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Word	Meaning
GAIRD	
G'EAT	Great
GAAKE/GAAKEN GEEK/GEEKEN	Stare or staring "W'at are ee geeken at; ab'm ee see a man with wan leg 'fore?"
GA-AL	Corn or hard skin on the hand
GAARD / GEARD	Scouring grit.
GABERICK	See Gaverick
GACCUM	See GAWKUM. Awkward person.
GAD	Wedge for splitting rock (mining) Jocularly "we are of the tribe of Gad."
GAD	A miner's pick
GADDLE	Drink greedily. We might say 'gulp'
GADDLE	Drink greedily. (See Gaird etc below)
GADDLING ABOUT	Walking about
GADGE	A trick. "They took me in the stable to see the horse with its 'ead where its tail shud be. Twas a proper gadge but I atren't goyne te tell ee.
GADGET	Common daisy. Hayle (Jenner).
GADJAVRAWS	Ox Eye Daisy
GADJAVRAWS	Ox-eye daisy. Cor. Caja-vras
GAERN / GARN / JARN / GAARN	Garden. "Cum up an' see me garn bit, looken 'amsome is."
GAERN / GARN / JARN/GEARD	Garden.
GAFF	Salmon Spear
GAGGLED	Covered in something unpleasant. (like caggled or daggled)
GAGGONS	Boots
GAIRD/GEARD/ GROWDER/ GROWDYR	Decomposed granite; it was used for scouring tables etc
GAIT	Way of doing things, trick or habit.
GAKE / GAKIE / GEEK	Staring rather rudely. What's he gaking at? 'Le' 's 'ave a look.' (See gaaken above)
GAKEM	A stupid person
GALCH / GULCH	Heavy fall of rain. At St. Ives a weather-dog seen in the North.
GALDRUMS / GUALDRUMS / GAULDRUMS	Enchantment or delirium. Source? (I wonder if this has come from 'daldrums'.)
GALE	Impotent bull. A childless man. Cp. Geld. Also recorded as an Ox which in reality is what an imptent or neutered bull is. Also known as a Steer.
GALE	Crab pot withies.
GALEY	Weak straw of corn.
GALEY / GAULLY	Ground where springs rise in various places. Cor. Gaul fork, bifurcate.
GALLEY-O / GALLYVOW GALLYWAYOO.	Hermaphrodite. Man unable to beget children
GALLIER	Great amount of
GALLIGANT / GALLIGANTER	Tall ungainly person. From Gargantua, Rabelais? "'ees a right galligant, 'es like a lumbering gate elephant goyne round."
GALLIO	"Go on Gallio-like" to be unconcerned. Acts xviii. GALLISH: gallows. "As cross as gallish".
GALLISH	Gallows
GALLIVANT (ING)	Always to be away from home. O.E.D. (Not confined to Cornwall me thinks)
GALLUS	?? Any ideas
GALLYER	Difficult or long journey as in driving cattle or sheep.,
GALLYGANter	Tall ungainly person.
GALLYWOW	A man destitute of the power of begetting children
GALYAR	A Mad prank
GALYERS	Restive; in a temper "He got a proper fit o' the galyers."

GAMBADES	Big awkward feet on either an animal or man
GAMBADOES	Heavy riding gaiters with a wooden foot-board.
GAMBER(N) / GAMBRON	Hock of horse; a spreader; crooked leg; cross stick for hanging a pig after killing. Cp. Swingle-tree.
GAMBERS	Interjection. "By gambers" Cp. "bejabers".
GAMBRILL	As above. Small of leg; hocks of horse.
GAMMEL / GAMMUT	Fun, frolic. "Thee was a real ol' gamut down village 'all last night, dun naw w'at twas all about, but ev'rybody was enjoyen theirselves."
GAMMOTTING	Playing, frolocking
GAMMUTS	Sports, games, fun.
GAMMY	A bad limb – might be of a temporary nature or even an amputation. (usually referring to the leg)
GAMP	Large umbrella for use in a pony-cart or trap
GAMUT	Piece of nonsense; 'Tis only one of their gamuts
GANGE / GINGE	To fasten a hook with wire. To twist fine brass or copper wire around a fishing line to prevent the hook being bitten by the fish.
GANKUM	A simpleton
GANOW	Mouth. "Too big about the ganow" Cor. Ganow. GARM: to shout, scold, berate. Mousehole. Cor. Garm, garma.
GAPE	To stare
GARBAGE	Skimmings of salt filth; coagulated oil from Pilchards ready to be packed into hogheads.
GARD	Gravel, gravelly earth, dormerly use for scouring pots & pans. Also known as Growder
GARDEN OF THE PASS	Place where tin stuff is piled ready to slice beneath the stamps.
