

The captain said she was a *bully* boat.—
Mark Twain: Roughing it.

"Now," said he, "Slick, my *bully*, I think I see a smart chance of doin' a considerable stroke of business to Nova Scotia, in the smugglin' line.—*Sam Slick.*

Bully for you, for me, is a commendatory phrase.

That's *bully*, plenty *bully* for me. Just you gimme the hundred dollars.—*Mark Twain: Tom Sawyer.*

This word has two distinct meanings: (1.) A braggart, or a man who terrifies and threatens. (2.) The older form, still common, applied to any person or thing which is pre-eminently excellent, *e.g.*, a *bully* horse, "that's *bully*." The *Bully* Bottom of Shakspeare implies a compliment. In Dutch slang *bol* has the same meaning, a head, a leader; as one might say, the *bully* of the crowd. Also an intelligent person. "Boll, 'een man met eenen goeden kop. Bol van de kit, man, of meester van het huis," *i.e.*, "A man with a good head, the master of a house." The word came into Dutch as it did into German slang, from the German-Hebrew, *bal* meaning literally man, but always used to indicate a master, director, or superior.

(Common), a *bully*, a stone or lump of lead tied in the end of a handkerchief (New York Slang Dictionary).

(Football), a scrimmage.

"Change!" was called, and after the first *bully* the ball was rushed down the ground to the chalk line of good calx,

where a *bully* was formed, after which it was walked into calx and five shies obtained before time was called.—*Sporting Life.*

Bully-beef (army), tinned meat; supposed to be made of old bull. The "iron ration," as it is often called, either from its toughness, or the cases of tin or other metal in which it is preserved. (Nautical), boiled beef.

Bully-boss (American), the landlord of a sporting crib, tavern, or brothel. Derived in all probability from *bully* and *boss*, but also agreeing remarkably, though by chance, with the *baal habos*, or "master of the house" of the Jews, which is commoner as *bal bos*; hence the Dutch thieves' slang, *balleboos* (*bääs*), head man of any kind. This is a very curious instance of words of similar forms derived from radically different sources.

Bully-buck (old slang), a man retained by the keepers of brothels, being paid by them to assist in enforcing exorbitant demands on those frequenting such places. Sometimes it was pretended that they were the husbands of some of the inmates, in order by threats of exposure to extort money from simpletons supposed to have been discovered in *flagrante delicto*.

Bully-cock (old slang), a man who, for the purposes of robbery and theft, fomented a quarrel between people, to cloak his nefarious designs.