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Word	Meaning
LAADES	Slatted woodwork fore and aft of a wagon rto retain load
LAATE	Mill leat
LAB	A wishy-washy cup of tea that is either very milky, pale in colour or even just luke warm. "This cup taa is a proper ol' lab."
LABBAT	A labourer who serves thoseranking above him
LABBAT(S)	The ears. 'I'll pull your labbats off yer 'ead if you dawn't be'ave.'
LABBOT	A drudge
LABBAT/LABBET	An inferior labourer to who attends tradesmen. A fool
LABBOT/	Son of a miner who helped him in the mine (Goffer)
LACE	A measure of land eighteen feet square in Cornwall & 16 ½ feet imperial measure. No wonder there was a 'Cornish mile!'
LACE/ LACING	To thrash. To beat. Beating. "You've bin plain up all day my son, I'm goyne give you a damn good lacing in a minite."
LACE-UPS	Laced boots 'I dunaw how your're buying they old lace-ups still, when you can get they there slip on shoes now.'
LAFF (LAFFING)	Laugh Laughing
LAFS	Laths. 'Tommy's gone fer the lafs, then we can start plasterin'.
LAFTEN	Made of laths "The wall in the kitchen was laften, skimmed over with lime an' 'orse'air mortar, so we pulled en down."
LAG. LAGGED	To bedraggle. Plaster in mud, or to become plastered in mud. I presume a bit like clay & wattle. Ed (I think 'heavily coated' is a good expression, be it clean or dirty.)
LAGAS	A brokn rainbow
LAGEN	To splash in water; walking in with naked feet
LAIDIN	Arm-in-arm. 'Mr & Mrs Polkinhorne are gone out long laidin like two young love birds; life in the old yet I spose.' 'Arm acrook'
LAIKEN-STREAMIN'	Very wet. "The ol' roof in the back 'ouse is laiken like a basket. Must git up there an' replace a few ellins."
LAIRY	Weak or Timid
LAISTER/LEDDEN	Yllow water iris
LAITY	Dairy "I'm goyne out te the Laity fer a bushel o' milk."
LAKEY /LAKY / LAKING	Leaky. Leaking. Streaming. "The rain is fair laking through the roof 'ome must be somethin' wrong up 'bove spose, that'll cost another pretty penny."
LAM	To hit. 'He lamed go to 'en solid.' As below
LAM / LAMB	Limb. Out on a lamb
LAMBAST	To give someone a good hiding. As above
LAMBRETH	Labyernth – inter-connecting chambers as in a calciner
LAMBS' LEGS	Snivel of an unwiped child's nose
LAMBS-TAILS	The willow blossom (Pussy Willow) "Spring is 'ere the Lambs' Tails are all hanging nicely."
LAMBSWOOL	A drink made of hot milk, eggs, sugar and nut meg. (Now that should make you're navel buzz!!)
LAMMOCK	Rascal
LAMMY	A kit ???
LAMMY PASTIES	We have no description; preasumably made with lamb can someone please confirm? Can one presume they are pasties made with lamb??
LAMPARED	Laden with fruit or flowers
LAMPERED	Covered in mud and dirt; spotted. "I would have given that there begonia First Prize if 'is leaves hadn' bee so lampered"

LAMPIN' & LAMPER	Lampin' is to go out at night with a high powered beam lamp to hunt down rabbit or foxes by shooting or dogs. Lamper is the person who goes lampin'.
LAMPITS	Limpets 'The harder you de 'it these limpets the more they de old fast.'
LAMPSHEER	Weak. Poorly. "He idn't gittin on very well 'tall, he's proper Lampsheer at the minute, can 'ardly put wan foot in front the other."
LANCH	Launch (boat) 'Where are 'ee goyn?' 'Down te the lanch o' the lifeboat.'
LAND	Strip of ploughland
LANDY	Loose; overgrown
LANK / LANDY	Loose. Overgrown. Long, Thin, Lanky.
LANYERD	Both liar and square measure
LAOBA/LOBBA/LUBBA	A lubba, an awkward person
LAP	To beat, to outdo. 'He lapped en by a mile.' But not necessarily referring to a race on a circuit.