GAREY	To tell a story. "One is quite enough to garey" St. Just. Cor. Gerya, gery to chide, to be verbose.
GARIBOLDI	Loose kind of blouse (after Italian hero). "Fancy goyne up Chapel wearen a Gariboldi, never 'eard tell the likes of it."
GARM	To scold, to cry out. "She gi(e)ved that boy some garmen when he got 'ome."
GARN	Garden
GARN	Go on. "Game with 'ee."
GARNI(E)N	Nagging or complaining. "That one is always garnin."
GARNSEY FROCK	Fisherman's jersey, often with individual pattern associated with each village or port, rather like Gooks.
GARRY/GURRY	A wicker basket wirth four handles, carried rather like a Sedan. I think in more recent times timber has been found more durable.
GASHLY	Ghastly frightful. Horrible, unsightly
GATCHESI / GATCHEIS	Pool of muddy water; after leavings of tin ore
GATE EKKA	Ignorant loud mouthed person; probably from 'Great Echo'
GATHER	To plough furrows towards each other
GATHORN / GATHEN	Spirit in a mine. E.D.D. notes name of a fairy, Elaby Gathen.
GAUKUMS	Gaukum a simpleton. (<i>Goky, Cornish – a fool</i>)
GAUVE / GOVE	3 sing. Preterite of GIVE. (Gave) "I gove en a right mouthful I don't mind tellen ee."
GAVER	Crayfish
GAVERHALE / GAVERHALL	Jacksnipe. More applicable to the large or common snipe. Cor. Gavar goat hal moors.
GAVERICK / GABERICK	Spider crab, South Cornwall. The Red gurnard, West Cornwall.
GAWK /GAWKUM / GAAKEM/GAWP	Awkward person. Clumsey person. Someone peculiarly dressed, perhaps a Clown
GAWKY	Someone who is awkward or 'cack handed'.
GAY / GAYS	Pieces of broken china; playthings, children's toys.
GAYER / GAYVER	Sea crayfish. Mullion
GAYHOOT	Form of ALEHOOT? The Costmary, also Ground-ivy, formerly used for beer instead of hops.
GAZHOOT	The lock-up, clink. Newlyn. "Spouse Fred was drunk 'Gain last night, I see 'ee's down the gayhoot this marnin."
GAZOOLY	To simmer. To be constantly uttering laments. From Cornish or another verb.
GEAGLE	"Restless as geagle" from Tregeagle legend.
GEAGLED	See gaggled. Bedraggled
GEAVE/HEAVE/EAVE. HEAVEN	Exude moisture (Rather like eave & heave). "This floor is 'eaven this damp weather."
GEDDON	'You don't mean to say.' Or 'You don't mean it.'
GEEK / KEEK	To peep. Or look curiously, to spy, to peer.

GEEKABOO	Hide and seek. See also BOGEEK. "Le's 'ave a game o' geekaboo, there's nuff of us 'ere now."
GEES(Z)E DANCERS/GESS/	Disguised mummers. (A Christmas play where the performers disguise themselves.)
GEE-UP	Used to make horses walk on
GEEY	To foal. ?source.
GEEZ	Girth
GEEZE	See GUISE. Geeze dancing is believed to be un iquely Cornish abd was a custom where village folk visited the towns all dressed in peculiar fancy dress including cross dressing, some with blackened faces. It ofren led to heavy drinking & fighting. It is also believed that some people performed 'mumming plays'.
GEIST / GIRSE / GISS	Horse-girth. Cp. "jesses" of a hawk.
GELVERN	A smithy. "roar like gelvern". Gelforn (govelforn) smith's furnace.
GERANJES	Geraniums (pelargoniums)
GERKIN / JERKIN	An over jacket without arms for extra warmth. (Rather like the modern day bodywarmer
GERRA	A rock.
GERRICK	Whistler Fish
GERRICK / GERROCK/GERREK	Sea pike. The Garfish
GERRY	A laerge box, in St Ives with four wooden handles and on north coast four rope handles for conveying fish from boat to shore or store. Rather like a wheelless wheelbarrow!!
GERTY	Milk
GERTY MILK	A breakfast dish used inplace of porridge
GET	"He gawt the day" he won.
GEW	The best field on a farm, originally the oldest and nearest field to the house, the first enclosure. Often in place-names.
GEW / GUE	Backyard toilet
GEZZA CRAB	Spider crab.
GHASTLY	Bad tempered; vindictive
GIBLET(S)	Nickname for a thin lanky person
GICK NOR DICK / GICK NOR GACK	Not one thing nor another. "He said gick nor myck" Cor. Gyk na myk.
GID	A fish.
