1907 'The floor and table locks can be packed together'(Jeffrey 122).

1910 'If there is enough of the "table locks", they are too clean to mix with the "floor locks," and go to a bin of their own'(Bean 199).

1941 'Table locks refers to the second cuts and fritty ends that fall through the rungs of the wool tables'(Goddard 43).

tail(ing) 1.

136,141,150. (AND 1843-1980).

1842 'the stockman was out on the run...tailing (to use the Colonial phrase) weaners'(Aus.5Apr.2c4).

1857 'Tailling [sic] cattle we had collected the two previous days'(Ogilvie 14Jul).

1866 'driving the "quiet mob"...which had been herded—or, in bush parlance, "tailed"—in front of us'(Stamer Vol.2.81).

1887 'a profound contempt for men who were only capable of minding cattle after they had been captured, that is, to tail them'(Sutton 73).

1896 'Here we saw the heifers..."tailed" or herded, as was the fashion in those days'(Boldrewood 19).

1946 'Dogs tailing tame old milkers into the farmyard, working lost flocks in the mountain gullies'(Davison foreword).

1970 'The process [keeping weaners away from mothers] was called by the pioneers "Tailing cattle"'(Budd 43.2).

tailer (up) 136,141.

1959 'the tailor-up...grazed his thirty horses, which are the drover's spares" well away from the mob'(Chauvel 199).

1971 'A horse "tailer" was the chap who rounded up the horses for a team change when the mail coach arrived'(Coon.Times 27May.7).

2. 137,149. See also dock.

(AND 1864-1955).

1863 'your men can catch the lambs and hold them up to you over the rail of the yard to ear-mark and tail'(Butler 154).

1882 'in the case of tailing well-bred ram lambs...attach a ligature about an inch from the end of the tail, so as to prevent excessive bleeding'(Armstrong 137-8).

1883 'on tailing the lambs, I had over 80 per cent. of increase [i.e. after counting the tails]'(Brodribb 13).

1902 'Mustered the wire paddock Tailed 491 lambs'(Witten 6Jan).

1910 'When tailing lambs they should not be more than a week or a fortnight old'(Mullins 38).

1966 'we'd tailed 3,330 lambs and mustered in only 2,900-odd to shear'(Newton 11).

tailing 149.

1919 'Much bleeding can be saved if the tailing be done during cool weather'(Kelly 66).

1945 'The final marking process, viz., tailing, requires care to give a uniform dock'(Pearse 306).

1955 'That's on'y tailin' an' cuttin'," an elderly voice interrupted'(Lamond 121).

1966 The use of appropriate vaccines will...minimise and virtually eliminate blood-poisoning infection following castration and tailing'(Du Faur 102).

tailing yard 122,149.

(AND 1930-1963).

1885 'Went out to tailing yard with rations'(Witten 27Jul).

1898 'the boys had left these cattle at a tailing-yard a few miles from the head station'(Queen.Supp.17Dec.10c2).

3. tail(er) 138.

1932 'if driven the tailers [weakened sheep] would lie down and when they were lifted up...would go down again'(Scott 34c1.ref.1887).

take off 184,185.

1859 'getting through more sheep and taking off his fleece better than any man in the shed'(Kingsley Vol.2.25).

1893 'expressed to us his entire satisfaction with them [machines], stating that they take off all the wool'(McIvor 141).
take (up) 53-55. (AND 1831-1981). 1828 'The good land at this station is entirely taken up' (S. Asian Reg. Apr. 205). 1841 'I believe... that all the stations on Darling Downs have been taken up' (Omnibus 27 Nov. 68c4). 1861 'I remember a young man a Mr. Adam Livingstone taking up a block of land about 60 acres' (Jacques n.d.). 1875 'Took up selection on Barraba 320 acres' (Witten 1 Jan). 1885 'Drove to Walgett & took 10,240 acres' (Ulah 28 Oct). 1981 'A settler could take up land and settle on it without much money' (Facey 49).

**tally**

n. 174, 177, 186, 88. (AND 1870-1980). 1859 'sheared 616 sheep, a great tally' (Peppin 18 Oct). 1871 'Each man's tally or number of sheep shorn has been entered daily to his credit' (Corn. Mag. Vol. 23. 87). 1899 'Each man was supplied with a lump of red raddle, with which he kept his tally... and also put a distinguishing mark on each sheep' (Fraser 161). 1899 'in a year like this shearmen are very scarce and will only come to good sheds where they can get a good tally per man' (Want. Letter. 21 Oct. 5). 1927-8 'The boss also has to count the shorn sheep, keep the tally of each shearer, and supervise the branding of the shorn sheep' (Aus. W. Ann. Vol. 1. 99).

1843 'with a broken thumb... shore a week's tally of 1,430' (Walkabout 1 Feb. 30c3). 1956 'a shearer's tally can fluctuate considerably, depending on the type of sheep he is shearing' (Bowen 2). 1961 'But though I am a truthful man, I find when in a bar, / My tallies always double, and I never call for tar' (Aus. C. Mag. Sep. 71c1). 1973 'The highest tally for the first year of machines, 1888, was Jim Davidson's 173 at Dunlop' (Aus. Work. 14 Feb. 3).

1870 'Just mark what these hungry, bustling men tally; confine them to ten or a dozen per day less, and do not allow them to leave the shed until the other shearers go' (Graham 64). 1915 'there was a hundred at Haley's for anyone who could tally jumbucks quicker and more correctly than the boss' (Bull. 30 Dec. 22c2).

**tally combs.** 188-189.

**t- board** 1889 'Well they know me on the Murray/ When the "tally boards" are full' (Bull. 7 Sep. 21). 1917 'the total tally of each day to be posted on or before the next day on a tally-board in the shed' (Aus. CCA 48). 1930 'When he looks at the "tally" board in the morning he can see if it agrees with his own reckoning' (Syd. M. Her. 7 Jun. 11c1). 1965 'have the tally board hanging up/ on the wall where all the shearers can see it... to know how their tally is progressing' (Bowen 97).

1946 'They kept a tally board in the shed, hanging alongside one of the wool-tables' (Newton 41). 1975 'Sam Fellmon hung a tally board showing individual progressive totals on a post at the corner of the woolroom' (Ryan 113).

**t- book** 1888 'On looking at the tally-book I saw that the best day in the hoggets was 3157 sheep for 33 men' (News. Cut. PL Vol. 136. 27). 1934 'As a guide to getting even bale weights of bellies, if there are 1000 sheep in the mob... keep an eye on the tally-book and make the first [bale] when approximately 500 are shorn' (Hardie 40). 1967 'The shearing tally book is designed to record the number of sheep shorn by individual shearers' (Woodbridge 42).

**t- building** 1966 'feats of tally-building, showmanship, and their rivalry for the honour of occupying the No. 1 shearing stand are still remembered with admiration' (Sutherland 75).

**t- clerk** 1956 'When "runs" are finished the tally clerk should be ready to tally sheep out... a shearer likes to know how he has been going' (Bowen 97). 1964 'It's the man who can do a tally in the jumbuks with a pair of tongs, that I take my hat off to' (Newton 38).

**t- keeper** 1851 'As each sheep is shorn, the shearer takes the fleece to the sorting-table... tells the tally-keeper to mark one for him' (Henderson Vol. 1. 199). 1936 'This policy of the shed-owner imposing a tally limit... was quite common at the time [1866]' (Smyth 5).

**t- man (a)** 1868 'Thus, suppose 400 was the last number mentioned--hundred, says the "boss;" 500 says the tally-man; hundred, 600 says he; and so on' (Browne 79).

1996 'The tallyman kept the score on a counting board something like a checkers board' (Anderson 42).

**t- man (b)** 1935 'The tally-man--the best and fastest shearer--regulates the pace by the clock' (Bull. 3 Jul. 22c1).

**t- pen** 1956 'Tally pens should be large enough... to hold one run of sheep' (Bowen 97).

1908 'the learner makes a last desperate attempt to put up a tally of fifty' (Ogilvie 42).

**t- sheet** 1927-8 'The tally sheet shows the number of sheep shorn by each shearer each day, and his total to date' (Aus. W. Ann. Vol. 1. 100).

**t- stick** 1902 'The dog looked at the tally stick hanging on the wall' (Baynton 48). 1955 '"Thirty thousand," Paddy replied, cutting a triple wide band round his tally-stick' (Lamond 169).
tally hi 186.
(AND 1964-1979). 1964 The basis of the tally-hi system is that you shear down the sheep instead of across it's body'(Syd.M.Her.6Apr.2c7). 1965 'The Australian Wool Board began yesterday an intensive campaign to persuade all shearers to use "Tally-Hi" method of shearing'(Syd.M.Her.5Mar. 8c8). 1973 'A shearing method known popularly as "Tally-hi"...ensures removal of the fleece with minimal movements and fleece damage'(Alexander 92).

tally walker 84.
(AND 1900,1947). 1931 'Tally-walka--said to mean an anabranch and implied to be an aboriginal word'(Allen Note 6Feb). 1935 'Passing over a natural ford in the Tallywalker the track rises sharply'(Walkabout 1Jan.12). 1947 'a tally-walker is much the same thing [as a billabong], but it rejoins the river...when flowing sufficiently'(Maclean 92).

tank
(a) 85,86. (AND 1891-1982). 1861 'Got the large tank filled in the evening'(White 2 Oct). 1882 'At Jenkins, expects to finish half the tank in about a week' (Ulah 11Jul). 1917 'Ern pumping water in afternoon tanks empty'(Harden 17Mar).
(b) 84-86. See dam (b). 1870's 'Fencing of tanks and using poisoned water...although destroying large numbers [rabbits] proved helpless to stay the pest'(Budd 56.1). 1882 'J.S.F. sinking for water. H.F. jobbing & pulling sheep out of tanks'(M.Wilson 26Jan). 1890 'I was very much surprised to see that you gave "Stevens" the job of sinking a tank for 9d per yard when you have so many horses of your own'(Harrison 6Jun.2). 1902 'Clearing Tank with Bullocks and Scoops below house' (Caldwell 22Mar). 1916 'I propose making a small tank or rather scooping out a small waterhole on Eurongilly'(Want.Letter.4Nov.3). 1929 'Gee and self worked on tank in top paddock'(Gibson 18Mar). 1932 'My brother...had large excavated tanks made in the back country'(Scott 47c3). 1939 'the relatively high loss was mainly due to the sheep...becoming bogged in tanks etc.'(CSIR Journ. Feb.58). 1973 'a Cobar grazier counted 30 dead grey kangaroos at one dry tank'(Syd.M.Her. 22Jan.7c1).

(c) 86. 1862 'Got the large tank filled, and brought up to the house, by some accident it tilted up, and the tap was broken'(White 16Jan). 1896 'I cut two blocks to put Peisly's tank on in the evening' (O'Shaughnessy 9Mar).

tank combs
1881 'looking for the tank catch on the back position of B block'(M.Wilson 3Mar).

1907 'Mr J.McNally...has been tank-sinking on Portland Downs'(Morn.Bull. 14Nov.5c6). 1932 'The sons...could do anything in the bush line--ride, fence, tank sink, drive' (Scott 56c1. ref.1900).

1986 'We pass the tank sinkers' camp which we visited yesterday'(Clarke 201). 1980 'Spanker sent...two or three others to different fencers' and tank-sinkers' camps'(Furphy 188). 1981 'The locals didn't want us and there was trouble with a tank sinking crew called Murphies Marauders'(Sun Her.4Jan.83c1).

tap 131.

1851 'Gave the little ram 50 [ewes] and the large one 59. About twenty are tapped up to this time' (Ogilvie 26Apr).

tar
n. 190. 1872 'Cutting is of frequent occurrence...the shearer does not stop for an instant, but cries out "Tar"'(Eden 96). 1902 'When a sheep is cut, the shearer calls out "tar," and the boy runs with his tar-dab and smears the wound'(Gold.Fleece 2Jun.28). 1934 'See that he [tar boy] has a tar-pot and swab, and impress on him the necessity for instant obedience to the call for "Tar"'(Hardie 17). 1945 'When the shearer calls out "tar" (though needless to say tar should never be used)...the boy...sprays the wound with the antiseptic solution'(Pearse 313).
v. 191. 1882 'Have any serious wounds sewn up and well tarred, as the wound heals quicker, and is not so liable to the attack of flies' (Armstrong 169). 1917 'If the employee badly cut a sheep, or if a sheep be insufficiently tarred, the employee will at once sew and tar the cut' (Aus.CCA 48). 1941 'a fly-blown sheep has to be held after he is shorn for the tar boy to tar him' (Aus.Work.4Jun.14c3).

tar combs.

1888 There wasn't a man of the lot in the shed down to the tar-boy (Boldrewood 101). 1894 'Tar-boys...applying a dash of the contents of their pots to the small cuts and raw spots...keeping away flies and so expediting the healing process' (Fison 71). 1902 'Two pickers-up who act also as tar-boys, keep the board clear of wool' (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.28). 1934 'If the tar-boy is slow or lazy, the shearer will not wait and sheep go out with cuts untarred' (Hardie 17).

1959 'Sam was expert, boss of the board, tar-boy and broomie' (Tritton 42).

t-brand 1899 139. '[the sorter proceeds to] clip off the tar brand if there be any, and to pick off all loose twigs' (Jeffrey 97).

t-dab(ber) 190. 1939 'he was advanced enough to give up the tar-dabber for the tongs [hand shears]' (LFS Ann.23Aug.20cl).

1965 'in extreme cases, somewhat crude dabbers, relics of the old *tar-dabs* or sticks' (Pearse 336).

1979 'When shearing maggotty sheep the shearer usually calls for "Tar on the maggot!" but he is not required by the Award to do so' (Woodbridge 162).

t-stick see t-dab 190. 1957 'The "tar stick...as commonly used is of doubtful value, apart from which the use of tar on the wool is very deleterious' (East Syd.Tech.Vol.1.134).

tassel 193.

1980 'tassel...greasy lock of wool left under the legs and brisket' (Sowden 249).

tea 96. (AND 1863-1984). 1877 'After tea the patients are all marched to their wards for the night' (James Vol.1.109). 1891 'A shy young girl...brought in a clean table-cloth and afterwards everything that made up a good tea-dinner' (Boldrewood 117).

1902 'The evening meal at sundown, allowing for circumstances is invariably "tea," though by no means differing in essentials from the one at midday' (Boldrewood 165).

1959 'I think I'll come in after tea' (Lawler 14).

1977 'we visited the "Tea and Sugar Train"...which cares for the people who live in the desert and maintain the great railway' (Chauvel 128).

tea chest 28.

1891 'squatters have no excuse to employ "Tea Chesters"' (Lab.Bull.28Feb.1c4).

tea tree scrub 68. (AND 1842-1878). 1839 'The prisoners...made a dash off through the town to the tea-tree scrub on the banks of the river' (Port P.Gaz.6Nov.4c3).

1841 'their wives had escaped...led by the lubras into a large tea-tree scrub' (Omnibus 30 Oct.36c3).

1852 '[Sydney domain] There are shady paths, sacred to foot passengers, winding among the "tea scrub"' (Mundy Vol.1.70).

team 1. 109,110. See bullock team. (ext.OED sb.II.3). 1844 'We had a team of bullocks and about 800 head of cattle' (O'Shaughnessy 1).

1847 'buy a dray and team...near Sydney' (Harris 285).

1893 'A pack bullock was at this time [ca 1840] of far more value than a team bullock' (Demarr 56).

1926 'Gus M'Gee, teamster at the Ten Mile, was a good man with horses and got the best out of his teams' (Prichard 89).

1980 'All goods came up by teams, chiefly bullock teams, wondered how they could find their way up' (Gulgong (2).3.ref.1858).

teamster 110.

1862 'On Friday they [bushrangers] stuck up every person between that place and Lambing Flat—teamsters, diggers, and women' (Braid.Obs.8Feb.2c2).

1868 'The teamster for sometimes two months at a stretch, lives on the top of his dray, perhaps alone' (Den.Chron.24Dec.4c2).
England showing teamsters to Pine Ridge (Uliah 18 Apr. 1897) on approaching the telegraph line they met a teamster, from whom they got a supply of provisions (Cooperwull Magazine 1 Oct. 3). 1916 'went to town to engage teamster to draw wheat' (Harden 28 Dec). 1931 'A case is to be heard... against a teamster for travelling a formed road' (Bal. Beac. 22 Oct. 11c 4). 1944 'Three of us [swampers] left Coolgardie together with a teamster with our swags aboard his team' (O'Callaghan 50c 2). 1959 'like all good teamsters... he carried no whip... and depended on his voice' (Tritton 8c 2). 1964 'Hundreds of men were camped in tents on the outskirts of Perth among teamsters loading their drays and carts for the long eastward haul to the goldfields' (Casey 72).

team 1. 164, 170, 171, 183. See shearing team.