LAP	Wet. Muddy clothing left around the house. 'Git they laps out o' 'ere, thy're grafted.'
LAP	To throb as in pain
LAP/CATLAP	Deerisive term for an insipid drink
LAPPIOR	A dancer. A miner who processes left-over ores
LAPPOIR	A dancer
LAPSE	Door catch or latch
LARGE	Conceited. 'Bit large aren't 'ee boy? Time far 'ee te come down a peg or two, yer a bit too big fer yer boots.'
LARN / LARNING	Learn. Learning. 'Well, w'at 'ave 'ee lam't at school today?'
LARR	Fit of laziness. 'I got the larrs today sure nuff.'
LARRIKINS/LANKERS	Mischievous young folk
LARRUP	To wallop, to beat. 'I knaw the bowy done wrong but he larruped un unmercifully.'
LARRUP	Sweet as larrup What does this refer to? Any help out there?
LARRUPING	Big; ungainly
LASH	Thin strips of fish used as bait, cut from tail of mackerel
LASH / LASHES OF/ LASHING	To pour. 'Lashing with rain'
LASHER	A large thing. I imagine similar to 'Licker'. "When he pulled this Bass out the waater, twas a gaate lasher (licker). May also have a connection to 'Lashings'; we ofen her the phrase, 'Lashings of cream.'
LASHINGS / LASHES OF	In abundance. Large quantities 'The pudding' was a bit sparce butt here was lashin's o' craam on en.' "After the ta-treet buns we 'ad splits wi' jam an' lashins o' craame."
LASK	A thick strip of fish (used as bait) 'Abm cot no fish but the lask is gone.'
LASKING	Keeping close into the coast. "They there Coastgaurds was always lasking w;en word got out that there was a bit o' trade due to come ashore."
LAST	'Last' = a measure of arable land varying from 16 to 24' merks. Mark-land or Merk-land, Wright = division of land varying from one to three acres. Therefore a 'last' must have varied from 48-62 acres. The latter figure, 62 English acres, being the size of the Cornish geld acre
LAST TICH	Children's game of tag
LATHER / LAFHER	To beat (leather). Wallop. I wonder if this is a corruption of 'leather' from when fathers 'leathered' naughty children with their belts. I'm speaking personally here!! Ed
LATTEN / LATTICE/LATTEEN	Tin Tinware also iron tinned over or coated. Maybe something like household utesil that needed strength but covered to avoid rusting.
LAUCH	Sloppy Mess; ill combined liquids such as beef tea & treacle
LAUDDYDORE	Snobbish. "He moved up country fer a week er two now 'ee's some lauddydore."
LAUNCH	Lerch "A gaate wave come up an' she launched over, I thought she was a gonner."
LAUNDER	Guttering to carry away water, usually square in section and made from wood. Used in mines and mills to convey water to the water wheel. Later household gutters became launders as well.
LAURER	Laurel

LAVERICK	Untidy boy
LAW	To place sheaves, to build a rick or load
LAWN/LAUVEN	Large open mine working in the back of a Lode
LAYER	A winnowing sheet
LEAK	A drop. 'ave some more taa will 'ee? 'Ess just a leak mind.' Work mates might ay to one another, "I;m goyne fer a leak minite." When they wanted go fer a wee!
LEARY	Hungry. Faint and weak from hunger. Empty, sickly feeling, listless
LEARYS	Old men's workings. A crevice in a mine where the ground has been worked.
LEASE	To pick stones off the land. To gather. Glean
LEASE	Last
LEASE / LAAS	Least/at least. "lease ways" = nevertheless
LEASE-CATTLE	Cattle not yet turned to fatten. Milkless cows
LEASING STONES	Small stones gathered from the land
LEASTWAYS	At least
LEAT	A small stream or river (Mill leat). A mill-race or water course.
LEATHERWING	The bat
LEAVE	Let. 'Leave me go' 'leave me alone.' 'Leave en do it if 'ee 'ave a mind to' (allow)
LEBM	Eleven 'Our 1 st lebm are playing up Beacon 'day.' (also leave him.) "If he's like that why dawn't ee lebm?"
