

# DYKES A LOT!

A Little Lesbian Lexicon pulled from...

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The Queens'  
Vernacular

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### **Introduction**

#### What is Dykes A Lot!

Dykes a Lot is a zine of slang words related to lesbians. The definitions are copied and pasted (literally) from Bruce Rodgers' 1972 gay lexicon *The Queens' Vernacular*. This project is a part of a masters thesis in Digital Arts and Humanities. In tandem with this low-tech zine, I have encoded all following entries using XML, following the TEI Lex-0 standards. The paper (which gives a much more detailed explanation) and the fully encoded text are available online, at [github.com/junemu/QV](https://github.com/junemu/QV). *Gay Talk*, an unauthorized 1979 publication of *The Queens' Vernacular* is available to read online at the Internet Archive (the cover is different, but the insides are identical):

<https://archive.org/details/gaytalkformerlye00rodg/>

#### What is The Queens' Vernacular

*The Queens' Vernacular* is a free wheeling and filthy lexicon of gay slang written by amateur lexicographer Bruce Rodgers. It was one of the first 'serious' studies of gay slang ever written, published at a crucial moment in LGBT+ history just three years after the Stonewall riots. Rodgers spent 12 years collecting slang from all corners of the gay world:

"It is the result of years of interviews with hundreds of informants whom Bruce Rodgers sought out in bars, steam baths, dance halls, public johns and on street corners. He did not have at his disposal a team of field workers or researchers or editors, nor did he have a foundation grant to underwrite his labors. He had only his own energy and uncommon zeal." (Douglas Mount, from the introduction.)

To let the dictionary define herself... here is the back cover of the original 1972 publication of *The Queens' Vernacular*. —>

# Queens' Vernacular

**queen** from British **quean** from Greek **gyne** = a woman; any male homosexual; the stereotype 'fag-got' as used in "He's such a giddy queen, always looking up men's dresses," and **vernacular** meaning language or dialect of a subculture; the nonstandard mode of expression of a group; e.g. a lexicon of homosexual slang words, expressions and terms revealing sexual mores, social customs and minority attitudes.

Synonyms: **camp thesaurus**; **fairy Baedeker**; **gay boys, scout manual**; **queen's wordbook**; **third sex language**.

Related uses: Everyman's directory to the gay underworld:

**entertainment**: "Yeah, that girl was in the army—he was the enemy!"

**instruction**: "Camp comes from a 16th century English theatrical term describing the young men who were in women's costumes in plays; this in turn comes from the French *campagne* meaning the countryside, especially where strolling mime troops entertained."

**exposition**: Gay slang, along with black slang, the other major American subcultural language, has proved to be a major creative source in our ever-changing language. What gays taunt campingly today, the rest of America will knowingly use tomorrow.

Over 12,000 entries—pronunciation keys; derivations; etymologies; words located precisely according to region and time spoken; thousands of examples clarifying shades of meaning and pinpointing nuance.



### Why lesbian slang?

Tragically, I did not have enough time to encode all 202 pages of definitions in *The Queens' Vernacular*, so I chose just the entries with words relating to lesbians. This is in honor of all lesbian feminist list-makers who created a small but mighty genre of lesbian history, "written by women delving into obscure archives and mouldy books to carefully compile volumes listing every previously ignored or forgotten instances of friendly spinsters who kept odd company, Boston marriages, romantic friendships, cross-dressers, mannish inverters, female husbands, hermaphrodites, and more."<sup>1</sup> For this selection, I cast a wide net and chose definitions even tangentially related to lesbians.

### What is XML? What is TEI?? What is TEI Lex-0???

XML stands for Extensible Markup Language and is a way to tag different parts of a text to make it uniformly computationally addressable. It looks like this: <title>The Bible </title> by <author>God</author>.

TEI is an agreed-upon standard of encoding, which makes it easier to compare and combine projects.

TEI Lex-0 is an even more specific standard, designed for encoding dictionaries. A short dictionary entry encoded with TEI Lex-0 looks like this:

Original:



A portion of a document page is shown, with several lines of text completely obscured by a large black rectangular redaction box. The visible text above the redaction includes "In fact, original... with masculine char...", "and... st bragg@who.com".

<sup>1</sup> Constance Crompton and Michelle Schwartz, 'Remaking History: Lesbian Feminist Historical Methods in the Digital Humanities'. In *Bodies of Information: Intersectional Feminism and Digital Humanities*, ed. Elizabeth M. Losh and Jacqueline Wernimont, Debates in the Digital Humanities (Minneapolis, London: University of Minnesota Press, 2018), full text free online <https://dhdebates.gc.cuny.edu/projects/bodies-of-information>

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#### Why encode a dictionary?

Encoding dictionaries allows their dense structure and rich content to be parsed quickly and in previously impossible (or at least tedious) ways. Instead of scouring the dictionary for every entry related to trucks or prostitutes or benzadrine, a simple search can instantly conjure up every entry with the same characteristics (would you ever think to look under "truck driver" for prostitute slang?) Encoding allowed me to make the indexes on pages 13-19.

# Abbreviation

Ans = answer  
Ant = antonym  
camp = sex reversal, strictly humorous, self mocking  
cent = century  
cf = compare  
colloq = colloquial, well known regionally  
dated = dates the user  
dial = dialectal  
= = equals  
eg = for example  
etc = and so forth  
fr = from  
// = from previous derivation  
hetero = heterosexual  
' ie = that is  
kwn = known in  
les = lesbian usage  
lit = literally  
• = look up main entry alphabetically  
med = medical terminology  
narc = narcotic usage  
naut = nautical  
obs = obsolete  
orig = originally  
pej = pejorative  
pl = plural  
? = perhaps  
+ = plus  
pros = prostitute  
sl = slang  
SM = sado-masochistic  
usu = usually  
var = variant  
vul = vulgar

## Sources

Am = American  
AS = Anglo Saxon  
Aus = Australian dialect  
Brit = British  
' carnival/carny sl = pig-latin  
' whereby syllables are camouflaged by "e(a)za," eg house = hezouse.  
Chin = Chinese  
Du = Dutch  
E = English  
Fr = French

Ger = German  
Gk = Greek  
Gullah = S Carolina Black dialect formed from English and African Gold Coast languages.  
Haw = Hawaiian  
Heb = Hebrew  
Ir = Irish  
It = Italian  
Jap = Japanese  
L = Latin  
La Creole = Louisiana Creole  
M = middle, eg ME = Middle English  
Mex = Mexican  
O = Old, eg OFr = Old French  
Pach = pachuco Spanish  
Parlyaree cant = largely composed of Italian words salvaged from Lingua Franca.  
Russ = Russian  
Skt = Sanscrit  
Sp = Spanish  
Yid = Yiddish

## Locations

Arg = Argentina  
Ariz = Arizona  
Cape Town = Capetown, South Africa  
Chi = Chicago  
Ill = Illinois  
LA = Los Angeles, California  
LV = Las Vegas, Nevada  
NYC = New York City  
PR = Puerto Rico  
SF = San Francisco, California  
Wis = Wisconsin

## Parts of speech

adj = adjective  
adv = adverb  
exclam. = exclamation  
imp = imperative  
interj = interjection  
n = noun  
pron = pronoun  
v = verb  
voc = vocative, name-calling

# Pronounciation

(for those sounds that might give the reader trouble)

e = about	e = bed	o = knot
a = map	ē = machine	ō = beau, hole
ā = cape	g = always hard as in good lover	ö = French feu
ă = father	hw = why	ōō = boot
au = now	i = tip	oi = join
	T = fly	u = butt
	kh = German Buch; Spanish jota	Ū = unique
		zh = French je, rouge

# Explanation

The entry styles in this lexicon take three forms. Most entries are structured as follows:

**main entry** (pronunciation key, where known, date, derivation; however, see also alternate possible derivation) 1. first definition and possible example followed possibly by synonyms related only to this meaning.

2. second definition and example, etc.

Synonyms related to the whole entry.

Followed by related terms, definitions, examples and synonyms.

Followed by subentries formed from the main entry, definitions, examples, synonyms, antonyms.

Also see other pertinent entries.

However, some of the more substantial entries are arranged in a "story" format. These include entries such as **armed forces**, for which the homosexual community has its own special vocabulary, or entries such as **prison terminology**, which is the special vocabulary convicts and their keepers have for homosexuals and homosexual practices. The form is as follows:

**¶ heading** is explained in a story with **slang** interspersed throughout and defined only when doubtful. Followed by related terms not in the story, definitions, examples and synonyms.

Also see pertinent entries.

In other cases, both of these styles are blended together:

**main entry** (pronunciation key, where known, date, derivation) Definition and possible example followed by any related synonym, followed by story, with **slang words**, explaining themselves usually by the tale's context.

**Note:** On five occasions, I decided to take a portion of the main entry rather than the entry as a whole (blow off steam, cruising clothes, dig boy ass, dizzy lizzy, and drag butch.) I have noted this with an asterisk in the margin. In all instances, the terms were a part of very large definitions, and the entire entries for blow, cruise, dizzy, drag, and fuck are in the appendexes.

# 1 baby butch

baby butch (kwn NYC, les sl, mid-late '60s) boyish, adolescent lesbian.

Syn: camper (kwn LV, les sl, late '60s); camp truck (kwn LV, les sl, late '60s); dinky dyke (kwn SF, '71-'72); semi-diesel

bar handles fleshy sides of the waist; a spare tire "This mad dyke danced off her bar handles."

Syn: fuck handles (kwn NYC, late '60s); goodyear; love handles.

beard (kwn LV, mid '60s: fr a beard = virility symbol) 1. a woman who dates homosexual men to help them socially 2. to date a woman to prevent suspicion of being homosexual "Is that your bearding tonight or is that your lesbian mammy?" Syn: flinking (Brit gay sl).

BF (les sl, mid '60s, acronym for boy friend) the lesbian who assumes the male role in a partnership romance. But real BF = man dating a woman.

Bill 1. Masculine male homosexual "Tote that bag, lick that Bill!" 2. sarcastic title for one who claims to be masculine "Get you, Bill, in that butch marine drag" 3. (kwn LV, les sl, mid '60s) banter term between mannish lesbians "Hey, Bill, who was that redhead in your bed this morning?"

bisexual (bi-seksh'-wəl, fr L prefix *bi* = two, *lit* meaning hermaphroditic) sexually interested in both men and women "He's bisexual—he digs both men and boys." Many gays feel that bisexuals brag about their superiority to homosexuals. They reassure one another that bisexuals are but repressed faggots who simply refuse to admit defeat ("Nobody can dance at two weddings, dear; you're either one or the other!")

Syn: AC-DC; acey-deucy; ambidextrous; ambisextrous; am-bisexual; bi; bicycle [rider] (kwn LV, jazz musician sl, mid '60s); convertible; double-gaited; double-life man ('40s); flippy (also used of a homosexual who is able to fuck or be fucked); gate-swingers; gray cat (kwn SF, hip gay sl, late '60s: one whose sex life is gray, ie unclear); half-and-half; half bent (Brit gay sl); sidesaddle queen (kwn LA, late '50s: "Get lost! Sidesaddle queens were all the rage last week"); switch-hitter; two-way baby (early '60s).