1950 'Such a team includes shearers, shed hands, piece pickers, pressers, a wool classer, a machine expert, and a shearer's cook' (Int. Wool Sec. 12). 1957 'With the establishment of machine shearing... the shearers were organized into "teams" and the contract system of shearing began' (Ryan 5). 1964 'Sarre shored 327 sheep in seven hours, 40 minutes, as a member of a six­stand team taking the sheep as they came' (Munz 143).

tear 209.
1937 'The "tear" of Merino wool would average 7-1, which means that in the combing process there would be 7 lb. of top to 1 lb. noil' (Wool. Man. 28). 1941 'The combing "tear"--percentage of tops over noils must also be considered' (Goddard 31). 1964 'Tear... the percentage of tops to noils in the combing process' (Smith 14).

team 2.

1950 'A piece of material [apron] suspended under a "teaser" ram to prevent normal service' (Belschner 691). 1962 'It helps to use teaser rams two weeks before joining' (Aus. C. Mag. Nov. 30c 1).

2. 208. See willeying.

1953 'the wool fibres are loosened and opened out in a "teaser" or "willeying machine"' (Clair 22).

teg 149. See hogget.

1831 'He would even do well to keep the wether fleeces by themselves, and also the Teg, or Hoggett ones, separate from the rest' (Southey 11). 1882 "hogs," or "tegs"... are the first fleeces shorn from the sheep' (Armstrong 56). 1895 'Teg, Hog, or Hogget... the first fleece from a sheep that has not been shorn as a lamb' (Hawkesworth 7). 1952 'Teg... nowadays synonymous with hog, but its use is traditional to locality and type of wool' (Haigh 103).

telegram 188.
1942 'the boss over the board in a woolshed being said to send a shearer a "telegram" or a "wire" [verbally] when reprimanding him' (Bull. 9 Sep. 12c 1).

ten, ten, two and a quarter 93.

1867 'The rations for one man are... 10 lbs. of flour, 10 lbs. of meat, 2 lbs. of sugar, and a quarter of a pound of tea' (Morison 179). 1885 'What scorn of the old "ten, twelve, two, and a quarter of beef, flour, and sugar, and tea" that was served out on Monday mornings' (Bull. 15 Aug. 14c 2). 1903 'his pay is only fifteen shillings a week--with ten, ten, two and a quarter-- and he is anything but a miser' (Furphy 84). 1935 'Ten, two and a quarter... where men are provided with rations, one man's needs for a week are allotted on the basis of ten pounds of flour two pounds of sugar, and a quarter of a pound of tea... [meat is provided without being measured by the pound]' (Plowman 186-7). 1956 'give me a humpy down there on the creek and feed me on the old ten, ten, two and a quarter' (Ronan 332).

tender (ness) 201.
1870 'the sheep that had had plenty of water, although on the very barest of pasture... had scarcely a tender fleece among them' (Graham 87). 1897 'the latter [clothing type, not combing] the short and tender fleeces' (Gold. Mort. 9). 1905 'As regards tender wool, many mistakes are made by placing unsound wool with the sound' (Ag. Gaz. 242). 1929 'the sheep had been impoverished either by drought or sickness, and the wool became tender and finer' (Ag. Gaz. 900). 1934 'tender wool should not be mixed with sound (except in cast lines of small clips)' (Hardie...
Tenderness is caused by a long, lingering sickness, when the wool does not receive proper nourishment in the shape of yolk (Hawkesworth 182). Lines which are part tender or tender...do not comb and spin as well as sound types (Minter 73). Tender Wool...will not stand the pressure of 7 pounds applied during the combing process (Munz 153). Care should be taken to examine all fleeces for tenderness, and...should on no account be included in main fleece lines (Guthrie 217). Wool which has had a set-back or break in growth, will not stand up to combing tension...is termed "tender" (Jordan 173). "tenderness" indicates that wool would break readily in manufacture (Barnard 16).

tension nut / pin 178.

Territory, the 64,66. (AND 1882-1983). He can smoke a cigar and sip a nobbler...as any man in the territory (Col.Lit.Journ. Vol.1.27Jun). When she returned to Sydney for a change after some four years in "The Territory," she very soon tired of civilisation (Queen 9 Oct.64c2). Weeks of torrential rain has turned hundreds of thousands of square miles of the Territory into a quagmire (Cour.Mail 7Mar.8).

test shed 172.

thirads, on 51.

thoroughbrace 108. (OED US). Their two-horse thoroughbrace [i.e.thoroughly braced] loaded with gear...that jerky old thoroughbrace would need no road...could cross steep gullies, bump over logs and rocks and stumps...and never need new springs (Idriess 71).

three cornered 106. 1848 'ill-shaped and weedy, or as they are styled in the colony, "three-cornered" horses (Haygarth 84). 1890 'Sell every three-cornered wretch of 'em (Boldrewood 386).

tick 157. 1911 'Slight irruptions of tick and pleuro had been reported from the far northern paddocks (Dorrington 264). tick combs. See also tickie 
t- gate 120,157. (AND 1927-1980). 1980 'But if that boundary be a "tick", / It's worse than Satan or Old Nick' (Gunn 72). 
t- fever 157. 1985 'The vast cattle herds...could be severely reduced by an outbreak of cattle tick fever (Syd.M.Her.5 Oct.2c2). 
t- jammer 204. (see presser) 1898 'and the wool-pressers [are] "tickjambers"' (Bull.1 Oct.14c3). 1902 "Tick-jammer" is the man who puts the wool into bales (Gold.Fleece 2Jun.26).
tickie 120,157.

ticket of occupation 43.50.52.
(AND 1820-1852). 1825 'The tickets of occupation...had contributed wonderfully to the increase
of our flocks and herds, which were the main dependence of the Colony'(Aus.27 Oct.2c2). 1829
'to the unoccupied tracts in the interior, when, having fixed upon a spot well watered, and a
tolerable share of feed, they make application...for a "ticket of occupation;"...granted upon
payment of a small fee'(Widowson 159).

tier 66.
(AND 1826-1895). 1824 'Beyond the Eastern Tier are several extensive tracts of good
country'(Curr 62). 1833 'those runaways...are otherwise suffered to rest in the tiers and marshes
in profound quiet, and unmolested'(Tasman.20Dec.403c3). 1861 'Our plans consequently
resolved themselves into the amphibious arrangement of riding over the "Tier" as our mountain-
range is termed'(Meredith 5-6). 1882 'A shipload of escaped convicts could at any time be
landed...and...would retire to the "Tiers"...living in log-huts in inaccessible gullies'(Tolmer
Vol.1.151.ref.1840). 1891 'That stuff as they calls horizontal, a mess of branches and root,/ The
three barren tiers'(Austral.4 Apr.670c2).

tier(s)man 66.
(AND 1840-1978). 1852 'Splitters...called tiersmen, reside in the forest of stringy bark'
(Lancelott Vol.2.115). 1882 'general rumour...that an attempt would be made by tiersmen to
rescue them on the day of execution'(Tolmer Vol.1.141-2).

tiger 180.
(AND 1899,1956). 1900 "Go it, you____ tigers!" yells a tarboy'(Lawson (1) 132).
tiger cat 154.
1889 'I shot a kangaroo and poisoned a tiger native [feral] cat'(O'Shaughnessy 30Jan). 1907
Tiger cat in Fowl house lost him'(Witten 26Jun).
tiger country 66.
(AND 1945-1979). 1967 'Wild, impenetrable country is commonly called tiger country'(Knox
Note)

tight cut 172,184,186.

Tim Shea 141.
1897 'Tim-Shea-ing means following the sheep as they wander along where they please, and
camping them out wherever they happen to be at dark, instead of driving them into a fold'(Archer
119).

Timor pony 106.
1933 Those Timor ponies date back to 1840'(Bull.27 Sep.21c1).

tin dog 191.
(AND dog n.2d 1924). 1911 'I hastily procured a jam tin from the cook, and manufactured what
is locally known as a "tin dog"'(Grondona 76). 1963 'We shouted, yelled, rattled tin dogs, made
other weird noises, but we got nowhere'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.55c4).

tin pot 78.
1893 'a bushman and his Cockatoo friends and Companions...swag and tin pot on the ground'
(Demarr 201.ref.1840s).

tinned dog 94.
(AND dog n.2c.1895-1982). 1898 'rabbits...might serve to break the monotony of "tinned dog"
for the weary prospector'(Carnegie 138-9). 1903 'The son of a popular Scottish nobleman...
partook of humble meals (composed largely of damper, "tinned dog", and billy tea)'(Marshall
58-9). 1929 'feeling a bit run down and fed up with "tinned dog" and damper'(Raeside 10). 1953
'As to diet in the early camps, men lived mainly on Damper and "Tinned Dog"'(WA H.Soc.18).
1965 'Our tucker was mostly tinned dog and damper'(Williamson Note, Perth).
tinner 147.
1939 'There were 1200 bullocks, with the balance heifers, cows, and tinners'(Cour.Mail 22Sep.17 c2). 1961 'Older and poor descriptions in sheep are known as "crackers," "tinners," and "canners"'(Jordan 21).

tip 202,209.
1950 'Tip...the outer extremity of a staple of wool'(Belschner 703). 1961 'A good tip, dense and well sealed...[by which] a sheep resists things like weather, flies, dust and seed'(Aus.C. Mag.Aug.19c1). 1965 'they have a fleece with a level tip, denser and brighter than if they had been left unshorn, in which case the fleece would have a wasty, spiral tip, open and frequently discoloured'(Pearse 333).

tip dray 108.
(AND 1899-1962). 1880 'Exchanged one of my tip carts for a large tip dray'(O'Shaughnessy 7Dec). 1915 'Wanted steady man to drive tipdray constant work, guaranteed earning £4 18s a week, must invest £20'(Syd.M.Her.1Jul.13c5).

tip spray 157.
1963 'Added to high quality performance diazinon is versatile--sheep can be jetted, dipped or tip sprayed'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.44).

tippy 202.
1900 'wool with a superabundance of tip; also a very heavy, yolky tip, is called tippy'(Hawkesworth 152). 1907 'Tippy...wool with an extra amount of grease at the tip'(Jeffrey 150). 1931 'Tippy'...refers to wool with a very heavy, large-headed, yolky tip'(Allen Note, 23Feb). 1944 'Tippy...wools which have open and / or weathered and perished tips. Tippy wools are not accepted as superior types'(Minter 73). 1950 'Tippy...a term used when the tip is open and loose. The condition may be caused by severe weather damage'(Belschner 703). 1966 'The hoggets with short-stapled, hairy, very "tippy" fleeces, can be marked for culling'(Du Faur 151).

toby 172,188.
(AND 1957-1965) 1957 'I've been shearing on the Goulburn side /...Where every day 'twas "Wool away!" and Toby did his work'(Stewart and Keesing 273). 1965 'Toby, another name for the raddle stick'(Gunn ii.33).

(AND 1957-1965) 1957 'I've been shearing on the Goulburn side /...Where every day 'twas "Wool away!" and Toby did his work'(Stewart and Keesing 273). 1965 'Toby, another name for the raddle stick'(Gunn ii.33).

toff's house See Government House.

tomahawk 1. 87. (AND 1808-1986). 1802 'a plentiful assortment of...knives, shirts, tomahawkes, axes...etc., for the people in general'(Barrington 466). 1847 'We...observed recent marks of the stone tomahawk of the natives'(Leichhardt 259). 1881 'so packing up a swag, consisting of a pair of blankets, pick, tomahawk, tin dish and billy...I started on a prospecting tour'(Evans 46). 1893 'Every inhabitant [rabbit], as he was drawn from his hole, received his death blow from the back of the tomahawk'(Merrii 75). 1920 'Jerry had used his tomahawk savagely and had disappeared into the bush with his gin'(Palmer 154). 1959 'Another settler...scribbled a treaty...in return for tomahawks and clothing. Using "Tomahawk Law"...he squatted on 600,000 acres of land'(Chauvell7). 1923 'I said I had learnt to shear in my absence, and...was permitted to tomahawk through the balance of the flock'(Aus.Work.11Jul.15c5). 1933 'With the blades sheep were not "tomahawked" so much and were less liable to fly attacks'(Bull.15Nov.28). 1956 'all hands went out, and the managers succeeded in getting scabs to "tomahawk" through'(Aus.Work.5Sep.6c7).
tomahawk(er) 180,181.
(AND 1901-1964). 1870 'it [over-zealous supervision by managers] degrades the really conscientious and able man to a level with the "tomahawker"'(Graham 62). 1893 'the great flockmasters...have been made practically independent of that class of shearers known as the "leveller" or the "tomahawker" by the invention of the sheep shearing machine'(McIvor Pt.1. 140-1). 1912 'Sacking the tommyhawker suggested an old bugbear, the Labour Problem'(Tait 70). 1947 'Tomahawkers! I've seen them trying to shear...Blood all over the board and boys hurrying round with pots of tar. Just like a slaughterhouse'(Palmer 9). 1975 'There were some rough and ready shearers, tomahawkers they called them, and they were getting the bullet [the sack] right and left' (Ryan 128.

tomahawking 180,187. 1864 'the latter [high tally shearers] were often brought to task for "tomahawking", or leaving ridge-and-furrow shear-marks'(Armour 17). 1879 'Steam-arm Jack...was reputed to have polished off 210 sheep in a day; but it was added that his work was tomahawking rather than shearing'(Gent. Mag. 571). 1895ca 'He would not scruple to leave half inch long ridges of wool on the sheep, so long as he could get paid...This kind of shearing was called "Tom-a-hawking"'(Kirby 147). 1911 'This [control of racing] prevents tomahawking and it explains why a man will make a phenomenal record in one shed and cut only an ordinary tally in another'(Sorenson 241).

tommy 95. See brown tommy. 1847 'they gave me a pound of "tommy"; but its colour and scent were enough'(Harris 146).

tommy axe 81. See tomahawk (a). 1898 'Tommy-axe...a popular corruption of the word Tomahawk'(Morris 474). 1938 'cutting a strip[ of bark from the tree with the tommy axe'(Herbert 358).

ton 180,189. 1964 'Tally of 100 sheep a day is a ton'(R.Ryan Interview).

tong handler 180. 1925 'listened to the fervent adjurations of the "tong-handlers" when, in the old hand-shearing days, they struck a mob of leather-necks'(Aus.Work.4Mar.13c5).

tongs 177. (AND 1895-1951). 1902 'When by chance he gets a "pen" he buys a pair of "tongs"'(Gold. Fleece 2Jun.26). 1908 'in many [sheds] are still to be found the old-fashioned shears, or "tongs" as they are familiarly called'(Ogilvie36). 1939 'at length he was advanced enough to give up the tar-dabber for the tongs'(LFS Ann.23Aug.20c1). 1950 'It was up the neck and the blades went clean / And both of her ears were saved, / And the more I gathered those tongs between / The better that sheep behaved' (Woodhouse 146). 1965 'Matt Andrews...had done 198 sheep with the blades (or tongs)'(Vance 52).

top(s) 197,198,200,206,209. 1900 'Top...the name given to wool after it has undergone the process of combing, when all the noils, knots, and moits are combed out...taking the form of a ribbon or sliver, and rolled into a large ball of pure wool'(Hawkesworth 156). 1910 'The mechanical processes undergone by combing and clothing wools in their transformation from a mass of fleecy fibres into..."tops" are quite different' (Jackson 4). 1937 'Top...is the wool in the form of a "sliver" when all seed, moit and loose hair have been removed, and the wool fibres are laid parallel'(Wool.Man.28). 1944 'Top...A product of combing consisting of the longer fibres, from which the shorter fibres or noil have been extracted' (Minter 74). 1957 'A "top"...is the stage at which the wool is ready for spinning'(Guthrie 218). 1964 'The "top" is another term used to denote the long, strong, rope-like sliver of wool that results from the combing process'(Smith 61).

top maker 202. 1899 'Top Makers are those who manufacture "tops" for the market'(Jeffrey 95). 1905 'The tops maker sells the tops to the worsted spinner, noil and waste to the woollen manufacturer'(Ag.Gaz. 245). 1931 'Topmakers...are maintaining a firm attitude in regard to prices'(Syd.M.Her.
1 May. 9c5. 1935 'Some topmakers have rather freely criticised the character of the offerings' (Syd. M. Her. 8 Jan. 7c7).

top up
(a) 121, 134. (AND 1889-1960). 1880 'in the season when bullocks are "topping up"' (Inglis 62).
    1901 The Barcoo country could "top up" bullocks to travel 1,000 miles over good country and still be good butcher's meat' (De Satge 275. ref. 1870).
(b) 117, 118. 1879 'topping up dividing fence between McKinnon, doing it very well, but must do it better' (Macdonald 14 Aug). 1884 'topping up brush fence by lagoon in Home Paddock' (Macdonald 20 Aug).
    1890 'We devoted the next few days...to fixing the spade press...and topping up the brush yard at the equally primitive washpool' (Bouldrewood 202).

top combs.

t- beat 114. 1953 (See beat). t- end 66. (AND 1933-1986). 1934 'The high reaches of the river...and way up in the top end among the razor backs' (Mac. Chron. 9 May. 10c5).
    1961 'How about maintaining Top End roads already here' (AUS. Mag. Sep. 5c1).
    1986 'All Aborigines in the Top End and in Central Australia are being taught tracking' (Syd. M. Her. 24 Jun. 4c5).
    1878 'A man and two women roaming round the top end filming with a small clockwork camera' (Syd. M. Her. 6 May. 22c3).
    1981 'A top "gun" shearer can fail dismally in a competition if he doesn't have his wits about him' (Land 11 Jun. 1c3).
    1987 'The Top Gun is the best [shearer] of the lot' (Syd. M. Her. 20 Jul. 2c7).
    1986 'it is conventional to call the top line AAA, but...try to give [other lines] names which have some relation to the type of wool in them' (Eves 14).