LEBNER	Elevenses
LECK	Leek
LEDDEN	A rigmarole. 'She talked up a lot of ol' ledden.'
LEEB EN DIDDY?	Did you leave him?
LEERY	Hungry
LEGGAS	Legs
LEGGINGS	Lower leg protection
LEM	An imp. Rogue;
LEM	Feature. 'His face is his best lem'
LEM	branch of a tree. "I am out on a lem 'ere tha's fer sure." (Being out of one's dedpth, but not necessarily physically in water, but more intellectually.)
LEMON PLANT	Scented Verbina
LEMPOTS	Limpots. "These lempots are holden on tighter than gins. (traps)
LEN / LENE	Lenda ??
LENTERN	Lintel. « Once we git the linterns up we caan build away on agane. »
LENT-LILLY/LENT ROSE	The daffodil. « I'm best to pick a few lent-illies te taake down Chapel fer Easter. «
LEPPIN STONE	Platform usually of stone construction high enough from which to mount your horse. WC = Hepping Stone
LERRAKIN'	Superlative of size, Lerrakin gurt fella.
LERRICK	To flap about "Was see lerrickin' 'bout now? You'd think the world waz cumin te an end."
LERRUP	To mve quickly
LERRUP / LARRUP / LERRUPS.	A blow. To thrash. Rags. Tatters. Pieces. The plaace was in larrups, muck an' kilter ev'rywhere."
LERRUPS	Rags, shreds, bits, general state of disorder and caose. 'I went in and the plaace was in larrups, stuff everywhere.'
LES-LUIT	Mugwart (There is a record of children smoking this, any provenance please?)
LESTERCOCK	Toy boat sent out before the wind in rough weather with a string of hooks.
LET	To hinder. Hindrance. 'More hindrance less let.'
LETCHE-UP-WITH	To take up with a person. Approve. Overtake. "I see Josiah 'ave bin an; letched up with Rose from down Fore Street now."
LETTERPOOCH LETTERPU(O)TCH	Untidy person. Also an old kind of dance

LEV / LIV	To allow. Permit. Let. "Lev en 'lone, 'e's orright."
LEVAN / LEAVEN	Fermented dough used in barley bread instead of yeast.
LEVEL	An adit (mining term) or any working depth in a mine.
LEVEROCK	A dirty woman
LEW	A word repeated time and again to egg on a dog in a race. Perhaps whippet racing or hare coursing. "lew, lew, lew."
LEW	To shift or bolt the washed ore
LEW / LEWTH/ LUTH	Sheltered place. 'What's the lowest side of a rond house?' 'Why inside of course.' (See Iso Loo) "Le's gone over 'ere 'gin the 'edge in the lewth."
LEWSTER	To Work extra hard, usually as result of lack of planning. See Louster
LIARD	Liar The'rt a dirty filthy liard, I never told 'ee no such thing.'
LIBBETY-LAT	Childen stand before lassock or step, putting the right and left foot alternatively as fast as they can singing"Libbety, libbety lat, who can do this, who can do that? And who can do anything better than that."
LIC(K)	Leek. 'I got licks up the garden I or't git my 'ands 'round them they're sa big!'
LICHWAY	The way (route) by which a orpse is carried to church.
LICK	A scrape. A hurried wipe-over 'The parlour is awnly goyne git a lick and a promise day, 'e 'ad a proper doen aver last week.'
LICK	To beat (win) 'He licked un by a mile in the end.'
LICK	Used to name someone (at School) who is a tell-tale. (noun)
LICK	Similar to above but used to describe any one who is trying to 'get in' with a superior. i.e. "She'd lick 'is ass if she could."
LICK / LICKY PIE	A leek. Pie made of leeks, or even a licky pasty when you abm got no uniuns."
LICK-AND-A-PROMISE	Carelessly done / Finish off quickly but not thoroughly. See Lick above
LICKER	A great licker – something large or showy. Outsize. Matt caught a mackerel off the pier, ee was a gurt licker."
LICKSTIKKEN	Not properly cleaned, said of something that had been given a lick and a promise!
LIDDEN	An old tale. Repetition of abuse
LIDDEN	Language, way of talking. "They de talk in that there ol' lidden down te St Just way, you an't 'ardly understand 'em."