Related terms:

bi-lingual orally bisexual, ie gratified by sucking either a man or a woman.

dabbler (les sl) suburban housewife giving lesbianism a try. gillette blade (les sl, early '60s, fr double-edged Gillette blade) bisexual woman.

go both ways to be bisexual. Syn: play both sides of the fence; wear bifocals; wear two [pairs of] shoes (fr pros sl, '30s).

half-husband married man with a homosexual liaison on the side; he has one foot upon dry heterosexual land and the other in hot, gay water.

on the fence bisexual; able to dry off with either a his or her towel. Syn: caught between the pointers and setters.

blow —off steam (les sl) experience orgasm.

brother mannish lesbian who is befriended by blatant homosexuals "Me ball with her? Don't be silly, we're brothers."

BT (les sl) the initials stand for "bare titty" "I don't mind if my fluff runs around the house BT when I'm at home, but she better cover up when some of those wolves I know come over."

**bull** ('40s) 1. the obvious, aggressive lesbian "My ex-boss was a bull; everytime she laughed the windows would crack" 2. (prison sl, fr bulletin) note, letter "Here's your bull—what's it say?" 3. (adj) masculine "Is he bull or cow when it comes to the sack?"

**—dagger** 1. the burly lesbian who dresses more like a truck-driver than a PTA member; lesbians who assume the male role in lovemaking 2. girlish homosexual man who will conduct himself in a two-fisted fashion "Why you coming on like a bull-dagger, dear; trying to impress a piece of sweet ass?"

Syn: **bull bitch[dyke]**.

**—dicker** (fr sl *dick* = cock) the active lesbian whose extended clitoris enables her to fuck in a face-to-face position imitating heterosexual coitus.

**butch** (fr sl *butch cut* = man's severely cut hair style) 1. lesbian with masculine characteristics, see \***dyke** 2. ('40s) nonhomosexual man whose virile appearance both draws and repels the homosexual (repels because of the danger of the violence if the butch is enraged by a gay proposition). Syn: **all man; butch number; hessexual (rare); kane** (kä'-nā, fr Haw = male: for further secrecy; Haw gays disguise this word with pig-latin *anekay*); **RM** (acronym fr real man = virile, skirt-chasing, beer-drinking he-man); **\*stud** 3. (adj) manly in speech, in fashions and in bed; submission impossible "He's strictly butch—he wouldn't roll over for a gay apostle." Syn: **big ("I like 'em big"); boonch; bootch; butz** (bōts, a lisped butch: "But I am butz; I am. I am!"); **chesty; masc** (short for masculine: "That one's so masc. all the world to him is one big fix-it palace!")

**—as Kong** (Brit gay sl, fr movie ape King Kong) very, very masculine; hulking.

**—er (pej)** to **\*fuck**, especially to deflower a young man "If they're old enough to bleed, they're old enough to butcher."

**—er boy** (dated, les sl, '30s) homosexual who has sexual relations with a lesbian.

**—er shop** used in statement "**the butcher shop is closed!**" denying the requests of a cocksucker "Stop manhandling your sister—the butcher shop is closed for repairs."

**—fluff** (les sl) masculine courtesies performed by an active \***dyke**: opening car doors for a date, lighting another's cigarette, etc.

**—it up** warning to act manly in the presence of friends who "don't know" or the police who do "Butch it up, Mae, Tilly's got us spotted." Syn: **BIU; clean [it] up** (kwn LA, '70).

**—queen** homosexual man whose virile activities and responsibilities make him hard to detect. The only distinction between the gay boy who is butch and the butch queen is that the latter will get fucked. Effeminate men will sometimes say that the butch queen is nothing but a **\*big woman** ("You can't tell a nooky by its cover.") Syn: **crew-cut queen; hairy mary** (kwn LV, mid '60s); **roarer** (Brit gay sl).

**—school** (kwn LA, les sl, late '50s) any place, but usually a private home where effeminate public personalities are taught how to act manly.

**—stone (camp)** boulder "It's difficult lifting these butch stones, dear; my brand-new marble pumps keep slipping."

**closet case** [queen, queer] (pej) 1. homosexual who denies his sexual longings. A closet case is resented by his fellow homosexuals for being a gay Uncle Tom—servile to the heterosexual majority "There is bound to be at least one closet queen working for the FBI in San Fran" 2. (rare) a latent homosexual "Of course, he's noncommittal—what did you expect from a closet queer?"

Syn: canned fruit (late '50s); cedar chest cissy (kwn Midwest, late '60s); crushed fruit (late '50s-mid '60s: because he is crushed by society's mores); dry queen (kwn Albuquerque, late '60s); hidden queen; pink tea (= the after-hours homosexual); under-cover fag[man, punk, sissy] ('40s-mid '60s).

Related terms:

**closet dyke** lesbian who isn't candid.

**closeted** [in the closet] refusing to associate with known gays for fear of being discovered.

**closet name** pen name used by gay author of obviously homosexual works. Don Cory, writer of many works with gay themes, is a closet name formed from Corydon (euphemism for gay man used by Roman poet Virgil).

**come out of the closet** to admit to being gay.

**cover up** to pretend being heterosexual, especially in one's own environment.

**cookie duster** any mustache, but usually the bristles found on the upper lip of some women charged with being lesbians "A Van Dyke is a bull-dagger with a cookie duster."

Syn: muff tickler; pussy duster; womb broom (fr black sl).

**cruise**

—ing clothes skintight clothing accentuating the lower extremities and hopefully attracting others to these areas "I'm getting so low on funds that I may have to hock my cruising clothes to a desperate lesbian." Syn: gay uniform[s]; scandal clothes; sin suit; working clothes; whoring clothes.

**cunt** 1. (pej, fr L *cunnus* = wedge) the female sex organ "Some women believe that they can rule the roost just because they have that golden cunt between their legs" 2. (pej) woman as a sex object "Why should you have to give that cunt alimony—she can earn a living on her back like she used to do before she married you" 3. (camp but pej) insult aimed at anybody held in low esteem 4. (camp) homosexual's ass "Move your cunt—Mama wants to sit down!" 5. (camp) a cocksucker's mouth "Close your filthy cunt; I don't want to hear any more about it!"

Syn: coin-slot, cookie ("I'm only tweee and a ha'f years old, an' already I have hair on my cookie"); cooze[y] ("Does that dull dyke really love that girl, or is she just talkin' through her cooze?"); crack ("Put your teeth back in your crack, I can't understand a word you're saying"); cream catcher (fr sl *cream* = semen); crease; crooney (kwn LV, les sl, mid '60s); crunt (kwn SF, late '60s-71); cunker [kunker] (kwn SF, black sl: "Man, that skirt's so mini you can count the hairs on her cunker"); cuntie ("Let's get us a petition going to keep cunties off the street after twilight"); gash ("Turn up your gash; I'm colder'n Hell!"); hole ((shut your hole! = shut-up); katoka (kä-to'-kä, Haw gay sl: "Did he marry her just for that katoka?"); knish (k'-nish, fr Yid = dumpling: "She's doing the Can-Can? It looks more like she has ants in her knish"); merchandise; nooky [nookie, nookey] (see \*ass); noose; puka (pōō'-kā, fr Haw = hole: "There's room enough in her puka for an entire Army"); quiff (rare); scratch (dated); shmoya (?fr Yid); slit; slot; snatch ("Why's your hair so white, Snatch; is it frostbitten?"); twat ("I love the ground that twat hobbles on": twat hair = beard); yawn (rare); zosh ("The skinny old zosh has been gaining some weight—it's all behind her now." "That dumb zosh has so many streaks of light pouring through her wig that she looks like a Hallmark Christmas card.")

**-y** 1. possessing the qualities of a woman; womanish "Imagine me cooking for my old man—that makes me feel so cunty!" 2. frilly "This ballroom is too cunty, why don't you spill some coffee on the carpet to butch it up!" 3. see \*bitchy.

**daddle** (les sl, ?fr sl *diddle* = to fuck; cf *diddle-daddle*, killing time, with sl fucking off) to practice tribadism (fr Gk *tribein* = to rub; bumping in a face-to-face position, both vaginas touching.)  
Syn: dry fuck (kwn Calif women's prison sl); flat fuck (les sl).

**daughter** (kwn LV, les sl, late '60s) homosexual adopted by a lesbian clique.

'60s; fr "digging something out" of a nook; a popular joke campingly shouted back and forth between lesbians and queens was "Do you dig boy ass?"

dlke see \*dyke.

**dildo** (fr sl *diddle* = both to masturbate or copulate and pass the time idly and leisurely) artificial cock-like implement of plastic, hard rubber, etc. Used by women to masturbate and by queens anally for many purposes "Ques: 'Why is this dyke's suitcase so heavy?' Ans: 'It must be her dildo collection.'"

Syn: dill doll; dingus (fr Ger *ding* = thing); johnson bar ("I knew this one lez who would strap a johnson bar to her head—

like if it was some sorta hat—every time she took the garbage out to the can"); potato finger (rare); prop; training bar; woman's home companion (camp, mid '60s).

Foreign syn:

France: *bientleur* (bē-yē'-tä-tōōr' = do-gooder); *consolateur* (kon'-sō-lä-tōōr' = relaxer); *godémiche* (gō-də-mēsh' = I enjoy myself).

Germany: *Phallus-Phantom* (fā'-lōōs fān'-tōōm = spectre penis). Italy: *passatiempo* (pä-sä-tē-em'-pō = pass-the-time).

Related terms:  
*decoy dildo* worn beneath the pants by a \*drag butch or a homo-sexual to give the appearance of a larger basket. Syn: gay de-

*double dildo* two-headed dildo.

*snap-on [tool]* dildo strapped to the pelvis of the active lesbian as she assumes the male position for coitus.

[a] **dime-a-dance** (les & hust sl, SF, '68, fr a torch song revived during '50s) male homosexual.

**dirty old man [DOM]** 1. one who leches after bodies years younger than himself "He might be only twenty-nine, but he's still a dirty old man;" 2. auntie who chases prospective partners away from each other by his presence "DOMs should know better than to come to the tubs and fuck it up for the rest of us." 3. (les sl) any heterosexual man, but especially one who keeps trying to bed down with a lesbian.  
Syn: soiled senior citizen.

**dizzy**

—lizzy (camp) slow-thinking, dim-witted lesbian.

**doll racket** (III women's prison sl, '60s) female homosexuality within prison.

Syn: chick[girl] business.

**drag** —butch woman masquerading as a man. Syn: drag king; dragster; mack-truck; masquerader (les sl); MI (= male impersonator, usu an MC for a \*drag show).

**dude** (black, hip, les sl) any man.

**dyke** (*fr -dite* in hermaphrodite) 1. the mannish, swaggering, cigar-puffing lesbian 2. (*pej*) any gay woman "You'd turn queer too, if your mother was a dyke."

