

derived from a Southern word meaning a whip or cowhide, or species of "kurbatch," made from the *glans penis* of a bull. It is said that negroes were whipped almost to death with this, or *bull-dozed* to make them vote the Democratic ticket. It is now extensively used in the United States, to express compulsion of any kind, especially in politics.

**Bull-dozer** (American), a revolver. Used to mean a persuader, something to enforce an argument by personal violence. *Vide* BULL-DOZE.

**Bullet** (army), discharge upon the spot, without a moment's notice.

(Printers), see DRY-UP, and QUI. According to Savage's "Dictionary of the Art of Printing," 1841, a workman was said to have got the *bullet* when he was discharged *instantly*—without the customary notice on either side.

**Bullets** (cards), in American brag, are aces; sometimes called white aces, in contradistinction to aces made up by holding braggers. The highest hand in the game is three white (or real) aces, the next highest is "two *bullets* and a bragger," which cannot, of course, occur in the same round in which three real aces are held, though another player may hold two other *bullets* and a bragger at the

same time. Hence the expression "the serene confidence which a Christian feels in the three white aces."

**Bullfinch** (provincial), a corruption of "bull fence," a stiff fence able to keep bulls out of or in a field.

The third fence was a *teazer*, an ugly *bullfinch* with a ditch on the landing side.—*Guy Livingstone*.

Also a stupid fellow.

**Bulljine** (nautical) a locomotive is so called by sailors. Termed "bull" by American thieves.

**Bull-money**, a vulgar phrase for money extorted by a chance witness from the man detected in the fields, the woods, the seashore, or other lonely place, in the act of carnal copulation.

**Bullock's heart** (printers), see TOKEN. This is a term of contempt that pressmen apply to a single "token," or order to print, of two hundred and fifty copies only, the lowest paying number in the scale of prices. This expression is due to the circumstance that it is not a "fat" but a "lean" job, hence the comparison to a *bullock's heart*, which, unless suffering from "fatty degeneration," is the essence of leanness.

**Bullock's horn** (rhyming slang), in pawn.

**Bullocky** (Australian, upcountry), a bullock-team driver. In the