

This is a kind of slang word applied in Anglo-Indian society to the lady who claims precedence at a party.—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

The ladies carry their *burra bibi-ship* into the steamers when they go to England. My friend endeavoured in vain to persuade them that whatever their social importance in the City of Palaces, they would be but small folk in London.—*Viscountess Falkland: Chow-Chow*.

**Burra khana** (Anglo-Indian), a grand feast, a big dinner. In English gypsy, *bāro habben*, from the same Indian roots.

**Burra sahib** (Anglo-Indian), the chief, or head, or master. A great man.

**Burst** (sporting), lively pace, smart race, spurt.

During "a good *burst*" one of the hunt lost both "sight and sound" of the pack, and riding along almost disconsolate overtook a "yokel," and at once asked him if he had seen the "hare and hounds."

"Ees, zir, I seed a dog chasing a hare."

"Which way were they going?"

"Ah, zir, I can't tell 'ee that; all I could see was the dog was having the best of it."—*Sporting Times*.

**Burying** (old cant), "*burying a wife*" signifies the feast given by an apprentice on the completion of his term of apprenticeship, and becoming a free man, to set up in business for himself. (Common), "*burying a moll*," forsaking a wife or mistress.

**Bus** (common), abbreviation of omnibus.

An experiment was recently made of a female omnibus conductor on the new line

between Piccadilly Circus and King's Cross. She only lasted a day. Most probably she met with an offer of marriage and closed her connection with one *bus* to get another as legitimate.—*London Court Journal*.

(Theatrical), contraction of "business." Pronounced *biz*. The dramatic action of a play is described in all written parts as *bus*. The dumb show described in Hamlet is all *biz*. *Biz* is also applied to the commercial affairs of the theatre, as "good *biz*" or "bad *biz*." (Anglo-Indian), *bus!* "Enough!" "Hold hard!" "Stop there!" "That will do!" "Hold your horses!"

(American), "to *buss*," to punch, probably from "burst." "I'll *buss* your head" is a common threat.

**Bushed** (up country Australian), lost in the bush or uncleared country primarily, and hence bewildered.

Despard was on these occasions always accompanied by one of the boys, for John feared that he might get *bushed*; but he himself and the other boy went separately.—*A. C. Grant*.

(Common), "*bushed on*," much pleased. "I am awfully *bushed on*," that takes my fancy.

(Old slang), applied to a poor man without money. "He's completely *bushed*," *i.e.*, destitute.

**Bushel, to** (American), to repair garments. German *büszzen*, to mend, hence "busheler," a