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WORD	Meaning
B'LAW	Believe
BA(A)KER.	An iron pan used for cooking pasties or cakes
BAA'D	Mischievously beaten "The bugger baa'd me by slippin' a card under 'is saucer, tid'n on ya knaw."
BAAL	To cry out
BAAL	Bo beat "She was in some temper, 'cause she baaled hell out of they few carpets this mornin'."
BAALED	To be beaten "Ever 'eard of it 'ave ee, baaled at Euchre wen you got Benny Right & Left!!"
BAALING	A beating "Poor kid, he was only late 'ome the once, but she gib'n some baaling."
BA-ALL/BAAL	Cry out. Howling "That cheild was so frightened she ba-alled all night."
BAANT/BEN'T	Am not "I baant goyne do it I don't care w'at you say."
BA-ATE	Verb: to abate "The weather 'ave bagan te (a)ba-ate at last; the say 'ave been floslin' over the harbour wall all night." To recede.
BAATENS	"Don't talk fer a minute 'cause I'm countin', I doin' me baatens round the arm'ole." My mother would knit, on average an ounce a day. When shaping an arm-hole or sock heel stitches would reduce , so she'd say I'm on me baatens
BAA'T-STAILER	Spider crab [Maia squinado]
BABBY	Baby "We got new babby in the family now."
BABBY-RAGS	Small bits "Taat was a lot te give juss fer a few ol' babby-rags."
BACCA	Tobacco "The price o' bacca 'ave been an' gone up 'gain this week."
BACK	Rope connecting successive crab-pots in line to form a FLEET from 12 to 15 fathoms long. Not heard of a fleet of pots, usually a string. Ed.
BACK	Top or outcrop of a lode.
BACK KITCHEN	Scullery. This was usually a lean-to style addition used for all the sloppy work thus keeping the kitchen nice and clean/presentable for the reception of visitors. Often a prtion was screen off to form the dairy, where milk and butter products were kept.
BACK(A)LONG	Formerly in time. The road just traversed. "I bin listenin' te the wireless, they bin telli' 'bout 'ow they did things backalong. Yesteryear. Rather like dreckly, an undetermined length of time.
BACK-AN-FORTH	To and Fro'
BACKJOWSTER	Fishwife "She 'ave wa'ked thousands o' miles, she bin a backjouster far farty years."
BACKLET / BACKSIDE	Court or yard behind a house (similar to caunce)
BACKLONG	Another spelling for in times past etc (as above)
BACKSIFORE	Back to front "He've hung that door backsifore, the putty round the glass aught be on he outside."
BACKSTRAP	Hitch in wrestling "He got'n in a backstrap an thraved 'n fliyin'."
BACKSY-FORE	Back to front. About face. Wrong way round (More like coming & going I think.)
BACON RACK	A sturdy rack, some four feet square suspended from the ceiling. Made of wooden bars; it carried the cured bacon and ham, as well as mothers knitting and other sundry items.
BAD	Taken ill/poorly – also rotten or nearly, as in fruit, potatoes etc "Ow's Arthur Mrs Williams, I hear he's bin poorly?" "He's sum bad I tell ee, Dr. de think tis pneumonia."
BAGAROOT [S] RUTABAGAS	Suede Turnips, usually a bagful.
BAGEL / BAGGLE	Nuisance "Hey yoo, you're an ol' bagel." See, Baigle
BAGGANET	Bayonet "I see the 'omeguard 'ave bin issued with bagganets , you'd better watch out now."
BAGGLE	Muffle, to swarthe.
BAGGLE	Rubbish. "Wass in there? "Nawthin but a load o' ol' baggle."
BAGGLE	Liar
BAGGLY-OW	Dried codfish [see also Bucky Jow] "I can't stand that ol' baggly-ow, you can 'e? I rather have a bit o' fresh lanlh any day wood'n you ?"
BAGYL	Crosier or shepherds crook "The sheep was goyne over the quarry sure nuff, but faather slipped his bagyl round its leg as cute as yo mind to and saved its life."
BAID	Bed "I'm as tired as a dog, I'm goyne aver timbern 'ill and te me baid."
BAIDIN	Animal bedding "Waa tee doin in there?" reply, "I'm baiden down the bullocks fer the night."
BAIGLE	Nuisance (see bagel)
BAIL (pronounced, beel)	Verb: Chick –to break open an egg. Hatching eggs are said to be bailing when the chicks beak starts to break through the shell.
BAINT	Is not "I told ee 'fore I baint goyne do it, you can slock me as much as you like, so

	there.”
BAISCAT.	An abandoned mine
BAISH / BALCH.	String or stout cord “You dawn’t see that there baish these days do ‘e? Twas ‘ansome fer doin’ up a parcel er two.”
BAISSLY	Dirty, unclean
BAISTIS	Beasts Ghostes and baistis that go bump in the night
BAISTLY	This is one pronunciation, or ‘beastly’ – dirty, unkempt, unwashed, filthy. Used in this way could be used by someone crude or coarse or vulgar, reprimanded by, “ Don’t be beastly!
BAIT	Beat “‘e said ‘e cud play draughs but I bait en solid.”
BAK(E)STER	Baker
BAKERCRAB	Crab of genus Xantho
BAKING IRE / BAKER	Circular iron plate ¾ in thick and 2ft to 2ft 6in in diametouser, which lay on the open hearth.
BAL	Mine. (a place of digging)
BAL	In Tin Streaming it is ‘open-work’ or mine. A place for digging -1754. A parcel of tin works – 1790, now a term of affection for a working mine.
BAL	What a bother. “What a bal the dog es”. Pest
BAL (noun)	(a as in at). A human noise. An incessant talker, or crying child would be told “Hold thy bal”. Mechanical noise would be a rattle, a noisy worker would be Rattling Jenny. (52) A completely different use was to strike, hit. “Eff you vouch on my vit I’l bal you.[56] Said to someone misbehaving; “I’ll bal go to ee if you don’t stop it.”
BAL DAG	Bespatterd with mud. “after ‘e fell in that there muddy ditch ‘e cummed up bal dagged from ‘ead te foot.”
BAL GIRL	See Bal Maiden
BAL MAIDEN	Female worker on the mine surface, usually engaged in breaking down and washing ore.
BALCH	A rope
BALCH	A small rope
BALD	Said of a horneless ram ‘part from en bein’ bald I spose he’s alright.”
BALDAG	To be spattered with slime from a mine
BALED	Grieved – from bale ,sorrow
BALELY	Barely. Nearly “There was barely time te do the job in one spell.”
BALK	To butt. [Timber squared as imported]
BALK	To pack pilchards with layers of salt for pressing
BALK	To Belch
BALK. BULKING	Fisherman’s term used in pilchard curing
BALK?BOCK	Pronounced Bock at Porthleven in referring to the Balks of timber laid in grooves across the mouth of the harbour in poor weather or other circumstance, to suppress the heavy seas and cones are raised on high ground accordingly to warn mariners that the harbour is temporarily closed. “The wind is gittin’ up and there’s a braa lump in the saa, better go down an’ give a ‘and te put the bock down.”
BALKER	Whetstone
BALKER / BALKER HOUSE	Huer’s hut “I see somebody ‘ave bin up te the balker an gibb’m a nice fresh coat o’ limewash.”
BALKERS	Huers were called balkers in east Cornwall
BALL	To beat as in hit, not beat in a contest “I’ll baal go to ;e if these dawn’t stop keepen on like that.”
BALL	A pest. Used figuratively after 1880 (<i>Corn. Ball = pest ot plague.</i>)
BALL	Group or cluster of stream works or mines.
BALLARD	A miner; one who worked in a Bal
BALL EYE	Wall-eye. “Billy Wall-eye.” To squint.
BALLING	Beating -
BALLING GREEN	Bowling green
BAL-LIST	Rough stone from mine barrows (has this come from ballast I wonder?)
BALLIVES	Bailiffs “Best gone down town an pay the rates er they there ballive ‘ill be knockin’ on the door shure nuff.”
BALLSCAT	Cross patch, sometimes applied to wine as <i>ballscat port</i>. ???
BALLY MUCK	An ill constructed thing.
BALLYACK/BALLYHACK/BALLIAC	To knock someone to ballyack. (something like ‘to hell & back)
BALLY-BACK	?? Has anyone any ideas about this word
BALLYRAG	To abuse, Teasing, Annoying abusing.
BALLYRAG/ BALLARAG	To abuse. Teasing, Annoying.Abusing. Scolding, telling off “When I got’n ‘ome I gib’n some ballyragin.”
BALM	An amusing story told in jest. A fatal imputation
BAL-MAIDEN	Women employed on surface work at mines, in various capacities to dress the ore
BALSCAT	Abandoned mine, a shrew