LIDNEY	'Litany' long boring discourse
LIE	To subside. Beaten down. 'That thunder storm last night even put the ferns te lie, leave alone the corn.'
LIG	Deposit of seaweed or autmn leaves. "There was a braa ol' lig o' seaweed on the beach down Marazion this orning', nearly a foot thick in places."
LIGGAN	Seaweed
LIGGING	Very wet, drizzly
LIGGY	Damp weather
LIGHTIN'	Alight 'Tis gone chilly, I'm lightin' the fire fer a bit a het.'
LIGHTS	The lungs
LIGNERS	Small bundles of reed
LIKE	Such. "Ever 'eard the likes of it 'ave 'ee? I never 'ave."
LIKE-A-THING	'As it were', or 'as you may say.'
LIKE GREASE(D) KIGHTENING	Very fast
LIKE LANSON JAIL	Like Launceston Gaol. A very untidy even filthy dirty place.
LIKELY	Tail. Well-formed. "Tha's a likely tale fer sure." Really meaning the opposite.
LIKELY	Possible "The way things are goyne tis lookin' quite likely." NB just the opposite to Likely above, largely determined by the inflection in the speech.
LIKENESS	People would go to the local photographer 'to have their 'likeness took.' i.e. to have their photograph taken!
LIKES	Possibility. Probability. 'Any likes of their coming is 'ere?' "Not much likelyhood of that I fear.)
LILLIES	Cultivated daffodils and narcissus

LILLYBANGERS	Cup and dice used for a raffle at Penzance
LIMB / LEMB	A young brat – impish person or rascal. ‘A regular lemb’ (See lem)
LIME-ASH	A sort of cement used for cottage flooring.
LIME-KILL	Lime-kiln
LIMER	Brown limer = ripe nut or sheaf badly tied
LINCING / LINCHING	A severe thrashing
LINCH PIN	Pin for retaining a wooden wheel
LING / LING-ON	A type of Heather. To hold on – “Ling on to’ (Possibly from ‘cling on to’
LINGUISTER	Interpreter
LINK A LAIRY	Lenrt Lilly
LINKUM	Stupid person; also a term of endearment to a child
LINNEY / NHAY	A shed with a roof but no sides. (I have come to understand it as referring to any ‘lean-to’ building. It would be single sloping profile, i.e. no ridge.)Ed
LINTERN	Lintel
LINUTH	Kidney
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LINUTH-DUFF	Kidney pudding
LIPSEY	Lisp. ‘She talks a bit lipsey, poor sole’
LISAMOO / LIZZAMOO	The Cow Parsnip
LISTING	The selvedge of flannel. Coloured strips on blanket.
LISTING	Aching. Painfully throbbing
LITTER	To scatter all over
LITTERMOUTH	Old fashioned child. “The Mount will never be washed away while she’s livin’”
LITTERPOUCH	A slovenly person
LITTLEMOUTH/LITTLE MOUNTAIN	A game of bat and ball. A sort of rounders, Played on St. Michael’s Mount on Easter Monday, by old and young alike. (Does anyone know the rules or near nuff!?)
LOACH/LOADER	Doctor’s draft or lotion
LOADY-APPLE	A double apple
LOAGY / LURGY	Dull. Slow. Feeling lazy. Heavy in gait “I’ve got the dreded lurgies.” Feeling under par.
LOB	A stone tied to the end of a fishing line to keep it fast when thrown.
LOBB	To wean a calf
LOBBA,LAOBER, LUBBA	An awkward fellow – a lubber.
LUBBER COCKS	Turkey Cocks
LOBBY WEATHER	Muggy weather
LOCUST	A sweet made of treacle
LODDEN	A pool
LODES	Veins of minerals
LODGE	Lodging.
LODGER	An anchorage. A vessel moored in Gwavas Lake is said to be, ‘out in the lodja or lodger’ Apparently a Newlyn term. Any help ??
LODOSA	Wild saffron, Dog Bane (<i>Plectranthus ornatus</i>) I must challenge the provenance of this submission. Dog Bane is a fleshy green leafed INEDABLE succulent so cannot see it has any connection with wild saffron if there is even such a thing. Reference shows Lodosa to be a pepper;
LOFF / LAFF	Laugh
LOFTY TIN	Rich, massive rough tin ore
LOG	To rock. To move to and fro.