1934 'Toppings...dags and tar-brands cut off with shears by the sorter' (Austral. 18 Apr. 4c2).

topknot 166, 193.
    1870 'Sheep that strip at the points, and lose the belly-wool, having a clean head without topknot' (Graham 36).
    1895 'skirting...consists in taking off the locks, bellies, top knots, and shank pieces, and removing any stained wool' (Arthur 16).
    1905 'We'll take no top knots off this year; nor trim them to the toes' (Paterson 50).
    1922 'A top-knot of true wool, not down, should cover the forehead' (Perry 37).
    1933 'After doing the hind leg take the topknot off, and the wool on the jaws' (McKenzie 6).
    1934 'At the annual shearing top-knots should be placed in "Pieces" or "Locks" [bins] according to length or bulk' (Minter 14).
    1935 'a bit of a wag...he shored the top knot wool off the sheep's head and patted it back on the poll of the head' (Bowen 10).
    1936 'When shorn, the poll wool is known as a "top-knot," looking like a round cap' (Jordan 8).

topnotcher 182.
    1936 'the honour of being the ringer was a considerable spur to the topnotchers' (Austral. 18 Apr. 4c2).

toppiness, toppy 202.
    1870 'Toppiness is not of much importance as affecting the quality...but it indicates a defect in the breeding' (Stewart 152).

toppings 166.
    1895 'Toppings...dags and tar-brands cut off with shears by the sorter' (Hawkesworth 5).

township 65, 115.
    (AND 1789-1980). 1802 'The timber of a hundred and twenty acres was cut down, a small township marked out, and a few huts built' (Collins Vol. 2. MS. 512).
    1827 'We consider that in laying out the townships of the colony, the Government have adopted too large a scale...strikingly observable in Sydney itself' (Monitor 19 Jul. 523c3).
    1855 'Wangaratta is a small but rising township in the midst of mud and slime' (F. H. Wilson 31 May. np).
    1868 'At every small township...canvas stores were superseded by erections of wood, stone or brick' (AUS. Journ. Vol. 3. 370c2).
    1880 'The township of Glenrowan consists of about half a dozen houses, inclusive of two bush hotels' (III. Aus. News 3 Jul. 106c3).
    1893 'The country townships they
created in the centre of a circle of their colossal "runs" eke out a miserable existence with the meagre patronage of the selectors'(Adams 146). 1905 'We drove to the far away bush "township" of Coonabarrabran'(Life Mag.15Jun.589c2). 1926 'they all streamed down the broad dusty street, between the small wooden houses of Karri Creek township' (Prichard 285). 1970 'tiny township of Grabben Gullen...has become a boom town for amateur prospectors'(Sun.Tel.4 Oct.21).

towri 35. (ref.Aboriginal lands).  
(AND 1872-1972). 1873 'He [stockman] is usually found...far out on the Balonne or Barwon; though the "towri," or portion of country he inhabits, is not restricted to these neighbourhoods' (Ill.Syd. News 5Sep.11c1).

trace chain 111.  
1920 'Clarke had always seemed...ready to pull evenly in the trace-chains for his regular allowance of grass and water'(Palmer 83). 1935 'He traced some of the surface roots..and broke most of his trace-chains trying to get them out by horse-power'(Lawson Vol.1.7).

track 102.  
(AND 1869-1977). 1859 'they came to a number of roads, branching off in all directions--"tracks" as they are called in the colony'(Burrows 5). 1899 'we returned in our tracks, breaking down small branches for future guidance'(Derrincourt 223). 1904 'Take me to the dining-room window, so's I can see who's coming up the track'(Palmer-Archer 229). 1920 'the journeys over dry, blistering tracks and the nights around lonely camp-fires'(Palmer 6). 1932 'Water was out over the track all the way to Abedoar(Scott 62c1).

track combs.  
t-, do the 103. 1892 'he was "doing the track" to fill the position of Chief Warden and S.M. on the Northern Territory Goldfields'(Hallack 75c1). 1968 'He had with him a Melbourne schoolteacher and his wife..."doing the track" as an experience'(Walkabout May.36c3). t-, on one's 103. 1852 'The affair [highway robbery] was duly reported to the Tumburra bench, and police sent on their track'(Bath.F.Press 9Jun.2c3). 1908 'We had not gone far before we discovered they were on our tracks'(White 46). t-, on the 90,103,125. 1902 'Now I'm allers very careful with matches an' fire when I'm on the track'(Lawson (2) 77). 1931 'Two young married women...left their homes...last week on the "track" in search of employment'(Bal.Beac. 29Jan.12c4). 1941 'he was thinking that life "on the track" was not so bad, with good places to camp and "cockies' sheep to knock over"'(Tennant 4). 1953 'He was going on the track'(Caddie 255).

track, the 103,105. (AND 1935-1984). 1942 'Nor leave them poor and jobless for the dole queue or "the track"'(Kelaher 30). 1983 'Not far up The Track (as the Stuart Highway is known) are the Devil's Marbles'(Syd.M.Her.15Jan.26c2). tracks, make 103. 1857 '"made tracks" back to what the stations were a little thicker'(Cooper 29). 1879 'So we struck tents and departed, drinking a good-bye as we crossed the river and made tracks' (Grundy 246). 1892 'as often proved to be the case, getting half their passages paid by the Western Australian Government and then immediately "making tracks" to the other colonies'(Mennell 10). 1930 'After cutting out at Nochleema, Murphy and I made tracks for Dunlop'(Bradshaw 24). 1970 'he's making tracks for a snug house on Lake Macquarie'(Sunday Tel.11Nov.96). 1980 'With all your blow I think I can, / Make even better tracks' (Gunn 205).

trade shearer 180.  
1966 'As sheep after sheep went down the porthole I sometimes regretted my earlier decision not to become a trade shearer'(Mills 11).

trade union shears  See shears

tramp 203.  
1956 'In tramping a press, concentrate on the sides and not the middle, as the sides will bind down and hold'(Bowen 95).

tramway 169-70.  
1871 'Small tramways, with baskets for the fleeces, run the wool up to the wool-tables, superseding the more general plan of hand-picking [up]'(Corn.Mag.Jan.75).
trap cattle 122.
1968 'trap cattle...semi-wild cattle that have been mustered for slaughter and secured in small trap yards adjacent to watering places' (ABC Radio 18 Jan).

trap yard 122, 157.
(AND 1880-1963). 1880 'Our first work was to construct a number of trap yards' (Stevenson 93). 1932 'On Bogamildi a trap yard was erected...to trap scrub cattle but a few brumbies were also caught' (Scott 22c3.ref.1880). 1962 'And builted [sic] trap-yards near the water holes' (Cutlack 134).

catch 516
1968 'catch cattle...to trap scrub cattle but a few brumbies were also caught' (Scott 22c3.ref.1880).

travel v.t. 140. (AND 1870-1960). 1858 'in the absence of this water [Lachlan River], it would have been totally impossible to travel stock by that route' (Ben. Merc. 23 Nov. 2c6). 1885 'Besides, travelling sheep is most expensive' (Austral. Chris. Supp. 2c2).

1903 Travelling sheep Bourke to Armidale Noonan owner Younger in charge (Ulah 6 Jan). 1948 'Stock travelled may not be moved again within a month of reaching destination [exceptions follow]' (Graz. Ann. 109).

'travellers' hut 77.
(AND 1868-1913). 1887 'took up their quarters in the wool-shed and the travellers' hut' (Nichols 188). 1900 'crouching and groaning for an hour or so in the darkest corner of the travellers' hut' (Lawson (1) 18).

travelling combs. 140.
t- cattle 1874 'Saw some travelling bulls in charge of T. Munro' (Witten 3 Aug). 1888 'Parties travelling...are requested to pass [this station] on the road and not to graze or remain to camp... as the owner has positive instructions not to allow travelling cattle to stop at Morothery' (Ben. Merc. 6 Jul).
t- mob 1884 'At the Gingie boundary taking some sheep out of the travelling mob' (Ulah 9 Nov).
t- sheep (AND 1864-1932). 1882 '700 travelling sheep through [our property] & 100 according to them [drovers] lost on the run' (Macdonald 6 Jun).

1899 'He had worked fairly well...until he went to Adelaide with our travelling sheep and disappeared' (Walker 2). 1916 'Jack & Sid went to see the travelling sheep after lunch' (Witten 6 Apr).

1932 'I saw a great many travelling sheep standing on the flood water' (Scott 53c3.ref.1893).
t- stock (AND 1872-1956). 1948 'Drovers or owners in charge of travelling stock must pay the watering rates according to the numbers' (Graz. Ann. 93c2). 1965 'The maximum rate on travelling stock has been increased...1/- to 1/4 per hundred [sheep] per 10 miles...1/6 to 2/- per 25 [cattle] per 10 miles' (Coon. Times 14 Jan. 17).

t- stock reserve / route 117. (see TSR, stock route) (AND 1830-1977).

1885 'Before determining travelling stock routes...the board shall post...the proposed routes' (Town C. Journ. 10 Jan. 4c4).


treat out 134.
1961 'it was most interesting to see his own stock treated out' (Braid. Disp. 6 Dec. 2).

tree devil 70.
1892 'the slope to the right hand...is still being cleared of timber, for which a tree-devil is used' (Hallack 27c2).

trespass 116, 141.
1890 'Dwyers sheep still trespassing' (O'Shaughnessy 8 May).

trimming(s) 166, 193.
1867 'the scraps taken off by the second clipping, or trimming will have to go amongst the locks, and sell for a lower price than the fleece wool' (Jordan 89).


1918 'The trimmings or board locks are...swept up by another picker-up, and placed in a basket' (Queen. SW Ind. 26).

1950 'Trimmings! What's the good of trimmings? / Mighty lot of wool you've lost' (Woodhouse 30).
trotter 152.
1847 'two in the lot are what in Germany are termed "trabers," i.e. "trotters", or sheep approaching death [quickly]'(More.Bay Cour.2Jan.4.c3).

truck 108.
1880 'cut a log to make axle for the truck [horse drawn] '(O'Shaughnessy 6Dec).

true(ness) 199.
1867 'The fibres of a well-bred fleece should be of the same diameter from root to point. This is termed trueness'(Jordan 23).
1868 'A fibre is true if it exhibits a certain regularity in its whole length...an equal diameter (equal fineness) in all its parts...a regular and equal waving from the bottom to the top' (Jondaryan 12).
1900 'Trueness applies to the structure of the fibre. That having the same diameter throughout, the crimps and curves uniform in shape and evenly set apart throughout the whole length, is said to be true'(Hawkesworth 167).
1950 'Trueness...the characteristic of wools which have the same diameter throughout their length'(Belschner 704).

TSR 121,135,140. See (travelling) stock route
(AND 1897-1977).
1932 'Feed on the TSR was very good and we loafed there for about a week' (Scott .52c2.ref.1900).

tube (drive) 178.
(AND 1904-1963).
1888 'Most of the shearers have speedily acquired the art of attending each to his own gutter and tube drives...without letting his sheep go'(News.Cut.PL.Vol.136.27).

tuck 90.
(ext.OED sb.i.6). 1927 'Perhaps there's some "tuck" in that nigger's bag'(Pals M.667.c3).

tuck combs.
90.

t- in / out (OED sb.i.6,v.i.10.b).
1851 'you won't find much feed for the next 50 miles--and you had better stop a day or so at an out station, and give yer horses a good tuck out' (Tester 66).
1864 'he was afraid after the "tuck out" that I had given him he would hardly be ready for the next meal' (Armour 34).
1885 'Oh, you have had no grub for two days!...I'm going to give you a good tuck-in' (Praed 135).
1908 'she dreamt...they had an A1 tuck-out o' all ther fine dishes she'd ever hear tell of' (Fletcher 20c2).
1914 'I fried him an' had him for tea, an' I must say he tasted better even than this tuck-in o' Gran's'(Mackness 319).
1966 'I'm looking forward to a good tuck-in'(White 89).

t- in v. 1904 'As soon as the tide rose they brought the rest of us food which we "tucked into"'(Petrie ref.1840ca.n.p).
1918 'And a glorious reunion they had, tucking into hot steak-and-kidney puddin' and boiled jam roll'(Lindsay 80).
1965 'They look at it for a moment, but tuck-in with simulated enthusiasm'(White 126).

t- shop
1902 'the children were fighting Waterloo again with tarts in a tuck-shop'(Fletcher 19c1).

tuckaroo
90.
(AND 1889-1985).
1857 'The strange, double-jointed servant...rubbed his hands together and cried "Tuckaroo! tuckaroo!" an expression which expressed wonderful satisfaction'(Howitt Vol.2.15).

tucker 90ff.

n. 90. (AND 1850-1986).
1851 'Now for some tucker...I'm precious peckish'(Tester 78).
1868 'the deceased took him into his tent and shared his "tucker" with him' (Burran.Argus 20Jun.2c5).
1878 'He says...that we..."bolted" our part of the tucker and skedaddled'(St.Geo.Stand.2 Oc.t 2c4).
1890 'he would come to me and get credit for his tucker, and he would pay me with a fourth...or a twenty-fourth share in his claim'(Truth 10Aug.7c1).
1902 'quick, that damn dog's at the tucker' (Baynton 18).
1922 'Perhaps a swagman would come and ask for a bit of tucker'(Aus.Work.26Jul.15c2).
1934 'some small owners had to provide "tucker" as an inducement to get shearers'(Telegraph 9 Oct.5c3).
1952 'Tucker? We took provisions with us from Brunette'(Cour.Mail 17May.2c3).
1967 'The huts had springs to the mattresses, and the tucker was simply grand'(Aus.Work.14Jun.9c4).
1983 'I carried enough tucker in a sugar bag across my back to last me a week' (Sun Her.9 Oct.71c5).

dog tucker 1953 'You'll find some dog tucker in the shed, and you can just let your horses go. Sleep in the hut'(Stronach 6).
At any rate she brought me eggs and cakes, for I was "tuckering" in the hut (Bull. 14 Sep. 22 c1). 1899 'Somebody asked him where and how the guests tuckered' (Truth 15 Oct. 1c6). 1902 'The station has to pay its share when rouseabouts and shearers tuckered together' (Gold. Fleece 2 Jun. 28). 1959 'We tuckered at the house, and Mrs. Craig fed us till we couldn't eat another mouthful' (Tritton 42). 1966 'Also, in consideration of the items the station provided, the contractor tuckered the station employees' (Newton 21).

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t- hole. 1885 'I had been working [mining] at Fryers Creek, in tucker holes, for some time previously' (Aus. Journ. Vol. 1. 1225c2).

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t- money (AND 1892-1954). 1993 'Workin' sub-contract for a feller...an' we was on for savin', so we on'y drew tucker-money' (Furphy 93).

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tug 110.

