

Brazen-faced (common), impudent, shameless. See BRASS.

Bread, or hard tack (nautical), biscuit. *Bread* being termed "soft tack."

Bread-and-butter fashion (prostitutes), that is, one (slice) upon another. It was said of two persons caught in the act that "they were lying bread-and-butter fashion."

Bread-and-butter warehouse (old cant), Ranelagh Gardens was so called. See BREAD-AND-BUTTER FASHION.

Bread and meat (military), the commissariat.

Bread bags (army), those connected with the victualling department. Formerly termed "muckers;" French soldiers call them *riz-pain-sel*.

Bread barge (nautical), the tray in which biscuit is handed round.

Bread-basket (popular), the stomach.

. . . The point of a sharp instrument driven right through, close to my knees, with the exclamation, "What do you think of that now in a policeman's bread-basket!"—*C. Kingsley: Alton Locke*.

When you can't fill the *bread-basket*, shut it: go to sleep.—*Reade: Never too late to Mend*.

Bread-picker (Winchester), a nominal office, excusing the holder from fagging.

Bread-room (nautical), an old term for stomach.

The waiter returned with a quartern of brandy, which Crowe . . . started into his *bread-room* at one cant.—*Smollett: L. Greaves*.

Bread-room jack (nautical), purser's steward help.

Break (prison), a collection made in aid of one awaiting trial or recently discharged. Literally, pause in street performance when the hat goes round.

The mob got me up a *break* (collection), and I got between five or six foont (sovereigns).—*Rev. J. Horsey: Jottings from Jail*.

Break or crack one's egg, to (cricketers), to make one's first run, thus avoiding the "duck's egg."

Breaking the balls (billiards), commencing the game.

Breaking up of the spell, the (thieves), explained by quotation. *Vide SPELL*.

The breaking up of the spell is the nightly termination of the performance at the Theatre Royal, which is regularly attended by pickpockets of the lower order, who exercise their vocation about the doors and avenues leading thereto, until the house is emptied and the crowd dispersed.—*Vaux's Memoirs*.

Break o' day drum, a tavern which is open all night.

Break out all over (American), a common slang phrase, borrowed from the medical vocabulary. Thus if a man were in a great