

tication; to *bolt* is to run away, to decamp, to disappear. The term, according to Grose, is borrowed from the rabbit-warren, because the rabbits *bolt* when a ferret enters into their burrows. But the derivation is probably from *bolt*, the ancient and not yet obsolete word for an arrow, as in the current proverb "a fool's *bolt* is soon shot," so that to *bolt* is to move as swiftly as an arrow. (Prison), "getting the *bolt*," being sentenced to penal servitude.

"Long Bill expects *bolt*" informs the sympathetic or rejoicing reader that one William — expects to be sentenced to penal servitude.—*Rev. J. W. Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

**Bolted** (nautical), "I've been through the mill, ground and *bolted*." That is, "You can't gammon me; I'm too old a bird to be caught with chaff." *Bolted* in this case signifies sifted.

**Bolt-in-tun** (London thieves), bolted, run away, got away, one of the puns that cant and slang are so fond of. Cf. "COBLEB," "BILLIARD SLUM," &c.

Vaux in his Memoirs says:—"A term founded on the cant word 'bolt,' and merely a fanciful variation very common among *flash* persons, there being in London a famous inn so called. It is customary when a man has run away from his lodgings, broken out of jail, or made any other sudden movement, to say 'the *Bolt-in-tun* is concerned,' or 'he's gone to the

*Bolt-in-tun*' instead of simply saying, 'he has bolted,'" &c.

**Bolt the moon, to** (common), to cheat the landlord by taking away goods or furniture without paying the rent; literally to extinguish the moon and take advantage of the darkness thus produced. "To shoot the moon" is more common.

**Bolus** (common), an apothecary.

**Bombay duck** (Anglo-Indian), a small fish called the bummelo or bumbalow, which is caught on the Indian coasts. When dried it forms the well-known *Bombay ducks*, seen so frequently among grocers' delicacies in England.

**Bombo** (nautical), weak, cold punch.

**Bona** (theatrical), good, varied to "rumbo."

**Bonanza** (American), a Spanish word, originally applied to profit, benefit. A profitable silver mine or a share in it is a *bonanza*. Now applied generally to money.

At last the train came, and the guard on the train handed me a heavily-sealed envelope, remarking as he did so—

"Be careful of that, Branthwaite. There's a *bonanza* in that package if it were yours or mine."

"Money?" I asked.

"Yes; twenty thousand dollars."—*American Story.*

But a *bonanza* with millions in it is not struck every week.—*Scribner's Monthly.*