1868 'At a pinch Ben's old favourite tug (bullock) was worth a dozen of the royal family' (Aus. Journ. 220c2).
tumbling tommy 178.
1931 Tumbling tommy or friction lever jumping...usual cause of this is the bracket wheel being
out of "true" on the shafting'(Grazcos 5).
1957 When the tumbling tommy is pulled over to the
disengaged position...the cone-pulley is moved away from the friction wheel'(Ryan 23).
1968 The "pull in-pull out" mechanism of the overhead gear of a shearing machine is called tumbling
Tommy' (Craig Note).

tup 162.
1838 'five hundred Maiden Ewes, two years old, now ready for the tups'(Monitor 14Feb. 1c3).
1849 'Too much attention cannot be paid to culling, in making up breeding flocks for the
tup'(Duggan 1). 1880 'At the Agricultural Exhibition of all nations [Paris, 1856]...for his pure
merino tup, first prize of 600 francs, and gold medal'(Brown 153-4).
1901 The male is called a
ram or tup, while with his mother he is called a tup or ram lamb'(Journ.Dep.Ag.Jan-Jun.8).

tup lamb 162.
1840 'During the time the lambs run with their dams, the male is called either a "tup lamb", or
"ram lamb"'(Southeay 32).
tupping 162.
1966 'preference should be given to purchasing ewes...in good condition, particularly if
purchased close to flushing and tupping time'(Du Faur 19).
tuppy 162.
1899 'the only thing on the selection like a horse was an old "tuppy" mare that Dad used to
straddle' (Rudd 6).
turkey 105.
(AND 1905-1912). 1892 'It is quite amusing to see the Jackies as they arrive on their jaded
"turkeys,"'(Hummer 14May.3c4).
turkey combs.
1964 'Turkey hock' describes a condition of sheep when their back-leg hocks are turned
works and embankments form a nest-shaped storage, called a "turkey nest"'(Jordan 66).
1971 The County Council...accepted the Minister's earthen mound dam (turkey's nest)'(Riv.D.News
25May.3). (b) 207. 1964 'An accumulation of grass seed in the wool under the neck is sometimes
called a turkey's nest'(Woods Interview).

turn into, off, out, up.
t- into 138. 1896 'Turned 18 ewes into Antijah [paddock]'](Ulah 3Jul). 1918 'We crutched and
wagged every sheep and turned them out into New Shorn pad'(Harden 22Mar). t- off 140.
1961 'Careful study will enable him to turn his stock off...to return him the best economic result'
(Braid. Disp.6Dec.2). 1963 'Calving in March he aims to turn off...a beast dressing 500 lb the
following August 12 months'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.98c1). t- out 140. 1907 'Turned out Tiney &
Milk Maid' (Witten 1Feb). t- up 140. 1868 'better turn him [horse] up.. he can't wander far' (Aus.
Journ.Vol.3. 373c1).
turn-out n. 140.
1896 'not being in a position to keep a "turn-out," can badly spare the time and labour of walking
all over the colony' (Kan.Dem.19 Sep.2c3). 1910 'There also accompanied the party...with an
entirely independent plant and in his own turn out, Mr.F.G.M'Dougall' (Queen.19Mar.19c1).
1932 'We left the turnout at Mr W.R.Munro's property'(Scott 30cl.ref.1885). 1948 'An auction
of the horse and cart was suggested...they would have no need for the turnout'(Uren 182).
1961 'He had a b---- old broken down turnout when he came...and now he has the best equipment of
any shire'(Braid.Disp. 16Aug.2). 1980 'In neat turn-outs, perhaps four-in-hand / They call upon
the squatter'(Gunn 111).
turn-tail 145.
1963 'every time a dog turns tail is not to be regarded as an offence'(Aus.C.Mag.Nov.54c1).
turning out side 185.
1911 'when the animal is being shorn on the other, or "turning out" side, the shears are again pointed upwards [results in cutting through, and not flat on the skin] '(Stewart 160).

twenty niner 46.
1883 The Crown officials and [military] pensioners both look down with sovereign contempt on the "Twenty-niners" '(Bull.8Sep.20c1).

twice cutting 187. See also double cut, two cut
1891 'the machine to be kept...close to the skin so as to avoid twice cutting' (ASU 8). 1917 'the machine or...both blades of the shears will be kept under the wool, and close to the skin, so as to avoid twice cutting' (Aus.CCA 48).

twist, take a 107.
1929 'I'll take a twist out of him [a horse], Ted'(Prichard 63).

two cut 187. See also twice- and double cut.
1956 'My advice to all is to concentrate on shearing to a pattern, keeping the comb on the sheep, watching yourself for "two-cut" and keeping it to a minimum'(Bowen 3). 1960 'keep the comb on the sheep, watching yourself constantly for "two-cuts"(Aus.C .Mag. Feb.42).

two for one 162.
1963 'A two-for-one, or "twofer", describes rams for which shearers are paid a double rate'(R-Ryan Interview).

two tooth 149.

u-blow 185.
1961 'When cleaning up inside the hind legs, the blow coming inwards from the right leg is followed over to the inside of the left leg. This is called the "U" blow'(Jordan 240).

underbrush 68.
1879 This is what was called "forest land", open without underbrush'(Grundy 249).

underground (tank) 86.
1885 'James and I cleaned out the underground tank and put on spouting'...'Mr Squires sent out some railway sleepers to put over underground tank'(O'Shaughnessy 31Aug;10Sep). 1968 'An underground is a kind of well excavated near a house and filled with rainwater from the roof; usually rectangular, say 10 by 10 by 10 feet, and quite different from a well sunk deeper to intercept underground seepage'(Knox Note).

underground mutton 91,154-155.
1958 'Underground mutton to a rabbit-trapper should be as pig-flesh to a Mohammedan'(Williamson 58). 1977 'In fact, so much of this "underground mutton" did they consume that they all began to develop a thick layer of fur on their tongues'(Howcroft 58)

undershot 153. See parrot mouth
1961 'If the lower jaw is set back, it is referred to as "undershot"(Jordan 7).

underwood 68.
1828 'This land...produces...a thick jungle, or underwood'(Dangar 99). 1868 'The gunyah of the prisoners is buried in a gully surrounded by dense scrub of underwood'(Goulb.Her. 5Feb. 204).
union shed 172.
1901 'the Union Rules had been accepted by several proprietors...and the woolshed ticketed as a "Union Shed"'(Boldrewood 27).

unlocated 53. See located.
1826 'unlocated land that never will be taken up, on account of its being rocky, sandy, swampy' (Aus:24May.2c2). 1836 'our new Governor to throw open all the unlocated Crown lands'(Bent's News TR.9Jul.2c3).

up 88.
1904 'all the creeks is up [sic], and the river pretty near a banker near Mulligan's'(Palmer-Archer 19).

up combs.
104.
100.

up (the) country 100. (AND 1805-1971). 1819 'The majority of the prisoners were sent up the country'(Vaux 1.171). 1828 '[advertiser addresses] the Up-country Settlers'...'[shopkeeper addresses] numerous Up-Country friends'...'[editor addresses] our up-country subscribers' (Monitor 7May 1147-1148). 1838 'The up-country gentry ought to feel particularly obliged to the Sydney police'(Monitor 15Aug.2c3). 1842 'The intercourse with the up-country is very much impeded from the difficulty of communication'(Hunt.Riv.Oaz.5Feb.3c1). 1852 'You'll see things yet up the country that these Sydney doings are only child's play by the side of'(Harris 9).
1864 'up country gentlemen...are not necessarily acquainted with the management of the ribbons [reins]'(Ill.Syd.News 15 Oct.10c3). 1871 'Mooney was one of the first fleeters...He had been "up country"'(Aus.Journ. Vol.6.665c2). 1889 'steps are being taken to form a company which will carry on the business of slaughtering up country and transporting the meat to Sydney'(Braid.Disp.21Sep.2c4). 1899 'Dad was up the country earning a few pounds' (Rudd 14). 1912 'a job as horse tailor for a mob of young cattle starting out to stock up country beyond Cannondatta'(Queen.1Nov.6c3). 1970 'he might be returned to the city after some years "up the country"'(Ward 3).

up land 1841 'the settlers by whom this up-land territory is appropriated would not undertake long and toilsome journeys to Sydney' (Hunt.Riv.Gaz.18Dec.2c2).

up river 1828 'It is a great pity that the decisions of the up-river Magistrates at the Coal River...cannot be made public'(Monitor 11Feb.967c2).

urban shearer / shearing 168,171.
1970 'This type of worker [a local shearer, living within easy distance of his shed] has acquired the uninspiring title of "urban shearer"'(Aus.C.Mag.Aug.38-9). 1973 'Urban shearing...refers to a shearing organised by a land owner or property manager. He engages local shearers and...local labour for the classing and shed work'(Aus.C.Mag.Jul.44).

V hut 76.
1863 'I am now going to put up a V hut on the country that I took up'(Butler 73). 1874 'Here, on the banks of a small river, was a sort of permanent camp, consisting of a small hut, commonly called a V-hut, as it is shaped like a V turned upside down'(Caird 13).

van (diemen's) wool 195.
1952 'It is sometimes referred to as "van wool"(Tasmanian) (*)(Haigh 53).

v arminter See vermin.
1962 'The varminter shoots pests when and where he finds them'(Aus.C.Mag.Apr.14c3).

vealer 146.
1904 'striking dull markets--those last lots of vealers'(Palmer-Archer 211). 1935 'Choice yearlings and vealers realised from 28/- to 30/- per 100lb'(Syd.M.Her.15Feb.8c6). 1963 'Calving in March he hopes to turn off a 350lb carcase vealer at nine months'(Aus.C.Mag. Nov.98c1). 1971 'Cows and bullocks were bringing more per pound than light vealers'(Bourke W. Her.18 Jun.1).
vegetable fault / matter 166,193,207.
1961 'Wools with a heavy vegetable fault have appeared in a very bad light'(Aus.C.Mag. Aug.5c2).

veranda(h) 78.
(AND 1839-1981). 1818 'Divine Service will be performed on Sunday next, under the Verandah at the Barracks'(Hob.T.Gaz.22Aug.1c3). 1865 'towards daylight he [bushranger Morgan] went to the door, and walked up and down the verandah'(Goulb.Her.15Apr.2c2). 1870 'one of the men who was standing in the verandah was no other than the district constable'(Burke 33). 1902 'Watty would lean back comfortably in a basket easy-chair on his wide verandah'(Lawson (2) 26). 1907 'Large Airy Single Bedrooms, Wide Cool Balconies and Verandahs'(Towns.D.Bull. 1Jul.8c2). 1923 'The girl was playing on the back verandah of the house'(Telegraph 4 Oct.3c2).

veranda(h) cottage / house / post 78.
(AND 1819-1887). 1833 'To let, with immediate possession, a genteel VERANDA COTTAGE, containing four rooms'(Currency 9Feb.lcl). 1841 'WANTED, a small retired Verandah Cottage, or part of a large one'(Omnibus 6Nov.47c4). 1861 'A pretty veranda house with a grove of wattle trees round it'(Henning 37). (AND 1825-1948). 1970 'an old veranda complete with homestead-style veranda posts'(Bull.2May.10).

vermin fence 119.
(AND 1905-1972). 1905 'Queensland keeps an expensive vermin fence going on the S.A. border' (Bull.2Nov.14c2). 1938 'a lonely hut... the home of a man whose job it was to look after a few hundred miles of vermin fence'(Ratcliffe 239).

Wagga (blanket / rug) 203.
(AND 1900-1983). 1935 ref.1890s 'Every now and again a spark [on a Darling River boat] would burn through the "Wagga rug" of a sleeping shearer'(Lawson Vol.1.332). 1938 'two greasy bran sacks, or, as bushmen call them, Wagga Rugs'(Herbert 341). 1948 'For winter warmth out bags in two layers, called a "wagga," were built'(Uren 161). 1953 'The blanket position was relieved for the time by the loan of a "Wagga rug" (wool pack), incidentally quite a good cover for over and under if you are ever short'(Eastman 72). 1983 'When we get among those spud cockies you can make a wagga from spud bags'... I prowled round hunting for wheat bags to make a "wagga" (blanket) (Huelin ref.1930s.pp.36 and 108).

Wagga pot 111.
(AND 1903-1981). 1903 'I swapped her for... and a Wagga pot, good for eight or ten miles on a still night' (Furphy 19). 1946 'The Wagga Pot... was not quite as good as the Condamine [bell]' (Hoofs Mar.28).

waler 106.
(AND 1849-1981). 1848 'We marched 180 miles in nine days [in India], and I am glad to say that the "Walers" stood their work well'(Mait.Merc.26Apr.3c3). 1875 'While in India... an opportunity of judging the capabilities of the Australian racehorse, as a majority of the performers are either "Walers" or Victorian-bred racehorses'(Austral.Sketch.30 Oct.118c2). 1882 'seven of the horses in the group are "Walers" (horses from New South Wales)'(Austral.Sketch.23Sep. 275c1). 1901 'India, no doubt, takes a good few of our best "Walers"'(De Satge 298). 1929 'At terrific speed the waler then flew down the side of another hill'(MacQuarrie 122). 1936 'Cornet of Parramatta, a blood horse of Arab strain, was to add his lineage to the walers of Burrabinga' (Franklin 80).

walkabout (disease) 153.
(AND 1911-1976). 1931 'Walkabout disease... is almost confined to the northern part of Western Australia... due to horses feeding on Atalaya (Whitewood or cattle bush)'(Allen Note 23Feb).
1954 'They (the horses)...would find the noxious plant which, when eaten to excess caused the dread disease "walkabout" (Ewers 133).

wallaby pad 135. 1931 'Within a few minutes he crossed two wallaby pads, both of which were freshly and thickly marked as with the passing of many wallabies' (Davison 73). 1965 'Where our track here, ends, you'll see a couple of well-marked wallaby pads' (Jones 54).

wallaby scrub 69. 1899 'For the rest there were sky, wallaby-scrub, gum-trees, and some acres of cultivation' (Rudd 153). 1931 'It was just bush--poor wallaby scrub most of it, not near as good land as Bandicoot [a property]' (Franklin 22).

wallum (country) 68. (AND 1876-1983). 1862 'the blacks have forsaken the town for their annual gathering in the wallum country' (West.Post 12 Apr. 3c2). 1966 'because of this [Aboriginal name, wallum] we refer to the soils this plant grows on in nature as wallum' (Sun.Truth 23 Jan. 44).

wander 136. v. (ext.OED II.6). 1904 'whenever those cows did come round in the day time, Talty and the boys...would dog and stone them...and do their utmost to "wander" them' (Rudd 48). 1974 'Livestock, particularly hand-reared, sometimes become a nuisance near the homestead so they are "wandered" in the back paddock or with other stock' (Knox Note).

warrigal (a) 155. (AND 1790-1980). 1847 'The interstices at all quarters were such that a warregal (bush-dog) not only could have crept through, but might have run and jumped through' (Harris 328). 1848 '[his dogs] will awaken him on the approach of a "warragle," or native dog, his only cause of alarm' (Haygarth 44). 1885 'they are only blind pups of the warrigal' (Aus.Journ. Vol. 20. 136c1). 1860 'The sheep...surrounded by the Scotch colly dogs, which instantly give an alarm if any of the wraggles or wild dogs approach' (Milburn 35). 1892 'The warregals scent the camels afar off and they are wild; but we are nearing our breakfast station, and even they are affected by that satisfying proximity' (Parker 41). 1899 'the occasional melancholy howl of a warrigal dingo (wild dog)' (Walker 135). 1915 'This method of collaring warregal [running down on horseback] is common outback' (Bull. 22c2). 1942 'The sight of wild dogs (warrigals) flying across this country, is given only to children and poets' (Langley 16). 1978 'There were two sheep killed here last night and Johnny says the tracks at the water were made by a proper big feller warrigal' (Garvey 65). 1980 'I'm a Warrigal Joe or plain Dingo, / There's a bounty on my head' (Gunn 151).

