

- form of the Hindu *bhindi* (often pronounced like *bengi*), the okra of America, also called *bendy* and *bimbia*. One variety of it is about the size of an onion.
- Bengy**, a waistcoat, is from the gypsy *bangri*.
- Benighted, the** (Anglo-Indian), a term applied in raillery to the inhabitants of Madras by their envious neighbours.
- Benjamin** or **benjie** (common), a waistcoat or coat, formerly a "Joseph." Possibly an allusion to Joseph's garment left in Madame Potiphar's grasp. Dr. C. Mackay says it was so named from a once celebrated advertising tailor in London. (Nautical), a low crowned straw hat, with a very broad brim.
- Ben joltræm** (old), poor and coarse food, such as agricultural men, navigators, and men working on roads, have to put up with.
- Bens** (American), tools, styled "alls" by English workmen.
- Benvenue** (printers), obsolete. This was a kind of entrance-fee paid by the workman to the "chapel" on entering a new office. Equivalent to "standing his footing." Derived from the French apparently, *bienvenue*, welcome, footing, used in the expression "payer la bienvenue."
- Beong** (costermongers), a shilling; in old cant a "borde" and now a "bob;" from the Italian *bianco*, white, also a silver coin. An equivalent for this is to be found in most slangs. For instance, in Dutch thieves' slang, *witten*; in German, *blanker*; Italian, *biancon*. Formerly French silver coins were termed *blancs*.
- Beray** (old cant), dung, dirty.
- Berk, burk**, pl. **berkia** (gypsy), breast, breasts.
- Bero** (gypsy), a ship or boat; *beromengro*, a sailor; *beromescro*, pertaining to a ship, naval. "Ghiom adré a béro"—"I went in a ship," in common jargon "mandy-jawed (or jassed), adré a béro."
- Berthas** (Stock Exchange), London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, ordinary stock.
- Dear *Bertha*, I have not forgotten,
She's really a feature in "rails;"
And tho' some of my tips have been rotten,
I landed some money in "mails."
—*Atkin: House Scraps.*
- Besh** (gypsy), a year. Continental gypsy, *bersh*. *Dui besh*, two years.
- Beshāva** (gypsy), I sit, common form *besh*; *Besh tu alay*, sit down; *beshalla*, he sits. "Who *besh* in ye pus, around the yag"—"Who sit in the straw around the fire."—*G. Borrow: Lavengro.*