GID	Smelt (fish)
GIDDAVORE'UM"	Command to a dog to round up sheep
GIDDON	You don't mean it, or 'Get away with you'. Or I don't believe it
GIDGE	Exclamation. " Oh gidge!" as Oh heck!"
GIDGEY	A trick or ruse. 'Tis awnly a gidgy te git 'ee te part with yer money.' (What, today we'd call a scam).
GIEVING/GEEVING	Seeping. "Look there, the tar is gievin' out the bottom o' the barrel."
GIFT	White mark on the finger nail. "A gift on the thumb is sure to come, A gift on the finger is sure to linger."
GIFT HOUSE	Alms-house. " 'ear tell that Matt an' Martha 'ave gone inta one o' they gift houses, down other end o' the village."
GIG	Cage of the lift in mines. Also a fishing boat in C.S.W. GIDGE: interjection. "Oh my gidge." (An oared pilot boat."
GIGLET	A giddy girl
GJJOALTER / GUJAWLTER	For meanings see C.S.W. ?? Ideas please.
GILLYFLOWER	Clove scented Stock, Pink or Wallflower used to make wine
GIN (trap)	Rat or rabbit trap, activated by a cantilever flap, rather like the Man-trap. (Father used to do a small amount of 'Pest Control' for local farmers, and so would often say "I best go an' look at me gings and see wass there.
GIN AND TREACLE	A mixture of this was sometimes called 'Mahogany' because of its colour
GIN or GEN	As 'begin' or 'against'
GIND(H)ALE	Sudden gust of wind. A cyclone
GING	Whip used to spin a top
GING / GINGE	Timber support of shaft wall in mines.. To fasten a fish hook.
GING STICKS	Used in frame of church bells. Two words seem confused here. See C.S.W. p.83. ???
GINGE	A fine wire fastened around a line just above the hook to stop the fish biting through
GINK	Silly. "You stupid gaate gink".
GINNOW (G HARD)	Bellows.
GIRDHOLE	See GURNAL. (A swirl of sandy water near a beach)
GIRR	Diarrhea. "Must o' derunk a bad pint up pub last night, I cert'n;y got the girrs this morning."
GIRTS	Porridge.
GIRTY MILK / GURTY MILK	Groats with water, pepper and salt. Also porridge.
GISS	When wanting something that someone else has -'Giss 'ere.' = 'give us here', or give it

	to me (us).
GISSING	Guessing
GISS ON	Unbelievable –‘Giss on, I can’t believe it you can ‘ee?’ ‘Get along with you.’ ‘Don’t talk rubbish.’
GISS/GISE	Saddle girth – to girth up.
GIVE	Said of stones to show moisture. Cp. HEAVE. O.Eng. gifan “to thaw” confused with O.E. hefung.
GIVISH	Generous ‘She was very givish te the poor people.’
GIZ-DAUNCE	Guise Dance, as applied to the Christmas Plays.
GLAAZIN’	Staring fixedly. “W’at are ‘ee glaazin’ at, abm ‘ee seen a naked woman ‘fore?’”
GLADDY	Yellow-hammer. Devon? Can anyone confirm used in Cornwall?
GLAN	Phosphorescent glow
GLAN / GLANDS	Bank of river. Cor. Glan
GLANCE	To glide or bounce. ‘The balloon glanced across the room.’
GLANSEN/GLANCEN/GLANSIN’	Said when the fire is burning really hot.
GLASSEN BERRY DOG	Term of reproach. (Origin currengtly unknown
GLAWER	A fish. See gwibber, power,
GLAWS / GLOAS / GLOZ / GLAUSE	Dry cowdung used as fuel “We children was sent to pick up glaws.” Women & Children had this job.
GLAZE	To stare hard at anything or anyone.
GLEANY	Guinea fowl. Gallina. “I got a clucky bantam hen out there, I’ll put a few gleany eggs under ‘er, I’m sure she’ll bring them on.”
GLEET	Slime.
GLEG, NEG	Swarm of bees.
GLEGS / GLOGGYS	Clogs.
GLEN ADDER	The cast skin of an adder
GLESYN	Woad
GLICK HANDED	Left handed.
GLIDDARD	Dirty clothes “Gar you’re glidderd.” See gliddery below. It has been suggested that this might be a variation of gliddery inferring that gliddard might mean shiny with dirt
GLIDDERING	Slippery, smooth
GLIDDERY	Shiny, bright. GLIDDER: to glaze or enamel. A frosted or glazed surface. O.E.
GLIMMUT	Dusk ‘Tis juss cumin in glimmut, went be able te see te pick these tattwes much longer.’
GLINNY/GLEENY	Guinea Fowl
GLISS / GLIST	Mica, brown shiny crystals, also micaceous iron ore.