(b) 106, 156. (AND 1881-1935). 1884 'men go out and camp at the waterholes used by the warregals, to keep them away from the water, with the view of weakening them' (Austral.Sketch. 25 Aug. 134c1). 1899 'The story of the warregals, or wild horses, tempting working horses away, was a common fiction' (Boxall 191). 1915 'The wildest of the scrub-bred warregals, broken by the long day's steady trotting, hustled up quietly' (Prichard 210).

wash(ing) 164, 165, 207. See also sheep wash
n. (AND 1886). 1867 'When the sheep is in a large water-hole or lagoon, the process commences by throwing the sheep into a soaking pen' (Jordan 81). 1879 'All hands are now engaged for washing' (Macdonald 3 Oct).

v. (AND 1847-1880). 1850 'Washed all Byrne's flock which had become too dirty during the rainy weather' (Ogilvie 26 Oct). 1879 'nothing to prevent us from starting to wash on Tuesday morning' (Macdonald 3 Oct).

wash(ing) combs. 164-5.

w- pen (AND 1847-1942). 1859 'took two men down to the washpen' (Peppin 10 Sep). 1861 'Got the plant for the wash pen's [sic] on the ground' (White 12 Oct). 1867 'The soaking and washing pens should be either round or octagonal, and about ten or twelve feet in diameter' (Jordan 81). 1871 'The sheep arrive at an appointed day and hour...at the wash-pen' (Corn.Mag. Jan. 79). 1890 'a reverie in which a new wool-shed, a crack wash-pen [etc.], embellished a model run' (Boldrewood 30). 1901 'You infernal scoundrel...I'll kick you from here to the
woolshed, and drown you in the washpen afterwards'(Boldrewood 17). 1942 'there is, in the creek, a water hole with gravelly bed and hard stony banks, still referred to by the old hands as "The Wash Pen"'(Glasson 17). 1960 'where the noisy quorking crows / Are flying round the wash-pen'(Mills 236). w- pool (AND 1830-1928). 1831 'A large party of natives...to assist in making a wash-pool at the river for sheep' (Dawson 291). 1858 'The Washpool too deep for Jane to cross with cull flock of ewes'(Ogilvie 28Mar). 1881 'During the day you can go with Mr. Stone to the wash-pool and learn to wash sheep'(Grant Vol.1.55). 1901 'Washpools have been given up since those days [1850s]. Now everybody shears in the grease'(De Satge 54). w- season 1847 'a small pavement where sheep were driven down [into the stream] in the washing season'(Bell's 24Jul.3c1). w- yard 1944 'After swimming about in this large water-yard for a few minutes the animal was ducked under a dividing rail, and in this way transferred to the washing-yard'(Walkabout Jan.36).

washed wool 206,207,209. See scour 1849 'I think it quite possible...to make the fleece of the pure Merino average three pounds...of washed wool'(Duggan 3). 1896 'He cut a prize fleece of 19lb.of bright lustrous wool of high character...which would give a very large yield of washed wool'(Gordon 15). 1926 'buyers...expressed preference for unwashed wool and paid relatively higher prices for same'(Chard 19). 1859 'Started the first two loads of wash wool to town. 30 bales'(Peppin 22 Oct).

washaway 88. 1907 'Portion of the ditching of the...water race was filled in by washaways from the sides of the mountains'(Morn.Bull.5Feb.5c6). 1929 'the traffic dislocated through the inevitable wash-aways which would occur through the flood waters'(Raeside 22). 1934 'Gangs worked all night on the line, where 20 washaways occurred during the weekend'(Cour.Mail 10Jan.11c1).

wash house 78. 1908 'I looked through when Donnolly was there and could see the wash-house stand'(Towns. D.Bull.26Nov.7c1).

waste 200,202,209. n. 1905 'The tops maker sells the tops to the worsted spinner, the noil and waste to the woollen manufacturer'(Ag.Gaz.245). 1952 'Exporters deal in most types of wool, tops, noils, wastes etc' (Haigh 62). v. 1900 'a heavy, yolky, sandy wool will waste or shrink much in the course of scouring. A scoured wool, mixed, entangled or ropy, will waste more than a free, open, scoured wool' (Hawkesworth 178). wasty 201,202,208-9. 1878 'Both it and sandy wool, when prepared for the market, is found to be very wasty'(NZ. C.Journ.Nov.400). 1910 'it is wasty looking stuff, carries a lot of heavy gritty sand that plays havoc with "yield"'(Jackson 115). 1919 'Wasty wool that squeezes to a small compass when pressed will not scour heavily'(Kelly 78-9). 1945 'The tender tip referred to as "wasty tip,"...is caused by the weathering action of sunlight, wind and dust'(Pearse 193). 1953 'wasty...wool with a thin hungry staple or badly weatherbeaten tip; poor yielding'(Cooper 29). 1961 'If there is weak resistance, the fleece is loose, and you can expect "wasty" tips on the wool'(Jordan 173).

waste land 52. (AND 1804-1934). 1852 'Other individuals, who had reasons of their own for preferring frontier life, got possession of sheep or cattle and located themselves on the waste lands'(Mundy Vol.1.276).

watch box 130. (AND 1826-1937). 1844 'The watchman is provided with a moveable watch-box, and usually two or three dogs, and generally keeps up fires all night'(Atkinson 115). 1878 '[flocks] secured in hurdles; a watchman in a watch-box placed between the two sets of hurdles looking after them during the night' (Hodgson 8). 1883 'three flocks of sheep in hurdle-yards; a movable watch-box, in which the hutkeeper slept, standing in the space between them'(Curr 30). 1895ca 'when wild dogs were troublesome he [hutkeeper] would have to sleep in a watch-box alongside the
In the early days, when the hut-keeper watched the sheep, he used to sleep at the gate of the yard in what was called a watch-box—a long box on wooden wheels. The watchman...slept by the fold in a watch-box and trusted his dog to wake him in case of an approach by a native dog or other cause for alarm.

**watchman** 130.

(AND 1825-1852). 1842 'sheep' counted out in the morning by the shepherd, and in at night by the watchman, each acting as a check upon the other. 1844 Three flocks are folded near to each other under the care of a watchman...to watch them all night, to prevent any from being stolen, or injury from the native dogs, and to shift the folds every day.

1861 'three men (two shepherds and a watchman) are required for four thousand sheep'.

1880 'the watchman was...removing them [hurdles] to some clean spot, as it was then the custom to have the sheep folded in a fresh place every night.'

1893 'My occupation was that of watchman, my duties being to take charge of the sheep at night, another lazy occupation, and with the same proportion of solitude.'

**water** combs.

w-bag 79. (AND 1879-1982). 1897 'the canvas water-bags which they carried with them a decided novelty to Rosa, who had never been through a waterless land'.

w-dray 86. 1837 'To be sold...2 carts, 1 dray, 1 water dray, sets of harness'.

w-gripes 153. 1947-48 'the horse has a blockage in the bladder, and so this condition is sometimes called “water gripes”'.

w-hole 84. (AND 1817-1977). 1827 'they were reported to be lying on the brink of a water-hole in a bush, about a mile from the camp'.

1831 The lagoons and water-holes in the bush are full'.

1839 'many farms...have no other water than what is thus collected from the surface during heavy rains in natural basins, or water-holes, as they are called by the colonists'.

1846 'two cattle are bogged in a water hole, and men with ropes must go to pull them out.'

1859 'The river is dry, with the exception of a few muddy waterholes, and cradlers find a difficulty in getting a sufficient quantity to wash their stuff in'.

1877 'As the dry weather continued the dams and “permanent” waterholes shrank day by day, leaving a broader and broader margin of gluey mud'.

1899 'Dad didn't travel up with us: he had gone some months before, to put up the house and dig the waterhole'.

1912 'The whole area is permanently watered by a 10-mile frontage to the river and unfailing water holes'.

1929 'The year had been hard, dry and strenuous, moving cattle from played-out water-holes to wells'.

1947 'The trees round the rare waterholes, alive with galahs'.

1956 'The Camel-man rode on for several days, satisfying himself of good water-holes'.

w-reserve 141. 1967 'A water reserve is land containing permanent water adjacent to a stock route...it is reserved for the use of the public as well as travelling stock, and the reserve cannot be alienated from the Crown'.

w-yard 164. 1944 'After swimming about in this large water-yard for a few minutes the animal was ducked under a dividing rail...to the washing-yard'.

**watering place** 85.

1834 'This is one of the places which are called in the colony "watering places"...here the travelling stockmen remain with their herds for refreshment'.

**waterline** 185.

1965 'wool may be shorter...along a line low down on both sides where belly wool grades into fleece wool, the “waterline”.'
watery. 200. 1900 'Watery [wool]...consists of perfectly even staples, of cylindrical form and of equal length. The crimp formation always appears true, but rather cloudy, and should be regular and even' (Hawkesworth 172). 1911 "Stripy" or Watery Wool, [no crimp or elasticity] generally shows itself in inferior animals on or near the shoulder, where the best wool ought to be'(Stewart 152).

wattle 73,76. 1918 'Usually they [farm houses] were two-roomed huts with wattled walls, an earthen floor and a roof thatched with grass or rushes'(Coghlan 116.ref.1805). wattle and dab / daub 76. (AND 1914). 1848 'The hut of the labourer was usually formed of plaited twigs or young branches, plastered over with mud, and known by the summary definition of "wattle and dab"'(Westgarth 201). 1859 'those most miserable although well ventilated wattle-and-daub places'(Gipps.Guard.4Feb. 3c5). 1867 'the dwelling...was termed in colonial parlance, a wattle and dab house'(Aus.Journ. Feb.378 c1). 1879 'It was built of what is known as "wattle and dab," or poles and mud, and roofed with the bark of the gum-tree'(Barry 21). 1910 'The house itself was old and quaint and rambling, part of the old wattle and daub walls yet remaining in some outhouses'(Bruce 1). 1934 'migration by bullock dray to homes of wattle and daub'(Aus.Work. 12Dec.5c3). 1899 'the wattle scrub swarmed with wild pigeons, and of these I could catch any quantity'(Derrincourt 106).

wattle scrub 68. (AND 1853-1966). 1899 'the wattle scrub swarmed with wild pigeons, and of these I could catch any quantity'(Derrincourt 106).

wattle bird pie 91. 1857 'kangaroo steaks frying on the fire...and a wattle-bird pie'(Howitt Vol.2.11).

wayback(er) 64. (AND 1903-1956). 1908 'Saddles, whips, and all ther tings / For waybacks on ther land'(Wise 4). 1921 'we waybacks know a little, but it takes the refinement and intelligence of you town folks to bring it out of us'(Sargent 27). 1936 'These way-backers will come at anything if you pitch the tale strong enough'(Paterson 8). 1942 'He was as much a mug as a wayback'(Mann 139).

wayback(s) 64. (AND 1899-1956). 1916 'I'm in the backblocks, way way back where the wool grows'(Truth 13Jan.1). 1933 'Waltzing Matilda in the waybacks...I came upon a well-found homestead'(Bull. 27Sep.20c4). 1956 'Our carriage was invaded by a couple of half-stonkered ringers from wayback' (Bull.15Feb.12c1). 1981 'The little farms in the Gippsland bush...were thought to be "very wayback"'(Adam Smith 68).

weaner 149. (AND 1865-1985). 1878 'Oh! the weaners...I had forgotten them'(Boldrewood 89). 1888 'Our hungry weaners spread out and began to feed'(Boldrewood 52). 1897 'I had my first experience as a shepherd, being ordered by "the boss" to take charge of a flock of weaners (hoggets) that was rapidly disappearing'(Archer 41). 1920 'the half-castes who were herding the weaners came riding in with the news that fires had broken out all along the back-country'(Palmer 89). 1931 'weaner...a lamb which has been weaned...has not yet shown its two teeth...usually aged between 5 and 12 months' (Allen Note 23Feb). 1949 'This yard was divided into a separate yard for weaners (young cattle old enough to leave their mothers), a calf-yard...and all the other yards and accessories usual in a large bush stockyard'(Idriess 243-4). 1961 'When a lamb is separated or taken away from its mother it...is known as a "weaner" and later as a hogget'(Jordan 13).

weather board(ed)(ing) 77. (OED 3). (AND 1827-1972). 1832 'To let...a shingled building, to consist of framing, weatherboarding, and floor'[Currency 1Dec.1c2]. 1849 The buildings, consisting of three weatherboarded tenements, and some outhouses'(Goulb.Her.12May.5c1). 1850 'the whole party were at work, chopping and trimming weatherboards for the hut'(Goulb.Her.19 Oct.2c3). 1862 'The
original congregation...had erected a very plain but commodious-enough structure of clap-boards, or weather boards as we call them' (Lang 7). 1879 'The bank building is a weatherboard house' (Den.Chron. 13Nov.3c4). 1900 'The store was a long, weather-board structure of four walls, and a sloping roof of corrugated iron' (Firth-Scott 16). 1942 'A jetty, a weather-board hotel and a post office, with houses scattered around' (Langley 93). 1970 'the house...with its cream and green weatherboards' (Sun.Tel.27Sep.70c6).

weather board shearing 187.
1957 'Ridging, or "weather-board" shearing...is brought about by shearing with the lower, or right hand tooth of the comb raised off the skin, then making the following blow with the top, or left hand, tooth close to the skin' (McGarry 7-8). 1961 'It helps to keep the comb flat to the skin, thus avoiding "weatherboarding" or riding high, leading to undesirable "second cuts"' (Jordan 241).

webby 201.
1900 'Webby...the staples are light and cloud-like...fibres are very delicate and straight, the curves very wide and indistinct' (Hawkesworth 173). 1944 'Webby...thinly grown wool which has a web-like appearance and little or no staple formation, and it appears to have many fibres running across the staples' (Minter 74). 1953 'Webby fibres are delicate, fine and thin like a cobweb' (Cooper 29).

wedder (dialectal) See wether

well sinker 85.
1907 'A wellsinker informed me...it had always been his experience to find snakes in these cracks when engaged in sinking operations' (Morn.Bull.9Feb.10c3). 1935 'It was thirteen miles to the well, and the well-sinkers...invited the boss and his companion to stay to dinner' (Plowman 113). 1960 'insufficient supply for stock on account of the well-sinker not going deep enough to strike the main flow' (Stow 2).

well sinking 85.
1930 'most of the time Charley was well-sinking, his wife camped with him out on the run' (Prichard 27).

west 46, 63.
(AND 1905-1968). 1879 'this...is not meant to portray the life of all stockmen in the West, but rather that of the outsiders' (Burran.Argus 3May.4c2). 1966 'The west, to me anyway, is an area within a radius of about 120 miles of Bourke' (Aus.16Mar.9c1).

wet (a) of weather. 63, 88, 89, 104.
(AND 1908-1984). 1858 'Mount Livingstone...rejoiced the face of the thirsty earth...with that element at times so necessary..."heavy wet"' (Gipps.Guard.7May.2c5). 1882 'They are stopped by the wet' (Ulah 29 Sep). 1896 'teams with supplies for the stations took months and months on the journey, and frequently...the provisions, clothing, and other long-looked-for luxuries...were found to be destroyed or seriously damaged by wet' (Ferres 35). 1917 'The one thing that I pray for is that we shall not have too much wet so as to give our wormy hoggetts a chance to pick up' (Want.Letter. 23Feb.5). 1929 'Apparently the river runs only during the "wet", between December and possibly May' (Macquarrie 135). 1947 'In the Territory "wet" even today, for half the year you cannot travel with certainty for a mile on either side of the Stuart Highway' (Hill 9). 1968 'The "crockets" [sic] swim across in the "wet" and stay in billabongs when the floods subside' (Wom.Day 4Nov.43). 1977 'we were trying to get them tarpaulins for the wet season because we were expecting a very wet "Wet," you know' (Gilbert 24).

wet (b) of sheep. 174.
(AND 1894-1926). 1872 'In rainy weather...it being useless to shear a sheep wet, on account of packing the wool...you have this gang on your hands, eating your substance and doing nothing' (Eden 95). 1888 'No members shall be compelled to shear wet sheep. The majority of members to decide whether sheep are wet or not' (Shear.GL.Rec.Apr.3). 1927-8 'Wet sheep are often a
trouble between shearsers and owners" (Aus.W.Ann. Vol.1.100). 1932 'Did not shear because others said sheep were wet'(Scott 39c3.ref.1892). 1959 'Many shearsers had bad backs, and most of them blamed shearing wet sheep for this'(Tritton 26). 1967 'rheumatism or other illness...may become aggravated through handling wet sheep'(Woodbridge 17). 1975 'the shearsers dragged out the first of two sheep they were to shear before determining by a secret ballot, whether the sheep were wet or dry'(Ryan 140).