Syn: *amy-john* (kwn Calif, late '50s, *fr Amazon*); *Apache* (*obs*, '30s *fr pros sl*); *brother-girl* (Jap *fr Eng*); \**bull dyke*; *big diesel* [*dyke*]; *cat* (kwn Calif, *pros sl*, '30s-'40s, *fr black sl cat* = a man); *collar-and-tie* ('40s); *dagger* (*cf sl dagger = cock*); *dandysette* (*rare*, *hetero sl*, '40s: "That dandysette was sure embarrassed—she even swallowed her golf ball"); *derrick* (kwn LA, *les sl*, early-mid '60s: lesbian with a masculine face); *diesel* [*dyke*] ("You butch? Don't make me laugh—a diesel has more hair on her chest than you do"); *dyke* ("Man, is she heated up—she's a leaky dyke."); *Dutch girl* (play on words relating dyke with the dikes of Holland); *fellow* (*camp*, "You better worry about one of the fellas stealin' away your old man if that falsetto is real!"); *gal-officer* (*dated*); *girl kisser* ("So the girl kisser is writing about her sex life . . . what's she doing—a punch line?"); *goudou* (gōō-dōō', *fr Fr argot*); *gougnotte* (gōōn-yōōt', *fr Fr argot*); *grousse* (grōōs, *fr Fr argot*); *he-she* (*obs*); *horsewoman* ("You must have been a horsewoman in your last life 'cause you're sure a nag now"); *jasper* (kwn NYC, late '60s: "Go ask the precious jasper in the bermudas what time it is"); *jota* (kho-ta, Mex); *king[stud]* (*les sl* = lesbian potentate); *lady-lover* ("Mirror, mirror, omit the clutter—who's the baddest lady-lover?"); *lasser* (*rare*, *fr dial lass* = girl + suffix -er); *lesbo* (*pej*), *hetero sl*, *fr lesbian*: "It looks like the Les Bo' Game!"); *major* (*hetero sl*, '40s, *fr Phys. Ed. major* = woman excelling in sports); *mal-flor* (*mal-flor*', *fr Pach* // *Sp marimacho* = tomboy; but *cl Sp mal* = bad [masculine] + *flor* = flower [feminine], a linguistic castration of the lesbian just in case she should have balls?); *manflora* (*man-flo'-ra*, *fr Pach*: "Que bato tan manflora!" = "what a tomboyish fellow!"); *manny* ("What say, manny; how's the broads been treatin' it?"); *mantee* ('40s); *marimacho* (mä-rē-mä'-chō, *Sp fr Maria* = Mary + *macho* = masculine; insensitive title for a tomboy); *mason* (*dated*, *hetero sl*, '40s, because she lays bricks = homely gals); *no-nuts* (*camp*, kwn LV, '70: "What'll it be tonight, No-nuts, the usual Scotch on the rocks?"); *pansy without a stem* (*camp*, mid '60s); *pantalonuda* (pan-ta-lo-nōō'-thə, *fr Pach pantas* = pants // *Sp pantalones* = pants: a pants'-wearing tomboy); *penis-envy queen* (*camp*); *polone-homi* (pō-lō'-nē-hōō'-mē, Brit gay sl *fr Parlyaree* // *It polone* = sprout or // *Sp pollo* = chicken; *cf sl pullet* = young lassie & *It uomo* = man); *poppa* (*les sl*); *pot* (= cooking pot: there exists a gay Du expression, which translates into English as "there is a lid for every pot!" Figure that out!); *queer bird* (*pej hetero sl fr sl queer* = homosexual + *bird* = woman); *queer queen* (*camp*, mid '60s: "No, no Larry, you misunderstood—not 'dear' queen, as in Ted—'queer' queen, as in Alice"); *Sapphist* (*fr Sappho*, Greek poetess and lover of women); *she-male* (*hetero sl*); *she-man* (*hetero sl*); *shesexual* ("That shesexual has a gut as large as the Ponderosa Spread"); *shim* (*dated*, '40s): blending of the two pronouns she + him); *slacks* (*obs*, *les sl*, '40s); *Tom* (*les sl*); *top sergeant* (late '50s: "We call her the top sergeant because she takes command of the girls' privates"); *tortillera* (tor-tē-yā'-rä, Mex = tortilla maker); *truck dyke* (*les sl*); *vegetable*

(*camp*: because they're not known as fruits); *vot* (kwn Calif women's prison sl, *fr -vert* in pervert: "What happened to the vot's twelve-inch chest expansion?"); *vrille* (vrēl, *fr Fr argot* form of *vrille* = manly, virile; but *cf Fr vrille* = gimlet or vine-yard tendril); *wolf* (= *vot*); *woman-lover* (*hetero sl*: "Yeah, dey's a couple o' dem wimmen-luvvers alivin' over dere in de canyon.")

—*city* 1. relating to female homosexuality "That bar is strictly dyke-city during the weekend" Syn: *dykesville* (Let's split, this place is too dykesville for your mother") 2. (*camp*) rugged, salty. Levis are usually spoken of as being dyke-city when faded in just the right places.

**-daddy** 1. a straight man who credits himself with being messianic—chosen to possess *the cock* with which to save misled lesbians 2. lecherous man who pesters women in gay bars. Syn: **dyker; john; malecher** (*kwn LV, les sl, mid '60s, fr male = lecher*); **square john** (this one, however, doesn't want to make it with a dyke, he just wants to bar-hop with them).

**-queen** 1. homosexual who associates primarily with lesbians 2. (*camp*) straight man who digs licking vulvas.

**-queer** (*kwn LV, mid '60s*) homosexual who imagines his partners as lesbians "I made it with a dyke queer in August; he wouldn't shoot until I told him that I'd take hormone shots in his honor."

**-s a lot!** (*camp*) expression of gratitude.

**-ing** (*camp*) 1. tribadism, see **\*daddle** 2. used of two homosexuals who rub against each other's oiled body, also **dyking it**.

Related terms:

**dicky broad** (*les sl*) aggressive lesbian who possesses a clitoris the size of a small, relaxed penis. Syn: **stallion- [stud-] broad**. **dove** (*kwn NYC, les sl, late '60s, ?fr sl bird* or past tense of "dive") the aging lesbian. Syn: **grandpa** (*kwn III, les sl*); **old tom**.

**dragon** female with masculine qualities though not necessarily gay.

**dump truck** (*les sl, fr pros sl dump* = to beat) 1. the masculine-type lesbian who wins arguments with muscle instead of wit 2. (*camp*) a wrestler of either sex 3. (*camp*) an effeminate who is more growl than bite; toughy-wuffy.

**homo's lesbian** (*kwn SF, les sl, '70*) 1. a tee-hee way of saying **dyke** 2. lesbian who is so masculine that she is often mistaken for being a gay boy "Anybody got an extra nickel for a coffee-drinking homo's lesbian?"

**mantee** ('40s) adj found primarily in the two terms: **mantee voice** (a deep bass) and **mantee walk** (swagger).

**pick-up truck** (*kwn LA & LV, mid-late '60s*) lesbian who makes pickups in the street, a not too common practice. Syn: **battle cruiser; hawk** (short for the hawk-eye who never misses spotting a new chick).

**to be frank** the aggressive partner in a lesbian encounter "Honey, I want to be frank with you tonight. . ." "No, no, I'm Frank tonight; you were Frank *last night*."

**village overtones** (late '50s, *fr New York City's Greenwich Village, retreat for the avant garde*) said of a woman who has strong masculine features.

**wear boxer shorts** (*fr pros sl, '30s*) to take the active role in a lesbian relationship.

Also see **\*baby butch, \*butch, \*drag butch, \*lesbian, \*molly dyke, \*muff-diver, \*van dyke**.

**eh-eh** (ə'-ə, *kwn LV, les sl, mid '60s, fr Ger-Yid eh-eh* = baby's word for feces, comparable to *doodoo, poopy*) 1. the anus, especially when speaking of male anal intercourse: "With a jakey up his eh-eh he lit a cigarette and blew the smoke into the other guy's face." 2. (adj) said of a subject considered foul or tasteless in any way: "That flick was just too eh-eh for the price of admission." Syn: **icky; ishy**.

**enforcer** (*fr pros sl*) **\*dyke** who manages and controls female prostitutes without pimping.

**femme** (*dated, fr Fr femme* = woman; but cf *fem*, short for feminine)

1. passive homosexual. Syn: **\*nelly** 2. (*les sl*) passive lesbian, see **\*molly dyke** 3. (*les sl*) any feminine woman "She's a super femme: she can clean a house, mend socks, bake cakes, and talk on the phone all at the same time."

7 finger

**finger** to manipulate the clitoris "French dip is what you get when you finish fingering your girl friend."

—**artist** (les sl) lesbian who masturbates her lover "Tell the finger-artist to stop using my coffee for a nail-softener." Syn: fingerer.

—**fuck** to ease the middle finger into the rectum and move it in and out in sham coitus; usually done simultaneously with sucking cock "He wouldn't let me fuck him, but he sure climbed the wall when I finger-fucked his cherry."

—**paint** nail polish.

—**somebody out** (camp) to figure somebody out; to make sense of a remark "I cunt finger you out; bare ass me again."

—**wave** 1. medical digital probing to massage swollen prostate gland 2. (camp) finger-fucking.

**fluff** 1. effeminate homosexual, see \*effie 2. (kwn Texas, les sl, late '60s) elaborate mannerisms "I can't stand that big dyke; she's always makin' with that butch fluff like openin' doors for me an' lightin' my cigarillos" 3. elaborate hairdo 4. pubic hairs 5. (camp) reference to one's own sex organs, especially the ass "You don't have to tell me how many inches you got: fluff knows, she's my radar you see" 6. (camp) used fur coat or tattered jacket "Hand me fluff, will you?"

—**it up** 1. to work up an erection "A lot of hustlers fluff it up before they hit the streets, so that their meat will really cop the trick" 2. to raise a passive partner's ass higher into the air by placing a pillow beneath the tummy "He was cherry, so I fluffed it up a little before I tunneled through."

**fudy** [futy] (dated) same as \*cunt in all senses.

**futch** (kwn Southwest, les sl, late '60s, fr sl \*femme + \*butch) a gay AC-DC; not strictly active nor totally passive but arises to whatever the occasion may demand.

**garter party** (les sl, late '60s) lesbian game with the following rules: initiator calls out "garter!" when she sees another's garter-snaps and so wins a chance of introduction and further socializing.

**gay** (fr 16th cent Fr *gaie* = homosexual man; cf Brit sl *gay girl* = whore) 1. one who is homosexual. Sometimes used of only the active member of the homosexual community, ie one who speaks the slang, buys homophile literature, is homosexually sociable, etc "Gays march on Washington!" "Hate that gay? Blow it away!" 2. (adj) homosexual; associated with homosexuality "Gay is as gay does!" "Blow Tilly a gay kiss!" Syn: happy ("Tired of the run-of-the-mill numbers? Phone the Happy Miller at Exbrook 2254"); jolly.

—**abandon** brash unconcern exhibited publicly between two homosexuals.

—**as a goose[rose]** (kwn SF, late '60s) said of a man who presents no doubt as to whether or not he is overtly homosexual.

—**bar** a drinking establishment frequented by homosexuals. The biggest complaint among gays about gay bars is that it's the same scene week-in week-out. Syn: boile (bwät, fr Fr = box); **country club** (late '60s); **floater** (kwn LA, mid '60s. bar running a high risk of being closed by the police and moved to a new location); **fruit bin[market]**; **hangar** (because fairies fly in and out); **homo haven**; **pansy-palace[-perch]**; **quaint bar** (kwn LV, late '60s); **queens' church** (pej); **the bar gay** ("So this is the bar gay—so, this is being grown up!"); **trap**; **turkey club** (camp).