LOGAN ROCK	A rock that can be rocked.

LOGGET	Small load
LONG	Belong. Along. Normally 'I long (belong) te do it this way.'
LONG FAMILY	Large family
LONG-CRIPPLE	An adder. Viper. Snake. Lizard
LONG-DOG	Greyhound/whippet family. 'He went up the road like a long dog.' Or 'like a streak o' ightning'.
LONGFUL	A very long time
LONGING	"I've 'eard sa much about this eer London plaace, I'm longing te go up there."
LONGNOSE	Green Apple(s)
LONGSTONE	Standing rock or menhire. (Features in place names where there is such a stone.)
LONGSTRAW	Straw prepared for thatching ricks
LOO / LOOTH	See Lew & lewth. Sheltered. If you are in the loo or lewth, you are on the sheltered side.
LOOB	Slime containing ore
LOOCH / LOUCH	Short straw from thrashing. Chaff
LOOK AN' POINT ER IFFITS	A makeshift meal also known as a bit o' Scram.
LOOK(ING)	Expecting 'If he dawn't go now while he's of a mind to, he went look te go dreckly.'
LOOTAL	A tawdry gadabout. A derogatory term
LOOZE BOX	Shed for housing an untethered horse
LOP	To limp. Lop similar to clop.
LOP	Hanging down in a loose and floppy manner, hence 'lop eared' pigs, whose ears cover their eyes.
LOPPARD	A lame person, or hopper. Lopping or clopping along
LOPPIN' UP AGIN	Leaning against
LOPPY	Choppy Sea
LOPPY	Lame
LOST	To lose. 'I an't 'ford lost en; mawther only gibm me last week fer me birthday.'
LOST SLOVAN	That part of an adit or level which is open (like a trench before it is driven groundward)
LOSTIN	Losing
LOUCH	Short straw from thrashing; chaff; refuse
LOUGY	Tired, fagged
LOUSTER / LOUSTERING	To work hard / To labour "They that an't skemmy got louster."
LOUSTERING WORK	Hard, heavy work
LOUVRES	Louvers
LOVE-ENTANGLE	The flannel flower. The flowering plant Actinotis, native of Australia.
LOWANCE	Tight or neary, spendthrift. "He never did give 'is missis much lowance." Or "He's as tight as tight!"
LOWSTER	As louster i.e work hard and labouriously.
LUBBER-COCK / LUBBER-HEADED FOOL	Turkey cock. Also term of contempt. Simpleton
LUCKY BONE.	Knucklebone of leg of mutton, used as a charm
LUD	Sent all of a lud; struck all of a heap. (Copied from reference but still unsure.) Help if you can
LUE, LUE, LUE	Shouted when your dog is chasing a rabbit, whether hunting or coursing.
LUER	Night mist. "there's a bit o' luer out there this evnin'.
LUG/LOGG	To move load
LUG SAND	Fine sand close to water's edge at Mts Bay
LUGG	Grass and weeds found in corn
LUGGER	A strong male person. One who has been luggen all day, i.e halin' an' draggen – pullen, pushen, carryen, draggen; anything to do with hard manual labour.

LUMPING EEL	Lamper (Cannot find any reference to lamper) PP
LUNCH	To lurch
LUNGE	First contact with unbroken horse or pony. Horse breakers use a 'lunge rope' to help bring an unbroken horse to hand. Nothing cruel, just a long line to introduce the animal to discipline.
LUNNON CHURCH TOWN	London
LURG (GY)	Feeling lazy, 'got the lurg'
LURKER	Small boat in which the Master Seiner goes when pilchard seigning
LURRY	A large amount. i.e. "I've got a lurry of dishes to do."
LUSH	Tipsy. Also flush
LUTE-STRINGS.	Lustrine / Glossy silk
LUTTER POUCH	A slovenly man
LYNERS	Small bundles of reed. "I'm gone pick up the lyners, we're goyne thatch tomarra."
LYTHERVA	Library Corn.

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