

(Popular), a dog, from the old cant word *bufe*, a dog. (Old cant), a smuggler, a rogue, a cheat; also a dog. *Buffer*-nabber, a dog-stealer. (Nautical), *buffer*, a navy term for a boatswain's mate, one of whose duties it was to administer the "cat." From the obsolete English to *buff*, to strike. It has been suggested, however, that *buffer* is of Dutch origin. Teirlinck (Woodenbock van Bargoensch) gives *baf*, a blow; *baffen*, to strike with the fist, adding "Klanknabootsend idiotisme van dagelijksch gebrink in Vlanderen."

Buffe-headed (popular), stupid and stolid as a buffalo or ass. Synonymous with "pig-headed," stupidly obstinate.

You know nothing, you *buffe-headed*, stupid creature. — *Wycherley: Plain Dealer*, 1677.

Bufs (common), the 3rd regiment of foot in the British army. From their facings.

Buffy (common), intoxicated.

Flexor was fine and *buffy* when he came home last night. — *Shirley Brooks: The Gordian Knot*.

Bug (American and English thieves), a breast-pin; *bugger*, a pickpocket, or one who makes a specialty of snatching away breast-pins, studs, &c.; *bug-hunter*, the same.

The chips, the fawneys, chatty-feeders, The *bugs*, the bungs, and well-filled readers.

—*On the Trail*.

i.e., The money, the rings, spoons, Breast-pins, purses, and well-filled pocket-books.

(American and older English), *bug*, which in England is now limited to the *Cimex*, politely termed a Norfolk Howard, is in America still applied to all varieties of the *Colcoptera* and many other insects.

"Oh, Fred, what's that ticking noise? Do you think it's the death watch mamma was reading about before she put us to bed?" "Bessie, don't be a little goose. It's only a *bug*, anyhow. Maybe it's not even a *bug*—only the bed-ticking." — *Philadelphia Call*.

(Old slang), to *bug*, an old phrase in use at one time among journeymen hatters to signify the substitution of good material with inferior stuff. Bailiffs who accepted money to delay service of writs were also said "to *bug* the writ."

Bug or bug over, to (thieves), to deliver, give or hand over. Vaux instances: "He *bug'd* me a quid," *i.e.*, he gave me a guinea; "*bug ovr* the rag," *i.e.*, hand over the money.

Bugaroch (American thieves), pretty (New York Slang Dictionary).

Bug blinding (army), white-washing, a process calculated to destroy, or at least to remove the superficial traces of vermin