Related terms:

**fluff parlor** (kwn LA SM sl, '70) tavern catering to the effeminate crowd. Syn: **swish joint** ("The owner of that swish joint must've been born under the sign of Prices.")

**truck stop** (kwn SF, les sl, '71) bar for lesbians. Syn: **birdie**

**joint** (*pej*, hetero sl, '40s).

—**boy** [-cat, -guy, -lad, -man] the homosexual man, regardless of age. Syn: **blade** (*kwn* San Diego teen sl, mid '60s, used by those who fancy themselves "in" with the local deviates: "Knew this blade once—wonder what ever happened to 'im—maybe something he swallowed killed 'im"); **gray boy** (*rare*, gay + neutral color of gray); **joy boy** (*Aus* sl); **masisi** (Haitian Creole); **one of us** ("He's one of us, it's safe to camp"); **passion fruit** (*kwn* Hollywood, '40s); **warm brothers** (E translation of Ger gay sl *Warmbrüder*).

—**chick[-woman]** a lesbian Syn: **madinivaise** (mä-dē'-vi-näz, Haitian Creole = my divine one: actually, a voodoo priestess who is a lesbian); **mermaid** (*fr* Gullah from the idea that one rarely hears of mermen).

—**deceiver** 1. a \***dildo**, especially when worn beneath the pants in an attempt to round out the crotch 2. (*kwn* Cleveland, mid '60s) man who convincingly masquerades as a woman 3. (*fr* Joe Solomon's film *The Gay Deceivers*, late '60s) heterosexual feigning homosexuality in order to escape military obligation.

—**dirt** homosexual who robs his partners "That LA is just crawling with gay dirt—they'll pull down your panties, suck you off an' pick your pocket all in one blow."

—**dom** homosexual subculture with respect to the standard norm "Julius Caesar was no stranger to ancient gaydom; he was a mad fuck to the King of Bythynia, at least." Syn: **gay life[world]** ("Little did he know that he took a giant step into the gay world when he became a fashion designer"); **gray world** (the ungay world of the homosexual).

—**dude** (hip gay sl) an aware homosexual; gay following the hip philosophy.

—**er** (teen sl, late '60s) homosexual "You're a gayer? You don't talk like a gayer."

—**Liberation** radical political movement.

Related term: **pink panther** gay libber.

—**lines** (*fr* theatrical sl *lines* = the spoken parts in a play: "Stop stealing all my best lines!") clever dialogue for filling gaps of silence and raising grins; theatrical sentences which reflect homosexual humor; memorized cliches found in the speech of the gay populace. The cream of the crop are those lines which one thinks of on the spur of the moment. Others are taken from song and movie titles. The following are but a few examples:

"Alone at last!" (*kwn* SF, '72: said when there is a lull in the party)

"He's so good looking he should be hanged!" (*kwn* LV, late '60s)

"My hips are alive with the sound of music!" (*kwn* SF, late '60s)

"Spread your sunshine all over my face!" (reflective of the verb \**rim*)

"He took to it as naturally as to wearing high heels!" (= he had no problem in adapting.)

Related term:

**throw out gay lines** 1. to fish verbally with gay puns as bait in order to find out if one is indeed homosexual 2. to speak gay slang.

—**marriage** an agreement between two members of the same sex to live together as man and wife, ie active (drinking the beer) and passive (buying it).

—**lingo[talk]** the homosexual jargon "Does he know any Italian gay talk?" Syn: **buff-talk** (*rare*, hustler sl, mid '60s, *fr* sl *boff* = to fuck); **tag-lang** ("Fag-lang is spoken by three people in Trenton, New Jersey"); **faglish** (\**fag* + English: *slang*).

"Did you see the sign above the glory hole that said, 'Faglang understood here?'"); **show[stage-]** talk; **tramp talk** (*rare*: vulgarisms found in gay slang).

Related term:

**jargon** (kwn SF, '72) to be acquainted with the local gay slang "I can't jargon that!" Syn: know the words and [to] the music ('40s).

—**wedding** serious or mock ceremony in which a couple of the same sex exchange vows before a minister, witnesses and guests.

—**woman** 1. (camp) mature homosexual "A gay woman should know better than to spend all of her money on one face." 2. (les sl) a lesbian.

**hard daddy** (women's prison sl) the lesbian \***husband** who sets up housekeeping with another woman.

**have people** (les prison sl) occupied homosexually behind bars.

**he** (rare, camp) inserted into conversation when speaking of a burly lesbian.

**hermaphrodite** (fr L // Gk *Hermaphroditos* = son of Hermes and Aphrodite) 1. one born with the genitals of both sexes 2. (pej) the stereotype homosexual. (It is worth noting that slang words for \*castratos, those without genitals, also double as slur words for gay men) fr Pliny's *Natural History*: "Individuals are occasionally born who belong to both sexes: such persons we call by the name of hermaphrodites. They were formerly called Androgyni and were looked upon as monsters, but at the present day they are employed for sexual purposes."

Syn: \*dyke; hermafrodita (är-mäf-rō-dē-tā, fr Sp); hermaphy; moff; morph ("Know how a mcrph pees? Out of a mud flap!"); morphdite; muffie.

**in slacks** (obs. '20s) said of a lesbian dressed as a man.

**Jane** 1. lesbian client of a streetwalker 2. (kwn SF, '70) the woman in us all, but especially the feminine qualities in men "Faggot-beaters are repressed fairies who don't give in to their Jane." Syn: Miss Pinky (kwn Cleveland, mid '60s); Miss Thing. Ant: Sam (the masculine nature in us all, especially in lesbians).

**janey** (kwn LV, les sl, late '60s) the vagina.

**john** 1. (fr company name of John Douglas imprinted upon toilet seats) toilet "He just went into the john—fly after it, girl!" 2. (pros sl, fr John Doe, an undeceiving alias) the client; the one who pays for it. Syn: geezer (Brit pros sl); steamer (Brit, fr rhyming sl steamer tug = mug = sap) 3. (obs, les sl) straight man who digs lesbians. Syn: \*dyke daddy.

**kissling fish** (fr novel by the same name by Monique Lange) lesbians.

Also see \*fish.

**lesbian** (fr Gk isle of Lesbos, home of the poetess Sappho, a famous admirer of women) 1. female homosexual. Lesbian is a word not looked upon too kindly by gay women anymore. It now falls into the classification of a "dirty" word, calling to mind the stereotype \*dyke "I would never have figured you for a lesbian" 2. (camp) from a queen's standpoint any woman or effeminate "You thought I balled that queen Big Billy? What do you take me for—a lesbian?"

Syn: (All of these pun on lesbian) les; les-be-friends; lesbians; lesbo; lesby; les girls (rare, pun made upon Fr les = the + les- in lesbian); Leslie [-Anne]; lessie; less-than-a-man's; lezbo; lezz; lezzy; lizzy; and, lisped, Thespian.

—**converter** man who thinks he's got what a lesbian's been missing.

—**freak** heterosexual (of either sex) who takes a sexual interest in lesbians.

—**joint** straight slang for a bar or tavern where lesbians congregate.

—**queen** male homosexual who associates almost exclusively with gay women.

**lesbos** lesbian stomping grounds.  
Syn: *lesbonia; lesboville (dated)*.

**lone queen** homosexual loner.  
Related term:

**lone wolf** antisocial lesbian.

**masquerade** (les sl) said of a lesbian who dresses up as a man.  
Syn: *mack it* (les sl, late '60s).

**molly dyke** (fr Brit sl *molly* = bosom, woman, effeminate + \*dyke)  
the passive lesbian "Why does that molly dyke always have  
a smile for you? Did the bleach fry her brain?"

Syn: *dress (dated, fr pros sl, '30s); fairy lady (rare, hetero sl)*:  
"Then there was the fairy lady who said, 'Argyle it to me!'";  
filly; fine chick; fluff ("Honey, I want this drag to look so  
for real that some big diesel'll think that I'm a piece of stray  
fluff"); mama; Marge; midge; pinky; skirts (obs).

Related term:

**hit the sheets** (les sl) to be passive to the overtures of another  
woman.

**mom** lesbian who plays up her femininity.

**muff** 1. (fr *muff* = warm enclosure for the hands //MFr *moufle*  
= mitten) the vagina when erotically licked. Syn: *bush dinner;*  
*down; furburger; hairpie; knish-ka-bob* (fr Yid *knish* = dump-  
ling = cunt); *muffet* 2. (cf *muffle* fr ME *muflen* = to en-  
velop something to protect it) to tongue the clitoris and vulva.  
Syn: *dive [in the bushes]; fall in love; go South (dated); go un-*  
*der the house; kiss somebody's down* ("The picture showed  
Santa kissing Mrs. Claus' down"); *lap (pej); pearl dive; sixty-*  
*[in the canyon of love]*.

Related terms:

**boating** mutual cunnilingus. Syn: *falling head over heels*  
[in love]; *fifty-nining* (camp: half of \**sixty-nining* because  
women lack penises).

**bumper sticker** tongue of a cunnilinctrice "Here! Get your  
bumperstickers working on some of these invitations—they  
have have to be out by noon."

**give up the work** (les sl) to refuse to cunnilingue (**eat pussy**).  
Ant: *give work*.

**lawnmower** the mouth of a cuntsucker.

**-diver** [duffer] cunnilinctrice, woman who orally gratifies her  
partner. Syn: *Connie; cunning linguist* (fr cunnilinguist); *cunt-*  
*lapper[sucker]* (pej); *diver; gash-eater (pej); growl-biter (pej);*  
fr sl *growl* = female pudend); *high-diver; lap-lover (pej); lap-*  
*per (pej):* "That lapper's got a brain—yeah, somewhere in be-  
tween her cleavage"; *licker (pej, hetero sl: fr vul sl lickbox* =  
cunnilinctrice; "Her cunt's too small—it can't hold its licker");  
*lover under the lap* ("Haven't you ever noticed that all lovers  
under the lap have shiny, bright teeth?"); *muffer; pussy bumper*  
(also any skirt-chasing playboy); *suckstress ('40s); top-diver*  
(Brit gay sl, fr sl *top* = head); *vacuum cleaner*.

**muscle-boy** the young body-building Herculean "Where did muscle  
boy put the world down?" 2. a muscle man: body builder.  
Syn: *cushioned steel; iron angel* ("Hey, Regina, let's run  
down to Muscle Beach and watch the iron angels jerk the bar  
bells off"); *muscle-gay[lady] (camp); piece of muscle* ("Isn't  
that piece of muscle in the chestcake mag?"); *topless lesbian*  
(camp).

Related terms:

**put on one's birthday suit** to exercise, to improve sagging  
body, a flabby waistline, etc.  
steelies muscles.

**pancy** 1. ('40s) male homosexual 2. (les sl) wishy-washy "What a pancy butch; she'd piss her pants if you said 'boo'!"  
 —around to waste time. Syn: **fairy around**.

—patch gay section of the park.

