

able"—somebody else said *bumptious*—about it, because his own red hair was very plainly to be seen behind.—*Charles Dickens: David Copperfield.*

Bumsquabbled (American), crestfallen.

The judge said . . . he had got too much already, cut him off the other two-thirds, and made him pay all costs. If he didn't look *bumsquabbled* it's a pity.—*Sam Slick: The Clockmaker.*

Bunsucker (society), a very vulgar expression in common use among men in society for a toady. One who is a hanger-on and flatterer of great men, and who will do their dirty work for them. In French, *leche-cul*.

Bum-trap (old), bailiff.

The noble *bum-trap*, blind and deaf to every circumstance of distress, greatly rises above all the motives to humanity, and into the hands of the jailor resolves to deliver his miserable prey.—*Fielding: Tom Jones.*

Bun (American), a fellow who cannot be shaken off. (Common), to have the *bun*, to get the better of, to surpass.

O Lord! to think I deemed myself most fly.

This infamie most surely has the *bun!*
—*The Sporting Times.*

Bunce (trade), commission from tradesmen and others, black-mail, sums of money, of which both the employer and employed are defrauded by the middle man, through whose hands the money passes at some time or

other prior to reaching its destination. In large theatres there are frequently four or five hundred persons employed in various departments, and the head of each department holds his own treasury.

(Turf), profit, interest on money.

(Popular), money.

For though I am neither a fool nor a dunce,
Whatever I prig other folks get the *bunce*.

—*T. Browne: Unlucky Individuals.*

The boys *will* try it on for their *bunts*.
—*L. L. and L. P.*

According to Hotten from *bon* or *bonus*, probably the latter.

Buncer (trade), one who *bunces* or exacts *bunce* (which see).

Bunch (common), a blow. (American), to *bunch*, to gather up, purse up.

The speaker *bunched* his thick lips together like the stem-end of a tomato.—*Mark Twain: The Gilded Age.*

Bunch of fives (popular), the fist.

M'Auliffe does not seem to appreciate the honour of standing up to Carney again. He says he won't be ready for three months. One taste of the Birmingham boy's quality seems to have been quite sufficient for the American lightweight champion. It is extremely improbable that M'Auliffe will ever again come within reach of Carney's *bunch of fives*.—*Sporting Life.*

Bunco. *Vide* BUNKO.

Buncombe or **bunkum** (American), talking big, affecting en-