

**Get against the game, to** (American), a term borrowed from poker, but in general use to signify taking risks in anything.

**Get a grind on any one, to** (American), to have a joke on a man, to play a trick, or to have "a good story" to tell against him, it being a popular belief that anything which annoys, pains, or vexes a person is "smart," or witty.

**Get a hat, to** (cricketers), to bowl three wickets in three consecutive balls; originally one was supposed to be presented with a new cocked hat when he had achieved the feat.

**Get a set on, to** (Australian popular), to have a spite against. This is a variation of the English "to make a dead-set against."

**Get at, to** (racing), to put *hors-de-combat*, to corrupt. "Getting at" meant originally getting access to a horse to injure it, but it has also been transferred to those connected with the horse, the owner, the trainer, the jockey, the veterinary surgeon. Applied to them it meant the same as "get round," or "square," i. e., to corrupt into not running the horse fairly. From this it has been applied to any kind of corruption. For instance rabid Tories have accused Mr. Gladstone of having been *got at* by the Irish Americans.

"You see, sir," he explained, "there are no end of loafing vagabonds about that 'ere Yering; who knows but what some of 'em might take it into their heads to *get at* him."—*A. C. Grant.*

**Get away** (American), a locomotive, called in English popular slang a "puffer." Also a railway train.

**Get back into your box!** (American), be quiet, silence!

**Get behind a man, to** (common), to indorse a man's bill.

**Get even with, to** (common), to revenge one's self.

Those who think this country fails to *get even with* France for her unjust discrimination against American pork possibly have never heard a graduate of an American young ladies' boarding-school mangling French. The revenge is terrible.—*American Newspaper.*

**Get off a keen, to** (American cadet), to make a witty remark.

**Get one cold, to** (American), to have a man at advantage, to "best him," to "have him dead to rights," To pin a man down, or to catch him. To get one foul (MS. Americanisms).

**Get-penny** (old slang), a paying speculation. It occurs in Kirkman's "Wits or Sports upon Sports" (1673).

**Get set, to** (cricket), to begin to play well, when the batsman is "getting his eye in."