

freely. Bartlett gives *bang-up* as American, but it has long been common in England, where it originated. "Bangs Banagher," beats the world.

**Bang up to the mark** (popular), in fine or dashing style.

**Bangy** (Winchester) brown; brown clothes considered as vulgar; brown sugar. Probably from *bangy*, dull, gloomy, an adjective used in Essex.

**Bangy-wallah** (Anglo-Indian), a carrier of parcels.

The lady's luggage was particularly scant, and the *bangy-wallahs*, as they are called, who carry the boxes, had an easy time of it.—*Mark Lemon: Falkner Lyle.*

**Banjee** (Anglo-Indian), a band of music.

**Banjo**, the name given by the patients in one at least of the London hospitals to a bed-pan, from its somewhat fanciful resemblance to the well-known and now fashionable musical instrument.

**Bank, to** (thieves'), to put in a place of safety. "To *bank* the swag," to secure the booty. Also, to *bank* is to go shares.—*Hotten.*

**Bankers** (old), clumsy boots and shoes.

**Bankrupt cart** (old), a one-horse chaise; so called, it is said, by Lord Mansfield, from being

so frequently used on Sunday jaunts by extravagant tradesmen.

**Bank sneak** (American), "*bank sneak* thieves," men of education, good address, and faultless attire, who in gangs of three or four engage the attention of the officers of a bank while one of their number commits a robbery. No thieves are so dangerous, or so much dreaded.

**Banners** (American), newsboys' slang. The word is explained in the following extract from the *Chicago Tribune*:—

"Oh, I say, Figsy," cried one, "ain't yer gittin' stood off a good deal on yer *banner* this week?"

"Yer'd better dry up, Slimmy, or may be yer wouldn't like me to mention how yer sponges yer eatin's."

"Eatin's," explained the matron, "are the meals which they get down-town. *Banners* are the fees which they pay for their meals and lodgings at the home. That word is in use all over the United States, and I have never found a newsboy yet who could tell me where it came from."

**Banter, to** (American). The preliminary discussion or *pour-parler* which precedes a bargain is called a *banter* or *bantering*. It is derived from *banter*, to make a jest of or to challenge.

CHATHAM, N.C., Nov. 15, 1886.—A white man named Moore was sent to the chain-gang on Saturday for having traded wives with another man. When Judge Gilmer asked him what he had to say why sentence should not be passed, he replied that he did not know his act was a