

"All right," said the Plunger. "I'll have it."—*Sporting Times*.

(American thieves), "*bar* that toss," stop that game.

"*Bar* that toss, Jim," said Bell, "for you're as fly at the pictures as the devil at lying, and I would rather be a knight of Alsatia than a plucked pigeon."—*On the Trail*.

(Oxford University), *to bar*, to object to. Probably from *to bar*, in the sense of to except; commoner in the compound form *debar*. A "Bullingdon" man would probably say that he *barred* "the Union." An "Exeter" man would be pretty certain to say that he *barred* "Jesus."

Bār (gypsy), a hedge, a garden or inclosure; a pound for cattle. Persian, *bāgh*. Also a stone; *tacho bār*, a true or real stone, *i.e.*, a diamond.

Baragan tailor (tailors), a rough tailor.

Barber, to (university), to do one's impositions by deputy, the college barber having often been employed to perform this duty—hence the phrase. Those who by this means get rid of their impositions are said to *barberise* them.

"And as for the impositions, why," as Mr. Bouncer said, "ain't there covets to *barberise* for you, Gig-lamps?"—*C. Bede: Verdant Green*.

Barber, that's the (old slang). Grose in his rare first edition of the "Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue," says this

was "a ridiculous and unmeaning phrase in the mouths of the common people about the year 1760, signifying their approbation of any action, measure, or thing."

Barber's cat (common). Hotten gives the definition—a half-starved, sickly-looking person. A term used in connection with a coarse expression.

Barber's clerk (common), a conceited, over-dressed fellow, who apes the manners of a gentleman.

Barbly (pidgin), babble, noise. Probably the same as bobbery or bobbely. "Too muchee *barbly* makee that chilo."

Bared (popular), shaved.

There are boys who think themselves men, and who go to barbers' shops to be, as they say, *bared*.—*Diprose: Modern Joe Miller*.

Bare-footed on top of the head (American), an expression applied to a bald man.

Barge (printers), an article used by compositors in correcting the forms. Either a flat piece of card, or a small wooden box, with divisions to hold spaces for altering the justification of the line. A case, with some boxes full and others nearly empty, is also called a *barge*, probably referring to those boxes full up to the edge. The technical term would be space papers or space box.