

**Gully-raker** (up-country Australian), a cattle-whip. The metaphor is doubtless that of a man walking down the centre of a gully, and commanding both sides of it with his lash, like a man "covering" the whole net at lawn tennis when he stands close up to volley.

As the day wore on they overtook bullock-drays lurching along heavily in the ruts of the road, the little keg of water at the tail-board swinging as if it would wrench out the staple it hung by, and the driver appealing occasionally to some bullock or other by name, following up his admonition by a sweeping cut of his *gully-raker*, and a report like a musket-shot.—*A. C. Grant: Bush-Life in Queensland.*

**Gulph or gulf, to** (university), to disqualify. *Vide GULF.*

But I'm not going to let them *gulph* me a second time; though, they ought not to plough a man who's been at Harrow.—*C. Bede: Verdant Green.*

**Gulsh** (provincial), "hold your *gulsh*," be quiet, hold your tongue.

**Gum** (University and American), a trick, deception. "He was speaking of the 'moon hoax' which *gummed* so many learned philosophers." Also "gum-mation." The author of "A Tour through College" says: "Our reception to college ground was by no means the most hospitable, considering our unacquaintance with the manners of the place, for, as poor 'Fresh,' we soon found ourselves subject to all manner of sly tricks and

'gum-mations' from our predecessors the sophs."

(Common), abusive language, chatter.

There's no occasion to bows out so much unnecessary *gum* . . . you had much better clap a stopper on your tongue.—*Smollett: Peregrine Pickle.*

To *gum*, to humbug or deceive.

**Gum-gum** (Anglo-Indian), a kind of small drum or gong. "We had supposed this word to be an invention of the late Charles Dickens, but it seems to be a real Indian or Anglo-Indian word" (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

**Gummagy** (common), to be *gummagy*, to be of a snarling, scolding disposition. Dickens has the character of Mrs. Gummage in one of his works, the name of whom he evidently coined from this slang expression in the same way that he gave the surname of "Twist," *i.e.*, large appetite, to Oliver.

**Gummer** (popular), explained by quotation.

I was given to understand that the first practice a fighting pup had was with a good old *gummer*—that is to say, with a dog which had been a good one in his day, but now was old and toothless.—*J. Greenwood: Low-Life Deeps.*

**Gummie** (popular), a simpleton, a dull-headed fellow.

**Gummy** (popular), a person who has lost all his teeth and has nothing but gums to "flash," *i.e.*, to show. (University), to