**wet (c) declare, vote-** 174,175,190. (AND 1918-1982). 1895 'Frequently, when bent on holiday making, they [shearsers] would declare the sheep wet, if only three points of rain had fallen'(Osmond 35). 1901 'No spring storms had come...to give the delegate the excuse to declare the sheep too wet to shear, and so lose a day' (Boldrewood 37). 1912 'When Old Pilliga, the rep, had shorn two, he laid down his machine and went round the shearsers collecting the vote whether...wet or dry'(Tait 116). 1967 'Should a majority vote the sheep wet, shearing will cease'(Woodbridge 17).

wet (d) of ewes. 138,162. 1879 'Finished the dry ewes and wethers and started on the Thirteen Mile wet ewes'(Macdonald 21 Oct). 1897 'Be especially careful in culling the breeding flock to distinguish between "wet" and "dry" ewes'(Gold.Mort 5). 1902 'With M.G. put frontage wet ewes in Hrs.Pdk forenoon' (Ulah 13May). 1918 'When shearing wet ewes the shed-manager may...extend the hours to the extent of half an hour in order to complete the cut-out'(Labatt 30). 1961 'you can check the "wet" and "dry" ewes in a race by feeling the udders'(Jordan 205).

wether (sheep) 162. (OED 1). 1830 'it was well adapted...for wether-sheep...in seasons when water and grass should be scarce in better pastures'(Dawson 241-2). 1842 'the expense of care, the unsaleable condition of widders [wethers] and the deterioration in the quality of the wool'(Journ.Dep.Ag.42). 1863 'No wether should be killed till it is two years old, and then it is murder to kill an animal which brings you in such good interest'(Butler 149). 1900 'STAG--A matured ram castrated, known here sometimes as a weder'(Hawkesworth 31). 1908 'Drover Coleman with 6,000 wethers...is stuck up at Stonehenge' (Bris.Cour.1Jan.6c3). 1922 'The usual practice is to shear the wethers and dry sheep first'(Perry 82). 1950 'Wether...a male sheep that has been castrated as a lamb'(Belschner 704). 1966 'Down the "last shoulder,"...and the wether is regarding the great outdoors through the port'(Sutherland 75).

wether (wool) 162. 1895 'Wether wool...All fleeces shorn from unsexed [castrated] sheep after the hogget fleece has been removed'(Hawkesworth 7). 1912 'Wether...in opposition to hogg; wool from the second and subsequent annual shearing'(Hunter 115).

wetlands 84. 1968 'Mangrove foreshores, mud flats and associated marine grasslands; we could compromise and the developers leave the richest of these lucrative wetlands in their ages-old natural state'(Cour.Mail 29Feb. 2c9).

wheat cocky 128. (AND 1908-1977). 1919 'If a large section of the wheat cockies have their way the wheat-pool system isn't going to vanish after the War'(Bull.16Jan.20c2). 1941 'My father was one of them half-starved wheat-cockies out from Temora'(Tennant 12).

whip 108. See ribbon handler (OED sb.1.4). 1861 'Mr.Cobb had spirit to buy good horses...to employ good Yankee whips' (McCombie 184). 1929 'The veterans would all talk about Ned, while remembering but few of the whips of later times'(Aus.Work.2Jan.15c4).

whipping combs. 185. w- blow 1961 'Long whipping blows are continued working down the side to the right hind leg, and running down to the right toe, the shearer moving back until the fleece falls to the floor'(Jordan 241). w- shoulder 1866 'no one knew how to "open" a sheep, or run down the "whipping shoulder" or put an edge on a shear like him'(Aus.Journ.Vol.1.825c1). w- side (AND 1899-1982). 1888 'then, turning the sheep, goes down the off, or "whipping" side, and at
length the fleece lies upon the floor completely severed, but unbroken' (Cassell Vol.2.222-3). 1937 'But down upon the whipping side, / His cuts were deeper and more wide' (Gunn 246). 1950 'pulling the sheep up in front of his legs he is able to work with horizontal blows round the "whipping" side until he reaches the flank' (Belschner 101). 1961 'These [finishing blows] are called "whipping" blows, and the right side is referred to as the whipping side' (Jordan 241). 1973 'Down the whipping side with an elegant glide, and over the tail with a leap' (Aus.Work. 14Mar.7c1).

**whirl (wind), whirlie** 89.  
(AND 1926-1976). 1932 'Huge whirlwinds roar and churn with slow deliberation from out across the plain' (Hatfield 7). 1947 'an extra large "whirlie" had swept across the street in a lofty red, revolving tunnel, dropping two hens...at her feet' (Maclean 209).

**white drought** 87.  
1960 'In the Swan Hill / Kerang district they're blazing a pioneers' trail in their efforts to beat the "white drought" [salination]' (Aus.C .Mag.Jun.10c1).

**white washing** 166. See mother hair  
(AND 1905-1982). 1925 'If a lamb is "whitewashed"...at, say, five months old, the fleece twelve months later will be even in length' (Bull.21May 22c2). 1934 'Where they are fairly small and shearing is merely of "whitewashing" to remove the lamb tip...the wool can all go into one line' (Hardie 66). 1956 'White-Washing...shearing of young lambs, from whom little wool is taken' (Bowen 158). 1968 'In white-washing a very young lamb practically no wool comes off, just the mother hair, but the lamb looks white' (Craig Note). 1982 'White washing: shearing very young lambs' (Adam-Smith 406).

**Whitely King** 78.  
(AND 1902-1919). 1902 'A billy fashioned from a fruit tin is universally known as a "Whitely King," from the secretary of the Pastoralists' Union, who...sent out bands of non-unionists furnished with these impromptu utensils' (Bull.1Feb .16c2).

**wide (gauge) comb** 179.  
1957 'Wide combs are now in general use [in USA] and the daily tallies much the same as in Australia and New Zealand' (Guthrie 214). 1975 'They're bringing in Kiwis [New Zealand shearers] with their wide combs and cutters, and bums looking for a quick quid [easy money]' (Ryan 13). 1986 'A man who "king hit" a wide-comb shearer at Wilcannia was fined $750' (Syd.M.Her.13Feb .7c7).

**wideawake (hat)** 24.  
(ext.OED sb.1). 1889 'He pulled off his wideawake and bared his head' (Couvreur 208). 1975 'the conventional outfit of the fettler: rough grey shirt and dungarees, flat-topped wideawake and sweat-rag round the neck' (Herbert 72).

**wig / wiggings** 166,185,193.  
n. (AND 1958,1975). 1931 'WIGGINGS refers to the wool that is removed from around the eyes of the sheep' (Cowley 165). 1944 'This wool, together with the eye pieces, is often removed at crutching time, and is sometimes called wiggings' (Minter 7). 1965 'Wool of this kind, shorn from the face and sometimes from between the ears at the same time as crutching...is called "eye-clips" or "wiggings"' (Henderson 34). 1972 'One thing I did notice about shearing was that two terms for the one idea sometimes shared popularity, for example...topknot / wig' (Gunn in Turner 61). 1982 'Wigging: wool taken from around eyes of sheep' (Adam-Smith 406).

v. (AND 1913-1975). 1913 'Wigging...consists of shearing the wool away from between the eyes' (Harris 151). 1917 'every day we have been at them having sexed all the hoggets now, wigged most of them and finished drenching' (Want.Letter.3Mar.1). 1922 'The minimum rates for crutching, wiggling, or ringing at sheds' (Aus.Work.12Jul.21c3). 1932 'Wigging is comparatively simple. One merely runs the clippers over the head and each side of the eyes, attending at the same time to ingrowing horns or any other small troubles' (Thompson 60). 1947
[moved] That the Award contain clear definitions re crutching, wigging and polling rams, with rates (Aus.Work.31Dec.2c5). 1957 'sheep are sometimes "wigged" to overcome wool blindness, and if grass seed is troublesome' (East Syd.Tech.Vol.1.135). 1961 'It is also the easiest place to treat fly strike, and to wig weaners' (Jordan 117). 1967 'Wigging means trimming wool around the eyes and face' (Woodbridge 13). 1973 'At weaning the sheep may be "wigged", the wool being cut from around the ears and top knot' (Alexander 91).

wigwam 58.

(AND 1792-1853). 1835 'Governor Bourke will have to bush it... pitching a tent, or a temporary wigwam of bark for the night' (Australian 27 Feb.2).

Wilcannia shower 89. See Darling shower

(AND 1903, 1961). 1903 'here was the true key to the Wilcannia shower' (Furphy 290).

wild dog 155. See also dingo, native dog, warrigal

(AND 1793-1848). 1793 'The Indians [Aborigines] sometimes kill the kangaroo; but their greatest destroyer is the wild dog' (Tench 269). 1832 'the following animals do not appear to be similarly constituted [i.e. with a pouch]; viz. the wild dog' (Henderson 142). 1846 'The wild dog... commits great ravages amongst the sheep of the settlers, destroying great numbers whenever an opportunity offers' (Haydon 57). 1851 'At an angle of the scrub—a wild dog came out and looked at me' (Tester 6). 1883 'Round the Gumflat and find wild dog near salt trough' (Regan 17 Oct).

willy (willy) 89.

(AND 1894-1981). 1898 'willie-willies... are water-spouts made of sand instead of water... a dancing column of dust, dung, dead flies, and old paper' (Radclyffe 70). 1907 'Whirlwinds, called "willie-willies" by the aborigines, spring up suddenly, spin madly along seizing in their vortex dust, paper, and any other small objects... and as suddenly die down' (Williams 88). 1915 'the murderous willy-willy of the Westernial nor'west coast will have to be slicker now than formerly' (Bull.7 Oct.22c3). 1932 'Often these willy-willies, as they are called, reach a height of two or three thousand feet' (Scott 107). 1942 'Next to the war in its record of destruction comes the great sea-anger that the blacks call "willie-willie"' (Hi1130). 1959 'We were about to say goodbye when a "willie willie" swept round the house... We heard the whirlwind racing across the yard and raining rubbish and tins and sticks on the roof' (Chauvel 75). 1968 'Willy-willies of red dust rising to 1,000 ft. were moving slowly along below us' (Walkabout Nov.15c3). 1978 'A willy-willy which swept through a Hurstville street yesterday morning tore the roofing iron from a shed' (Syd.M.Her.6Jan.2c1). 1986 'ref. an open air two-up game' nor will willy willies scud off with wads of cash or the toilet block' (Syd.M.Her. 1Feb.43c2). 1995 'a fierce willy-willy of indignation broke over my unsuspecting head' (Syd.M.Her.Spectrum 6Ac6).

wiltja 74.

(AND 1950-1986). 1968 'These living quarters are the traditional wiltjas of the tribal Aborigines in the outback [accompanying picture]' (West Aus.16Jul.1). 1974 'The dirt-floored canvas and steel wiltja... is an improvement on their spinifex-and-branches wiltjas' (Aus.10Jan. 8c1).

Wimmera shower 89. See Darling shower

1963 'A Wimmera shower is three drops and a half of rain' (Anon.Note Horsham H.Soc).
wing 138, 144. 1895 'Clancy rode to wheel them—he was racing on the wing'(Paterson stanza 7). 1931 'You and Splinter had better take one wing'(Davison (1) 82). 1932 'the night we camped beyond Bendee the sheep rushed when some of our chaps were on watch and a wing was cut off'(Scott 49c2.ref.1899).

wing (fence) 119, 121, 122. (AND 1887-1962). 1861 'Two side fences, called "wings" are carried out in front of the enclosures, extending a distance of ten or twelve roods'(Hayworth 69). 1932 'At the right moment they would mount and rush the brumbies up the wings [fences] into the yards'(Scott 20c1.ref.1878). 1953 'They [killing sheep] have to be run into a small pen, sometimes with one "wing" fence, sometimes with two, and quite often with none'(Stronach 45).

wire, get a 188. 1904 'They get a wire (shearer’s slang [reprimand]) for the first offence, for the second offence, they are told to take their cheques'(Palmer-Archer 61).

wirlie See wurley

wistened 202. 1900 'Wistened or flat curved...curves do not nearly reach the form of a half-circle' (Hawkesworth 165). 1931 'In wistened wool usually the form of the staple is cylindrical, large-bodied, with dense fibre growth and great strength and uniformity, but with flat fibre curves' (Allen Note 23Feb).

witchety grub 91. (AND 1891-1986). 1955 'I had a moment of terror, as if approaching [to eat] a witchetty-grub, but the snails were pure rapture'(Cour.17Jun.1c2).

wobbles 153. (AND 1894-1980). 1898 'Wobbles...disease in horses caused by eating palm-trees in Western Australia'(Morris 514). 1931 'Wobbles...is sometimes used for "staggers", [as in Meekathara staggers], which is a disease of horses through eating Zamia palm (Burrawongs) and possibly other poisonous plants'(Allen Note 23Feb).

wog 100. (AND 1938-1982). 1957 'lime-coating or pelleting provides sufficient lime to allow the wogs inoculated on to the seed to survive in acid soil'(Aus.C.Mag.May.11c1). 1963 'a dozen other wogs crawled over the screen-door trying to get out'(Aus.C.Mag.Feb.64c2).

Wolseley 178. (AND 1889-1923). 1897 'Bogan laid his "Wols'ley" [sic] down and knocked that rouser out' (Bull.20Feb.3c2). 1905 'I've pinked 'em with the Wolseleys and I've rushed with B-bows too' (Paterson 27).

wombat ground 83. 1845 'Wombat ground is not uncommon...holes in the ground--dangerous and...made by the wombat'(Baker 68).

wood and water joey 129. (AND 1882-1978). 1882 'a poor, decrepid (sic) old "wood and water joey," named "Tommy, the Londoner"'(Bull.8Jul.5c3). 1888 'I'm not going to be a wood-and-water Joey, I can tell ye, not for you nor no other men'(Boldrewood Vol.2.116). 1904 'A slushy, a wood-and-water joey'(Palmer-Archer 213). 1915 'the country...is thus handicapped in its struggle to be something more than a wood-and-water joey for the foreign manufacturer'(Bull.11Mar.7c4). 1923 'Sendem (a dog) was a real "wood-and-water-joey", belted and booted about from pillar to post'(Moses 148). 1930 'I wanted you to be something different from a wood-and-water joey, earning a few
pounds here and there' (Palmer 42). 1943 'I began life as a wood-and-water joey to a bunch of kangaroo-shooters' (Bull. 31 Mar. 12c3).

**wood station** 112.

1833 'vessels visiting the wood stations for that most useful material the Huon Pine' (Tasman. 14 Jun. 190c1).

**wool**, major combs.

- **wool classer** 170, 192, 196-97. (AND 1879-1982). 1884 'By the aid of skilful skirters and competent wool-classers, his clip has uniformity and finish about it which inspires confidence at first sight' (S 9). 1897 'unless a competent wool-classer be engaged, our advice is to remove only the manifestly dirt-stained portions from the fleece' (Gold. Mort 7). 1908 'For all work connected with the wool-room the expert wool-classer is held responsible' (Ogilvie 39). 1926 'The Australasian wool market is indebted to wool classers, who have been trained to do the work of sorting on the stations at the time of shearing' (Chard 22). 1946 'Here they are skirted, rolled and taken to the wool-classer, whose duties consist of supervising wool room operations, classing and grading the fleeces' (Gold. Mort 18). 1964 'The wool-classer needs a large table lit by good natural light and five or six bins in which to keep the different quality wools' (Anderson 47).

**wool classing** 196-97. (AND 1847-1977). 1867 'men who pretend to have learned the job of wool-classing in the bush...are only contemptible quacks' (Jordan 93). 1895 'Wool-classing may be performed by a less experienced man as it is confined to dealing with the fleece as a whole, but...carried out in a systematic manner' (Hawkesworth 6). 1919 'The subject of wool-classing can only be properly dealt with by expert instructors at equipped wool rooms' (Kelly 75). 1935 'In no other work is one more called upon to adapt oneself to circumstances than in wool-classing--according to the clip being handled' (Cook 12).

**wool clip** 195. (AND 1844-1973). 1893 'The wool clip of Australasia is its most important item of production' (Coghlan 17). 1928 'The owners of the woolclip have more than they can spend' (Aus. Work. 29 Aug. 1c1). 1946 'The wool clips from stations and larger grazing properties...handled by competent, experienced and proved classers' (Gold. Mort 20). 1973 'The 30,000 bales represents almost 7 per cent of the expected wool clip...from Qld' (Cour. Mail 6 Jan. 4c4).

- **wool grower** 124, 184, 187, 193, 195. 1824 'the absolute dominion which a certain wool grower exercised over the shallow intellects of an official puppet' (Aus. No11. 2c3). 1845 'The wool-grower, so far from finding any difficulty in meeting with a purchaser...has often the pleasure of witnessing a scramble among the merchants' (Mackenzie 92). 1875 'Several of my colonial friends, wool-growers like myself, are desirous of opening communication with Germany, for the purpose of selling our colonial wools in your market' (Brodribb 7). 1898 'in all the Eastern colonies a wool grower or squatter would never think of starting shearing without engaging an experienced wool-classer' (Prod. Gaz. May. 362). 1905 'A word of advice to the struggling farmer and selector, and even many larger wool-growers: always press fleeces by themselves' (Ag. Gaz. Mar. 241). 1931 'a meeting of woolgrowers inland...pointed out that all attempts to "monkey" with world markets...were always failures' (Syd. M. Her. 2 May. 10c6). 1950 'Woolgrowers are at loggerheads with the Menzies / Fadden government over the wool levy' (Aus. Work. 26 Jul. 3c3). 1956 'it is a woolgrowers' town, it has consistently discouraged any fresh industry' (Ronan 16). 1973 'It ruled that no Merino rams should be exported until a referendum was held among woolgrowers' (Cour. Mail 1 Feb. 11c7).