GLISSON / GLIZZON	A mud bank covered with sea-grass. C.S.W. Cor. Glesen, Glasson.
GLIST	Smeech and dust arising from burning arsenic.
GLISTER	A gentle movement of boat. C.S.W. “glister the boat toward those rocks.”
GLIT	A mixed mess of food. A glut
GLOBICAL	Unsettled weather
GLOCK	A grip in wrestling
GLOOB	Slime of the after leavings of tin. See LOOB.
GLOOB	Pot or vessel that slime of the after leavings in a tin mine are kept
GLOW	Glower, stare angrily
GLOWERIN’	Frowning
GLUME	A bract, usually one or two at the base of a grass spikelet. (Not particularly Cornish but entered to assist in cross reference under ‘Awns’.
GLUMPY	Sulky “Dussen bother ‘bout her, she’s a right glumpy ol’ soul.” Miserable
GLUT/CLUT	Satiated - satisfied
GLUTH, GLOOTH	Dew.
GLUTHEN	Rain clouds gathering. “it’s gluthenning up”
GLUTHERUN UP	Gathering for rain
GNAT	Small (flower) garden
GO	“Go off like poor powder” to expostulate, to be enraged. GONE: used before “dead, poor, proud”. ??
GO ABROAD	Of a person, to become stout. Also something that is breaking up. Perhaps a pasty wasn’t crimped tight and split –would be said ‘t’s gona abroad.’
GO CUDDY	A break for food; a Roadman’s term. ‘Tis Ten o’clock, time go cuddy boys.’
GO QUATT	To crouch down, similar to ‘clucky down’
GO THE WEST ‘OME	Go home
GO TO THE COUNTRY	Verb, to elope.
GO(NE) ROUND LAND	To die. Said of a garment that’s worn out. “I think this shirt is gone ‘round land Mawther, time ‘ave a new wan.”
GO-ABOUT	A tramp. Cp. Bout-a-go.

GOAD	Small lots of land measured by a Goad or Staff
GOAD /GORD / GOARD	Nine foot rod for oxen, used as a land measure. For a lace of 36 square yards. (The offset staff) In surveying, a light rod, generally measuring ten links, used for taking offsets.
GOAL	Slow ache. See DOLE. A slow heavy pain
Gob	Mouth “Shut yeer gob ya mouthy b....r”
GOB (S)	A bunch of cherries
GO-BY-THE-GROUND	Short person
GOD’S COW	The lady-bird insect. Also short-tailed red breed of cow.
GOD’S CRAB	Small immature crab. Children at Newlyn were forbidden to harm them.
GODRABM / GUDRABS	(The stress is on drabm.) cramp, the complaint.
GOEN	Going
GOFFAN	See COFFIN.
GOGO, OGO, FOGOU, GOOG, VUG	A cave. In place names. Vugga (plural) Cornish.
GOIL	See C.S.W. ?? Cuttlefish
GOIL / GOYLE / GOL	Cuttle fish, squid.
GOKY / GUCKY	Silly, foolish. .
GO (Gone) LIE	Cereal crop flattened by thuder storm. Also said of a ferret that has lost interest in hunting for rabbits so has curled up fer a sleep instead!
GOLDUS	Guldize, Gooldze, or God dheys (sometimes dickydize or Nickly Thize is the Harvest Festival of Cornish people. Guldize is Kerneweck for thw ‘Feast of Ricks’ i.e. (corn stacks). The Festival is held at he end of the wheat harvest and takes the form of a vast feast approximately at the time of the Autmn Equinox. Crying the Neck ceremony took place before the feast. The Neck having been formed into a Corn Dolly presided over the celebrations. Since 2008 a revived Guldize celebration has been held in Penzance, and since 2011 several others have followed right across Cornwall.
GOLES	As in by goles (oath)
GOLLYBOLDER	A loose blouse, from Gariboldi, Italian patriot.
GOLOWILLIAMS	Shining clothes or fish scales
GOLOWILLIONS / GOLOWILLIBUES	Fish scale bits. . .
GOMMOCK	A fool. Scots origin. Also “gomeril”.
GONE ABROAD	Broken up, disintegrated, dissolved
GONE IN	Pregnant
GONE IN	Of a person – nearly dead; of a business, nearly bankrupt
GONE IN	Collapsed, done for
GONE POOR	Gone bad [of fruit and veg]
GONE POOR	Tainted Rotten , “Do you know, I awnly bott they apples up shop Wensday, now they’re all gone poor.”
GONE SCAT	Bankrupt
GONE THROUGH	Bankrupt
GONHELLY	wild pony. Pronunciation of Goonhilly. Stress on helly: “Hunting”. Goonhilly had a unique small type of horse.
GOOD SWEET NOW	a form of address.
