

that are a perfect pest in the more antiquated barracks, especially in warm climates.

Bugging (American), taking money from a thief by a policeman. This indicates the existence of an old word "bug" for money as well as valuables. In Dutch slang, *bucht* is money.

Buggy (old cant), a leather bottle. It now signifies a gig or light chaise.

Bug hunter (thieves), a thief who plunders drunken men.

Bug juice (army), ginger ale. In America applied to very bad whiskey.

Bugle it, to (American cadet), to abstain from attending class and reciting until the bugle sounds for attention.

Bug walk (popular), a bed.

Build, to (or it) (American), said of a man who is slow to move, or of an affair which requires great exertion. It is taken from a boy's trick of putting a coal under a tortoise to make it walk.

"I have a letter of introduction to Mr. Samuel Slump," said a stranger in a Western town to a citizen. "Can you tell me if he is a man of drinking habits?" "Wall, stranger," replied the citizen, expectorating copiously, "I wouldn't go so fur as to say that Sam is a hard drinker, but I reckon if you ask him to go an' take suthin', you won't have to *build a fire under him* to git him started."

(Nautical), to "*build a chapel*" is to turn a ship round through bad steering.

Building spots for sale (American), used of any imperfect person or thing.

Built that way (common), "not *built that way*," not in one's line.

Black Moustache addresses the divinity as "Popsie," and she calls him "Bob." During the evening they have *impromptu* dancing. Smith can't dance; he isn't *built that way*, and Miss Jones says that Black Moustache waltzes delightfully. All of which means that the following week is one of agony for young S., who moodily meditates leaving England for ever, and straightway abjures the harmless necessary shave.—*Bird o' Freedom*.

Bulgarian atrocity (Stock Exchange), Varna and Rutchuk Railway 3 per cent. obligations.

And we've really quite a crew
Of fancy names to represent a share . . .
But fancy, by the way,
Now, in the present day,
A Varna's a *Bulgarian atrocity*.
—*Atkin: House Scraps*.

Bulge (American), properly to *bulge* is to swell out, and *bulge* is a swelling or belly. In the United States the words are extended and amplified in many ways. Thus there is a story of a man who, being tried for shooting his neighbour, pleaded that he had only aimed at the *bulge* of his shirt where it "bagged out" above his trousers. "To get the *bulge*" on a man, appears to mean to have the better of him. As *bulge* conveys the idea of swelling or inflation

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