

Henry George is going to leave New York for a while. He is probably jealous of Liberty, whose mouth is a yard wide.—*Philadelphia North American*.

They hev wandered with their sorrers unto the sunny South,  
They hev got tremendous swallows, and a monstrous lot of mouth.  
—*Ballad of the Green Old Man*.

**Big nuts to crack** (American), a difficult or large undertaking.

**Big pond** (American), the Atlantic.

He (old Clay) is all sorts of a hoss, and the best live one that ever cut dirt this side of the *big pond*, or t'other side either.—*Sam Slick: The Clockmaker*.

**Big pot** (common), a somebody, a person of consequence.

My name is Peter Smifkins,  
I live with ma at Slough;  
I've got a city clerkship,  
So I'm quite a *big pot* now.  
—*Music Hall Song*.

**Big side runs** (Rugby), the open paper chases.

**Big sides** (schools), a school term for the practice games at football, where all or nearly all the boys join in. It was originally used at Rugby.

**Big take** (American), anything very much affected or popular. A grand acquisition, a fashion, a success.

We hear that certain fragrant and cunningly contrived bouquets for ladies are a *big take* in New York. In the centre of the pretty bunches of flowers half-pint bottles are neatly concealed. The bottles are filled with cool refreshing cocktails; straws run through the corks, and as the gentle daughters of Eve take a sniff, they can enjoy a "snifter."—*Fun*.

**Big, to look** (common), to assume an inflated air or manner. To "talk *big*," to talk in a boasting manner, from the propensity of very small men to assume "bumptious" or defiant ways. These expressions have almost ceased to be slang.

**Big wig** (common), a pompous, conceited individual. Also applied by the lower classes to those in a high station of life or office. Thus a judge or nobleman will be termed a *big wig*. The word is used in a good-humoured, familiar sense.

The portraits of Holy Bonifacius, Bishop of Budgeon, and all the defunct *big-wigs* of the college.—*Thackeray: Lovell the Widower*.

Talbot Twysden's dinner-table is large, and the guests most respectable. There is always a *big-wig* or two present.—*Thackeray: The Adventures of Philip*.

This morning he went up of his own accord afore the Lord Mayor or some of them city *big-wigs*.—*Dickens: Martin Chuzzlewit*.

(Nautical), a high officer.

**Bikin** (gypsy), to sell; *bikin engro*, a merchant, or one who sells.

**Bildar** or **beldars** (Anglo-Indian), a term applied to diggers with the spade or mattock in the public works.

Ye lyme is allé out—ye masons lounge abouté!

Ye *beldars* have alle strucke and are smoking att their ease,

Ye brickets are alle done!—

Ye kyne are skynne and bone,

And ye threasourour has bolted wyth xii thousand rupees!

—*Anglo-Indian Glossary: Ye Dream of an Executive Engineer*.