Syn: **piccolo park**.

—up 1. spruce up, to wear the latest fashions 2. to lightly apply makeup.

**Penelope** (voc) nickname for one who pines away needlessly "Poor Penelope! She's still waiting for that Les who went out ten years ago to buy some trojans."

**red top** (les sl, early '50s) female homosexual who is attracted to blondes.

**run for somebody** (kwn III, les prison sl) to faithfully reunite with a former lover on the outside after having finished doing penal time. The girl waiting on the outside is said to **run for her lover**.

**saflo** (sä'-fō, fr Sp = Sappho who "lesbiated" during the seventh century) lesbian.

Syn: **sapphite**; **sappho** ("Your sappho friend really made an impression here—she broke the chair she sat on.")

**silly** (short for silly) 1. a looney character, see **\*dizzy queen**  
 2. (dated, les sl) female infatuated with another woman.

**sister** one homosexual who is a close confidant to another—he will share anything but his bed with friends. A sister is sexually neutral with his comrades; he is a chum, not a lover. Sisters are in the same business, but only as competition  
 2. (les sl) male homosexual befriended by lesbians.

Related term:

**moya sestra** (mō'-yā ses'-trā, fr film *The Cat People*, lit // Russ = my sister) blurted out by one homosexual when he sees another.

**your sister** (pron) oneself "Your sister's fantastic voyage was behind 500 mics of 'baby jesus' acid!"

—act 1. any skit acted out between two gays 2. coitus between a gay boy and a straight woman.

—in distress homosexual marked for trouble with either police

**split party** party with male and female homosexuals as guests.

**sweet leech** (dated, les sl) lesbian who sponges off her lover.  
**talking** (les prison sl) engaged in homosexual activity.

**tender chick** (les sl) homosexually inexperienced teen-aged girl "I sure could dig a tender chick—I'm fed up to here with tough old birds."

**lil king** (les sl) lesbian attracted to large-breasted women.

**tomboy** 1. lesbian 2. (camp) effeminate trying to appear masculine and menacing.

**toosh** (les sl, fr Yid = fanny) 1. sex organ of a woman 2. (voc) dearest "Say there, toosh, what could you show me in bright lights?"

**transvestor** (camp) put down of big burly men: accusation of looking like a \*bull dyke in \*drag.

**truck driver** 1. homosexual, male or female, with masculine characteristics 2. benzedrine 3. (obs, pros sl) braggart who compensates for his latent homosexuality.

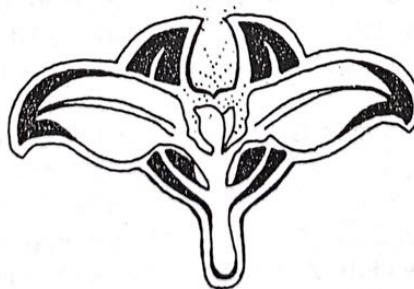
**upside-down cake** (kwn Southwest, mid-late '60s) lesbian who makes it with a gay boy.

Also see 'butcher boy'.

**van dyke** 1. lesbian with traces of a moustache on her upper lip and, though rarely, her chin 2. (kwn SF, '70) lesbian truck-driver.

**village sing** (dated, '50s, fr sl *The Village* = NYC's Greenwich Village, haven for the avant garde) lesbian cocktail/introduction party.

**wee-wee** (kwn les prison sl) a male.



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finger paint, 7  
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finger, 7  
fingerer, 7  
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 nookey, 3  
 nookie, 3  
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 pansy, 11  
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 Penelope, 11  
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 piece of muscle, 10  
 pink panther, 8  
 pink tea, 3  
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 potato finger, 4  
 prop, 4  
 puka, 3  
 pussy bumper, 10  
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- quaint bar, 7  
queens' church, 7  
queer bird, 5  
queer queen, 5  
quiff, 3  
real BF, 1  
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RM, 2  
roarer, 2  
run for her lover, 11  
run for somebody, 11  
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Sam, 9  
Sapphist, 5  
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undercover punk, 3  
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village overtones, 6  
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wear bifocals, 1  
wear boxer shorts, 6  
wear two pairs of shoes, 1  
wear two shoes, 1  
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whistle in the dark, 10  
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woman-lover, 5  
woman's home companion, 4  
womb broom, 3  
yawn, 3  
yodel in the canyon of love, 10  
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 baby butch, 1  
 BF, 1  
 Bill, 1  
 blow off steam, 1  
 BT, 1  
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 butch school, 2  
 butcher boy, 2  
 camp truck, 1  
 camper, 1  
 crooney, 3  
 dabbler, 1  
 daddle, 4  
 daughter, 4  
 derrick, 5  
 dicky broad, 6  
 dime-a-dance, 4  
 dirty old man, 4  
 DOM, 4  
 dove, 6  
 dude, 4  
 dump truck, 6  
 eh-eh, 6  
 femme, 6  
 finger artist, 7  
 fluff, 7,10  
 futch, 7  
 garter party, 7  
 gay woman, 8,9  
 gillette blade, 1  
 give up the work, 10  
 grandpa, 6  
 have people, 9  
 hit the sheets, 10  
 homo's lesbian, 6  
 Janey, 9  
 John, 6,9  
 king stud, 5  
 king, 5  
 mack it, 10

malecher, 6  
 masquerade, 10  
 masquerader, 4  
 pansy, 11  
 poppa, 5  
 red top, 11  
 run for somebody, 11  
 sil, 11  
 sister, 11  
 slacks, 5  
 sweet leech, 11  
 talking, 11  
 tender chick, 11  
 tit king, 12  
 Tom, 5  
 toosh, 12  
 truck dyke, 5  
 truck stop, 7  
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## Entries from Hatian

madvinaise, 8  
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hermafrodita, 9  
 mal-flor, 5  
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butch as Kong, 2  
 flinking, 1  
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 polone-homi, 5  
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## Entries From Las Vegas

beard, 1  
 bicycle rider, 1  
 bicycle, 1  
 Bill, 1  
 camp truck, 1  
 camper, 1  
 crooney, 3  
 daughter, 4  
 dig boy ass, 4  
 dyke queer, 6  
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## Entries from German

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 malecher, 6  
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butch school, 2  
 derrick, 5  
 floater, 7  
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 pick-up truck, 6  
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## Entries from the Midwest

cedarchest cissy, 3  
 doll racket, 4  
 gay deciever, 8  
 grandpa, 6  
 Miss Pinky, 9  
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## Entries from NYC

baby butch, 1  
 dove, 6  
 fuck handles, 1  
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## Entries from San Francisco

a dime-a-dance, 7  
 crunt, 3  
 cunker, 3  
 dime-a-dance, 4  
 dinky dyke, 1  
 gay as a goose, 7  
 gay as a rose, 7  
 gray cat, 1  
 homo's lesbian, 6  
 Jane, 9  
 jargon, 9  
 kunker, 3  
 truck stop, 7  
 van dyke, 12

## Pre-1950s

Apache, 5  
 birdie joint, 7  
 bull, 2  
 butch, 2  
 butcher boy, 2  
 cat, 5  
 collar-and-tie, 5  
 dandysette, 5  
 double-life man, 1  
 dress, 10  
 in slacks, 9  
 know the words and the music, 9  
 know the words to the music, 9  
 major, 5  
 mantee, 5  
 mantee, 5  
 mason, 5  
 pansy, 11  
 passion fruit, 8  
 shim, 5  
 slacks, 5  
 suckstress, 10

under-cover fag, 3  
 undercover man, 3  
 undercover punk, 3  
 undercover sissy, 3  
 wear boxer shorts, 6  
 wear two pairs of shoes, 1  
 wear two shoes, 1

## Post-Stonewall

1970-1972  
 crunt, 3  
 dinky dyke, 1  
 fluff parlor, 7  
 homo's lesbian, 6  
 Jane, 9  
 jargon, 9  
 no-nuts, 5  
 truck stop, 7  
 van dyke, 12

## Black Slang

cat, 5  
 cunker, 3  
 dude, 4  
 kunker, 3

## Camp Terms

butch stone, 2  
 cunt, 3  
 dizzy lizzy, 4  
 dump truck, 6  
 dyke city, 5  
 dyke queen, 6  
 dykes a lot!, 6  
 dyking, 6  
 fellow, 5  
 fifty-nining, 10  
 finger somebody out, 7  
 finger wave, 7  
 fluff, 7,10  
 gay woman, 8,9  
 he, 9  
 lesbian, 9  
 muscle gay, 10  
 muscle lady, 10  
 no-nuts, 5  
 pansy without a stem, 5  
 penis-envy queen, 5  
 queer queen, 5  
 tomboy, 12  
 topless lesbian, 10  
 transvestor, 12  
 turkey club, 7  
 vegetable, 5  
 woman's home companion, 4

## Hetero Slang

birdie joint, 7  
 dandysette, 5  
 fairy lady, 10  
 lesbo, 5,9  
 licker, 10  
 major, 5  
 mason, 5  
 queer bird, 5  
 she-male, 5  
 she-man, 5  
 woman-lover, 5

## Prison Slang

doll racket, 4  
 dry tuck, 4  
 hard daddy, 9  
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 he-she, 5  
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## Pejorative Terms

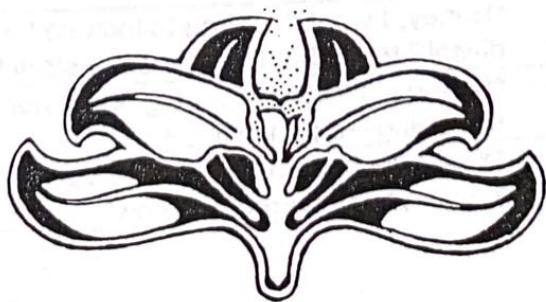
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 gash-eater, 10  
 growl-biter, 10  
 hermaphrodite, 9  
 lap-lover, 10  
 lap, 10  
 lapper, 10  
 lesbo, 5,9  
 licker, 10  
 queens' church, 7  
 queer bird, 5

## Prostitute Slang

Apache, 5  
 John, 6,9  
 cat, 5  
 dress, 10  
 dump truck, 6  
 enforcer, 6  
 geezer, 9  
 sister in law, 11  
 truck driver, 12  
 wear boxer shorts, 6  
 wear two pairs of shoes,  
 wear two shoes, 1