BAL-SCAT	Meaning a termagant i.e. brawling woman
BAL-SCAT	O.C. nickname for a 'knacked mine.' And worn by miners
BALSH	Strong or stout cord
BALSHAG	Course flannel with a long nap used in mines
BALTY BRAINS	Stupid person
BAMFER	To worry someone, harass or torment
BAMS	Phosphorescence
BANDELEER/ BANDOLIER	Wooden toy as in YOYO
BANES	Beans
BANG	To beat together. "I'll bang you're'eads 3an3hen3 if you don't stop it."
BANGER	A whopper. Very big
BANJO	Tin mine shovel
BANK UP	To ridge up potatoes to prevent new shoots from frost bite. Sometimes know as ridge-up.
BANK-UP	Gathering rain clouds. 'Tis bankin' up fer rain I can tell ee.'
BANKERS & DORSARS	Cushions for seats and backs of settles. "Tha's a nice banker yoo got on the settle me dear, work en yerself did ee?"
BANKROUT	Bankrupt
BANK-UP	Gathering rain clouds. To pile up. (to 'bank up' the fire over night.)
BANKY DIGGER/DAGGER	First big bank on towans
BANNEL	Broom plant (Sorothanmus scoparius or Papilionaceae)
BANNISTERS	Railings
BAR	Horizontal Pieces of a gate
BAR	Bough of a growing tree
BAR OF GROUND	A vein of rock different to the surrounding rock
BARE RIDGED	To ride bare back, without a saddle
BARE VAMPED	Without shoes, standing in one's stockings
BAR ROW	Windrows. Two or three swars gathered together into one by the rake; by raising the hay from the damp bottom into the sun and wind drying was expediated, and by concentrating the crop, time was saved loading, or, latterly baling.
BARALOO	A game (Can anyone expand?) ??
BARB	Schoolboys' "pax" at St Neot ??
BARBECUE	A hook on a line upside down
BARE / BARE-NUFF	Measure [minus] for wood or glass or fabric. "Is there enough material there to make that dress?" reply. "Bare enough." i.e. only just. See BALSHAG. Another reply might be 'Busy all' or hardly enough.
BARE-RIDGED	Riding bareback without a saddle "My a's is sore, I bin ridin' bare-ridged all day."
BARE-VAMPED	Without shoes. Standing in one's stockings "I rather go 'round bare-vamped thin wear they ol' tight shoes."
BAREW	Branch or bough
BARGAIN BUYER	One who buys small quantities of ore for further dressing & sale.
BARGAYNE	Manor, tenement or holding
BAR-IRE	Long bar for levering (crowbar) "Give me the bar-ire bowy, I'll git 'n out."
BARK	To steep fishing nets in tan. They were then spread out to dry before going to sea
BARKER	A whetstone "You don't see they there Barkers these days do ee yo? They all use these new fangled 'lectric grinders now."
BARKER'S KNEE	Where Knockers were said to have dropped their tools.
BARKING PANS	Pans in which nets were steaped
BARL	Hit "She de pretty well barl them about."
BARLEY- MOW	Clean barley only. Smaller strawed sheaves.
BARLEY TOMMIES	?? Help required here
BARLEY-CRAB	A tiny harbour crab "A'b'm seen no Barley Crabs 'round 'ere fer years."
BARLEY-HULLS OR ISHANS	Husks
BARM	Yeast
BARMY SPONGE	??
BARN BOARDS	Described as cracks left for grain to fall through to the ground.
BARNE	A child, probably adopted from Scottish sailors
BARNS / BARNING.	Phosphorescent. "The sea is barring" Sometimes coal in a dark shed will barn.
BARRA	Wheelbarrow "I'm goyne down farm git a barra load a dung fer the gard'n"
BARRAGAN/ BARRAGON	Fustian – A heavy cloth with a long nap. I think rather like Today's Melton
BARRA-PEG	Barren or castrated pig
BARRISTERS	Bannisters Balasters

BARRO	A boar (second opinion bear not boar)
BARRO	Borrow “Mrs ... I couldn’t barro a cup a sugar ‘til marra could I?”
BARTON	Chief farm of a Parish and originally home of the local Squire
BARUM	Staring – a fixed glazed look. “Her eyes were barum.”
BARUM	Staring ; fixed; glazed “ His eyes were barum and opened wide as he stared into the gloom!”
BARWEL(L) BARVIL/BARM FELL	Leather apron worn by fishermen
BASE-CHEEL	An illegitimate child “If I de ‘member right, she ‘ad a base-cheel when she was awnly 16; put away te a ‘ome it was, never did ‘ear waat ‘come of un.” “See, Gaate post cheeld”
BASEFRY	See Vestry
BASKET FERN	No explanation ?? Help!
BASSAM	Broom made with Besom twigs. A colourful bruise
BASTING/LAMBASTIN	A beating or thrashing “He’s bin plaayen up all day, I’m goyne gie ee sone lambasting when I git’n ‘ome. He went play up no more in a ‘urry I tell ee.”
BASTLY	Cabby dirty “He’s a bastly bugger always goyne ‘round with h ‘is ass ‘angin’ out of ‘is trousers”
BATE	Mine timbering in a platform
BATE / BATING	Dwindle; decrease as in knitting also used in connection with the weather. (Mother always referred to her batin’s when knitting the shape of an arm-hole or similar
BATT	Width of ploughland
BAULD	Bold
BA-WHIDDLE	An idle tale – O.C. ky-whiddle = comic. Kywhethal to mention with humour
BAWJACK / BOJOCK	Rough uncouth “He’s a proper ol’bawjack, ‘is language idn fit fer ‘earin’.”
BAWK	Shy (like a horse). Clumsiness. Hindrance, jeer “He made a bawk of it.”
BAWK	Blunder, objection or jeer
BAWK	Shying of a horse
BAWING HOUSE	?? Is this the same as Barking House ?? or Balking House as in preserving fish?
BAWL	Noise, crying perhaps unnecessarily. ‘Hold thy bawl.’
BAYSTINS	Foremilk or Colostrum
BAZZOM(Y)??	Deep purple colour, mostly referring to the skin and in particular, the face, and hips. Is this what we, today call ‘portwine’ as in birthmarks?
BEAGLE / BAGLE	Blaggard, a troublesome person
BEAL	Bill of a bird / Beak “I cud see the beal o’ two er three o’ them juss poking through the shell while mother was off the nest.”
BEAL	Fester “Th’as a nasty cut boy, ‘es 4eginning’ te beal now, you best ‘ave a bread poultice put to en, that’l, draw out all the anger.”
BEAL(ING)	Hatching eggs are said to beal just when the chick’s beak is breaking through the shell. As in “her eggs are bealing.”
BEAN	Hazel rod for binding wood into faggots (bundles)
BEAN	See Vean
BEARLEY HOGGAN	Flat Dinner-Cake of barley meal.
BEAT	To cut turf for fuel . Also a verb to attend to a fire
BEAT-BURNING	Burning of turf in fields for manure
BEAT-BURROW	A heap of weeds or turf partly burned
BEATING	Mending a fishing net (see Breed also)
BEATING / BEALING	Hatching. “The eggs are bearing or bealing”
BEAU (TY)	Popular name for a horse or cow on the farm. “ Move over, my beauty” said to an animal to encourage it to move
BEAUFET	Cupboard – Buffet Mrs. James bin an’ gawt a new beaufet fer ‘er kitchen, ‘old some stuff ‘e ‘t will.”
BEAUTY	A strange word in that it relates to opposites. For instance, a fine large cabbage in a show, would fetch the comment; “That’s a beauty on doubt about it.” Now see Beauty below.
BEAUTY	“ She’s a beauty! She’s a pretty beauty. Nothing to do with looks. Of doubtful reputation. ‘Beaut’ is the word I am familiar with. “She is a beaut – an amazing person, one with a rapid and witty turn of phrase or word or expression. Said in admiration of man or woman. Amazing or entertaining
BE-BAINT	Like Jan Trezise’s geese never happy unless they where were they bain’t (or arnen’t)
BE-BAINT	are, are not. Like Jan Trezise’s geese never happy unless they be where they baint.
BECKER	Species of Bream
BED	Afterbirth. “She abmt cast her bed.”
BED O’ THE BUFFET	Bottom shelf of a corner cupboard
BEDABBER(D)	Faded, as in your flowers are bedabbered.
BED-ALE	Ale brewed for a christening (Polwhele)

