

Booby-hutch (thieves), the police-station.

Booby-trap (Winchester), the door of a room is left open, and on the top are placed some big books and a wet sponge, so that when it is pushed the whole falls on the head of whoever opens it. This time-honoured species of practical joking is not confined to Winchester.

Books were closed, *booby-traps* scattered, sofa-pillows restored to their legitimate places.—*Chambers's Journal*.

Boodgeriee (Australian bush slang), a blackfellow's word for "good," incorporated into the slang of the white. Used principally in the pidgin-English, in which the whites carry on their conversation with the blacks. A very common word.

What was his fate then might be mine in a few minutes. I determined to keep still and wait for what might turn up. Presently I heard bushes rustling some distance behind, and the voice of a black-fellow, uttering in that strange tone in which the wild savage first pronounces English words—*boodgeriee* (white fellow, good, good white fellow).—*A. C. Grant: Bush Life in Queensland*.

Boodle (American), booty, profit, perquisites, plunder. Commonly used with regard to government transactions, contracts, &c., by which the public are cheated.

'Twas Yankee doodle once I swore,
But it is Yankee *boodle* now.
—*American Paper*.

This word in the United States is applied among thieves only to counterfeit or bad money. The

boodle carrier is the man who carries the counterfeit or "queer," while the shover passes it off. "At the first sign of trouble the *boodle* carrier vanishes, leaving nothing to criminate his com-rogue" (New York Slang Dictionary).

(American political), *boodle* explained by quotation.

In the States the money used for electioneering purposes is known as *boodle*, "sinews of war," and "living issues."—*Cornhill Magazine*.

Boodle has also the signification of property, wealth; unquestionably from the Dutch *boedel*, household stuff. Also an estate left by persons deceased. (Popular), a stupid noodle (Murray).

Book (literary), the libretto of an opera.

This piece will be followed by a new comic opera called "Compère Guillery," by H. Perry, the *book* being by Messrs. Julian Perry and Paul Burani.—*Sporting Times*.

(Turf), an arrangement of bets against certain horses marked in a pocket-book made for that purpose. "Making a *book* upon it," is a common phrase that a man is prepared to lay the odds against the horses in a race. "That does not suit my *book*," i.e., does not accord with my other arrangements (Hotten).

Booked (common), disposed of, caught.

Book-form (turf), the relative powers of speed or endurance of race-horses as gauged by the