- **wool pack** 179, 203. 1832 'A quantity of twilled woolpacks and two-bushel sacks' (Currency 1 Dec. 1c3). 1850 'and bring up some woolpacks as the shed is quite full of wool' (Ogilvie 20 Oct.). 1864 'The fleeces are then sorted and then put up in woolpacks and conveyed to the point of shipment, either for sale there or sent to England' (III. Syd. News Vol. 1. No. 5. 7). 1895 'When the sorter requires any wool it is packed in large sheets, representing Australian wool-packs' (Hawkesworth 2). 1946 'These woolpacks when filled with wool and pressed are called bales and usually average 300 pounds in weight' (Gold. Mort 18). 1953 'The wool is packed inside a jute bag known as a "wool pack", and the bales are stencilled to show the type of wool in the pack and the station at which it was packed' (Clair 18). 1961 'Firstly the wool pack must be fitted into
the lower box, with the short square sides facing the side of the press and the long side facing the doors' (Jordan 191).

- **wool press** 168, 203. (AND 1829-1980). 1837 'Landed from the LOWESTOFF, two very superior WOOL PRESSES, with square threaded screws, six feet long, fitted with metal boxes' (Corn.Chron. 7Jan. 4c1). 1846 'The wool-press finishes the process...by aid of an enormous lever, so tight that no more can be admitted, the lid is sewn on to the bag, and upon raising the pressure, a fine square bale, as hard as rock, is turned out' (Hodgson 40). 1877 'The wool-pres...hitherto in use were worked either by a large lever or a screw' (Jordan 94). 1879 'Went to Woolshed and saw the woolpress put up I think it will work admirably' (Macdonald 5 Sep). 1888 'Bins for holding different sorts of fleeces were ranged against the wall, and a large wool-press stood near the door' (Grant 44). 1898 'He stared into the darkened jaws of the shed, and the grunt and squeal of the wool-press came out to give him the key to a shearer's life' (Lancaster 8). 1915 'The picked pieces are carried away and deposited in large bins near the wool press' (Mathews 13). 1837 'The wool press was of the old lever pattern, and the lower box was sunk in the ground' (Gunn 239). 1951 'Directly a bin is filled with wool the presses start putting it into the wool press, trampling the fleeces down into the two boxes and finally forcing the wool from one box into the other by mechanical means' (McLeod 30). **wool presser** 203, 204. (AND 1846-1984). 1876 'Woolpressers commenced work @ 15/- per week' (Witten 26 Sep). 1907 'The rate to woolpressers in New South Wales was 5 1/2d. per cwt' (Morn.Bull.21 Jun. 5c3). 1918 'Jack and I pressing wool in afternoon...no wool presser. I did it to keep men shearing' (Harden 7 Oct). 1927-8 The wool presser, nowadays, instead of sewing the cap right round a bale, finishes it off with metal clips, or sews only in three places' (Aus.W.Ann. Vol.1.94). 1967 'The award makes provision for the employment of a woolpresser to do combined duties in small sheds, i.e. the work of a shed hand when not fully occupied' (Woodbridge 31). 1982 'Shearers, wool pressers, shed and station hands...are going on strike' (Syd.M.Her.12 Aug. 1c4).

- **wool roller** 191, 192, 196. (AND 1879-1979). 1897 'The wool roller...should first gently shake it [the fleece] from end to end so as to detach any locks or small pieces lying on it' (Gold. Mort 7). 1908 'Wool-rollers'...to skirt the fleeces, that is...pull away the rough edges or any stained or seed-infested part, and then to roll the fleece into a bundle' (Ogilvie 38). 1918 'Pressers and wool-rollers, when engaged by the week, £2-2s-6d per week' (Labatt 9). 1932 'There were forty shearers employed and a corresponding number of rouseabouts, wool rollers, pickers up etc' (Scott 27c1). 1945 'This permits the hungry individual referred to, to perform the work of wool classer, wool roller and penner-up' (Aus.Work.23 Feb. 6c1). 1975 'He then watched as the woolrollers worked at the skirting of fleeces' (Ryan 113). **wool rolling** 188. 1879 'Eldershaw engaged to-day for woolrolling' (Macdonald 22 Oct). 1934 'Alfred did the mustering and daddy the woolrolling' (Aus.Work.14 Nov. 19c4). 1955 'Some advised me to give up shearing and take on wool-rolling...or some other job easier than shearing' (Barnes 11). 1975 'the flow of wool banked up in front of the woolrolling table' (Ryan 43).

- **wool scour** 207. (AND 1896-1951). 1896 'Then there were the people wanting work in the wool-scour' (Heney 68). 1917 'The terms of the agreement with the wool scour employee are practically the same as those for the shed hand' (Aus.CCA 11). 1944 'At first the station wool scour consisted of a battery of three ship's tanks in which the wool was washed by hand' (Walkabout Jan. 36c3). 1960 'the station started its own wool scour when Gerard took over' (Newton 21). **wool scourer** 207. 1895 'The wool scourers also live separately' (Gould 214). **wool scouring** 203, 206. 1895 'At this out-station there is a collection of buildings...also woolshed and wool-scouring plant' (Gould 210). 1907 'The several stations adjacent to the town and the woolscouring works are being fitted with improved accommodation' (Morn.Bull.8 Feb. 6c5). 1917 'the following rules...are applicable arising in connection with their shearing, crutching, or station woolscouring' (Aus.CCA 4).

- **wool shed** 168. (AND 1835-1985). 1838 'estate for sale' with out-offices detached, also convenient shearing and wool sheds' (Monitor 31 Oct. 3c2). 1844 'excellent wool shed, divided into compartments for catching, shearing, packing...with convenient yards' (Guard.16 Mar. 4c1).
1862 The Australian wool-shed is an immense building on all the larger establishments...capable of sheltering from five hundred to a thousand sheep'(Albury Bann.4 Oct.3c4). 1873 'The woolshed is a large building open on every side, with a high-pitched roof--all made of wood and very rough' (Trollope Vol.1.126). 1882 'The woolshed, like drafting yards, should occupy...a central position, for the convenience of bringing sheep to it from all parts of the run'(Armstrong 173). 1895 'The wool-shed is a building 130ft.long, built of a Colonial pine framework on piles two and a half feet from the ground, and is closed in with galvanized corrugated iron'(Gould 210). 1916 'Billy and the men have been mustering and moving the sheep a little nearer the woolshed...'everything is in readiness for starting [shearing]','(Want.Letter.16Sep.2). 1923 'Then came...the big hospital ball in Squatter Seeley's woolshed'(Aus.Work.26Sep.5c2). 1935 'The wool-shed should be thoroughly cleaned...not merely swept by a broom, but washed out with water and disinfectant','(Cook 1). 1949 'woolsheds were built for storing wool...and it was some time before it became the custom to have a shed full of sheep waiting for the next day's shearing'(Crawford 43). 1965 'Wool-sheds, both large and small, present a scene of intense but controlled activity during shearing operations','(Gascoigne 164).

- **wool sorter** (AND 1834-1890). (a) 192.196. 1846 'conveys them [fleeces] to the woolsorter, who arranges them according to their quality','(Hodgson 107). 1868 'every wool-grower knows well enough that the advice and arrangements of common wool-sorters are in many cases of only small benefit','(Jondaryan 7). 1879 'a boy picks up the shorn fleece and takes it to a table presided over by a wool-sorter who classifies the fleeces','(Gent.Mag.572). 1895 'At the northern end of the shed...five wool sorters stand and divide the fleeces into various classes of wool, viz: 1st and 2nd combing...clothing, pieces, locks, and bellies','(Gould 210-11). 1910 'These bundles [From the roller] the wool-sorter merely tossed over his shoulder into one or other of the five or six bins at his back','(Hornung 100). 1920 'Full membership...by any wool-sorter, who can give satisfactory proof of not less than three years' practical experience as a wool-sorter, and one season's experience with a Classifier of this Association','(Wool-Class. 6). 1950 'The task of the wool-sorter is to separate the various staples of wool on the fleece according to length, soundness, colour and fineness of fibre','(Int.Wool Sec.26). 1985 'Wool-sorting is the art of dividing a fleece into different qualities or counts, as required by the manufacturer','(Hawkesworth 1). 1990 'Wool Sorting...Grading of fleeces and pieces into lots, each of which contains only one quality','(Int.Wool Sec.gloss).

- **wool sorter** (b) 192,206. 1834 'some of whom [Sydney merchants] employ wool-sorters of their own to sort it and repack it for the London market','(Tait Mag.). 1918 'The work of the wool-sorter is nowadays...much simplified by the system...of "classing" the wool before it is baled','(Ormerod 104). 1946 'It (wool-clas­sing) is not to be confused in any sense with "wool-sorting," a term applied to work done at woollen mills, topmaking establishments, wool scouring and carbonizing works as an immediate preliminary to manufacture','(Gold.Mort 19-20).

- **wool wash** 206. (AND 1900-1955). 1891 'Some pastoralists in Riverina should catch some kind of a perpetual [sic] fever. Then perhaps they would see that the woolwash was placed "below"--not above--the men's huts','(Hummer 31 Oct.2c3). 1900 'the sheep-ho's or the engine-drivers at the shed or wool-wash, call him, if he does sleep','(Lawson (1) 131). 1920 'It was in Rod's time...that the wool clip was first carted to the Acheron wool wash and there scoured before being sent to the railway','(Anderson 139-40). 1944 'central scouring is not to be confused in any sense with "wool-sorting," a term applied to work done at woollen mills, topmaking establishments, wool scouring and carbonizing works as an immediate preliminary to manufacture','(Kemp 1May).

- **wool**, other combs.

- **wool (away)** 186. 1871 'With the same effort apparently he calls out "wool!" and darts upon another sheep','(Corn.Mag.Jan.76). 1897 'Wool away! Wool away! is the cry','(McKee-Wright 100). 1912 '"Wool away! boy," he yelled, as he threw a lamb down the shoot','(Tait 41). 1943 'Wool away!" you roar happily as you throw the ewe between your legs','(Shaw 29). 1950 'Wool away! Wool away!" is the cry,...And the merry game of busting is begun','(Woodhouse 33). 1963 '"Wool away!" yelled Florrie, whilst Kanga rushed up with a straw broom','(Smith 138-9). 1965 'Wool away! Wool away!" is the cry,...And the merry game of busting is begun','(Woodhouse 33).

- **wool bag** 170,203-4. 1853 'A wool-bag hung before the two-panel window, by way of curtain','(Mundy 497). 1953 'The wool buns should be at the end of the wooltable, opposite the shearing board and these should be ten in number','(Cooper 35-6). 1961 'It will...
be seen that the wool bins are close at hand to the classer, and to the bale presser(Jordan 116).

**wool bird** 162. 1963 'I've heard of shearers, sometimes shedhands, being called wool birds' (R.Ryan Interview). **wool blind** 166. (AND 1914-1982). 1932 'Many of the sheep were now becoming wool-blind, though the dryness of the feed...and the good health of the stock, made crutching practically unnecessary'(Thompson 60). 1956 'I recommend only the top-knot being removed on those sheep that, although being partially wool-blind, have a reasonably clear eye'(Bowen 64). 1964 'Sheep that become wool-blind must periodically have the wool clipped away from around their eyes'(Newton 163). 1982 'It rushed straight between the horse's legs, a poor old black "wool blind" sheep'(Syd.M.Her.20Jun.37c7). **wool blindness** 166. 1967 'In addition the ewes are rigged if there is any danger of "wool blindness"'(Woodbridge 62). 1970 'Face cover score is not a measure of wool blindness...that depends on the length of face wool, as well as its extent'(Dun et.al. 86). **wool book** 203,204. (AND 1961,1979). 1931 'When the presser is on a contract rate, add up the Station wool book correctly and insert...the number of bales and the weight'(Grazcos 17). 1961 'The Wool Book is a record of bales pressed'(Jordan 192). **wool box** 170. 1844 'MR. SAMUEL LYONS will sell...by Public Auction, Cart, Wool Box, Tools, and other necessaries'(Guard.20Apr.45c2). **wool broker** 206. 1949 'In 1939 the wholesale wool trade was in the hands of thirty three wool brokers'(Ciba Rev.No74,2734). 1964 'As the auction continues messengers carry news of the prices to woolbrokers'(Anderson 55). **wool butcher** 181. (see tomahawk). 1977 'the unpollished wool-butcher bellowed in a voice clearly audible all over the building'(Howcow 18). **w-cap** 179,203,206. 1964 'the wool cap is a jute square placed on top of the wool pack after wool has been pressed'(R.Ryan Interview). **wool comb** 180. 1886 'The shearers repair to Jabbaloo...and the publicans tick [give credit to] the wool-choppers for a week or so'(Bull.18Dec.96c4). **wool clipper** 111,112. 1921 'When a lad, I paid a brief visit to Sydney in a wool clipper [ship]'(Bull.29Dec.14c1). **wool comb** 208. 1912 'the wool removed by the wool-comb (noils) are the raw material of the "clothing" or carded woolen trade' (Hunter 16-17). **wool combing** 208. 1910 'Woolcombing, which infers the art or craft of top-making, is said to have originated in Cornwall'(Jackson 13). **wool country** 195. 1843 'we hope' the actual advices from the wool countries shall ratify the favourable prospects which are expected from the coming clip'(Wind.Exp. RA.16Nov.3c3). **wool cutter** 162. 1971 'tempted to replace aged sheep with young wool cutters' (Narr.News 27May.27). **wool dray** 109. (AND 1843-1892. 1838 'When the wool drays came down...they would receive twenty offers of one kind or another, every day in the week'(Monitor 14Nov.2c1). 1840 'So high was the flood, that people got on the tops of their wool drays for safety' (Aus.20Feb.3cl). 1850 'Many heavily laden wool drays...may be daily expected to arrive'(Melb.M. Her.19Jan.2c4). **wool grading** 196,197. 1935 'Wool grading...consists of the separation of the inferior from the superior, and the object is to grade in such a way as will enable buyers to value accurately'(Goddard 14). **wool grease** 198. 1868 'The appearance, the color, the solubility of wool-grease are sure signs whether it will be easily [sic] washed out'(Jordryan 9). **wool hawk** 180. (AND 1916-1955). 1950 'Mr.Smith a woolhawk stopped the night'(Ulach 15Sep). 1930 'they are a fine lot of "wool-hawks", and leave little room for complaint'(Syd. M.Her.7Jun.11c1). 1937 'I am a woolhawk from the West; / Can tear the wool off with the best'(Gunn 245). **wool holder** 124. 1828 '[notice] TO WOOLHOLDERS AT HUNTER'S RIVER'(Monitor 21Jan.91c6). **wool house** 168. (AND 1827-1857). 1833 'Also wanted a rough carpenter, to put up a weather-boarded wool house' (Tasman.30Aug.273c1). **wool, in the** 162,169. (see woollenly) 1917 'I am very glad that you are not buying any sheep in the wool this year as the birr [Bathurst burr] is on all the stock routes'(Want. Letter.26May.2). **wool king** 124. (AND 1839-1950) 1875 'Director of the theatre, rigidly excludes colonial aristocracy, shoddy princes, wool-kings and all, from trans-foothlight territory'(Walch 3). 1926 'the wealthy wool-kings, especially the descendants of the old Tory school, are just as bitter towards the union to-day as their forefathers were in the bad old days'(NZ WU 11). 1950 'Two sons of local wool-kings leaned on...two English sports cars'(Bull.8Mar.13c3). **wool lot** 206. 1962 'If he compared several wool lots (the showfloor name for the equivalent of the classer's lines) he would see differences in staple crimp, staple length, and in fineness'(Barnard 11). **wool pack** 179,203. **wool picker** 166,193. 1910 'the wool-pickers were busy at side tables, and the wool-sorter at another table which stood across the shed in a commanding position'(Hornung 99-100). **wool rag** 203. 1903 'Not having any use for Mulligan's wagon, I swapped her for a new twenty-by-thirty-four wool-rag'(Furphy 19). **wool room** 196. 1893 'in one end of the wool-
room... '(Mackay 26). 1908 'At the end of the shed and under the same roof is a large wool-room'(Ogilvie 38). 1913 'Woolly sheep can be sheltered under the floor of the shearing board and wool-room, as well as in the receiving and catching pens'(Ag.Gaz.2Dec.1052). 1934 'one [broom] for the board, one for the wool-room, and one for the press'(Hardie 14). 1956 'On the other side of the shearing board is... the "wool room", running at right angles to the board itself'(Dutton 103). 1961 'Wool room arrangements depend on the number of stands being used—i.e.on the number of shearers working' (Jordan 116). 1975 'Inexperience reigned supreme in the woolroom'(Ryan 43). wool sack 203. 1825 'they can be accommodated with wool sacks to convey the wool from their farms to the Waterloo Warehouse'(Aus.17Nov.2c2). 1893 'The fleeces are rolled up and bound and trodden down and packed in wool sacks, suspended for this purpose from the beams of the roof'(Adams 73). wool scales 204. 1959 'The wool press should be overhauled and the wool scales checked for accuracy, and to see that no weights are missing'(East Syd.Tech.Vol.1.132). wool season 170. (AND 1841-1908). 1834 'two ships...filled at the Hunter this wool season'(Monitor 14Feb.1c3). 1848 'an early start is half the battle, especially during the wool-season, when the summer's heat often necessitates a halt at noon'(Haygarth 49). 1917 'The 1916-7 wool season was carried on, so far as the marketing of the wool clip was concerned, under peculiarly varying conditions'(RAS Ann. 127). wool ship 112,195. 1828 'FIRST WOOL SHIP FOR LONDON DIRECT...The constant trader from 1823, ELIZABETH...will sail from this port in January'(Monitor 3Ja n.875c3). 1844 'So many calamities have occurred to wool ships leaving this colony for England by fire, caused by the friction and ignition of damp wool'(Parra.Chron.6Jan.3c3). wool shipper 112. 1842 'wool-shippers should seize the opportunity of her [ship Cairo's] visit to the district to send their wool home'(Hunt. Riv.Gaz.8Jan.3c4). wool table 168,170,185,192. (AND 1865-1981). 1867 'The men appointed to roll the fleeces spread them out on the wool table, with the clipped side downwards'(Jordan 91). 1874 'In the perpendicular part of the T [shape of shed] are the wool tables where the fleeces are rolled up and classed according to quality'(Caird 23). 1895 'At the northern end of the shed a space, 15ft. by 45ft., is set apart for the wool-tables and wool-bins'(Gould 210). 1918 'Also washed board and wool tables' (Harden 19 Oct). 1935 'A suitable size of wool-table is 9ft.long and 4ft.wide'(Cook 2). 1964 'In the Lake Coleridge shed the shearing board is split by the wool-tables with six or eight stands each end'(Newton 41). 1981 'throw it so it would fall spread out over a special table'(Facey 186). wool tank 195. 1901 'The wool-tanks [ships] from Port Jackson, Melbourne and Moreton Bay'(Bull.Rec.74). w- team 206. (AND 1836-1959). 1843 'This township is alive with the daily arrival and departure of the wool teams to and from the interior'(Parra.Chron.30Dec.4c3). 1902 'Four wool-teams passing through a gate in a "rabbit proof" fence which crosses the road'(Lawson (2) 108). 1934 'Wool teams passed us, wheels creaking'(Wood 208). wool track 67,103. (AND 1903,1959). 1934 'he hadn't thought worth while to go roun' by the Boundary Tank, to git on the wool track; he jist went ahead like a surveyor'(Furphy 17).

