## The Official Companion Dictionary to THE GOLdEN TREE by gerald martin davenport v6

**Fussin** display of unnecessary or excessive excitement,

activity, or interest.

Sage Hen A woman.

**Techy as a Teased Snake** Grumpy, irritable.

**Scalawag** A mean, rotten or worthless person.

Hobble your lip Shut up.

Rattled Nervous, worried, uneasy.

**Reckon** To guess or think.

Wipe Your Chin Be quiet.

**Goney** A stupid fellow

Off his chump Weak in the head, crazy, illogical; someone who

behaves strangely.

On the Shoot Looking for trouble.

**Scratch** begin a fight

Hobble your lip Shut up.

**Five Beans in the Wheel** Five cartridges in the six chambers of a revolver.

Westerners often left the chamber under the

hammer empty for safety reason.

**Taint** A corrupt abbreviation for it is not.

**Oblige** Cooperate

Yellow Belly A coward

**Shave Tail** A green, inexperienced person.

**Scamp** A worthless fellow.

**Clodhopper** A clumsy, unsophisticated person from the

country.

**Four-flusher** A cheat, swindler, liar.

Tarantula Juice Bad, Cheap whiskey.

Bug Juice Cheap whiskey.

**Tangle-legged** Drunk from bad whiskey.

**biddy** A man who does a woman's work.

Soft down on In love with.

**Fair Shake** A fair trade, a satisfactory bargain or exchange.

**Heap** A lot, many, a great deal.

**Hay Seed** Derogatory term for a farmer.

Curly Wolf Tough Guy.

Corn Juice Whiskey.

Barber's Cat Sickly looking thing.

**Slazy** A corruption of the word sleazy

**Trug** A prostitute of the lowest class. Usually dirty,

slatternly.

Dag Nab It Backwoods way of cussing.

Beef-headed Stupid, dull as an ox