BEDELED/BEDOLED	Stupefied with pain or grief. Dismal – low- spirited “Since she cracked ‘er ankle abroad, she’s bin really bedeled.”
BEDGOWNED	A woman’s working blouse
BEDLIER	A bed-ridden person
BED-LIER	Bed ridden person.
BEDMAN	Sexton
BEDOLED	Troubled in mind – stupefied with pain or grief, from <i>dole</i> grief. Burdened with grief
BEDOLED / BEDOLING PAIN	Constant pain not acute. See above Supified by grief; burdened with trouble; low spirited.
BEDOLIN’	Constantly painful as in a most bedolin pain
BED-TYE	Feather bed see also Tye
BEDWADDLED OR BEDWATTLED	Bewildered / Confused “I told ‘er te go this way, and faather told ‘er te go that way, now she’s proper bedwattled.”
BEDWADDLED	Be wildered
BEEBAN BOOBAN	the shrimp [<i>Crangon vulgaris</i>]
BEE-BUTT	A beehive “Too much booze last night, I’ve woke up wi’ a ‘ead like a beebutt.”
BEEL(ING)	To break the shell of a hatching egg. Haiching)
BEENS	Bands. When corn was cut by mowing machine, sickle or scythe, the loose stalks were gathered into sheaves and bound with beens made from some of the crop. Wheat straw was long enough to bind the sheaf without joining, so four straws were used, not twisted, to tie the sheaf by twisting the ends together and tucking them into the sheaf. Oaten straw was shorter and weaker, so twelve straws were taken, the heads twisted together, the straw divided to make a double length, twisted for strength and used as for wheat. Barley was even softer and shorter, so a thumb been was spun and used as before. Wads of rushes were bound with ten or twelve rushes treated as oaten straw. Faggots of wood were bound with beens of nuttal or withy; they were twisted at the thin end so that an eye could be made, and at the thick end in order that the end could be bent into the faggot after encircling the faggot and being passed through the eye. Parings from a neglected hedge containing a lot of thorn, furse, briar and brambles was wrapped up with one of the longer brambles, and when dry thrust into the cloam oven and used to heat it.
BEERE	Bare. May be said of a bald person – “‘Ee’s ‘ead is as beere as a piece o’ concrete.”
BEE-SKIP	Bee-butt, a beehive See Bee-butt
BEET.	Bill ??
BEETLE	Beeting-needle ??
BEETY	To mend fishnets “I’m goyn down net loft an ‘beety fer an hour.”
BEGIBD	Allotted, i.e. It is not inflamma to me. ??
BEGRITCHT	Begrudged “She even begritched me goyne down pub fer a pint on a Saturday night.”
BEHEEMED/BEHUMED	Sickly
BELK	Belch
BELL	Fester “Keep that cut clean , plenty o’ iodine er e’ll bell for sure.”
BELLIAR	Bellringer “He’s a bellier over te Church.”
BELLIS	Bellows
BELL-METAL	The brass pan in which preserves are made. (Mazlin Pan)
BELLY HAND BRACE	Engineers’ hand drill, as distinct from a carpenter’s cranked brace.
BELLY-BIND	A leather strap or strop on a harness that reaches right around the animals belly to keep the breechin or saddle in position when tightened by a buckle to the correct tension.
BELLY-TEMBER	Good and solid food
BELONG	“I belong home”,= I live at home. The way we do things, I,e, “ We de belong te do et this way.”
BELONG TO	Accustomed, “he belong to go”. “we don’t belong to do it that way.” “Usually do.” Or the negative of
BEDLONG TO	To be related to. Probably said by someone trying to put someone else into a family slot by idenrtifying them as a son or daughter of a specific parent.
BELTINK	A scolding “I did it wrong see, and she gived me sum beltink. To do something with gusto. “They pitched the Chorus of the last hymn again and gib;m belltink.”
BELVE / BELVIN’	To bellow like cattle. Bellowing
BEN / BIN	Been . “Where ‘ave ee ben to?”
BEND / BIND	Binding on a wheel rim The iron wheel rim itself which is heated and shrunk onto a cart or similar wheel.
BENDER	Very large. Something extraordinary. A good specimen
BERK	Bark. To cough
BERR(Y)IN / BERREN	A funeral (A burying) “Eyse, he bin dead a week ‘is burren is tomorrow.”
BERRIN TUNE	A tune to which a hymn is sung on the way to the church.
BERRY	Burrow “‘ave ee noticed ‘ow squirrels de berry their nuts te have bit somethin ate in the winter?”