woollen 209. 1912 'Wastes, shoddy, blends of material other than wool are referred to as "woollen" in opposition to "all wool"'(Hunter 115). 1941 'The two great sections of the manufacturing trade are worsteds and woolens, and when grading, the classer should realise this'(Goddard 5). 1950 'Wool yarns are classified as "woollen" or "worsted" according to the methods used in producing the yarn'(Int.Wool Sec.26).

woolling up 189. 1957 'he holds up clearing of the shearing board...and eventually causes "woolling up" of the wool room'(NZ Dep.Ag.Oct.13c2).

woolly (sheep) 78,162. (AND 1897-1956). 1896 'Brought in Antigah weaners and some woollies'(Ulah 21 Oct). 1908 "With...perhaps three thousand "woollies" awaiting their turn below the shears there is of necessity no time to waste'(Ogilvie 29). 1919 'After the beginner has hacked a few woolies he is a puffing, perspiring, bloodstained streak of misery'(Bull.23Jan.24c2). 1934 'It appeared that the shearin' season had started, and most of the sports had left the district to take up barberin' woollies'(Bull.13Jun.50c1). 1941 'When all in the big catching pen were finished, they were run into a long branding race, and a fresh lot of woolies took their place'(Glasson 8). 1947 'We worked six days a week, and on Sundays we were expected to shepherd the sheep to keep the
shorn animals apart from the woolies' (Aus.Work:5Mar.12c1). 1962 'Never leave shorn sheep out to keep the woolies dry'(Aus.C.Mag. Jun.45c1). 1975 'damp woolies were spreading out over the paddock'(Ryan 142).

woolmark 210. 1968 The woolmark [a five-striped endless knot symbol] shows that the article is made from pure wool'(Knox Note).

Woop Woop 65. 1927 'Even after he was appointed to the Bench, Judge Heydon...used to send long telegrams from Woop Woop and other villages'(Blacket 73). 1936 'I'm sick of so many blobs and woop-woops for relations'(Franklin 395). 1944 'Where d'ya think I come from? Woop Woop?' (Glassop 51). 1967 'Melbourne's welcome to Prince Phillip yesterday was about as wild as a wet Sunday afternoon in Woop Woop'(Cour-Mail 4Mar.3c5). 1975 'travelled the world and took ideas from Woop Woop to Timbuktoo'(Sun Her.6Apr.9). 1981 'Just shows what we who live in Woop Woop can do when we try'(Adam-Smith 4).

worker, working bullock 110. 1827 '[Advert.] TWENTY well-broke-in, quiet, WORKING BULLOCKS' (Monitor 13Apr.382c2). 1839 'To be sold...100 Bullocks from two to four years old, many of them fit to break in as workers'(Port P.Gaz.18Dec.35c1). 1842 'the out run sufficient for a milking herd, a flock of wethers, and the working bullocks of the establishment'(Hunt.Riv.Gaz. 29Jan.2c2). 1851 'We then commenced to gather all our working bullocks'(O'Shaughnessy n.d.). 1859 'Stolen...one yellow working bullock'(Rep.Crime 8Sep.1c2). 1867 'back to Wallace's tomorrow for some working bullocks he had bought'(T.G.Wilson 11 Oct).

worsted 209. 1918 'the essential difference...is that the wool for worsteds is combed, and that for woollens is carded'(Ormerod 115). 1926 'large works have been started in Sydney and Melbourne for combing and spinning worsted wools'(Chard 23). 1946 'The most important subdivision is into Woollen and Worsted types'(Gold.Mort 20). 1957 'Worsteds drape and hold their shape better than the softer woolens and are the most resistant of all textiles to wrinkle and dirt'(Guthrie 227). 1962 'Worsted yarns are more even in thickness than woolen yarns, are stronger, and are used mainly for temperate and summer climate clothing'(Barnard 7).

wraggle See warrigal

wrapper See warrigal

worley 74. 1840 'in their wurleys, or rather huts'(Aus.10 Oct.2c7). 1851 'Saw several Wurlys--and native Breakwinds...The darkies have had a camp here--probably during the sheep
shearing season'(Tester 88). 1875 'We passed some wurleys, dwellings of the aborigines...small huts of the meanest description...seldom sufficiently high for their owners to stand...sometimes closed in all round, sometimes open on one side'(Hill 100). 1884 'Many are camped in the scrub with nothing to protect them from the weather, but "wurleys" built of boughs'(Eve.News 22Sep. 8c1). 1890 They saw the blacks leave their wurleys and run for shelter to a shed, where, cowering beneath their opossum rugs, they listened in terror to the thunder'(Cleland 73). 1928 'We set about building a wurley by the side of a big log'(Lee 44). 1935 The village consisted of six solidly built houses for the white staff, the usual stores and other buildings, a large church, a schoolroom, and a group of wurlies for the blacks'(Plowman 215). 1954 'They lived a hundred yards or so away [from the homestead] in wurleys as primitive as those they had always used'(Ewers 8-9). 1965 Their living conditions, hovels that are not much more than wirleys--blankets or a piece of tin on a couple of sticks--are the most deplorable I have seen'(Aus. 11Feb.2c8). 1968 'in summer the temperature within a wurley (of branches and brushwood) is 10 degrees cooler than the outside temperature' (Nation 7Dec.5c3).

X bred 148. See crossbred

1917 'This week we have dagged the X bred hoggetts also the merino wether hoggetts'(Want.Letter. 28Jul.1). 1934 'Before going on to the classing of the XB clip, any comebacks should be drafted off and shorn first'(Hardie 45).

yabby 83,91.
n. (AND 1884-1981). 1894 'Small crayfish called "yabbies"...may be found all over Australia' (Melb.Argus 6 Oct.11). 1913 'the only sign of water was where the yabbies were found'(Bull. 10Jul.16c3). 1932 'I title wading birds wish the one leg to be taken for a reed by frogs and yabbies'(Bris.Cour.7May.19c6). 1933 'All very well taking to the bush with a schoolbag full of food and a billycan to cook yabbies in, but no joke on an empty belly'(Lindsay 68). 1956 'yesterday anglers were as lively as a tin full of yabbies'(Cour.Mail 11Jun.1c11). 1969 'and they joined the yabbies, eels, and the water snakes'(Aus.W.Week.27Nov.61). 1982 'Soldier crabs are top bait, but yabbies...are also excellent'(Bell.S.Supp.Sep.6c2).

v. (AND 1934-1980). 1934 'Here's a sport for those who...forget their bait when yabbying' (Bull.24 Oct.21c2). 1964 'I remember them as a child when I've been yabbying'(Johnston 272). 1968 'They can also go yabbying in the dam, and walk through the surrounding bush'(Walkabout Aug. 37c2).

Yan Yean 75.

(AND 1868-1972). 1877 'I...shuddered to see men devouring piles of this indigestible food [cold beef and bread], washing it down with pure Yan Yean [water](James 2.77). 1898 'Yan Yean...the reservoir from which Melbourne obtains its water supply...commonly used for water from the tap' (Morris S22c6).

yang yang (outlaw) 107.

(AND 1976-1982). 1981 'announcing that he could ride...any other yang-yang outlaw wrapped in hide this side of the black stump...no yang-yang outlaw being immediately available'(Nat. Farm.8 Oct.23c6).

Yankee grubber 70,71.

(AND 1914,1980). 1915 'cost of clearing...was from 17s to £1 per acre, but it must be understood that this was thoroughly cleared whereas Woodlands area was "Yankee-grubbed"'(Syd.M.Her.6Jul. 7c4). 1963 'Yankee grubber: type of winch for pulling out trees and stumps' (Horsham H.Soc.).

Yankee lining 108.

1966 'I think I'm the only person left who can do Yankee-lining'(Syd.M.Her.19Dec.6c1).
yard (up) 122.

(AND 1821-1978). 1838 'having chosen a place with a good landing on the opposite bank, yarded the sheep'(Docker 8). 1844 'When they seem pretty well reconciled to the place, they are left or bedded out one night, and yarded the next'(Atkinson 106). 1847 'turn back and yard the cattle' (Harris 321). 1884 'There being no grass, had to yard the lot'(Town C.Journ.5Jul.23c1).

1910 Engelhardt knew little enough of station life, but he saw that somebody was yarding-up a mob of sheep for the night'(Hornung 135). 1935 'The sheep should be yarded for a few hours prior to dipping, to allow them to get rid of their droppings'(Goddard 27). 1965 'if the floor is built accordingly, sheep will yard without any great trouble'(Pearse 136).

yard dog 144.

1825 'yard dogs are in the habit of barking very much when strangers pass near the premises' (Aus.22 Sep.3c4).

yarder (up) 122,123.

(AND 1883-1923). 1892 'These six pilgrims are the two pickerups...the two piece pickers, the yarder up and the Dinkydee'(Hummer 17Sep.3c4). 1914 'the throwers threw in the usual number of sheep (about fifteen or sixteen) [into the wash], while the yarders kept the yards full'(Hamilton 93).

yarding 122.

(AND 1889-1985). 1868 'when we commenced the task of "yarding" that the real labour of the day commenced'(Aus.Journ.Vol.5.423c2). 1882 'This will greatly assist the yarding into the race, and save the sheep much knocking about'(Armstrong 139). 1915 'A few yards of calves and yearlings were also included in the yardings'(Syd.M.Her.6Jul.11c5). 1939 'The quality of the yarding was good'(Syd.M.Her.1Aug.7c2). 1971 'the yarding was 2600 sheep and 800 cattle. It was an average to good quality yarding of sheep'(Arm.Expr.30Jun.3).

yarraman 105.

(AND 1842-1984). 1843 'the blacks came opposite the hut...called out that they had killed all the horses or yarramen, and would kill or drive the white fellows off'(Syd.M.Her.1Feb.2c7). 1851 'The natives—they said there were two white fellows and three yarramans on the road' (Tester 101). 1867 'One is described to have been riding a fine horse, but his mate was mounted on a very indifferent looking yarraman'(Goulb.Her.2Nov.4c4). 1885 'known among his companions by the sobriquet of Yarraman Dick—yarraman being the native word for horse' (Praed 4). 1893 'Prettyboy, you and me go on look out walkabout jumbuck, make haste gettum yarraman (horses) '(Newland Pt.2.304). 1904 'Me shoot 'em Billy mail pfeller, collar yarraman alonga him, ride alonga station'(Palmer-Archer 177). 1913 'I lobbed home from a hop at 3.30 one recent wet morning, per yarraman' (Bull.31Jul. 15c4). 1926 'The young myall [Aborigine] was to mount a yarraman for the first time in his life' (Bowes 244).

yellow agony, Johnny 28.

(AND 1879-1908). 1868 'Maybe, too, some of them yellow Johnnies wud ate him, poor cratur, and that wud grieve me'(Houlding 350). 1880 '"Yellow agony" has extended to Hobart town' (Bull.Vol.2.No.16.6c1). 1892 'This will illustrate how deep-rooted in the minds...of this country is the hatred of the "yellow agony"'(Mennell 81).


yeo See yo etc.

yield 207.

1900 'Yield...means the actual weight of clean wool after being scoured, also the amount of top yielded whilst passing through a combing machine'(Hawkesworth 179). 1910 'Monaro wool...is wasty looking stuff, carries a lot of heavy gritty sand that plays havoc with "yield"'(Jackson 115). 1919 '"yields" of cross-bred wool are usually high, and the variation is not very great' (Kelly 77). 1944 'Yield...The pure wool content of wool when natural and unnatural impurities have been removed'(Minter 74). 1965 'The wool processor requires only clean fibre and when
making purchases of greasy wool he does so on the basis of clean fibre content or what is commonly known as "yield" (Henderson 66).

yo, yeo, yoe, yowes 162.
(AND 1900-1974). 1884 'sent a message...would I see wether and weaners' people about "them yowes" (Clarke 188). 1897 'He thought that he'd be fined all right--he couldn't turn the "yoe"' (Bull. 20Feb.3c2). 1903 'bin leavin' three o' hour gates hopen; an' the yowes an' weaners is boxed' (Furphy 233). 1928 'Two "bob" a head for pickled "yo" (ewe) and damper...and "darned" old "yo" at that' (Robertshaw 252). 1931 'Bob read an inscription: "Champion two-year old Ewe." Does he still call it yeo?' (Franklin 189). 1959 "rosellas" (otherwise, bare-bellied yowes) were going down the chute head-to-tail in a never-ending stream' (Tritton 33). 1973 'The old-time shearsers called ewes "yoes," and you still hear the back-country station hands doing it' (Sun Her. 18Nov. 42).

yolk(y) 175,180,198,200,206.
1867 'When there is such a superabundance of yolk...excessive quantities of the fluid find their way down to the belly wool' (Jordan 27). 1897 'Yolky...wool possessing a great quantity of fatty secretion from the skin of the sheep' (Gold.Mort 12). 1910 'medium descriptions when there was manifest a good deal of yolk, burr, and seed, sold at par to 5 per cent. decline' (Queen. & Jan. 34cl). 1964 'second pieces (which are smaller, and contain more yolk and perspiration)' (Munz 148). 1973 'When sheep are driven they become hot and the yolk rises in the wool' (Aus. C.Mag. 46).