

bidoche, for meat, from *bidet*, a pony.

(Stock Exchange), explained by first quotation.

Berliner is puzzled by the terms *bull* and "bear," that he often sees in the papers in connection with the Stock Exchange. . . . These terms are as old as the time of the South Sea Bubble, 1710. A man who contracted to sell stock of which he was not possessed was called a "bear," in allusion to the proverb, "Selling the skin before you have caught the bear," and he who bought, without intending to receive the stock, was called a *bull*, by way of distinction. To *bull* the market is now to raise the price of stock when operating for a sale, while to "bear" it is to use every effort to depress the price of stock in order to buy it.

So was the huntsman by the bear oppressed,

Whose hide he sold before he caught the beast.

—*Tit Bits*.

A man was complaining that he had lost all his money through gambling on the Stock Exchange. A friend ventured to ask him if he had been a *bull* or a "bear"? and was told "Neither, I was an ass."—*Atkin: House Scraps*.

(American thieves), a locomotive.

. . . Had just touched a bloke's leather as the *bull* bellowed for the last time.—*On the Trail*.

Bull and cow (rhyming slang), a row.

Bull-dance (nautical), a dance without women; also called a "stag-dance."

Bull-dog (university), one of the duties of the university proctors is to promenade the town in search of offending undergraduates. Certain men, who are

termed *bull-dogs*, accompany him. Their duty is to chase the offender, whose ingenuity in evading capture gives rise to many amusing stories. Many a long race too often ends in finding their prey is an outsider, whom they have no interest in catching.

The proctor's satellites, vulgarly called *bull-dogs*.—*Macmillan's Magazine*.

I don't mean the college *bull-dogs*, they don't interfere with us, only with women.

—*H. Mayhew: London Labour and the London Poor*.

(Old slang), a pistol, now a short thick revolver.

"I have always a brace of *bull-dogs* about me." . . . So saying, he exhibited a very handsome, highly-finished, and richly mounted pair of pistols.—*Sir W. Scott: St. Ronan's Well*.

(Nautical), the great gun which stands "housed" in the officers' wardroom cabin. General term for main-deck guns.

Bull-dog blazer (American), a short thick revolver.

The manager laid down a large cane he had in his hand, and picked up instead a trusty *bull-dog blazer*, as he said—

"Young man, I don't think you can be of any service to me, and you'd better slide."

"Assuredly; but you don't happen to have a shilling you could lend me?"

"No, I don't," and the manager cocked the revolver.

"Well, say; let me into the show, will you?"—*Green Room*.

Bull-doze, to (American), to compel a person to do anything, or to influence his conduct by cruelty or brute force. It is