BERT (BEAT) BURNING	The firing of dried turf for the ashes ; used as a land dressing. (Bete Saxon) (To bête fires Chaucer)
BERT (BEAT) BURROWS	Heaps of dried turf for burning on open ground.
BERT/BETE	Turf cut & dried for burning at home or in the fields. Suely a corruption of peat)
BESILY	Busily “‘e’s besily doin’ nawthen as usual.”
BESOM	Broom made from twigs or similar material. What we de call a witch’s broom
BEST	Better/must. Referring to something important that was previously forgotten - “You best go and do it right now.” Also where there is an option – “I’m bestin’ whether to er not.” Also to do with being someone’s right-hand man as in the poem The Cornish Kitchen. ‘..... and I was ‘is bettermost man.” The farmhand was referring to his boss.
BESTED	Beaten got the better of. “I won’t be bested.”
BESTING	Deciding. “Besting whether to go or no” i.e. making a decision whether to do something later.
BEST PART	Majority or biggest portion, usually of a task. “Heve ee finished paintin yer bungalow?” Reply, “No, but I’ve done the best part obm.” So it has nothing to do with the prettiest, the sweetest or savouryist part of something, but more to do with proportion.
BETH	Be ye, be-ee; arew you or are’ee ??
BETTER GAINER	Best of
BETTERIN’	Getting better after an illness olr accident
BETTER WAY	Best or better. I’d betterway have dinner now.
BETTER-FIT	To greater advantage. Ie.” Better-fit you to ha’ done what I told ee”. Or ‘it would have been better if’
BETTERMOST	To win Best.”I got the bettermost of ee.” A farm labourer once said when speaking of his ex- boss as – “I was ‘is better-most man.”
BETTERMOST	Key worker, i.e. ‘He was my bettermost man.’
BETTIX /BIDDIX/ BEDDIX	A mattock. One end pointed, the other axe shaped and at right angles to the pointed end.
BETTLE	Mallet. (<i>There is a Bettle and Chisel Inn at Delebole</i>)
BETTY TODDY	An overdressed person “Look at she bit, she’s dressed up betty-toddy shure nuff, I wooden be seen dead in that there git-up me self.”
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BETWATTLED/ BEWADDLED	Childish behaviour “She’s like a cheeld, betwattled half the time; thesee an’t git no sense out of her, time she grawed up if you ask me.” Twattle, to chat childishly.
BETWIX	Between
BEVER / BEVERING	Cold – Shiver with cold
BEVER. BEVERING BIVVERING	Cold. To shiver with the cold. Also the peculiar quivering of an infant’s underjaw when yawning.
BEWATTLED / BETWATTLED	See Betaddled
BEWD	Bent or Buckled “Sorry Dad, I’ve ‘ad bit of a accident with the ‘oss an’ the wagon is bewd up a bit, I’ll shaw ‘ee dreckly!” Reference to ‘bowed’. Something damaged could either be bowed in or out.
BEZIBD	It is not allotted to me. ‘Tis not beziib’d i.e.fortuned – Carew
BEZLEN (plural BESL)	The Mussel [<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>]
BIA	To shout. To bawl
BIB	A blind. It’s gitten dim, pull the b ibs down bit.
BIB	Also a kind of small fish.
BIBBLE	To tipple
BICKEM	A cobblers anvil mounted on a log
BICKERN	Cobbler’s anvil mounted on a wooden log
BIDDICK	Mattock
BIDDIX	Double ended digging tool flat adze like end and pointed pick like end. This tool also used for paring back turf.
BRIEF	Begging letter
BIGGAN	A nightcap without a border. “She gawt ‘er ‘ead in curlers se she’s gonn bed with her biggan on.”
BIG PATTERN	A show off, “A big pattern ee is.” Similar to “Ee de carry some sway ee do.”
BIG SEA	Rough sea; swell;
BILDERS	Cow Parsley. Very poisonous. (Couch – History of Polperro, thinks this name in other

	parts of Cornwall applies to the poisonous hemlock, waterdrop- wort. It was cut as fodder for pigs.
BILET	Boiled
BILL	Beak of a bird
BILL, Smelters' or tin	A smelter's promissory note, acknowledging receipt of a stated quantity of tin-metal at the next coinage. After the abolition of coinage in 1837 the term was applied to a smelter's receipt for 'black-tin.' It showed the purchase consideration.
BILLEES / BILLIS/BELLUS	Bellows
BILLERS	Hogweed
BILLIZ (EZ)	Bellows for enlivening fire
BILL-TINK	Make a row. Give a good hammering
BILLYCOCK	Hat
BILLYCOCK	Hat "I see John is weeren 'is billycock, you know the one with the 'oles in the top."
BILO	Bed child
BILOWES	Bed 'Its time for bilowes, little one'.
BILT	Belt
BIMPER	Peepin' Tom
BINCHED	Immoveable, of an unwelcomed guest; "She's binched for the day now." I.e. benched, (sat) and she's goyn stay there fore the day now
BIND	Band No wonder the oss idn pullin' the belly bing 'ave bin an; shifted, the belly bind have cum undone." (Brichen = horse harness & belly bind the leather strap that keeps it in place.) Also to wrap up.
BINDER	Cuts corn and binds it into sheaves...pulled by two horses
BINDIN	(of a cart wheel) having its metal tyre shrunk on to it.
BINDIN'	Of a cart-wheel, having its rim tyre shrunk on
BINE / BIND(S)	Bind (see also Bend) Binds were a few strands of the corn crop used with a twist in them to bind up loose corn. Perhaps the binder twine had broke resulting in some loose straw being left on the ground
BIRDS EYES	Blisters on the fingers. Builders get them through carrying Concrete blocks in wet,cold weather.
BIRDS' EYES	Germander Speedwell. If you pick Birdseyes, the birds will peck your eyes out
BISCAN/BISKAN	Finger stall, A finger glove of leather, used by harvest women particularly in support of a finger wound. – Polwhele. A Celtic-Cornish word that is also written, besgan & veskin. (Bis, a finger & Bisgan a thimble. Pryce. See Veskin. A finger stool
BISGAN	Protection for a sore finger (Finger stool)
BISHOP	The fish (Cottus scorpius) (Shorthorn culpin)
BISKEY	A biscuit
BISSLEY	Filthy (Beastly)
BIT	If you will, please, if you please. Used to soften what might otherwise appear as a sharp statement i.e. "Move over – bit."
BIT CLIP	A bit tight ie. Clothes are a tight fit.
BIT OF A DO ME BEWTY	It was a quite anb occasion my dear
BITE	Grazing quality or quantity
BITE	Something with a little coarseness or bitterness in it.
BITS	A common herb believed to be found in N. Cornwall – found in hedges and on cliffs. Gypsies pick it for medicinal purposes. Also refers to the green leaves of Spinnach, Chard. (Since 1880, Corn. Betys = edible plant)
BITS	Scraps of beef, liver etc, sold by the lump as 'bits' for a 'false roast' or a fry. "I like they there bits you can git up butchers, they make fer a nice cheap meal you naw."
BITTER	<i>adj very.</i> He's bitter cross this morning. Atrocious – noxious
BITTERN	Drainings from pilchards recently bulked
BITTER-WEED	A disgraceful person
BITTER-WEED	Bitter minded person. "She, she's an ol' bitterweed, 7an't see no good in nobody, she 7an't."
BITTLE / BEETLE	A thatcher's mallet for driving spars
BIVER	Verb: to shiver "Look at en, 'e's biverring with the cold."
BIVER(RING)	Shivering with the cold. (above)
BIZOM	Besom, - broom
BIZZENS	Business. "Jo 'ave just bought the corneer shop. He'll have good bizzens there."
BLA	To shout, to bawl, to oller!
BLA, BLAW, BLIV,	Believe I bleeiv 'tis goyne te rain."
BLAAD/VLAAD/FLAAD	See Blawed
BLACK ANNIE	Black backed gull.
BLACK JACK	Sulpheret of Zinc
BLACK JACK	Blend ??
BLACK JACK	Coley (Type of fish)

