

ring, offended a good many persons.—*Justin M'Carthy: A History of Our Own Times.*

Bottle of spruce (rhyming slang), a deuce, slang for twopence.

Bottling (theatrical), the same as applies to hobbing.

Bottom (common), spirit placed in a glass before water is poured in.

(Up country Australian), the scrubby, swampy ground in the *bottom* of a depression or valley. Mostly used in compounds such as *ti-tree* (tea-tree) *bottom*.

It led
Into a forest track which oft
Was blocked by tea-tree *bottom* soft
Or fallen trunk, compelling them
To make detours, and thrice a stem
Some inches through must needs be
topped

On pain of being wholly stopped.
—*D. B. W. Sladen: A Summer Christmas.*

Bottom-growth is good English for grass growing on low lands.

(American), "soda and dark *bottom*," soda and brown brandy.

Bottom dollar (American), last dollar.

We'll go our *bottom* dollar.—*Sporting Times.*

Botts (popular), the colic. Properly small worms in the rectum of a horse.

Botty (popular), conceited. (Nursery), a contraction for an infant's posterior. The French equivalent is *tutu*.

Boughs, up in the (old), in a passion.‡

Bounce (common), cherry-brandy. (Popular and thieves), a bully or swell; a "rank *bounce*," a great swell. To *bounce*, to swindle, to cheat by false representations.

You will get no cheque or anything else out of us, so you had better travel down to Dover under the seat; and if you can't *bounce* the "Johnnies" on the boat, you'll have to swim from Dover to Calais.—*Sporting Times.*

(American), *bounced*, dismissed, turned out; "given the G. B.," *i.e.*, grand *bounce*, to be turned out with great indignity.

Bouncer (popular), a swindler, a person who steals whilst bargaining with a tradesman, a large, stout man or woman.

(Prison), a male companion of a prostitute, who lives on her gains, and who, by intimidation and threats, extorts money from men whom she entices.

(Naval), a gun that kicks violently when fired.

Bouncing cheat (old cant), a bottle, probably from the noise made when opening it and drawing the cork, or a corruption of *boozing-cheat*.

Bounder (university), a student whose manners are despised by the *soi-disant elite*, or who is