

—Lords and ladies are rich. A young gentleman and an agreeable (lovely) one. Yes, my sweetheart, yes.—*Janet Tuckey.*

(Hindu, *bhara*, increase, fullness.)

**Bash**, to (popular), to strike, to thrash, to crush; to *bash* hats is a favourite amusement of London roughs in a large crowd. From a provincialism to beat fruit down from the trees with a pole.

He taps me across the hand with a cane, and my mother goes in and *bashes* him over the head with a poker, and gets him fined for assaulting me.—*Punch.*

(Pugilistic), a *bash* is one of a variety of blows.

It certainly seemed also that this encounter had been full of "go." The "cockles" of the hearts of Corinthian Tom and Jerry Hawthorn warmed as they heard and read of "fibbing" and "countering," of "red-hot smacks," "left-handers on the nob," "rib-roasters," "uppercuts," "exchanges," "*bashes*," "knock-downers," "body-punches," "spankers," "welts," "smashers," "whistlers," "rattling ivories," "stingers," "bangs," "hot-uns," and of the "tapping" of the "claret," and the flowing of "the ruby."—*Punch.*

(Old provincial English), to beat. In Bedfordshire to beat fruit trees with a pole. Allied to *baste*, to beat; Icelandic *beysta*, Swedish *bösta*, and *basu*, to beat. An English word of Danish origin.

In prisons to *bash* signifies to strike, and especially to flog. *Bashing in*, a flogging at the commencement of a ruffian's term of imprisonment; *bashing out*, one at the close.

(Popular), a tremendous plunge or fall. A word expressive of sudden concussion, breaking up, or tumbling.

The chaise went crash and I went *bash*  
Amongst the shafts and wheels,  
And Mary Ann and her mama,  
Went right head over heels!

—*George Horncastle: Mary Ann and her Mama.*

**Basher** (pugilistic), prize fighter, synonymous with "bruiser."

**Bashing** (prison), a flogging.

**Basing** (gaming). "That's *basing*" when clubs are turned up trumps—the allusion as generally explained being "that clubs were trumps when *Basing* was taken." This was one of the most memorable of the sieges of the Civil War.

**Basket** (old cant), used in the phrase "a kid in the *basket*," said of a woman in the family way. (Tailors), stale news.

**Basket meeting** (American). A half picnic and half religious meeting.

**Basket, to bring to the** (old), to fall into poverty.

God be praised! I am not *brought to the basket*, though I had rather live on charity than rapine.—*Father Darrell: Gentlemen Instructed.*

**Basket, to go to the** (old), to be imprisoned.

Arrested! this is one of those whose base and abject flattery helped to dig his grave.