

Brandy coatee, brandy (Anglo-Indian), a cloak, a coat for the rain.

Barani-kurti seems to be a kind of hybrid shaped by the English word "coat," though *kurti* and *kurta* are true Persian words for various forms of jacket and tunic.—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

Brandy-faced (popular), red faced. Is generally said of one who is in the habit of drinking spirits in excess.

Brandy pawnee (Anglo-Indian and English gypsy), brandy and water. From *pānī*, Hindu and Romany, for water. In England "parny" is a common slang word for water.

I'm sorry to see you, gentlemen, drinking *brandy pawnee*. It plays the deuce with our young men in India.—*Thackeray: The Newcomes*.

Bran-mash (army), bread broken up and soaked in coffee or tea at breakfast, or the evening meal, which consists of dry bread only, as the regular ration, men in funds adding red herrings, eggs, and other savoury condiments according to choice. See FLOATING BATTERIES.

Brass (colloquial), impudence, "cheek," from the immovable hard-set countenance of a bold, impudent person, the *front d'airain* of the French expression abbreviated into *avoir le front de . . .*, to have the audacity.

She in her defence made him appear such a rogue upon record, that the Chief

Justice wondered he had the *brass* to appear in a Court of Justice.—*North: Examen*.

It is said of an impudent person that his face has been "rubbed with a *brass* candlestick," or that he is as "bold as *brass*."

"He died damned hard, and as bold as *brass*," an expression commonly used among the vulgar after returning from an execution.—*George Parker: Dictionary of Cant*.

(Popular), money generally.

But my *brass* all went to
Old Nick, and the rent too,
For I backed Sorrento—
No Sunday dinner.

—*Bird o' Freedom*.

"It's no good being proper in this world," said the first housemaid. "*Brass* can do better than the gold what has stood the fire," said the second.—*Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

Brass bound and copper fastened (nautical), a term applied to a midshipman when in uniform.

Brasser (Blue Coat School), a bully.

Brass knocker, a phrase used among professional beggars and tramps to signify the broken victuals, which they unwillingly receive instead of money, and commonly throw away on the roadside as soon as they are out of sight of the donors.

Brassy (popular), impudent.

No, Mister Gattle, Betty was too *brassy*,
We never keep a servant that is saucy.
—*Wolcot: Peter Pindar*.