## Entries Related to Truck Driving

bull dagger, 2  
 camp truck, 1  
 dump truck, 6  
 pick-up truck, 6  
 truck driver, 12  
 truck dyke, 5  
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Entry	Quote
BT, 1	"I don't mind if my fluff runs around the house BT when I'm at home, but she better cover up when some of those wolves I know come over."
bull, 2	"My ex-boss was a bull; everytime she laughed the windows would crack"
bumper sticker, 10	"Here! Get your bumperstickers working on some of these invitatiions—they have have to be out by noon."
cookie duster, 3	"A Van Dyke is a bull-dagger with a cookie duster."
cooze, 3	"Does that dull dyke really love that girl, or is she just talkin' through her cooze?"
cruising clothes, 3	"I'm getting so low on funds that I may have to hock my cruising clothes to a desperate lesbian."
dandysette, 5	"That dandysette was sure embarrassed—she even swallowed her golf ball"
diesel, 5	"You butch? Don't make me laugh—a diesel has more hair on her chest than you do."
dike, 5	"Man, is she heated up—she's a leaky dike."
dildo, 4	"Ques: 'Why is this dyke's suitcase so heavy?' Ans: 'It must be her dildo collection."
dyke city, 5	"That bar is strictly dyke-city during the weekend"
dyke queer, 6	"I made it with a dyke queer in August; he wouldn't shoot until I told him that I'd take hormone shots in his honor."
dykesville, 5	"Let's split, th's place is too dykesville for your mother"
femme, 6	"She's a super femme: she can clean a house, mend socks, bake cakes, and talk on the phone all at the same time."
finger, 7	"French dip is what you get when you finish fingering your girl friend."
finger artist, 7	"Tell the finger artist to stop using my coffee for a nail-softener."
fluff, 7	"I can't stand that big dyke; she's always makin' with that butch fluff like openin' doors for me an' lightin' my cigarillos."
fluff, 10	"Honey, I want this drag to look so for real that some big diesel'll think that I'm a piece of stray fluff"
girl kisser, 5	"So the girl kisser is writing about her sex life ... what's she doing—a punch line?"
horse woman, 5	"You must have been a horsewoman in your last life 'cause you're sure a nag now"

jasper, 5	"Go ask the precious jasper in the bermudas what time it is"
johson bar, 4	"I knew this one lez who would strap a johnson bar to her head- like if it was some sorta hat—every time she took the garbage out to the can"
lady-lover, 5	"Mirror, mirror, omit the clutter—who's the baddest lady-lover?"
lapper, 10	"That lapper's got a brain—yeah, somewhere in between her cleavage"
licker, 10	"Her cunt's too small—it can't hold its licker"
lover under the lap, 10	"Haven't you ever noticed that all lovers, under the lap have shiny, bright teeth?"
manny, 5	"What say, manny: how's the broads been treatin it?"
molly dyke, 10	"Why does that molly dyke always have smile for you? Did the bleach fry her brain?"
no-nuts, 5	"What'll it be tonight, No-nuts, the usual Scotch on the rocks?"
Penelope, 11	"Poor Penelope! She's still waiting for that Les who went out ten years to buy some trojans."
sappho, 11	"Your sappho friend really made an impression here-she broke the chair she sat on."
shesexual, 5	"That shesexual has a gut as large as the Ponderosa Spread"
tender chick, 11	"I sure could dig a tender chick—I'm fed up to here with tough old birds."
to be frank, 6	"Honey, I want to be frank with you tonight. . . "No, no, I'm Frank tonight; you were Frank last night."
top sergeant, 5	"We call her the top sergeant because she takes command of the girls' privates"
woman-lover, 5	"Yeah, dey's a couple o' dem wimmen-luvvers alivin' over dere in de canyon."

**Appendix 1: Entries for *blow*, *cruise*, *dizzy*, *drag*, and *fuck* in their entirety.**

I used snippets of these entries for my lesbian-related wordlist. This appendix includes the *entire* entry for those five words and is included for context and enjoyment.

| **blow** to suck a penis "That old queen blew me three times in a row."

Syn: **blow the whistle** ("If that cute cop doesn't stop hanging around with gay kids, he'll find his whistle being blown some dark, foggy night"); **brush the teeth** ("He finished brushing Harry's teeth five seconds before Velma waltzed in") **catch it; chew** (but **chew it** = unfriendly command to be still); **cop a bird[cock, doodle, hot one, joint]; cuff a carrot** (prison sl); **do** ("Don't do anybody I would"); **drop on it** (kwn SF, SM sl, '71); **eat** ("That one cruises the girlie shows eating horny sailors while they're watching the flicks"); **eat it all up; faire** (far, fr Fr = to do, make "Faire me well, dearest!"); **fix somebody up; flute** ('30s: "Fluting doesn't give you cavities, just syphilitic tonsils"); **French** (fr WWII sl; the French, having no love lost between the Germans, will sometimes speak of homosexuality as *l'amour allemand*); **gam** (Brit; also used is the command **give us a gam!** = blow me); **get a facial; get it off; get punked in the head[mouth]** (pe), prison sl = to be forced into sucking cock); **give head** (late '60s: "He's weird, he'll lay on his belly, but he won't give head"); **give pearls** (kwn SF, black gay sl, '70; pearls, in this instance refers to teeth); **gobble [the goop]** ('40s); **go down for whomp; go down like white on rice** (kwn SF, black gay sl, '70: to enthusiastically suck a white man's cock; cf: soldier's simile of a fist fight: "Man, I was all over him like stink on shit"); **go down on it** ("C'mon, go down on it, I haven't got all day"); **grab a hot one** ('50s); **gunch** ("He gunched me a little until he got it hot"); **have some cream sauce; hum a tune [on the flute]** ('30s); **inhale the oyster; kiss it** ('40s—late '50s); **kneel at the altar** ('40s: "Honey, ain't no time to be thinkin' 'bout bathtub water when you kneelin' at the altar"); **knock somebody off** (SM sl, '71; cf '20s sl **knock him off** = kill him & **knock off a little** = to have carnal knowledge of another: "I came down into the pit t'get knocked off"); **lay the lip** ('40s); **lick** ("First lock gate, then lick mate"); **mamar** (mä-mär', fr Sp = to suck: "Mamar yo quiero!"); **perform** ("When will Mr. Magnificent Seven let me perform?"); **picnic up on it** (mid '60s); **plate somebody** (Brit sl); **play a tune** ('50s, connected with *piccolo* and *flute* both = cock); **play bugle boy** (early '60s, hetero college sl: "I let some fag play bugle boy, but I didn't do one thing to help him come . . . I'm not queer"); **play musical arrangements [on the flute]; play the flute [horn, organ]** (fr Brit sl: "Why don't you prove you're a music lover by playing my horn for me?"); **polish the knob; puff on some tubing** (kwn SF, '70); **pull some peepee** ('60s); **root** (prison sl, fr root = to poke or grub about with the nose); **scarf [scorf] up on a bod** (kwn LV, mid '60s, fr black sl **scarf //hobo si scoff** = eat); **service** (to be the receptacle for a piece of trade); **sit on a face (camp); speak Low Genitalese; stoop for it; suck** ("He probably sucked his way to the top"); **suck a bondini (dated, mid '60s); swallow a sword; swing on it** (early '60s);

swing on some flivver (late '60's); take it in the mouth; take somebody on (late '50s); wean (obs, late '50s: if *fr* weenie, the word should rightly be spelled ween); whistle ('30s: "It's not true that gay boys can't whistle!" "Whistle while you jerk!"); whomp down on it; whomp it up; woof up on it; worship at the altar ('40s: "I'll be worshipping at the altar when Johnny comes marching home"); wring it dry (to get the last drop); yummy down[up] on it (mid '60s; extended to food: "You really yummied down on that burger—the poor dear didn't stand a chance.")

—job act of sucking the penis until ejaculation. Syn: *ai* (*T, fr* Haw gay sl, mid '60s: "First we honi-honi'ed, then we do *ai*"); *bird* (kwn NYC, '70, *fr* sl *bird* = cock: "Hiya, kid, wanna bird?"; = want to get sucked off?); *BJ* (initials for blow job); *blue jay* (rare, mixture of past tense *blew* + initial of J in *job*); *French art[s]* ("Are you well versed in the French arts?"); *French job[love, way]*; *head job*; *job* (short for blow job; perhaps one of the few euphemisms in Masculinese: "I used to let some queer give me a job whenever things got dull—he wculd pay me plenty for eatin' it"); *knob job* (early '60s); *kowtow chow* (=kneeling and sucking); *mouth job*; *quickie* (hustler sl: when a buyer does the sucking); *shot upstairs* (*fr* pros sl: "It's five for a shot upstairs"); *skull job*; *snow job* (early '60s: *fr* blow job); *tongue job* (rare).

—off see \*come (v).

—off steam (les sl) experience orgasm.

—out the candles (late '60s) to upset the apple cart; ruin another's plans, dreams "You bitch! Who gave you the right to blow out my candles . . . now I'll never see him alone!"

—he head off (mid '60s) to ejaculate large amounts of semen while being blown "Cup-and-a-half Jones about blew my head off." Syn: *\*drown somebody*.

—some dirt to gossip, talk idly about others, backbite "C'mon over an blow a little dirt."

Related terms:

**do somebody for a trade** to suck the penis of a man who refuses to return the compliment. The gentleman who is done for trades not think of himself as being gay, since he does not suck cckk.

**hum job** (mid '60s) an act where the sucker hums to heighten pleasure since humming gently vibrates the head.

Syn: dinner music; whistling while working.

**ice job** (late '60s) sucking with ice cubes or ice cream in the mouth.

**LBJ** (late '60s) a presidential blow job; a long-lasting blow job.

**self-service auto-fellation**.

**sissy-suck** (kwn LV, mid '60s) timid, poorly executed blow job. **what can I do you for (camp)** What can I do for you with a humorous suggestion of payment in exchange for getting blown.

**cruise** (*fr* Du *Kruisen* = to cruise // L *crux* = cross) to search for sex; to find a need and fill it "Cruisin', boozin', and snoozin' —ever since old Ronny got you on welfare, that's all you've been doin'."

Syn: **bash[do] the beat** (Aus gay sl, '70); **camp** (Aus gay sl); **cat** (*dated*, largely hetero sl, *fr* prowling tom cats: "Let's go catting around"); **hunt** ("Honey, you know it's the hunt that brings home the meat—the barfly just buzzes roun' somethin' dead"); **on the bash** (Brit gay sl, *fr* Brit sl *bash* = cigarette); **on the game** (Brit gay sl, *fr* pros sl = streetwalking); **on the make[turf]; shop** (Mother does most of her shopping at the Y"); **stalk** ("A person who persists in stalking game in a place where there is none may wait forever without finding any," *fr* the *I Ching*); **whore; work** ("He works 42nd and 8th.")

**—y** used of a location favorable for good cruising.

—ing clothes skintight clothing accentuating the lower extremities and hopefully attracting others to these areas "I'm getting so low on funds that I may have to hock my cruising clothes to a desperate lesbian." Syn: gay uniform(s); scandal clothes; sin suit; working clothes; whoring clothes.

Related terms:

**heavy cruising** looking for sex partners seriously: no time to chit-chat with acquaintances met on the street "Don't get your face into an uproar—maybe he didn't say 'Hi' because he's doin' some heavy cruisin'."

**the hunting season** (kwn Chicago, late '60s) April through October, the months when the park washrooms are left unlocked at night.

**john cruising** looking for agreeable men in public toilets.

**shopper** (kwn SF, late '60s-'71) one who rarely makes out—he spends most of his time looking for the unattainable Mr. Right.

Also see \*walker.

**dizzy** ('30s) 1. foolish, silly, *meshuga* 2. scatter-brained, ridiculously indecisive, usually heard in affectionate motherly context "You'll never score in this bar if you continue being so dizzy! Stop grabbing with your sisters all the time!" Syn: cracky ('72, fr crackpot); dingie (ding'-ē); silly; twinkly.

