

in a cab. A *buck* is a man who rides in a cab ostensibly as a legitimate fare, to enable the cabman to proceed to some destination to which he is not allowed to take an empty cab. Many of the semi-private thoroughfares of London are closed to empty cabs.

Mr. —, on behalf of the United Cab Proprietors' Protection Association, said it often occurred that the men who were so conveyed were *bucks*—men who rode in a cab ostensibly as legitimate fares. In reality they acted in collusion with the driver to evade the police regulations, especially with regard to theatres.—*Standard*.

(Popular), a sixpence. The word is rarely used by itself, but as in the phrase, "two and a *buck*." More frequently "two and a kick." Possibly from the gypsy *bāk* (pronounced buck), luck, as it is always asked for for luck.

(Old slang), to "run a *buck*," to poll a bad vote at an election. This phrase is of Irish origin.

(American), to *buck* is to butt against, to oppose.

Yer oughter be er-shamed o' yersef ter persecute 'ligion in dis way. Wy how de work o' de Lawd gwine ter prosper when de white folks *bucks* ergin it dis way? I se sorry fur yer, fur old Satan got his eye on yer, sho.—*Arkansaw Traveller*.

To rear up, to jump like a *buck*, to jump and "cavort." Applied to a peculiar leaping of Western horses. Dutch, *boken maken*, to cut capers; *bok-stavast*, leap-frog.

The term is used also in South Africa and Australia.

I don't think that we have a beast
About the place that *bucks* the least.

—*D. B. W. Sladen: A Summer
Christmas.*

(Banking), "to *buck* an account" is to make an account balance without carrying it out properly, *i.e.*, to cook the accounts.

(Californian), in the Californian vernacular this signifies to play against the bank, as, *e.g.*, in faro, that is, to sweep the tables, or clean out or gut the croupier.

I don't like your looks at all, I'd *buck*
against any bank you ran all night.—
Bret Harte: Gabriel Conroy.

(Winchester College), "to *buck* down" is to be unhappy, whilst to "*buck* up" is to be glad.

(Anglo-Indian), to talk egotistically, to prate and chatter, to let one's tongue run loose. From the Hindu *baknā*.

And then he *bucks*, with a quiet stubborn determination that would fill an American editor or an Under Secretary of State with despair. He belongs to the twelve foot tiger school, so perhaps he can't help it.—*Ali Baba*.

Buck-bail (thieves), bail given by a sharper for one of his own gang.

Buck fitch (old), an old man of abandoned habits, an old *roué*. A "*buck* face," an injured husband, alluding to the horns.

Buck or fight the tiger, to (American), to gamble. Derived from the parti-coloured divisions or stripes on a gambling table.