

## CHICAGO THE PLAY GLOSSARY

<b>Bedewzlin'</b>	To dazzle so completely to make blind. To please irresistibly; to Enchant.
<b>Bengaline</b>	Like silk, a woven material which became fashionable in the late nineteenth century. When cut into ribbons, material is also known as grosgrain.
<b>Billy Sunday</b>	Former baseball player turned pulpit evangelist, famous for his colloquial sermons and frenetic delivery.
<b>Caracul fur</b>	Persian lamb.
<b>Dipsomaniacal</b>	Suffering from dipsomania, an uncontrollable craving for alcohol.
<b>Fedora</b>	Felt hat creased lengthwise down the crown and pinched near the front on both sides. Brim usually 2.5 inches wide. First used in 1891.
<b>Georgette</b>	Sheer lightweight dull-finished crepe fabric named after early 20 <sup>th</sup> century dressmaker Georgette de la Plante. Made with highly twisted yarns.
<b>Gink</b>	(slang) A man regarded as foolish or contemptible.
<b>Andy Gump</b>	The Gumps, a popular comic strip about a middle-class family, created by Sidney Smith in 1917. Title character, Andy Gump, inspired by a real person who, as a result of the extraction of a tooth, had to have his lower jaw removed.
<b>Hunyak</b>	A person of Hungarian or central European origin.
<b>Kimono</b>	A traditional Japanese garment, t-shaped, straight-lined robe so that the hem falls to the ankle with attached collars and long wide sleeves.
<b>Kewpie</b>	Brand of dolls and figurines (conceived by writer Rosie O'Neill). Baby cupid characters. Naked.
<b>Marshall Field</b>	An upscale department store located on State Street in the downtown loop of Chicago. Founded in 1852.
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<b>Sack Suit</b>	Epitomized Ivy League style. A blazer without darts and a single hooked vent; pants typically cuffed and without pleats. Natural fabrics, shirts with button-down collars and penny loafers. Style was promoted by Brooks Brothers.
<b>Sheba</b>	A seductive dancer; dark and comely.
<b>Sob Sister</b>	A woman news reporter who appeals to readers' sympathies with her accounts of pathetic happenings.
<b>Stringin'</b>	To string someone along to maintain someone's attention or interest, probably insincerely.
<b>Unwritten Law</b>	A person may avenge any insult to family integrity, as used to justify criminal acts of vengeance.
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