

"prancing," flattering (New York Slang Dictionary).

Brydport dagger (old), explained by quotation.

Stab'd with a *Brydport dagger*, that is, hang'd or executed at the gallows; the best, if not the most, hemp (for the quantity of ground) growing about Brydport.—*Fuller: Dorset Worthies.*

Bub, bubbly (American), a term very commonly applied to a little boy. It came from Pennsylvania, where it was derived from the German *bube*, which is commonly abbreviated to *bub*.

"'Bub,' he said to a little shaver coming out of the savings-bank with a book in his hand, 'are you saving money?'"

"'Yes, sir.'"

"'How much have you got in the bank?'"

"'Eight cents, sir. I did have thirteen, but father got in straitened financial circumstances and I had to draw five.'"

Bub (thieves), strong malt liquor; generally drink.

Ay, *bub* and grubby, I say.

Lots of gatter, quo' she, are flowing.

—*W. Maginn: Vidocq's Slang Song.*

Also a brother.

Bubber (American), applied to any woman (old or young) with full, well-rounded breasts, or *bubbies*, whence the term.

Bubble-buff (old), a bailiff.

Bubbly jock (popular), a turkey; a stupid, boasting person.

Bubbling squeak (army), hot soup. Properly, *bubble and squeak* is a dish composed of pieces of cold

boiled meat and greens, afterwards fried, which have thus first bubbled in the pot, and then hissed or squeaked in the pan.

Bubs, bubbies (common), a woman's breasts. From *bub*, drink.

Buck. This almost obsolete word, for what the French called a *petit-maitre*, and more recently *daim* (literally *buck*), has been gradually superseded by "blood," "dandy," "maccaroni," "swell," "Bond Street lounge," "exquisite," "dude," and "masher."

(American, cards), a device for securing a good ante at poker or brag. The player whose turn it is to ante, instead of putting up money, puts up a knife, key, or any small article, saying, "I ante a *buck* worth \$5," or whatever sum he chooses to name. If he has not won it back himself when he retires, he must redeem it from the possessor at the price named. The peculiarity of the *buck* is that whoever holds it must ante it when it comes to his turn. Whenever it is desired to bring the game to a close, a good finish is secured by agreeing to "chase the *buck* home," *i.e.*, whoever wins it has the next deal, and consequently antes it. The game stops as soon as the *buck* has been won back by the player who originally started it.

(Cabdrivers), a sham "fare"