

Bob White (American), a popular but not a slang name for the quail, whose notes are supposed to resemble the words *Bob—White*, with a pause between the two words and a strong accent on the *White*. It is just two-thirds of the song of the whip-poor-will.

The American farmer has watched his birds through the cycle of the year; has listened to the "Ah *Bob White!* ah *Bob White!*" that with the fall of the apple-blossoms begins to fill the air. — *Macmillan's Magazine*.

Bodier (pugilistic), a blow on the sides of the body, otherwise known as a "rib-roaster."

Bodkin (common), an old word still in use, with the sense of dirk, dagger. (Sporting), a person who takes his turn between the sheets on a night when the hotel has twice as many visitors as it can comfortably lodge (Hotten's Dictionary). (Common), to "ride *bodkin*," any one sitting between two others in a carriage, is said to "ride *bodkin*."

Then he called a hansom, and expressing his willingness to "be the *bodkin*" (*Anglicè*, ride in the middle), ordered the jehu to drive to Middlesex Street. — *Sporting Times*.

Body-slans (thieves' cant), fetters for the body.

Body-slans are of two kinds. Each consists of a heavy iron ring to go round the waist, to which are attached in one case two bars or heavy chains, connected with the fetters round

the ankles, in the other case a link at each side attached to a handcuff. Into these the wrists are locked, and thus held down to the prisoner's sides. The latter are now only to be found in museums. — *Faux*.

Body snatcher (old), a bailiff or runner; a violator of the grave; an undertaker.

Bog (prison), the farm works at Dartmoor where much land has been reclaimed. *Bog gang*, the party of convicts detailed for this work. (Common), a privy. Originally printers' slang, but now very common. "To *bog*," to ease oneself. (Tinker), see *BOGH*.

Bogey, often called **bug-aboo**, a word existing in different forms in many languages. As both God and Devil may be found in *Deus*, *Deras*, divine, *Diabolus* and the gypsy *Duvel* or *Devilis* (both meaning God only), so we have the divinity as *Bog* in Russian, and in the Celtic *bug*, a spirit or spectre, while in English *bugge* or *bug* is in two senses a terror, as the famous Bugge Bible and Spenser's "Faerie Queene" bear witness. The *bogey* or *bug-aboo* is an imaginary horror or monster with which vulgar, wicked, or foolish people were, and perhaps still are, accustomed to frighten children at night. It is probable that *aboo* is the common old Irish war-cry, which was said