BLACK JANNY	W.D & H.O.Wills Superfine Shag Tobacco. For hand made cigarettes.
BLACK LADE (LEAD)	A blackening agent used to polish the top of Cornish Ranges (Slabs) and other metal objects
BLACK STRAP	A drink of blended gin & teacle. An inferior wine given to inferior guests.
BLACK TIN	Tin ore ready for smelting containing up to 70% metal
BLACK WINE TODDY	Port wine negus
BLACK-A-MOOR'S-TEETH	Small white-ribbed cowries (shells) (Shell of a small gastropod)
BLACK-CAKE	A wedding cake. A rich plum pudding is a black pudding
BLACK-HEAD	A kind of boil (Furnunculus) “‘ave ee seen that fella aver there, ‘e got black’eads all aver ‘is nawse.”
BLACKLADE /BLACKLEAD	Blacking for polishing kitchen range (Black lead, famously made by a firm called Zebo)
BLACK-WORM	The Cockroach – The black beetle of the kitchen. (It must be remembered that old Cornish cottages were notoriously damp, often with just sanded floors, thus attracted plenty of creepy crawlies.
BLACKY-MONTH	November, The mis diu of the old Cornish
BLADDER	Blister
BLADE ORE	Species of seaweed
BLAGGARD	A term of disdain, probably used in favour of something more vulgar. (You blaggard, you hateful one.)
BLAIN	Little bit on tip of knife. “Taste the butter will ee?” “I’ll ‘ave a blain mind to.”
BLAKE	Black “‘e’s just come up from underground and is as blake as jet.”
BLAME	‘Blaamed if I know’ The word darn or blawed are also used. (It’s a mild form of swearing) “Darned if I knaw or blowed if Or even bu..ered if I knaw.”
BLANKETING SHIRTS	A heavy woollen smock-frock Very old farmers used to go milking in them and are often shown dressed so in period paintings and films
BLAST	A cold wind. A sudden inflammation
BLAST	Sudden inflammation of the eye. ‘A blast in the eye.’
BLAW	A man can’t go further then ee can blaw. Can’t do impossibilities.
BLAW	A gale. “We’re goyne ‘ave a right ol’ blaw ‘ere in a minikt’ see they trees bendin down aver yonder.”
BLAWED	Out of breath “The old oss is blawed sure nuff.”
BLAWED	Also blaad, vlaad & flaad. Terms for cows that have eaten too much grass causing meteorism!
BLAWIN’ ‘OUSE	A blowing house is an early type of tin melting (Smelting) establishment
BLEEVE	Believe
BLIDERS	Cow parsnip (very poisonous)
BLIET	Boiled “I’ve bliet the kittle, time now te make cup taa.”
BLINCH	To see, catch a glimpse of “The Queen comed te Trura day, I ‘ad a blinch of ‘er as she went by.”
BLIND MAN’S HOLIDAY	Too dark to work
BLIND NETTLE	A stingless nettle
BLIND-BUCCA-DAVY	Blind man’s buff
BLINK	A spark. A small light or flame. ‘There wadn’t a blink of a flame when I put a match to en.’
BLOCK-KADED	Block-headed
BLOG / BLOGGY	Thick-set. Stout
BLOOD SUCKER	The sea anemone
BLOOD WARRIOR	The dark wallflower
BLOOTH	Blossom. Blath, Gaelic; Bladon Celtic Corn ; Bluth German
BLOW	A bladder bouy as used on herring nets. Not known in west Cornwall,
BLOWERS	Men whose job it was to launch the seine boats, carry the seins & pulling them when shot, into sufficiently shallow water to secure them.
BLOWING HOUSE	Water powered blast furnace for smelting tin. Primitive smelting works using draught from a bellows.
BLOWNK	Burning flying ember “Mind they blonks don’t end up in Henry’s Moyhay an’ catch ‘is rick alight.” (From a bonfire perhaps)
BLOWSER	Person who helps in the pilchard fishery.
BLOWSING	Working in Seine boat
BLOWTH	Blossom The May is in blowth”
BLUBBER / BLOB BLOBBER	A large bubble. A vesication (blister). “He comed out all in gaate blobbers.”
BLUBBER / BLOBBER	Sea Nettles, a jelly-fish. See also Morgul
BLUCHER BOOTS	Old-fashioned men’s working boots
BLUE POLL	A species of variety of Salmon
BLUESTONE	Copper sulphate for foot rot treatment . This uncovers a mystery for me. At home we had a cow with a wort on her nose about 3 inches in diameter and an old gent living

	nearby came and put 'bluestone' paste on it. He would disclose what it consisted of, but within a few day the wort had dropped off leaving quite a deep hole for some time. Its only taken seventy years to fiind out!! PP Ed
BLUESTONE	Slate flooring slabs
BLUIN BAG	A bag of bluin used to make white clothes whiter, in the last rinse. (Google bluin (fabric))
BOALIN'	Boiling
BOARD	Any fish being caught other than the fish being fished for.
BOARD EM	An old fashioned round game of cards.
BOB	The largest beam of a mine pumping engine.
BOB	A game played with large flat stones, played by the ancient Cornish giants. (I imagine it to be something akin to the French game of Bohls.)
BOBBERV	A fuss, row or uproar
BOBBIN-JOAN	Round excrescences on potatoes
BOBBLE	Pebble. This is a commoner form in S. & S.E. Cornwall
BOBBLE	an ugly bobble in the sea = a ground swell
BOBSIDIDOH	Tantrum. "She valled over my boots and went into a right old bobsiddidoh."
BOCK	Verb: to blindfold, used in breaking horses.
BOCK	To shy. The horse bocked at the hedge.
BOCK	Baulk as in the timbers closing a harbour entrance in poor weather or other circumstance, to keep the water calm.
BOCKERS	Blindfold an animal
BODLEY	Cast iron cooking range
BOFT	Brought
BOFT-EN	Brought it. "The cat was outside scumped up like a 'edgy boar, so I broft-en in fer te git warm."
BOFLEMING	Botusfleming (Place name)
BOGGER	Cut of peat
BOGGLE	To be checked by a difficulty "I'm all bogged up."
BOGGLE. BOGGLER	To lie. Liar "If 'e told you that e's a bl..dy boggler."
BOGGLING	Fishing with lines whilst at anchor
BOILING	A crowd. 'the whole Boiling of em were here.' The plaace was boilin' with people. Possibly referring to the movement of people's heads resembling the surface of boiling water.
BOILN'T	Boil it, also past tense 'have boiled it' i.e. "I boiln't in brine."
BOISCAT	Abandoned mine
BOIST / BOISTIUOS / BOOSTIS	Corpulence, fat
BOL	An iron ladle used for dipping water. (Could this be from 'bowl'? My parents would say, "Bring in a bol o' waater with ee."
BOLDACIOUS	Audacious ; bold ; impudent
BOLDERING	Sultry weather, inclined to thunder
BOLK	Probably from Baulk of timber.
BOLK	Firm
BOLKER	Carborundum sharpening stone "This knife is as blunt as old Harry, I'll put en on the bolker minute."
BOLLING	Crowd. Family. Lot.
BOLSTER BAR	Competition or game ?? Any information welcome
BOLT	Stone drain, roofed with stone slabs. Rather like a cunyard.
BOLT	Drain , roofed with stone slabs.
BOLT	Said of a plant running up to seed before giving up its main crop. Some vegetables are more prone to doing it than others.
BOLTINK	What for'-a beating in a contest. To excel at something
BON-CRAB	the female of the edible crab, [Platycarcinus pagurus]
BOND	Band or bind...e.g. belly bond
BONE	Bean
BONE-SHAKER	Early bicycle
BOO OR BOOEY	A louse (bee) "I see there are a few boos around again, I'll 'ave te dust they fowls with DDT te git rid o' them."
BOO TOWN	A common name for the field above the farm
BOOBA/BOOBISH	Folloish person
BOOBA/BOOBUN	A wick made of rags and fish oil. A sort of torch made with rags dipped in train oil
BOOEY	A louse
BOOLIES / BULLIES	Large pebbles. Sea boolies were used to build cottages near the sea and also for hedging. "I de bring 'ome a few bullies w'en I de go down beach; they de look nice on our winder sill lined up."