GOODER	Butter
GOODIE, GOODY	Verb. To remove spells from anyone.
GOODNESS	Cooking fat. ‘Fer a pie, you de want plenty o’ goodness in the pastry, and for a pasty you want plenty o’ goodness in the maate.”
GOODS	Smuggled items such as contraband
GOODSPOON	a mischievous child. .
GOOG/GUG	Cliff cavern
GOOK	granite silt. .
GOOK / GOWT	A bonnet, especially as worn by bal maidens, also with “curtains” (flap) behind. (Said also, to be a sun bonnet.) Also worn by female Farm Hands. (<i>Gook probably come from the Kernewekcugh, meaning, a head covering; crown of a hat; or cover of a beehive.</i>)
GOOKING IRON	tool used to set the frill of a gook.
GOOLANDIZE /GULDIZE / DIGGLYDIZE / DICKLYDIZE	harvest supper. “We’re goyn ‘ave a goolandize up te the Sunday School Friday evenun.” With same meaning.
GOOLD	A goal in Hurling

GOOLD	A goal "Penzance scored a goold in the first five minutes."
GOOLDIZE	See Gol Deis
GOOLNIGGAN	Cuttle Fish
GOON	Downs; open moorland
GOONHILLIES	Small horses unique to Goonhilly Downs
GOONY	The downs. "Going up awwer goony"
GOOS/GOOSE	Go; "Goos on 'ome." i.e.go (on) home
GOOSE NECK	The last sheaf cut in harvest; put into the rick to form the Crow. Also a sea-word.
GOOSECHICK	Goslin
GOOSEWORK	Wrought iron stays with flattened and broadened ends supporting 'launders' And the ends of corner ridge tiles and bearing a fanciful resemblance to a goose with outstretched neck!
GOOSEY-GEN	A gwidgy-gwee. A blood blister
GOOSIGEN	A blood blister caused by a nip or blow. Also known as a gwidgygwee
GOOSIGEN / GUSIGAN / GOOSEYGEN	A blister caused by a pinch or a blow. Also known as a gwidgagwee.
GOOSSELONG / GUSSELONG	"Go on." etc. rejoinder or retort. "Get along with you." (being dismissive) "Guss-long with ee thee'rt talken a load o' ol' cod's wallop: the cow didn' really jump aver the moon!"
GOOSTRUMNOODLE	A stupid person
GORE	Piece of cloth let into a garment. A triangular piece of cloth or metal let into a piece of work in a three dimensional fabrication.
GORE	A triangular piece of land found at road merges. (junctions)
GORGET	A hake caught in a net. A foolish person, a babbler.
GORMING / GORM	Stormy; shouting
GORRY	See Gerry
GORSE	Reeds used for thatching.. Cors. Cors, corsen.
GORSEDDAN	Place of Elevation, where, it is said Druids pronounced decase ??????
GOSH	Exclamation
GOSLINGS	Willow catkins.
GOSS	A fuss; perplexity
GOSS	Rush or sedge. Reeds. Gossmoor, place-name. Cor. Cors, an gors. "the fen".
GOSSABEED / GOSSABED	Not at all!
GOSSAN / GOZZAN	Ferruginous earth forming the upper part of a vein. Also Ochre.
GOSSAN	A somewhat different description to that above. The course or bed of a lode in a mine, a keenly gossan, is a friendlylooking gossan, sometimes applied to other projects that look prosperous
GOSSY	Ready; luxuriant
GOULD	Term of endearment. "My gould" Gwinear.
GOUNCE	A long shallow place for washing fine ore-stuff ??.
GOUSE	See glass
GOUTED	Gutted
GOVEN	Gave
GOW	A village walk limited to men of each particular part of A village. Cp. ??
GOWK	Whereas a Gook is applied to Bal Maidens as a part of their work attire, a Gowk is said to be a bonnet worn by country folk, with a flap or curtain behind that protected the back of the neck from the weather.
GOZZAN	Rusty earth or rust colour
GOZZON	A Common
GRAB	Crab (apple) "Sower's a grab."
GRAB	Hay grab for piercing hay and transferring from wagon to hay rick by means of a tall pole, role and horse power. The pole was known as the Spear Pole
GRABBLE	Grapnel
GRACE	Grease
GRACKLE / GRACKEL	A pile of ore.
GRAFFED / GRAFTED	Begrimed. "grafted with dirt". "They bin out ferretin all day, now they've cum 'ome grafted from 'ead te foot." Ingrained dirt 'Your ears are grafted, shouldn't think you washed fer a month.'
GRAFTER	Spade with curved blade for digging out clay
GRAIL	The coarser part of flour. "This grail is fine fer makin pastry fer a pie toppin but no good

	fer pasties.”
