

every dollar of his money. If you want to sass a railroad man don't go higher than a train hand.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Go-to-meetings (common), Sunday clothes.

Go to smash, to (common), to fail entirely, to be ruined.

Jay Gould and Sullivan have reached our shores,
To rest, they say, a little on their oars.

The first, the champion of the "vast Wabash,"

Makes millions when his railroads go to smash.

—*Financial News*.

Go under, to (American), a Western euphemism for death. Of Indian origin, and allusive of being put under the grass of the waving prairie, and also, it may be, sometimes of being under the knee of a conquering enemy. The idea and process of reasoning is the same as when the German uses *untergehen* to signify to perish.

Poor Hawkeye felt that his time had come, and knowing that he must go under sooner or later, he determined to sell his life dearly.—*Hawkeye, the Iowa Chief*.

Go upon the dub (thieves), to go upon a housebreaking expedition; to open or pick the lock or fastenings of a door. *Vide DUB*. *Dub* occurs in Ophelia's song in *Hamlet*—"Dub the chamber door."

Gourock ham (Scotch), a salt herring. From Gourock on the

Clyde, formerly a great fishing village. Termed also "Billingsgate pheasant," or "Yarmouth capon."

Government sign-post (old), the gallows.

Governor (popular), a mode of addressing an unknown person. In French *bourgeois* or *patron*. (Common), my *governor*, my father.

Gowk (prison), a countryman. Also a provincialism meaning both cuckoo and fool.

Gowler (sporting), a deep-mouthed dog; a howler. To "gowle" is a provincialism for to howl. French, *gueuler*.

Gowns (journalistic), University student.

The first at Cambridge had a good game with the Varsity, the *gowns* just winning by a goal to love.—*Football News*.

Grab (common), grasping. In the United States a *grab* means a robbery or "a steal."

"Papa," said the son of a saloon-keeper, "what does jumping at a conclusion mean?" "Grabbing the last piece of lunch on the counter," was the reply.

(Cards), a boisterous game of chance played with cards.

Grabbers (popular), the hands. "Land grabbers" is a phrase that has lately come into popular use