BOOSTERIN'	Working or labouring so had as to bring on a sweat.
BOOSTERING	Labouring so as to sweat I bin boosting all mornin' I'll 'ave change me shirt afore I go out this affnoon."
BOOSTERING	Getting hot over work
BOOSTIS OR BOISTOUS	Fat. Corpulent "Look at she bit, sh'e nearly as boostis as 'e is!"
BOOT-AND-SHOES	The columbine
BOOTS & SHOES	The flowers of the Columbine [Auillegia Vulgaris]
BOOTS & SHOES	The flowers of the monk's-hood
BOOZY	Intoxicated. 'Always boozy" from; <i>boos</i> , Cornish to drink excessively.
BORRID	Sow in season
BORYER	Gimlet. I borer
BORYER	a borer, bar of iron used to make hole in granite
BOSH / BOSHY	Display. Foppish. Smart. Conceited
BOSHEY-MAN	A fop ; conceited fellow
BOSOM	A yoke or-front of a dress, especially transparent
BOT(T)S ? BU(T)TS	Warble fly in horses. "I see one or two of the horses 'ave got they ol' Bots again, I'll 'ave te get a drench from the vet's."
BOTANY BAY	The hydrangea
BOTHAM	The Fever Few
BOTHEM	A lump or weal caused by a blow
BOTHERACK	Pouting
BOTTEN TRAADE	Shop goods, not home-made.
BOTTOM-PIE	Pork and potatoes baked on dough
BOTTOMS	Low grounds. Valleys e.g. (Jenkins Bottoms & Skinners Bottoms)
BOTTOMS(ES)	Low ground or valleys, also old stream work
BOUCKLEY / BUCKLY	Buckled up. Drawn together "That bit o' Bakelite touhed the 'ot plate now tis all bouchley (buckly)."
BOUGAN	The large end of a piece of timber
BOUGE	A Large quantity
BOUGHED	Bent "The oss an' cart ran over that piece of galvanised sheet, now 'ees all boughed. Caan't put ee on the roof no more."
BOUGHTEN	Bought, Boughten Bread. "'ome made is better than that boughten stuff any day."
BOUGIE	Sheep' house "I see all the sheep are in the bougie; the ol' east wind is blawen". Can also apply to a cow shelter.
BOULD	Bold
BOULEY	Round pebble
BOULTER	Moored line with several branches and many hooks for catching Pollock. Also called a Spiller.
BOUNCE	Large spotted Dogfish
BOUNDER	Holder of tin bounds
BOUNDERY	Prospecting
BOUNDS	Parcels of land marked out by small pits at angles of ground in straight lines from pit to pit to fix the boundary.
BOUTIGO / BOUT-A-GO	(pronounced Boutshego) a Tramp
BOW	To bend. "Who bowed thickey poker?" Reminds me of the apprentice at the boatyard who went up to the Charge-hand and said,2 'Er cap'n can 'e bend this straight far me?"
BOW-DI-GO	Tramp
BOWDJEGO / BOUTAGO	Dressed up like a gypsy
BOWED	Bent. A little bowed old man.
BOWERLY	Burly. Good-looking
BOWGIE	Cattle or sheep house/shelter
BOWGEY BOWGIE BOWJY/BOWJEY	Cowhouse. Cattleshed, also a house for sheep
BOWINGS	The large joints, especially the knees "Me bowings are se painful I can 'ardly suffer te put one foot in front t'other."
BOW-JOWLER/BOWJAILER	(Bow like how) A place in fishing boats for hauling a foot line through.
BOWL	Large boulder (as on Penanwell Beach). Also as a verb – "th onion is bowling." (perhaps should be spelt "Bowel.")
BOWLDACIOUS	Brazen / Impudent
BOWPAD	A woman's saddle
BOWSEN	To dip an insane person in a Holy Well
BOX & HETTERS	For ironing (Heater made red-hot in a fire) There would be one or two in the fire and one in the iron 'box' doing the actual ironing. The 'Ironing Box' was heart shaped to enable access to collars, pleats and tucks.
BOXHEATER	Braising steak

BOXHOLE/HEADER	Verticle shaft rising from a mine level
BOY'S LOVE	Southernwood
BOYER	Rock drill.
BOYS	There are no men in Cornwall, they are all Boys.!
BOY-YUR	Augur for drilling holes
BRA (bm)	Brave, meaning fine "How are ee Joe?" "Bra (Brave) thanks Dick." Meaning fine, or I'm OK (great or very)
BRA	Great or large. Said of someone of exceptional proportions.
BRAA COOSE	Going fast
BRAA SET-UP	A row, a fuss or a big organisation. "So and so's farm is a braa sert-up since 'e bot they there 50 acres of off land."
BRAACA	The brace of a shaft
BRA-AKE	Copse, as of gorse (A considerable area)
BRA-AKER	Animal difficult to fence in
BRAAVE	Strong and healthy. A llrave lookin' cheeld. First rate
BRAB'M	Pretty good but not quite As good a 'brave.'
BRACE	The mouth of a shaft.
BRACKETY	Speckled, freckled; 'a brackety chield is a healthy chield.'
BRAE-LIL-FEW ALSO BRAE FEW	Considerable number!! "A brae few up chapel this morning; special preacher from uplong. That de slock them in see."
BRAGE	To scold violently
BRAGGASHANS	Bragging "You'd think 'e knawed ev'ry thing an' gawt ev'ry thing, the way 'es always braggashan."
BRAGGATY	Spotted / Mottled
BRAGIN	Scolding
BRAGING	Raging
BRAH WAY / BRAAE	Long distance
BRAKE (Wind)	Large quantity, of wild foliage or flowers, i.e. a brake of honeysuckle.
BRAL	To strike or hit "if 'e de cause ruckshuns bral go to en yo."
BRALE/BREEL	Mackerel
BRALLED	Brawled, bralling, quarrelsome. A brall – a dent in a saucepan.
BRAMBLY	Prickley
BRAN	Brand, New. "That shirt Fred 'ave got up was bran new yest'day, juss look at en now, grafted 'tis." Also 'flam new'.
BRANDIS (Z)	A triangle-shaped iron fire stand on which to rest a saucepan, kettle etc over an open fire. They were often taken to the communal well on wash-days where there was a plentiful supply of water and furze to feed the fire.
BRANDIZ- WAYS	Triangular
BRANDYWINE	Brandy
BRASH	Skin eruption Brath
BRAT	Brave / Great
BRATH	Broth "Gone in see if mawthwer 'ave got a bowl o' brath ready, me pots are rattlin'.
BRAVE / BRA / BRAVISH/BRAVEY	Used in a commendatory sense in any connection except courage, A brave (long) way; A brave (good) bullock; I'm feeling brave (Hearty. In good health), Big or large, i.e. he's a brave chap.
BRAVE JOB	A Sad affair "eard tell bout that axident aver te Germoe 'ave 'e?" "few dead I bleeve, brave-job I tell 'e."
BRAVE SPUR	Quite a while
BRAVE-FEW	A good number. Many.
BRAVE-FLINK	To almost accomplish something. "She did'n do en fiffy exactly, but she gibm a brave (brea) flink.
BRAVE-ISH	Moderately well, 'knackiin' fair and braveish.'
BRAVEY	Large or good
BRAZ	Brass
BRAZEN	Bold. Hard. Cold (said of a woman). I've heard the phrase, "She is a brazen hussy". i.e the lowest of the low!! Poor sall.
BREACH	Coarse, furzy ground
BREACHY	Troublesome cattle, prone to limbing hedges or fences and straying.
BREACHY	Name for cattle that climb over hedges.
BREACHY-WATER	Brackish water also salt water
BREA-CODDLE	A mess. "In a brea stank."
BREAD AN CHEESE	The young leaves of the hawthorn often eaten by children.
BREAD-AN'-SCRAAPE	Bread and very little butter or a margarine substitute
BREAD-AND-DIPPY	Slice of barley bread and a thin layer o'cream