GRAILS	Residue after melting down fat, a bit like rish hing I imagine. PP
GRAIN	The three pronged fish spear. C.S.W. GRENE in E.D.D.
GRAIN	(Of the quality of laundry) “See ‘er washin bit, awful grainy idna?” (Not crisp & white)
GRAINY	Proud, smart, vain or miserly. Close fistid, close grained. (A close grained wood is tight & strong.)
GRAMBLER / GRUMBLA	Place names. A stoney place
GRAMMER	Cowry Shell
GRAMMER’S KNUCKEY	A self-acting catch for a gate.
GRAMMERSOW	The wood-lose, pill-bug. Also a taunt by children when referring to others who had attended a Grammar School.
GRAMPUS	??
GRANE SAAVE	green salve.
GRANFER	Grand Dad or Grandfather
GRANGE, GRINGE	to grind the teeth.
GRAOW	gravel. “I got a load o’ graow comin this afternoon te spread aver the driveway.”
GRAPPER(S)	Grapnel or small anchor
GRASS	Above ground at a mine or Bal. “Up to grass” to the surface; mining. “Grass Captain” surface overseer.
GRASS CAPPUN(IN)	Mine Captain above ground, or at ‘Grass’.
GRASS PASTY	Pasty made with meat etc plus herbs, usually parsley.
GRASSOCK	A three candle light put on the miners’ helmets when on the Man Engine peculiar to Levant mine ??
GRAVE	“As greedy as the grave” simile.
GRAVEL RASH	Suface abrasion of the skin. Someone might enquire of one who has fallen down, “Hert yerself ‘ave ‘ee? “No just a bit o’ gravel rash I bleeve.”
GRAVING CLOUDS	A sign of a storm. . “The clouds are gravin’ we’re goyne ‘ave bad weather sue nuff”. Clouds moving opposite to the wind
GRAWTHY	Full of growth
GREAK	The sea-crayfish. C.S.W. GREEK. Cp.
GREAT LICKER	Very big, perhaps a big pasty!
GREBE	Small polt of land
GREEN LANE	An unmetalled way.
GREENING	A small scale fair
GREEP	A trench at the foot of a hedge
GREEP	Handful of straw or thatch
GREEP	To make greef or grief between two persons, i.e. to make mischief.
GREEPING	Putting 3 or 4 pots into one another.
GREET	Soil. O.Eng. Greet-board: mould board of plough.
GREND	A kink in a chain.. “I got a grend in the chain an’ I an’t git en undone.” Also a rabbit snare
GRESS / GRESSED	Grease, Greased. Give en a bit o’ elbow gress boy, ‘e’ll shine up then.”
GRESSACK	A tallow candle or gressack as it is called at St Just where it was regarded as a sovereign remedy for colds when rubbed on the nose or chest!
GREY	Badger
GREYBIRD	Song Thrust or a female blackbird
GRIBBLE	Young apple tree ready for grafting
GRIBBLE	a rooted cutting of a plant. Also, a scion for grafting.
GRIBBLE / GRABLE/ GRAPPLE	An anchor used in seine fishing. Also, a miner’s sieve.
GRIDDLE	A gridiron – used to toasting or frying
GRIDDLY	To warm oneself beside the fire
GRIDGE	A small fragment of stone. Perhaps a sample.
GRIDLANCE	“To take gridlance” in game of marbles a player changes the position of his taw so as to have in line his opponent’s taw and one of the marbles.
GRIE / GURY	A vein of tin ore in granite, one or two inches thick. Balleswidden.
GRIEF	To make mischief. “They there children err maaken grief again. They’ll ‘ave the length o’ my tongue in a minute!”
GRIG / GRIGGAN	The cricket or grasshopper.
GRIG / GRIGLANS/ GREGLUM/GRIGLING	Dried stalks of heather or ling. Stems were often bound to make brooms rather like the ison broom.
GRIGGAN	Grasshopper
GRIGGLE	The spider-crab. Also a small apple. Cp. Grablen; a small or crab apple.

GRIGGLE. GREAN / GREUN / GRUEN / GRANE	Hard roe of fish. .
GRIGLAN BISOMS	Brooms made from griglan or heather. These were hawked aound to both private houses and in large quantities to local mines where they were used on ‘dressing-floors’.
GRIGLANS	Heath or Ling (heather)
GRIGLANS	Stalks of heath
GRIJA RAY	Thornback Ray
GRIMCHOCKS	Term of abuse, dirty face. “Wash yer grimchocks ‘fore you cum te the table.”
GRIMMIAN/GRINYAN/DINYANDID GAN	A small quantity (a term used in dressmaking)
GRIN / GREN	Snare.