**—lizzy** (camp) slow-thinking, dim-witted lesbian.

**—queen** 1. one who lacks common sense, especially on how to behave in public "I wonder if that dizzy queen could talk that fast with a dick up his mouth." 2. a dimwit; nincompoop "Girl, you are the dizziest queen I've ever had the misfortune of meeting." Syn: **diz** ("What's takin' that diz so long? Is he dabbing A-200 behind his ears?"); **dingle faggot** (early '60s); **Dora [Dim, Dumdum]** ("And who do you think got a double page spread? Dora Dumdum, of course!"); **Doreen; Dumb-o [The Flying Asshole]; Ma Bell** ('71, fr sl **ding-dong** = a nut); **Myrna (pej); sil** (short for silly); **twink** (rare); **twit** ("That twit's brain must be the size of a pea's piles").

Also see \*Dilbert Dildo.

**drag** (fr 19th cent Brit theatrical sl = petticoats worn by male actors playing female roles) 1. clothing of opposite sex 2. any robe or uniform worn as a costume "Pope Joan (camp) just hated leaving all that drag behind after she was exposed as a woman." 3. (camp) clothing in general "You're in different drag today. What happened? did your tanktop finally sink?" Syn: **drag clothes; drags** (Haw); **hems** (fr pros sl, '20s); **velvets** ('20s).

Most of the following terms apply equally well to men and women:

**—bag tote-bag** containing beachwear; overnight case.

**—ball** 1. a pageant where men wear their best evening gowns 2. social affair attended by men in dresses and, to a lesser degree, by women dressed as men. Syn: **costume party; grand ball; pansy ball** (pej, hetero sl, '20s).

**—body** underpadding worn by a man to give the illusion of a more feminine shape. Syn: **props**

**—butch** woman masquerading as a man. Syn: **drag king; dragster; mack-truck; masquerader** (les sl); MI (= male impersonator, usu an MC for a \*drag show).

**—eyes** large, expressive eyes, especially if they give the appearance of being made up. Syn: **cow eyes; \*doe eyes** ("Don't let these doe eyes fool you; I'd rather fuck than swish.")

**—face** man dressed, oddly enough, as a man but whose face has been made up like a woman's "Hand me the eyebrow pencil, will ya, sis? I want to put on a drag face for the audience at Times Square."

**—hair** 1. woman's wig worn by a man 2. wiglet used to build up a transvestite's coiffure. Syn: **frosting** ('50s); **hair** ("Hair is to the drag queen what the angel is to the Christmas

tree"); piece (black gay sl, early '60s, *fr* hairpiece); **switch** (mid '60s, *fr* Victorian use of *switch* = false hairpiece).

—**hustler** (late '60s) male homosexual who dresses and solicits like a female whore. These prostitutes perform fellatio only, since anything more would reveal their deception.

—**lips** 1. a man's lips heavily coated with lipstick 2. woman who doesn't apply lipstick correctly. Syn: Joan Crawford ale here.

—**mags** (late '60s), magazines devoted to transvestites and their problems, sometimes sensationalized depicted. Syn: **drag confessions**.

—**mustache** 1. false moustache "One scene in *Sunset Boulevard* shows Gloria Swanson wearing a drag moustache and aping Charlie Chaplin" 2. (*camp*) the moustache of an effeminate boy "Do you feel that drag moustache on your lip makes your cock any bigger, Queen?"

—**picture** 1. a photograph of one in \***drag** 2. (*camp, kwn* LV, late '60s) snapshot of a soldier relative, proudly displayed.

—**queen** [DQ] 1. man who dresses as a woman "To a drag queen, it's 'how many more shopping days till Halloween'" 2. (*pej*) a female impersonator 3. (*kwn LV*, hairdresser sl, '60s) a vulgarly overdressed woman "By the time *that* cheap bitch left my shop, I had her looking like a real drag queen." Syn: **drag darling** (*pej, kwn* hetero sl, SF, late '60s); **drag fag** (*pej*); **madame joy** (*kwn SF, '71); **mad masquerader** ("That mad masquerader looks pretty authentic on stage, but will she hold up under closeups?"); **mahu-holoku** (mä'-hōō-hō-lō'-kōō, Haw \***mahu** + **holoku** = dress); **queen of the gown** (late '60s); **rapid transit**.*

—**race** (early '60s) clearance sale on dresses.

—**show** nightclub act featuring men dressed as women.

—**store** a department store patronized by smart women shoppers.

#### Related terms:

**debutante** one who gets up in drag for the first time.

**go in drag** to go dressed as a woman. Syn: **drag up** (Brit sl); **dress up** (mid '60s); **halloween** (*kwn LV* early '60s: "Miss Thang got her giddy ass thrown into the pokey for Halloweenin' in the casinos"); **hem it** (pros sl, '20s); \***masquerade**.

**pass off** (*fr* black sl) to look so much like the opposite sex when in drag, that even the experts are fooled.

**zip wax** hair remover, depilatory. Syn: **wax** "Can I fruit some wax from you? Tomorrow night's my big debut in drag."

#### Types of Drag:

**casual drag** a frowsy housedress.

**comic drag** exaggerated dress to provoke laughter.

**full[heavy, high]-drag** woman's complete outfit worn by a man; everything from sables to nuts "My mama done tol' me/When I was in high drag . . ."

**lazy[low]-drag** just wearing a few pieces of women's clothing; just a sweater on, a pair of shoes, eye makeup, etc.

Ant: **full drag**.

**legal drag** 1. man who wears a dress when masquerading is permitted by law (Halloween, Mardi Gras, etc) "I'm a legal drag until midnight—then I change back into a Marine". 2. (*kwn LV*, mid '60s) real woman "She's a legal drag, not some two-bit washed-up star with tinsel tits like you!"

**fuck** (?fr naval commanders in the early 19th cent who abbreviated For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge in their logbooks as FUCK; however cf Du *ficken* = to breed; Gk *futuева* = to plant seeds; L *futuere* = to strike [ var *frig fr* Ger *ficken* = to strike]; Sanscrit *ukshan* = bull; Cantonese *fook* = happiness). 1. a person as a sex object "Was Tyrone a good fuck?" Syn: *piece [of ass]* ('20s) 2. (v) to insert a cock into a vagina, mouth, or anus "I wouldn't mind fucking Mick Jagger if he kept his mouth shut!" Syn: (all refer to anal intercourse except where noted) **back scuttle** (*dated*, '30s, fr *scuttle* = to sink a ship by drilling holes in its bottom); **bag** (*rare*, fr *bagging* big game: "Tonya finally bagged that blonde who hangs out at Bob's Broiler"); **bake potatoes** (kwn NYC, '30s); **ball** (fr '30s black sl = party: "I haven't balled any ass since I left the military academy"); **bang**; **behind [the behind]** ("We're all behind you goddess!"); **bend somebody over**; **bend some ham** (mid '60s); **BF** (kwn Southwest, early '60s, acronym for butt fuck: "I've never BF'ed anybody before, man"); **bless** (kwn NYC, black gay sl, late '60s: "Honey, he blessed me!"); **bore** (early '60s: "A bored girl is one not bored"); **broaden somebody's outlook** ("Prison will broaden your outlook, my boy"); **brown** ('30s, fr *brown* = anus: "The Unbrownable Molly Sink!"); **buff** (fr teen & hustler sl, mid '50s // *buff* = polish a surface); **bugger** (more common in Brit than in US, fr ME *bougre* = a sodomite ML, *Bulgarius*, = heretic Bulgarian and by extension a sodomite: "Why were you defrocked? Were you caught buggering the altar boy?"); **bum a load** (Brit sl); **bump** (kwn Texas, late '60s); **butt-bang [-fuck]** (mid '60s); **charva** (Brit sl); **coat** (*dated*); **cochar** (kö-khä'r, fr Mex: *el sta cochado* = he's been fucked); **coger** (kö-khä'r, fr Mex // Sp *coger* = to seize, grasp); **come in an ass[hole]**; **cop [an ass]** (cool sl, mid '60s, fr copulation: "Let me cop ya, man: I'll ease it in real easy-like."); **cornhold** (*rare*); **cornhole** (considered silly, '20s, fr dried corncobs as ass-wipers in the days of the outhouse); **coucher** (köö-shä' fr Fr *coucher* = to lay down: almost invariably camp-queens will answer the question "Can you speak French?" with *Voulez-vous se coucher avec moi?* = do you want to go to bed with me?); **culiar** (köö-lë-är', fr Mex *culo* = the ass: *!Quisiera yo culiarlo!* = I'd love fucking him); **dick somebody**;

**diddle** (*rare*, usu connected with masturbation and pitching woo); **dig a ditch** (fr *ditch* = an anus); **dig boy ass** (kwn LV, mid '60s; fr "digging something out" of a nook: a popular joke campingly shouted back and forth between lesbians and queens was "Do you dig boy ass?"); **do a brown** (*dated*, '20s); **dork** (teen sl, '60s ?fr *dial dornick*, // lr *dornog* = a stone, fig, a testicle; ?fr sl *dork* = a penis, possibly *dick* + *cork*: "Somebody was even dorkin' me in the ear!"); **dot the "I"** (the anus is the "dot," while the "I" symbolizes the penis: "He forgot to dot his 'I'"); **drill** ("F'crissakes, man, whatcha tryin' t'do . . . drill me a new hole?"); **dry clean a rear** (*rare*, early '50s); **dry hump** (kwn LV, early '60s: as opposed to the wetness of a vagina); **dust somebody off** (black gay sl, late '50s, fr sl *duster* = the buttocks); **flip one over** (gently or with pressure turn a partner over onto his belly); **fork** (camp: "Fork you, Rose, we're doing it *my way!*"); **fuck in [up] the ass** ("Fuck me in the ass? Why, how can you speak of love at a time like this?"); **fuse together** (cool sl, late '60s); **get into some ass; get it up there [where the air is rarefied]** (kwn SF late '60s, an import from the enchanting Midwest); **get one** ("Hon, I'm not out to get nobody. . . I'm the one who wants to get gotten!"); **goose** (*dated*); **go to press** (prison sl, '30s); **greek** (*rare*, fr Greece's Golden Age when pederasty was in vogue: "He'd rather greek than freak"); **groove** (cool sl, early '60s: "Man, I don't wanna groove ya, all

