

Brumby (Australian), a wild horse.

Brummagem (common), Birmingham, applied to anything vulgar or counterfeit.

Those may be *Brummagem* or Manchester manners, but they won't go down here.—*Rhoda Broughton: Cometh up as a Flower.*

Never let yourself be deceived by *Brummagem* and paste.—*Miss Thackeray: Old Kensington.*

He whipped out his *Brummagem* blade so keen,

And he made three slits in the buffalo's hide,

And all its contents, through the rents and the vents,

Come tumbling out,—and away they all hied!

—*Ingoldsby Legends.*

Brummagem was originally spelled *Bromidgham*, and its first connection with anything spurious or sham came from the so-called Bromidgham groat, a counterfeit fourpenny piece. It was subsequently applied to a person who was neither Whig nor Tory (Halliwell).

Brummagem buttons (popular), counterfeit coin.

Want change for a fiver—bad silver, *Brummagem buttons*, won't do.—*Dickens: Pickwick Papers.*

Brums (Stock Exchange), London and North Western Railway stock.

We kneel at the feet of our "Nancys,"
We load them with "cottons" and
"tapes,"

If anything tickles our fancy,
We buy them *Brums*, "Caleys," or
"Apes."

—*Atkin: House Scraps.*

(Popular), the inhabitants of Birmingham. From "*Brummagem*."

The *Brums* must really look to the morals of their town a little more.—*Modern Society.*

Joe Capp is the most sensibly dressed man who goes racing. He wears a long, cool-looking alpaca surtout; but it was rough on Joe, after losing fourteen thick 'uns at Four Oaks, when a *Brum*, whom he elbowed out of the way, remarked—

"Don't think you're heverybody because you make your coat hout o' the pore bloomink slavey's Sunday skirt."—*Sporting Times.*

Brung (American), brought. A writer on Americanisms is slightly mistaken in saying that white men use it as a "very mild joke." It is very often a stinging insult, and the writer has seen a man in Boston very angry because he was asked in jest, "Where were you *brung* up?" The insult was in the intimation that the man was familiar with or in the habit of using such an expression.

Brush (popular), a house-painter.

Brush, to have a (old), to have sexual intercourse, when applied to women; also to run away.

Brusher (old slang), a bumper. "To drink a *brusher*" was to drink from a full glass. (Schools), an abbreviation of "bum-brusher," a schoolmaster.

Brush up, to (American), to humbug or flatter, to smooth, conciliate. Brushing up a flat,