

derably. At one place I know of, where they have a annual baby every Purim, the family Mohel had become such a nuisance with his begging that at the last *brismelah* they couldn't get enough Yidden for mezooman, let alone minyan, and if it hadn't been for the potman calling from the Cat and Trumpet they'd never been able to bring the *brismelah* off at all.—*Sporting Times*.

**Bristol milk** (old), sherry. Bristol was the chief port at which vessels from Spain carrying cargoes of this wine used to arrive—hence the name.

**Broach the claret, to** (pugilistic).

'Twas not till the tenth round his *claret* was broach'd,

But a pelt in the smeller, too pretty to shun,

If the lad even could set it going like fun.

—*Tom Cribb's Memorial to Congress*.

**Broad and shallow** (popular), an epithet applied to the so-called "Broad Church," in contradistinction to the "High" and "Low" Churches (Hotten).

**Broad bottom.** Explained by quotation.

A coalition Government in the last century was known by the apt nickname of the *Broad Bottom*. Walpole, writing Mann in 1741, says: "The Tories declare against any further prosecution—if Tories there are, for now one hears of nothing but the *Broad Bottom*; it is the reigning cant word, and means the taking all parties and people indifferently into the Ministry."—*Cornhill Magazine*.

**Broad brim** (common), originally a Quaker, thus called from the peculiar hat worn by the "friends." Now used in reference to quiet, sedate men.

A veteran correspondent, who inspired "The Druid" with many of his paragraphs, writes us that Mr. W., the breeder of Fair Alice, did not stand alone as we imagined, and that Mr. K., the owner of Priscilla Tomboy, was also a *broad brim*.—*Sporting Times*.

**Broad cooper** (brewers), a person employed by brewers to negotiate with publicans (Hotten).

**Broad faking** (card-sharpers), playing at cards, or doing the three-card trick on race-courses, &c.

**Broads** (popular and thieves), cards.

"Yes, he was a red hot 'un," quoth the Horticulturist, "and at the *broads* he was unrivalled. But he played it too thick at Brighton that week."—*Sporting Times*.

He then took another business at Walworth, and got on well while he forswore the "infernal *broads*," as he called them.—*J. Greenwood: Tag, Rag, & Co.*

**Broadsman** (thieves), a card-sharper.

**Broady** (tailors), among East End tailors broadcloth is so called. Also a general term for cloth.

Gentlemen finding their own *broady* can be accommodated.—1 *Slang Advertisement*.

"*Broady* workers are men who go round selling vile shoddy stuff under the pretence that it is excellent material, which has been got 'on the cross,' that is, 'stolen'." (Hotten).

(Thieves), *broady*, anything worth stealing.