GRIBE	Rain-water gutter beside a hedge. ‘Waking in the hedge gripe.’
GRIBE	Ditch
GRIPY	Stingy
GRIST	Grain that has been separated from its chaff in readiness for grinding. Can be said of the ground corn itself.
GRIT/GIT/GIRT/ GAATE	Great or large, ‘A gaate big load’ ‘ seen farmer Gile’s new tractor ‘ave ‘ee, ‘ees a gaate louser I tell ‘ee.’
GRIZZLE	Grin broadly, laugh, show the teeth. .
GRIZZLE	Also of oats, to show the grain by spreading the ushans after dry weather USHANS:. Chaff /husks
GRIZZLE	To grin or smirk mockingly
GROBMAN	sea bream
GROCK	To pull, tweak the hair upwards. To grock a sheaf: to pull loose straw from it.
GROODER / GROWDER	Confused with Groot: soil. Coarse grit used for scouring. (Soft decomposed granite0
GROOT	Small pieces of dried mud. Soil ready for tilling roots
GROOTED	Gaggled, plastered – covered “He cum up grooted in mud.”
GROOTH	The crop of a domestic or other bird.
GROOTS/GROUTS/GROOSHANS/GU DGINS	Dregs in a tea cup (before tea bags!) Gypsies, and other wise old ladies of the village ould read your teacup, for a small transfer of ‘silver’. “I do bleeve I can see a storm brewin up in your future, but then again as I cast me eye to the bottom o’ the cup, I bleeve ‘tis goyne pass over an’ there’ll be better times te cum.”
GROPE	Sprain
GROSSET	The gooseberry. “a hairy grosset”.
GROUDER/ GROWDER	A soft kind of decomposed granite used for scouring pots & pans; also for scrubbing floors of upstairs rooms which were usually left bare and uncarpeted.
GROUNDEN	Good basic education. Me boy is doin’ very well at Bristol Universally, mind you ‘e ‘ad a good grounden down te Hayle Grammar.
GROUNDER	Large stone, foundation of a hedge. “I got a good grounder, I can build away on that.”
GROUNGE	To grind one’s teeth or to grind food noisily with one’s teeth
GROUSHANS	Dregs, particularly of tea.
GROUTED	Filthy
GROUTS	Dregs of tea (before teabags!!) Gypies and others would read your tea cup by the formation of the grouts. They’d even tell your future by ‘reading’ the sparks on your fireback.
GROWAN / GRAOW	Loose or decomposed granite as in pebbled beach. Gravel or grit
GROWSE	Of a candle, to gutter, drip grease
GROWSHANS / GROOSEHANS / GRISHANS / GROWJANS /GRUSHIONS	Tea leaves left in a cup, dregs, grouts. . Before the days of tea bags, elderly lady membes of a family would get others to flosch out their tea cups leaving the grushions behind and then supposedly they would tell your future from the grouts (grushions!)
GROWTS	Dregs (Tea leaves left in the cup, before teabags!) Old ladies and gypsies would tell your future by ‘reading’ your tea cup!
GROYNE	A seal
GRUB	To clear land of gorse, braken etc before ploughing
GRUBBY	A group; a collection of things. “We went campin’ an’ twas so cold we ‘ad te grubby together te keep warm.
GRUBLING	Small, deformed, defective. Particularly an apple
GRUFFED UP	Feeling cold, bunched up
GRUFFLED	Fattened, flourishing
GRUFFLED	“Gruffled up like an rish pig.” Fattened. Cp. GRUFFY.
GRUFFLER	A child
GRUFFY / GROUGHY	To grow strong, especially of pigs.
GRUFFY UP / GRUFFLE UP	Keep close together as in a school outing, so that no-one goes missing.
GRUMPTION	Common Sense

GRUNGE	To grind the teeth together especially when eating!
GRUSHENS	Tea grouts (dregs)
GRUTE	To clean up a farrow
GRUTE / GROOT / GREET	Fine soil. O.Eng.
GRUTER/ GROUTER	The earth or breastboard of a plough.
GRUTHICK	Squat, as in shape – “tottle-bellied”. Pot-bellied as in the pig.
GRYDLANCE	A term used by boys in a game of marbles
GUAG / GWAG	“Holing to guag” empty place already holed. Cor. Gwak, gwag. Ideas?
GUARE	Command at marbles. Play! Cor. 2 sing. Imperative gway Also at single-stick. .
GUBBY	A bunch or a crowd. “Look! There’s a gubby o’ pigeons feeden off he rish, got yer gun ‘ave ee?”
GUCCO	Bluebell
GUCKAW	A fool
GUCKOO	A Wrasse (fish)
GUCKOO	Common bluebell; also the bird cuckoo. Also the wrasse.
