

Definitions starting with C: check (2) or cheque

[cf. DJE checks a small piece; OED chequeen, an old gold coin of Italy, pace Craton, seems an unlikely source given its high value] n. three halfpence (older term): 1888 check lard (Powles 169). 1962 As late as the 1920's . . . the expression "check" was still used for 1½ d., an obvious derivation from the old Spanish chequeen (Craton 304). A check's worth of fish (White). (Gen.)

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