

with it. "It is," says the Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, "a Chinese and gypsy word, meaning to dress a man in bamboos to teach him swimming." As the gypsies never had intercourse with China, and as the explanation is utterly unintelligible and irrelevant, the etymology must be reckoned imaginative, to say the least of it. "Hotten, with others, credits *bamboozle* to the gypsies; as *bambhornā* is Hindu for to humbug, and as the terminative *āsel* is used in Romany, it is possible that *bamboozle* is the Hindu word gypsified."—*C. G. Leland: MS. Gypsy Notes.*

Banagher, to bang.

Banco or bunko steerer or roper (American), a sharper, a confidence-trick man.

The *roper* or the *banco steerer* gentleman is one and the same animal, and he will find you out the morning after you land in Chicago or St. Louis. He will accost you—very friendly, wonderfully friendly—when you come out of your hotel, by your name, and he will remind you—which is most surprising considering you never set eyes on his face before—how you have dined together in Cincinnati, or it may be Orleans, or perhaps Francisco, because he finds out where you came from last. And he will shake hands with you; and he will propose a drink; and he will pay for that drink. And presently he will take you somewhere else, among his pals, and he will strip you so clean that there won't be left the price of a four-cent paper to throw around your face and hide your blushes.—*The Golden Butterfly.*

(Charterhouse School), *banco*, evening school.

Bandanna (Anglo-Indian). Hotten says of this word that it was originally a peculiar kind of silk handkerchief, but is now a slang word, denoting all kinds of "stooks," "wipes," and "foggles," and in fact the generic term for a kerchief. In the United States it is specially applied to a kind of cotton or muslin handkerchief from Madras, much worn by women of colour, especially old-fashioned or elderly ones, wrapped about the head. The American *bandanna* is invariably made of yellow and red in cross stripes.

This term is properly applied to the rich yellow or red silk handkerchief with diamond spots left white by pressure applied to prevent their receiving the dye. The etymology may be gathered from Shakespeare's Dictionary, which gives *bāndānā*, a mode of dyeing in which the cloth is tied in different places, to prevent the parts from receiving the dye. "Sir Horace Fogle is about to be raised to the peerage as Baron Bandanna" (*Vanity Fair*, ii. c. 52.)—*Anglo-Indian Glossary.*

Banded (popular), hungry; literally, bound up. From the notion that to appease the pangs of hunger, one must tighten his belt.

Bandero (American), widow's weeds.—*New York Slang Dictionary.*

Bandog (old), a bailiff or his assistant.

B. and S. (common), brandy and soda.

"And now, wife of mine, I wonder whether your domestic handiness would