I want is a cup-o'-coffee); hit the round brown; hump (rare, mainly prison sl: "She's not so elegant! She was humping some polish cunt in Milwaukee); jog[joog, joock, jug] [up some buns] (hustler sl, mid '60s, fr Gullah *jook* = to poke); knock off a little ('30s); lay ('30s: "Sure, I'd like to lay you—lay you out!"); lay some pipe (black sl); lay the leg (kwn black & prison sl); make ("Soldiers should be made and not heard"); make babies[piggies] (early '60s); open up the ass; Oscarize (dated, Brit sl, fr Oscar Wilde's name); oso-oso (ō-sō-ō-sō, kwn LA, mid '60s, fr Haw gay sl); pack fudge ('40s); pack some mud ('50s, fr gay sl *mud* = feces: "Some night Jack the Stripper is goin' t'slip in 'tween the lily-whites an' pack your mud!"); paint the bucket (mid '50s); part somebody's cheeks; perve (kwn Aus & Brit hetero sl, fr pervert); pitch (prison sl: "If you pitch, sooner or later you'll catch!"); plank somebody (late '60s: "Who cares if he's a sparkling conversationalist—all I wanna do is plank him"); play dump truck (fr gay joke: "Let's play dump truck—you back up and I'll put the load in"); play leap frog (?fr naut sl: "Don't play leap frog with him—he doesn't jump high enough."); plow; plug ("Boy, did I ever get plugged in Hawaii"); pop it in [-to the toaster] ('20s); pound one's popo (kwn SF, late '60s: "Admit it! You wouldn't mind pounding Greg's popo!"); powder someone's cheeks (kwn SF, '70); pull a boy[onto the dick]; pump someone; punk in the ass (see \*punk); push ('30s); put a hurtin' on an ass (kwn NYC, black gay sl, late '60s); put it to somebody; queer a person (hetero sl); ram (rare); rectify (rare: "Girl, you done been rectified!"); ride ("Did you ever ride Chris?" Syn: ride a bull = to fuck a virile man); ride the deck (dated, '50s); roger a bud[-bum] (Brit naut sl, *bud* = buddy, *roger* = cock); roll somebody over; rosquear (ros-ka-ar', fr Pachuco Sp: ?*Te gusta rosquear, ese?* = do you like fucking, man?); rump the cula (obs, fr Am soldiers stationed in Panama where *culta* = ass); saddle it; screw[some ass] ('30s: "Fifty dollars to screw you? What's your ass made out of. . .gold?"); service (hustler sl = to fuck a customer); sexualize (rare, hetero sl, mid '60s = standard coitus);

shaft one in the bum (Brit hetero sl); shtup (fr Yid // Ger *stupsen* = to push: "Shtup you!"); skewer a shish-kabob; slide [slip] it in[up] ("My love life is slipping, Cap'y—right into you"); snag (rare, "Snag onto any cute Greeks while you were stationed around the Cobaltic?"); split some buns; spread somebody [apart]; stir fudge (mid '60s); stir somebody's chocolate (late '60s); surf (early '60s, LA pun on sl *ride* = fuck + ride the wild surf); third way (fr pros sl: 1st way = standard coitus, 2nd way = fellatio); thread somebody (mid '60s, fr the penis depicted as a needle: "He'd give up his new metallic suit just to thread me"); tom-fuck (dated, Brit sl); vegetable (dated, kwn LA, early '60s, ?fr take-off on cornhole); wheel down (kwn LV, teen sl mid '60s: "Did you wheel down las' night?); work somebody (cool sl, late '50s: "I worked that one until those white thighs changed color"); yentz (fr Yid) 3. to function, work "Turn the record over and see if it fucks!"

—able 1. willing to be ass-fucked "Get Chris away from his fish friend and you'll have a fuckable man on your hands"

2. possessing a desirable ass. Syn: prattable.

—a-buck (rare, not as common as shortened var a-buck) fucking position: laying with legs thrown over the head "A-bucking we will go. . ." The passive partner who bucks his legs into the air to better expose his rear-end is said to have helium legs (kwn SF, mid '60s) with his feet glued to the ceiling (early '60s). Syn: family style (mid '60s, fr standard heterosexual position); V for Victory (late '60s, the two out-stretched legs form the "V"); vis-a-vis (vēz'-a-vē, fr Fr = face to face).

—ing anal intercourse. Syn: **guy-fucking** (hetero sl, '70); **hot-dogging** (kwn SF, late '60s: an analogy made upon *buns* = ass + *hot dog* = cock); **ninety-nine** or **sixty-six** (the numerals 99 and 66 serve as ideographs in showing the whole story of two men going at it); **RE** (kwn LV, mid '60s, acronym for rear entry); **seventy-one** (late '60s, an advanced \**sixty-nining*); **shot in the back door; stern approach[job]** ('30s); **tender love** (mid '60s, fr gay joke: "What is tender love? It's two Greeks with hemorrhoids.")

—ing and sucking uninhibited lovemaking, especially at an orgy. Syn: **knitting [one] and pearl[ing] [two]** (kwn Southwest, mid '60s: "There was some wicked knitting and pearl[ing] going on after his straight relatives left.")

—in the face[head, mouth] mouth fucking (med = *irrumation*), as opposed to cocksucking "He grabbed hold of my ears, honey, and fucked me in the head! I loved it." Syn: **fuck the teeth**.

—me 1. sex-symbol; sexually attractive person. May be most effective when said sarcastically "Sure Tom Jones is a fuck-me; that's why so many people pay to watch him sing" 2. (kwn LV, late '60s) damned, dad-blasted, etc "I arrive on the fuck-me plane at nine, so be sure to have a limousine waiting."

—movies pornographic films. Syn: **skin flicks**.

—one rotten to fuck hard and fast "He fucked that little bitch rotten—she's still going through traction." Syn: **break one's shit string** (kwn black sl, late '60s: to fuck so violently that the anus bleeds afterwards); **burn some buns; bust a cap in an ass** (= to overpower, especially by filling the fallen opponent full of hot lead); **cowboy** (kwn Ariz, late '50s; suggested fr prison sl *bronco-busting* = riding, fucking a struggling boy; "He got cowboyed in the john before he knew what hit 'im"); **curl the tail** ("She may be the grand BQ, but

if she lets Al curl her tail, she'll have to have the <sup>gay</sup> doctor crochet her hole back together again"); **drive[cram] it to home base; give one a stab** (prison sl) **lance it in** (kwn LA, early '60s, fr sl *lance* = cock); **rasgar** (rās-gār'-/-kar, fr Am-Sp sl, late '50s // Sp = to rip); **raw-fuck** (hetero sl, mid '60s, usu descriptive of prison rapes or fraternity initiation rites); **screw somebody to the chicken wires** (kwn SF, '70: the chicken wires in this instance refer to a baths where the "root" of each cubbyhole is made of fence material); **spear it in** (fr sl *spear* = cock: "You're not worth the spit I use to spear it in!"); **throw a mean[wicked] fuck; wreck a rectum** (serviceman sl, '70: describes ass-fucking as something detrimental, Ant: *soft-fuck*); terms for men who fuck hard and fast are amazingly complimentary, even though the practice is not always greeted favorably: **humper-and-a-bumper; pile-driver** (because the sudden shift into overdrive can result in hemorrhoids: his theme song is "The Shadow of Your Piles"); **plunger; rammer**.

Related terms:

**backswing** (late '50s) perhaps the most common position for anal intercourse where the passive partner lies on his belly. Syn: **bottom's[sunnyside] up** (Now we all know what "Keep your sunnyside up" meant.)

**boy-scout queen** (kwn SF, '70, fr sexually experimenting boy scouts who fear giving a response) one who pretends to snooze as he is fucked or sucked off. Another unlikely excuse is: "I was drunk, man, I didn't know what he had in his mouth, er, I mean, mind!"

**breakthrough** (early '60s) farting while being fucked. Most unchic.

**dog fashion** 1. heterosexual coitus with the female on all fours, a la canine, while the man mounts her from the rear  
2. homosexual anal intercourse conducted in such a manner.  
Syn: **dog[gy] style[ways]**.

**double entry** two men enjoying the same passive partner simultaneously. It should be noted that this style of anal copulation is rare due to its difficulty.

**drown the ass in baby oil** (rare, late '60s) to ejaculate so much semen when fucking that the ass literally overflows.

**force-fuck** (late '60s) to rape a man's anus; used mostly of prison gang-bangs. Syn: **barrel** (fr having someone literally over a barrel); **break and enter; hit and run**.

**goosey** (adj, rare, mid '60s) 1. having rounded hips and full buttocks which encourage ass-fucking "You wouldn't have believed some of the goosey little butts on some of those guys" 2. happily going to pieces when the ass is being played with.

**ice-cube sandwich** (late '60s) the insertion of ice cubes into the passive partner's anus before actual intercourse (talk about head colds!)

**Roman engagement** (late '60s, fr alleged) custom of keeping safe while keeping the boys content) anal copulation with a virgin girl who wishes to remain a technical virgin.

**shortcake** (kwn Northwest, mid '60s) quick, brief act of anal intercourse "He had to catch a plane, but he did have enough time for some shortcake."

**stand up job** ('50s) anal entry done in a standing position.

Syn: **wall job**

**stuff a turkey** (kwn SF, '71) to fuck an old man.

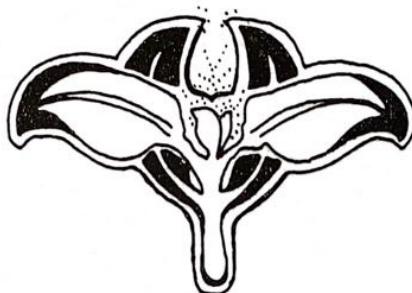
### Appendix 2: List of Feminist Dictionaries.

This list is for more feminist-driven lexicography inspiration and is taken from a screenshot of Lindsay Rose Russell's paper "This is What a Dictionary Looks Like: The Lexicographical Contributions of Feminist Dictionaries." (*International Journal of Lexicography*, Vol. 25 No. 1, pp. 1–29 doi:10.1093/ijl/ecr013)

- 1970 'A Dictionary of Women's Liberation' (Marleen and Joreen Dixon)<sup>11</sup>
- 1973 *An Intelligent Woman's Guide to Dirty Words* (Ruth Todasco)<sup>12</sup>
- 1973 *A Woman's New World Dictionary* (Midge Lennert and Norma Willson)<sup>13</sup>
- 1979 *Lesbian Peoples: Material for a Dictionary* (Monique Wittig and Sande Zeig)<sup>14</sup>
- 1985 *A Feminist Dictionary* (Cheris Kramarac and Paula A. Treichler)<sup>15</sup>
- 1986 *Encyclopedia of Feminism* (Lisa Tuttle)
- 1987 *Movement Words: A Short Dictionary of Feminist and Progressive Terms* (Elizabeth Baldwin)
- 1987 *The Nonsexist Word Finder: A Dictionary of Gender-Free Usage* (Rosalie Maggio)
- 1987 *Websters' First New Intergalactic Wickedary of the English Language* (Mary Daly 'in cahoots with' Jane Caputi)
- 1989 *The Dictionary of Feminist Theory* (Maggie Humm)
- 1989 *Womanwords: A Vocabulary of Culture and Patriarchal Society* (Jane Miller)<sup>16</sup>
- 1989 *Womb with Views: Contradictionary of English Language* (Kate Musgrave)
- 1996 *From the Goddess to the Glass Ceiling: A Dictionary of Feminism or Historical Dictionary of Feminism* (Janet K. Boles, Diane Long Hoeveler, and Rebecca Bardwell)<sup>17</sup>
- 1997 *A Glossary of Feminist Theory* (Sonya Andermahr, Terry Lovell, and Carol Wolkowitz)
- 1998 *An Uppity Old Atheist Woman's Dictionary* (Carol Faulkenberry)
- 2000 *Routledge Critical Dictionary of Feminism and Postfeminism* (Sarah Gamble)
- 2001 *Wimmin, Wimps and Wallflowers* (Philip H. Herbst)
- 2006 *The Women's Movement Today* (Leslie Heywood)

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