BREAD-AN-DIPPY	Barley bread and thin cream
BREAD-AN-SCRAPE	Bread and butter
BRAIG	Breage (Place Name)
BREAK DOWN	Verb: to make good tilth (To break the soil down
BREAKER	Water-keg
BREAL	Mackerel ; the Cornish words that follow, form the mackerel chant
BREAR	Big; also very "Brear'n cold day.
BRECH	Tilth (degree of suitability of earth for sowing seeds.)
BRECK/BREEK/BRICK	A hole or tear or flaw in a garment
BREECHED	When a baby wears his first trousers
BREED / BREEDY	To make a new fishing nets with a mesh gauge and needle
BREEK / BRIK	A small tear or rip. "Here's a nice second hand shirt, there idn a breek in en."
BREEMING/BRIMING	Phosphorescent shining of the sea at night when disturbed by steam paddles
BREITHEL/BRITHEL	Mackerel or Trout
BRELY	Very much. "She'm brely grown."
BREMBLES	Brambles
BREN	To wrinkle the forehead
BREND(ING)	To frown - frowning
BRETHER	Brother
BRICHIN	Horse harness particularly that which sits on the horse's back with belly-bind attached.
BRICK or BRECK	Rent, tear or flaw.
BRIEF	When a man had a severe misfortune he would take an account of it to his neighbours in the hope that they would contribute to a "relief fund". Last used in the 1920's not very successfully.
BRIK	Break I feel like bricken this eer inte shivereens.
BRIMBLE HOOK	The semi circular hook used for paring hedges.
BRIMMING	The phosphorescence of the waves
BRIMY	See Breening
BRINK	A fish's gill
BRINY	Adj. Luminous ; phosphorescent : applied to the sea; the madusse
BRISH'D IN	Swept up the dirt in the hearth. "I just brushed in that 'earth now a log 'ave bin an' falled out o' the fire and I got do it 'gain."
BRISHSTICK	Magpie. Essentially St Gennys, originated in the twenties.
BRISS-PLU	Breast plough for skimming spen. A Breast Plough was a hand pushed device for scraping off the top grass from peat; so perhaps spen is that top layer, but I am not certain. PP
BRIT	A tiny fish, smaller than a sprat
BRITHYLL	A Trout (pron truff)
BRITON	A thrift or sea-pink "The clifftops are full of Britons this time of year."
BRITTED EEN	Dented "She 'it the door with such force, now ee's all britted een." (Smashed in)
BRITTLE	Old fashioned 'glass' Christs Tree baubles. They were so fragile/brittle they wwere called such
BRITTLES	Delicate glass baubles hung on a Christmas tree "We de always 'ave a few brittles on the Christmas tree an' few candles. You gotta watch they, er they'll catch alight."
BROACH/ BROOCH	A twisted stick used in rick thatching "Father de want me go out into the Grove an cut a few boaches fer te keep the thatch tight on the rick?"
BROACHER	A large sharp knife particularly; but also anything large and clumsy.
BROAD	Speaking in fiull dialect. "I was bro'ght up next door to 'en an I got job te understand en 'cause he de talk so broad."
BROAD APART	All abroad, wide open
BROAD-FIG	A Turkey Fig; Raisins are figs in dialect
BROASEN	Burning quickly The furze is broasen now the wind 'ave got up a bit."
BROCK	Broken "You put too much weight on en now you've bin an' brock'n"
BROFT	Brought "she was broft home in a cart."
BROIL	Earth on the surface indicating a vein of metal.
BROIL	An eddy
BROOD	Impurities mixed with ore. "There's saw much ol' brood in this lode, the ore went be worth nawthen."
BROOM-SWIKE	A twig of a heath broom.
BROS-OF-HET	A fierce heat
BROTH	Bread, milk and hot water "Missis, make us a bowl o' broth 'fore go bed will ee?" (Some say it's any kind of soup.)
BROTHER-LAW	Brother in law
BROUGHTEN	Bought, "broughten bread."

BROUSA /BROUSE	A thick furze, usually with brambles , braken etc.
BROUSE	To throw pilchard oil, gut, etc. in the sea to attract fish. "I'll thraw a bit o' brouse averboard an' see if that'll slock a few fish around."
BROUSE / BROUZE	Thicket of brambles, furze, etc. (Lovely for blackberry picking but no good for courting!)
BROW BRENNER	Eye winker (old nursery rhyme)
BROWJANS.	Small wreckage "This must b e wear she went down see all the browjans floaten about."
BROWN-LIMER	Ripe hazel nut
BROWN-WORT	Figwort or throat-wort
BROWN-WORT	Fig-wort
BROWSE	Hedge parings. We pare the hedges and burn the browse. In particular it refers to Gorse or Furze. Also said to be dried ferns.
BROWSE / BROWSSY	bruised fish used as bait. "I'll pommel thy noddle to browse."
BROWSHAMS	Tea-leaves in a cup. Old ladies and particularly gypseys would 'tell your future' from your browshams.
BROWSY	Kiddley broth made from bread, hot milk & butter.
BROWTHY	Light and spongy bread "Nice bit o' browthy bread ma, wudden knaw 'e was on yer tongue."
BROZE.	A state of blazing or boiling
BRUDGE	Bridge
BRUDGE	Bridge "Plenty o' waater 'ave gone under the brudge since then.
BRUKFAST	Breakfast
BRUMMEL	Tamarisk
BRUMMEL MOW	Round rick of corn with a pointed top. This type of Mow is circular in shape similar to an old fashioned stone built pigeon house. This type has the part which answers to the shape of the conical roof with its 'ears facing down and towards the outside. (see also Ped(er)ick)
BRUSH	A Nosegay . i.e. a posy of scented flowers
BRUSH	Thicket
BRUSS	BROWSE The dust and prickles from furze. "Mind yer fingers wen yu brush up that bruss er it will prick yer 'ands te pieces."
BRUSS/BROWSE	Short lengths of furze or bracken used to form the base or stead of a rick. Used to keep the straw or hay off the ground.
BRUSSY	Short, as said of a Pasty
BRUYANS	Crumbs. "Mind w'at yer doin', yer droppen they bruyans all aver the floor and I'll 'ave be the one te sweep 'em up."
BRYTHALL	Trout
BUCCA. BUCKABOO	A ghost. Hobgoblin. Fool. Scarecrow. Also a nickname for people who come from Newlyn West. A spirit that haunts tin mines. (<i>Bucca</i> Cornish, a ghost)
BUCCA-DU	Scarecrow, Black Imp (You never see them in the dark!!) Also –black bogeyman.
BUCCA-GWIDEN	A precocious child.
BUCK	Milk unfit for drinking. "The buck is in the milk."
BUCK	Spittal fly
BUCK	To toss or buck with the head or horns
BUCK	To bruise copper ore into small fragments.
BUCKA-BOO	A ghost (Cornish Bucka – ghost)
BUCKHORN / BUCKTHORN	Dried /salted whiting
BUCKING	Bucking (breaking) copper and other ore, is to prepare it ready for dressing. A task carried out by Bal Maidens.
BUCKING HOUSE	Open sided shed at the mine where Bal Maidens were engaged in Bucking
BUCKING IRON	A flat hammer used for crushing copper ore.
BUCKLE TO	To get on with it and with enthusiasm!! Start to do something in earnest.
BUCKLE-UP	To shrink, to draw together "The het o' that fire buckled-up that tin roof like hoop iron."
BUCKLING	Making haste – buckling along
BUCKSHE	Fre & fer nothin'
BUCKSHEE-BUCK	A children's game which involved holding up fingers. (Can anyone help with what it is about)
BUCKY-HOW	A boys game resembling touch timber ?? Anybody??
BUDDLE	Used in processing tin
BUDDLE BOYS/GIRLS	Worked the buddle and washed the ore (buddling)
BUDDY	A clump. A thick cluster usually of people. Friend (I had a cousin called Buddy) PP
BUDPICKER	The bullfinch. The bullfinch just loves soft buds from most plants!
BUFFLE-HEAD	Stupid person, fool, a simpleton.
BUGGAN	A load
BULCH	To push, or butt with a horn as with to cattle) "That bull is bulchin' that round feeder