GUCKOO SPIT	The froghopper insect.
GUDDY	An old woman but a good wife. A term of address
GUDE	Measure (plus) for timber or glass
GUDGEN	Sinker of a fishing line.
GUFF	Refuse/rubbish . As Caff.
GUIDE	A cross-course (mining)
GUISE or GEEZE DANCE / MUMMERS	Mummers, (folk actors) performed plays and dances in disguise. The custom goes back to the Middle Ages at least and is not peculiar to Cornwall. Between Christmas and 12 th night villagers would enter the towns dressed in all sorts of fancy dress including ‘coss-dressing’ and perform dances and even mummers plays. Some would even have black faces. From the Cornish, ‘greys’ meaning to mock or jest.
GULANEEG / GOOLNIGAN	A cuttle rod. .
GULCH / GULPH / GULK	A body of rich ore. See WOLLA.
GULGE / GULJE	To drink greedily, as GADDLE. Rather like gulp. “He gulged that last pint o’ beer down as if twas goyne be ‘is last won.”
GULIARK	The harbour crab.
GUMP	Common sense (A shortened version of gumption I imagine) PP
GUNJY	Slimy, dirty.
GUNKER	A hard blow.
GUNKER / GUNNER	A one-eyed person.
GUNNIN’	“I’m gunnin’ fer you.” (I’ve marked yer card, make no mistake)
GUNNIS / GUNNIES	the hollow space left after a lode has been removed. A crevis or void in a mine or lode
GUNNY	To take aim. Also to peer closely
GUN-SHETT	Gun shot (about 50 paces) When coming to Helston preach, John Wesley said, “I preached about a ‘gun-shot’ from the town centre.”
GUR	The shanny. The Blenny a small type of shallow water fish found around the coast of the UK. A small fish but part of a large group
GURD	Grit or decomposed granite
GURGO/GURGY	An old low turf hedge
GURGOES	A long narrow lane
GURGY	A cur dog. “maazed as a gurgy” Compare W. gwrgi. A short tailed animal droving dog.
GURNAL	A swirl of sandy water near the beach; also the undertow.
GURNICK	Rising lane “Tis all down ‘ill w’en you get te the top of this ‘ere gurnick.”
GURR/GAR	Expletive: ‘my gur/gar’ = my god!
GURRY	A four handed wheelless-barrow. Also a wicker-work basket with four handles. A gurry load equals 800 herring.
GURT	Great, large. “You should see ol’ Sam’s marra ‘tis a gurt licker.”
GURTHERN	Small rock or stone
GURTS	Porridge
GURTS	Oatmeal
GURTY	A delicacy made from pigs’ innards and groats
GURTY MEAT	Small entrails of a pig baked with blood groats etc.
GUSHING	Over friendly, patronizing
GUSKENS	Sheltered place offshore. . GUSS: soft. Mousehole. ?from Cornish.
GUSS ON WITH ‘EE, YOUR ASS AND BUTTER WID’N	Don’t talk rubbish man. Gusson with ee, these dunnaw w’at you’re taalkin ‘bout.”

GUSS OUT (WITH EE)	Vedry similar to above
GUT	To remove entrails etc fom a dead animal before cooking it.
GUT Board	The earth board of a plough
GUTHENS / GUTHERNS	A sunken rock. C.S.W. "He caught one o' they guthens as 'e was comin in the harbor,next thing 'e was at the bottom o' the saa, boawt en all."
GUZZALEZZA / GOLUZZOW	The octopus.
GUZZLE	To eat greedily or ravenously
GWAIN	Going
GWAITH	Breast hook of a boat.
GWARY WHEGYU GWARY TEG	'Sweet play is fair play' an old hurling-ball motto nd wrasslin motto
GWE(E)ANS / QUEEN / QUEENIES	Periwinkles. C.S.W.
GWEGGAN	A small shellfish.
GWELSKEN / GWILKIN	Also Quilkin, Wilkin: a frog.
GWENDERS / WINDRW /GWINENDERS / WENDERS	Frost-bite or numbness of fingers caused by cold. "I've got gwenders in my fingers, I'm sure they'll fall off w'en I hold them afore the fire te warm up a bit!". See WONDERS.
GWIDGYGWEE / GWEEDGE GWEE	A black spot caused by extravasated blood. Compare gooseygen. The effect of a pinch. Commonly called a 'Blackman's Pinch.') <i>Probably not allowed to say that anymore.</i>) Also known as a goosigen.
GWISH	Opposite to neary, stingy, tight or mean
GWITHEN	A small rock just below the surface of the sea, but near enough to be a danger to boats and ships
GWITTEN/gwit'n	Smallest pig in a litter, a variation of 'widden'

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