

become, any person can at once call them to order by referring to it. In a letter from the Hub to the *Chicago Tribune* there is a detailed and apparently perfectly truthful narrative of two "ladies," or at least "women of wealth," who began to quarrel furiously in a shop over a counter for a shilling handkerchief. The bystanders, and finally all the people in the place, were soon in a furious row, when a tall, dignified man, observing that there was a stranger present, restored quiet as by a miracle. All that he did was to utter in an absent-minded way, "*Boston culchaw—ahem!*" There was a sudden silence—a marked sensation, as if an electric current had in a second struck every heart—and the ladies, forgetting the handkerchief, at once retreated. It is said that the police experience no difficulty in stopping dog-fights, "plug-masses," or rows in the lowest taverns; they have but to cry, "Is *this* aesthetic? Is *this* becoming *Boston*?" Happy the city whose detractors can find in it no worse subject of ridicule than its devotion to culture.

**Botany Bay** (Oxford), a name for Worcester College, Oxford, given in reference to the situation of the building, which is at some distance from the centre of the town.

(Prison slang), penal servitude generally, but going out of use,

as transportation, which began in 1787, ceased in 1867. *Botany Bay* (now known as New South Wales) first received convicts in 1787.

**Botch** (old), a nickname for a tailor. From to *botch*, to patch up clumsily.

**Bottle** (sporting), it turned out no *bottle*, did not turn out well, failed. (Popular), *bottle-headed*, stupid.

**Bottle-arsed** (printers), type that is thickened at the bottom or feet is thus described. This circumstance arises from the fact of it being worn by continual impression, and sometimes hastened by improper "planing" down or levelling, preparatory to laying the form on for printing.

**Bottle-holder** (pugilistic), one of the seconds attending a prize fight in the ring, who takes charge of the water bottle and holds the combatant on his knees between the rounds, whilst the other sponges and otherwise attends to him.

Lord Palmerston was so nicknamed after a speech he made when Foreign Secretary.

The noble Lord told the deputation that the past crisis was one which required on the part of the British Government much generalship and judgment, and that a good deal of judicious *bottle-holding* was obliged to be brought into play. The phrase *bottle-holding*, borrowed from the prize-