

feel *gummy*, to be in a perspiration. (Thieves), *gummy*, medicine.

Gump (American), a stupid person. "You great *gump*."

Gumption (common), capacity, comprehension, intelligence; *rumgumption*, great intelligence or capacity. *Gaum* is a Yorkshire word for comprehension or understanding. *Gumption* is a recognised word in Lowland Scotch, and not considered to be slang.

Gumptious (common), conceited.

There's *gumption* and *gumptious*!
Gumption is knowing; but when I say
that *sum un* is *gumptious*, I mean . . .
sum un who does not think small beer of
hissself.—*Lytton: My Novel*.

Gum-smasher (popular), a dentist.

They were *fiances*, and proposed to celebrate the occurrence by having a few of her less showy molars uprooted at his expense. When the *gum-smasher* had got to work he found it was rather a tougher job than he had anticipated.—*Sporting Times*.

Gumsucker (Australian popular), a young Australian "native" (white), so called, it is said, from their habit of eating the gum of the wattle tree, an acacia gum very much resembling, in its astringent qualities and its general appearance, the gum arabic of commerce.

Our colonial lads showed their right to the appellation of *gumsucker* by chewing the transparent lumps that depended from

the silver-wattles, one of the prettiest of our indigenous acacias.—*T. L. Work: "An Expedition to Hall's Gap," in the "Australian Printer's Keepsake."*

Gumsuck, to (American), to humbug or deceive.

Gum-tickler (common), a dentist.

Gum-tree (nautical), "he has seen his last *gum-tree*," it is all up with him.

Gun (popular), a thief, an abbreviation of "gonoph," which see.

And this here artful dodger was

A very artful *gun*,
He sneaked the heart of Rachel and
Once more poor Roger's done.

—*T. Browne: False Rachel*.

(American), to *gun*, to make a violent effort, to try hard to produce an effect. "Gunning a stock," says Bartlett, "is to use every art to produce a 'break,' when it is known that a certain house is heavily supplied, and would be unable to resist an attack." As it is a New York word, it may possibly be allied to the Dutch *gono*, which means a violent push, or attack. As the word implies secretly obtaining information, or finding out, it may also be derived from the old English *gun*, which has the same meaning.

Gunned (American detective), examined.

Gunner (army), an artillery officer.