

Bet, you (American), you may be sure of it, you may safely bet that it is true.

We reached the settlement of *Ubet*. The name had been selected from the slang phrase so laconically expressive of "You may be sure I will." . . . A night marauder took advantage of a good moon to place a ladder against a window, hoping to secure the property of a gentleman asleep within the chamber. As he lifted the window and put his head in the gentleman woke up, and with great promptness presented his six-shooter, shouting out, "You get!" With equal promptness the detected thief exclaimed, "*You bet!*" and slid down the ladder,—*et procul in tenuem ex oculis evanuit auram.*—*Alex. Stavelly Hill: From Home to Home.*

Bever (obsolete), a slight repast between meals, an afternoon lunch, a meal eaten in a hurry. It was in use at the English and American universities. At the former the *bevers* consisted of a portion of bread and an allowance of beer laid out in the hall in the afternoon, a break of a quarter of an hour in school time being allowed in summer for this refreshment. The peculiar nature of the repast was a relic of the old founders' days. Old English *bever*, a drinking; from the old French *bevre*, to drink.

Bevy or **bevali** (common), beer; abbreviation of beverage. Gypsy *pivi*, drink; Slavonian *pivo*, beer. Other appellations for beer are "gatter, oil of barley, bug juice, ponjello"; and were it the best of Bass's it is termed by boarding-school boys "swipes."

Bewer (tinkers' slang), a woman. "Misli to my *bewer*"—"Write (*i. e.*, go or send) to my woman." Young *bew'r*, a girl.

B flats (popular), bugs.

Mrs. B. beheld one night a stout negro of the flat-backed tribe, known among comic writers as the *B flats*, stealing up toward the head of the people.—*Household Words.*

Bheesty (Anglo-Indian), a water-carrier. "The universal word in the Anglo-Indian households of Northern India for the domestic who supplies the family with water, carrying it in a mussuck or goat's skin on his back. No class of men is so diligent, so faithful, unobtrusive, and so uncomplaining as the *bhistia*."—*Anglo-Indian Glossary.*

Here comes a seal carrying a porpoise on its back. No! it is only our friend the *bheesty*.—*In my Indian Garden.*

Bible (nautical), a hand axe; also a square piece of freestone to grind the deck with sand in cleaning it; a small holystone, so called from seamen using them kneeling.—*Admiral Smyth.*

Bible carrier (common), a person who sells songs without singing them (Hotten).

Bible-clerk (Winchester), a college prefect who has to read the lessons in chapel, to keep order in school, to open the doors for masters, to keep up the fire, and assist at flogging. He holds his office for a week at a time. *Bible-clerks* come into