

Runaway Advertisements: Historical Definitions
[source: *Oxford English Dictionary*]

- breech - 1. A garment covering the loins and thighs: at first perh. only a 'breech-cloth'; later reaching to the knees.
4. a. The part of the body covered by this garment; the buttocks, posteriors, rump, seat.
- corpulence - Bulk of body; over-bulkiness, obesity.
- knavish - **1.** Low, vulgar; obscene. *Obs* **2.** Roguish, rascally, mischievous, impertinent **3.** Basely unprincipled, fraudulent, rascal.
- Mulatto - A person having one white and one black parent. Freq. more generally: a person of mixed race resembling a mulatto.
1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.*, *Mulatto*, a Name given, in the Indies, to those who are begotten by a Negro Man on an Indian Woman; or an Indian Man on a Negro Woman.
- oznabrig – 1. As a mass noun: a kind of coarse linen (and later cotton) cloth originally made at Osnabrück, used esp. for making rough hard-wearing clothing, or for furnishings, sacks, tents, etc.
2. As a count noun (usu. in *pl.*, sometimes treated as *sing.*): a quantity of this; (also) an item or items made of such cloth, *esp.* (formerly) clothing given to servants or slaves.
- Pistole – A name formerly applied to certain foreign gold coins; sometimes (as in quot. 1592) synonymous with PISTOLET; *spec.*, from c1600, given to a Spanish gold coin worth from 16s. 6d. to 18s.; also applied (after French) to the louis d'or of Louis XIII, issued in 1640, and sometimes to the Scottish twelve pound piece of William III, 1701, = £1 English.