

Extract taken from 'The Altered State: England, Literature and the Pub' by Steven Farnshaw
Glossary of drink-related terms.

The following is a glossary compiled in researching the above book. The source for the following terms used in brewing is Pamela Sambrook's 'Country House Brewing'.

Sambrook's own sources are:

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Oxford English Dictionary

HUCKMUCK	Sieve fixed to the bottom of the capstaff; also called tapwad or strum
CAPSTAFF	A long wooden plug fitting into the centre of the mash tun, same as a penstaff
MASH TUN	Large coopered vessel in which the mixing of malt and hot water took place. Could use either top-mashing (in which case it usually had a central outlet) or bottom-mashing (in which case it was fitted with a false bottom and a side outlet)
STRUM, STROM or STRUN	A wicker basket used as a strainer in the mash tun
TAPWAD	A wicker basket used as a strainer in the mash tun; same as a strum or huckmuck