1920s Slang

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| Bee's Knees - An extraordinary person, thing, idea  Berries - is attractive or pleasing; similar to bee's knees, As in "It's the berries."  Big Cheese - The most important or influential person. Same as big shot  Bluenose - An excessively puritanical person, a prude  Bump Off - To murder  Carry a Torch - To have a crush on someone  Cat's Meow - Something splendid or stylish; similar to bee's knees; The best or greatest  Cat's Pajamas - Same as cat's meow  Cheaters - Eyeglasses  Crush - An infatuation  Dogs - feet  Drugstore Cowboy - a guy that hangs around on a street corner trying to pick up girls  Dumb Dora - a stupid female  Fall Guy - victim of a frame  Flat Tire - A dull insipid, disappointing date. Same as pill, pickle, drag, rag, oilcan  Frame - To give false evidence, to set up someone  Gams - A woman's legs  Giggle Water - An intoxicating beverage; alcohol  Gin Mill - An establishment where hard liquor is sold; bar  Hard Boiled - a tough, strong guy  Heebie-Jeebies - The jitters | Hooch - Bootleg liquor  Hoofer - Dancer  Hotsy-Totsy - Pleasing  Jalopy - Old car  Joint - A club, usually selling alcohol  Keen - Attractive or appealing  Kisser - Mouth  Moll - A gangster's girl  Neck - Kissing with passion  Pinch - To arrest  Pushover - A person easily convinced or seduced  Ritzy - Elegant (from the hotel)  Scram - Ask someone to leave immediately  Sheba - A woman with sex appeal (from the movie *Queen of Sheba*)  Sheik - A man with sex appeal (from the Valentino movies)  Speakeasy - An illicit bar selling bootleg liquor  Spiffy - An elegant appearance  Struggle Buggy - the backseat of a car. A parent's worst nightmare  Stuck On - Having a crush on  Swanky - Ritzy  Swell - Wonderful. Also: a rich man  Take for a Ride -To drive off with someone in order to bump them off  Torpedo - A hired gun  Upchuck - To vomit when one has drunk too much  Whoopee - To have a good time |

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