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Word	Meaning
'EN	Older English suffix: housen, primrosen. Then e.g. "'Ow are ee en." = How are you then.
EACE-FAY	I'faith Yes, for sure
EAR	Of wheelbarrow: the luggs in which the axle turns; also of a pump
EAR	Year
EAR BUSSAS	Ear bussums: tonsils.
EARTH RIDGE	Earth around the borders of a field carted out for mixing with manure
EARY WAN WEEK	Every other week; every fortnight
EASEMENT	Relief "They there pain killers have gived my back a nice bit a easement, shure nuff." Pain relief.
EASY	Feeble minded "Don't take no notice obm he's a bit easy."
EATABLE	Very nice to eat. If a wife had over-cooked something, as she put it before her husband she might ask, "Eatable ez it?"
EAT THE SUN	To bask in sunshine: a miners' expression.
EAVE	To thaw. See HEAVE. To sweat
EAVER / AYVER / HEEVERS	Darnel (Rye-grass) Frivraie.
EBBET	Newt
ECKA	Fool
ECKEMOULE	The tom-tit
ECKSHEEN	Husks of corn; usking
EDDEN	Isn't "Now listen te me, I tell 'ee it ikdden like that, 'tis like this 'ere, 'ere."
EDGE	'A good edge' Principle. Disposition
EDGE-ON	Intice "O' course faather edged en on until ee 'it maaty in the chacks. Then the sh_t 'it the fan,shure as eggs are eggs."
EDJACK	Iggut; Idiot, foolish fellow.
'ED LIKE A BLADDER O' LARD	Bald d person, As bald as a Coot.
EDNA	Is it not. "It'endna 'tall." Ie. It isn't at all
EE	You. "I'll give ee w'at far ikn a minit, if you dawn't behave
EE AIN'T GOYNE TA KECK THE BUCKET YET	He isn't going to die just yet
EEDGE / EEJ / AEEJ	Scream or screech. Cr. Uj, uja.

EEF-OVUR	Half over. “W’at time ov the day do ee call this te cum and see the match. The game is eff-ovur,”
EENA MEENA MORA MY	Pisca, lara, bora, by. Counting out rhymes before a game. Variants: pasca, lara, bona, by, elke, belke Similar to’eeny meeny miny mo catch a by his toe. ??
EE NEVER DID CARRY MUCH FLESH ‘BOUT UN	He was always a very thin person.
EF YEW WUR TA DIEW ES YEW OTT TA DIEW	If you were to do what you ought to do, <i>yew wudden be in this mees now.</i>
EEVEN/ EAVEN	Sweating, not only people but old Cornish cootage floors were often eaerth and/or slate on earth; with the chnges in weather these floors and cob walls would (sweat) eeve.
EGGLETS / AGGLETS	Haws. (Hawthorn berries)
EGGS AND BACON	Daffodil cultivar 1889.
EGGY-FLIP	
EGGYHOT	Beer washed in a muller with beaten spiced egg. Or Hot beer with egg & sugar. Muller = a vessel for mulling wine
EGGY-HOT	Hot beer sugar & eggs
EKEMAULE / EKKYMOWL / EKKYJOEY	The tomtit – blue-tit. See HACKMAL.
ELBOW CROOKIN’	The act of drinking (in the Ale Hoouse or Tavern) (<i>Tha’s w’at yer right arm is fer!</i>)
ELEK	Garfish
ELEVENER	A light lunch, probably in the home. If it was at work it would be ‘crib’ or ‘croust’.
ELIECOMPANIE	The blue tit. ‘Bird by day, toad by night’ (Polwhele) distorted form of half-remembered Cornish pen paly, pedn paly. Actually name of the plant <i>Inula campama</i> ; a sweet was made of its candied root. Also extended to hard-bake, almond toffee.
ELIZABETH	Martagon lily. Hansoni-Lilium Martagon.
ELLE(I)CK	Red Gurnard.
ELLEN(S) ELLEN STONES (ELLINS)	Roofing slate(s) clapped together, also healing stones. It was often said of someone with a very slim backside; “A backside like two ellins slapped tegther.
ELLENS	Very thin person
ELMING RAKE	?? Anyone able to help here?
ELMIN-TREE	Elm tree
ELVAN	Blue porphyry rock. Cornish roads are famously built with it.
EMMET	The ant. Archaic English.
EMMUT	Eye of the wind.
EMPTY AS A KEG	HUNGRY
EMPRENT	Impudent
‘ENAVOREDAY	Person not yet awake. (hen before dawn!)
EN / ENTO	In; into
ENOW	Plenty, enough, too much
ENGE	Lungs of (usually) a pig for home consumption
‘ENJUS GERT	Superlative of big or large size
ENT (ENYIN’) EMPT / ENTING DOWN	To empty, rain heavily. To pour with rain (empty) Ented down– past tense . “Ent en in ‘ere boy ‘til ees full up.”
ENTIES	Empties. “I’ve cum te c’lect yer enties Mrs.”
EPIPHANY	Dodder plant on furze, the ‘devil’s saffern’. A parasitic plant found particularly on heathers. Looks like tangled balls of string. (<i>Cusuta epithimum</i>)
EPPING STONE	Block of three stones usually with steps for mounting a horse
EPPS	Stable door or any door purposely split across the middle.
ERRISH	See Arrish.
ERRISH MOOS/MOWS	Arrish mows. Small temporary ricks constructed during threatening weather to save the corn.
ERKEE	A school playground game of hide and seek
ERTS	Whortleberries
ERVINS / HERVINS	Narcissi; probably for IRVINE’s, an old variety.
ES, SURE	Agree, to be sure of something “Yes I’m sure.”
ESS FAY	Yes in faith; certainly. I think the term ‘in faith’ was used rather like we might use; ‘in truth’
ESSING	An upholster’s term for hessian which was used extensively in chair repairs and manufacture after the war.

ESTINNEY MARMET	(Tinny marmot: oddly dressed itinerant musician. See MOMMET.
ETTA(W)/ ETTER/EETOH	(Fetter) A 'D' shaped shackle with a removeable bolt to join two chains. (Cornish carol – 'the iron fetters yield.'
EUCHERED	Cornered – beaten. From the card game of Euchre, in which your opponent has won when you're euchred.
EUMERS / EMMERS	Dried cow dung used as fuel. Also embers. 'Rake the eumers over the fire and make a crow in the ashes.
EVE (HEAVE)	To become moist, a stone floor is said to eve before wet weather.
EVET	A newt
EVET	Has it?
EVEY ES ET?	Is it heavy
EVIL	Sore or boil.
EVIL	A kind of gathering
EVIL / YEEVIL/EVULL	Farm fork, used extensively for spreading dung and mucking out., also three or five pronged yard fork. O.E. (There was a special type for handling sugar beet; it was slightly larger and each prong or tyne had a small ball forged onto the ends. This was to avoid piercing the sugar beat and bruising them.
EVIT / EBBAT/EVET	Newt
EVVY CAKE	Pastry cake, rolled thin with fruit peel and sugar
EWMERS	Embers
EX	Axle
EYEABLE	Presentable, pleasant to see.
EYES	Fat on broth
EZ	Yes
EZYAU	I agree with you
EZZA?	Is it., is he "Ezza shore nuf?" i.e. "Is he sure enough?"

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