	brave, 'e was goyne 'round wid'n on 'is 'ead yes'tday."
BULCOD	A rock fish
BULDERIN	Hot and perspiring: Threatening weather – sultry; thundery
BULGRANNICK	A smll fish – Stickleback; bull toad
BULID	Cow in season
BULK	To- toss on the horns of a bull
BULK BULL-ED	To cure pilchards by placing alternative layers of salt and fish ; also a pile of pilchards about a yard in breadth and five feet in height : with the heads turned outwards. Two men would be employed to do this, one in the b oat the other ikn the water.
BULKING	Piling Pilchards against a all in layers of salt
BULLARD	Said of a person who is blunt in speak or general attitude.
BULLARD / BULLJIG	Bullward in the cow.
BULLDRAM	Small pond fish lil the Stickleback
BULLDRAM	A small fish found in streams
BULLHORN	Snail
BULLHORN	Bullheaded fool - Always running his head against the wall.
BULLID	Cow in season
BULLIES / BULLY (See bouley)	Round, smooth pebbles ; boulders. I think it fair to say a bully would hav to be at least a hand full in size.
BULLJINK	Snail
BULLOCKS	Cattle – male of female esp Steers, bred for meat
BULLOCKY MAN	A swaggering fellow
BULLOMS	Sloe berries "You can always tell w'en the bulloms are right fer pickin, they 'ave that lovely bloom on them."
BULLUMS	Sloe, Fruit of the blackthorne.
BULLWARD/BULLARD	Of a cow on heat or in season for the bull.
BULLY	A large pebble. (or a marble).
BULTYS	An apparatus for catching conger, pollock etc, usually carried on the back.
BUM	A blow
BUM FODDER	Toilet Paper
BUMFIRE	Bonfire "Le's gone an' catch up a few bits fer a bumfire, tis Guy Fawkes next week."
BUMFOOZLE/BUMFUZZLE	To humbug. To mystify "With all 'is up-country words he certainly bumfoozled me."
BUM PRESS	Dried washing put under a cushion and sat upon as a method of ironing!
BUN-BREAD	Phrase to express severe thrashing, "I'd beat him to bun-bread."
BUNCE	Unearned profit (A kind of capital gain I guess)
BUNCH	Said of calves when being fed. To butt with the head
BUNK	A crust of bread or cake
BUNKEN / BUMPKIN	A piece of iron projecting from the bow of a boat to which the jib is fastened.
BUNKER HEADED FOOLS	Crazy folk
BUNT	The concavity or bellying of a net or sail.
BUNTING	Sifting of flour ??
BURDEN RAWP	Rope for binding oaten sheaves
BURDEN (RAWP) ROPE	A general purpose rope, some eight feet long, used primarily to carry a large heap of loose hay on the shoulders.
BURDEN/OVER BURDEN	Dead ground over the stratum of tin-ore, or china clay. A term also used in the local building trade. i.e. before setting out a building the over burden would be cleared away o the depth of the subsoil and later used to boost the garden top soil, or removed completely. (Often called 'over-burden')
BURM	Barm or yeast
BURN	Twenty one hakes, (probably a burden)
BURN	Burn (load or bundle) of hay, cut from a rick or furze even turf. Probably enough for a set number of animals rather than being of a particular size.
BURNDOCKIE	A liquor made from cider, sugar and eggs "Over te the Ship Inn they're maaken that there Burndockie drink, tried en 'ave ee? Abm 'eard tell of it fer years."
BURNING	Plant in which partly dressed ore was roasted to remove sulphur & arsenic. (There are several 'Bunnrthouses' signposted aound Cornwall.)
BURRANET	The Shelldrake. "I see the burranets are back on the pond."
BURRAS	Grassy hillock "Down in West Cornwall ye de see they ol' mine burras ever'rywhere."
BURROWS	Old mine workings' spoil heaps (See above)
'BUS	Surplus "Taake en bouy, tis bus as far as I'm concerned."
BUSED	

BUSH	
BUSH	Two hoops fixed on a short pole passing through each other at right angles. They are covered in white calico, and used by the Huers, standing on a hill to show where pilchards lie in a bay.
USH	To add furze to a fire
BUSH	Instead of thrashing corn with a flail, when straw was wanted for thatching, women were employed to beat out the corn into a barrel with the head out ; the ears of corn were beat against the barrel.
BUSH THE FIRE	To put on more furze : only used where there are open chimneys and no grate. "Time to bush the fire up bit, tis gitten chilly in 'ere."
BUSH-BEATING	Poor families did this to make sparrow pie (Birdie pie was quite a delicacy for poor families) They also used blackbirds and thrushes. (Bit more on they spouse!) In more recent times (1940s) my father would take me out on a windy night and go 'bushbeating' but NOT to destroy but more to study whee and how the various species rossted We always used the gentlens of a Carbide Lamp. Ed
BUSHED	Confirmed
BUSHED	Confirmed tired out, dead beat.
BUSHING CORN	Beating corn into a barrel by hitting against the side.
BUSK	An unweaned calf. Sometime a cow would act as a serogate mother and busk three or four calves.) See Buss below
BUSK	A thin strip of wood or whalebone, about an inch and a half broad by fourteen inches long ; formerly worn by all, now only by old women, in front of their stays.
BUSKER	An undaunted, persevering fisherman in stormy weather.
BUSKINS	Leg shields
BUSSA	An earthenware pot for salting food., bigger than a Stain or Stug. I can find no modern reference to 'Stain' or 'Stug' so perhaps they would hold a particular measured amount for some reason."
BUSSA-HEAD	Thick-head. Fool.
BUSS-CALF (CAAV)	Calf sucking a cow. A number of calves would be allowed to suck off one cow.
BUSSY-MILK	First very rich milk after calving, high in colostrums
BUST	Bankrupt. Gone bust
BUST(ING)	Bubbling over with laughter. Over full of food
BUSTER	Dreadful event
BUSTER	Bit of a lad ;
BUSTER	A difficult job also a 'Character'; Jack- the-lad.
BUSTIONS	Full. Corpulent
BUSTIOUS	Over-fat ; burden-some to oneself.
BUSY	Needs – requires; "Busy all your strength to carry it".
BUSY	"Tis busy" i.e. it requires.
BUSY-ALL	Clip for time performing a task. "Twas busy all time to get all the broccoli cut before the lorry come." i.e. hardly enough time, or just time enough.
BUT	A buttock of beef
BUT / BUTT	Sprain. Bee-hive. Boy's trolley (gig)
BUT-GAP	A hedge of pitched turf
BUTS	Bots a disease of the horse.
BUTT	Horse-cart with tipping box; the tipping box was the butt.
BUTT	A skep or early straw bee-hive. Hence the term "My 'ead is goin' 'round like a bee-butt.'
BUTT	Childs home made cart, also known as a dandy (see below)
BUTT CLATT	When a Cornish hedge is built it can be faced with stone or clats (turves). If there is a good ream and deep earth, clats are cut resembling concrete blocks and are laid, one on another, with the grass showing on the vertical face.
BUTTED	"I've butted my thumb" Banged against something head-on.
BUTTER AND EGGS	Double yellow daffodils
BUTTERDOCK	Burdock "I like that there Dandelion and Butterdock drink don't yoo?"
BUTT-LOAD	Cart load
BUTTS	A disease in horses (I cannot find any reference to it by this name in modern dictionaries or the Internet.)
BUTTY	Chum.Comrade (See Buddy)
BUYED	Bought. "I buyed un at the draper's."
BUZZA	A jar or pan – cloam. Used particularly to salt down meat in brine. My parents would add salt to water for the brine until an egg just floated near the top. This had to be refreshed regularly and kept cool. Ed (See bussa)
BUZZA/BUSSA	"Stinking like buzza." A Buzza was an open pit used before a cess pit.
BUZZY MILK	Colostrum. Esteemed for making a thick milk pudding. First milk after calving, high in

	colostrums and firey yellow.
BYE	Lonely ; "our house is rather bye."
BYRE	Cows' House

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