

Bullyrag (American and English), to abuse, revile, or scold vehemently. From the Dutch *bulder-ar*, a blusterer; *bulderaren*, to rage, to bluster, to roar; *bulderarig*, blustering, and *raak*, hitting.

Bully-rook or *rock*, a braggart, occurs in Shakspeare, where it is certainly of Dutch origin, *e.g.*, *bulder-brook*, a boisterous fellow. *Bulbra*, Swedish, to make a noise.

The C. C. Well, he's blowing her up; "Look 'ere, Matilda," he sez, "I'm 'anged if they 'aven't bin and let the Throne-room fire out again!" And she sez, "It's no use *bullyraggin'* me, Billiam; speak to the Lord 'Igh Chamberlain about it—it's his business."—*Punch*.

Bully-trap, a trap for bullies and blackguards; applied to a man of mild and gentlemanly appearance and demeanour, who, if attacked by a bully, shows unexpected spirit, courage, and determination, and proves more than a match for his assailant.

Bum (public schools), a birching; termed also a belting. (Army), "cherry bums," the hussars, the allusion being obvious. The French chasseurs go by the nickname of *culs rouges*.

(Obsolete), *bum* or "bummy," a contraction of bum bailiff. Thus called because he follows the man he has to serve with process.

Here lies John Trull, by trade a *bum*;
When he died
The Devil cried,
"Come, John, come."

To *bum*, to arrest a debtor.

The word, according to Blackstone, is a corruption of "bound" bailiff; but this has been denied, as *bum bailiffs* are no more "bound" than other officers of the law to do justice. Todd quotes passages to prove that it arose from the pursuer catching hold of a man by the tail or hinder part of his garment.

Bumble (common), a beadle, from Dickens' character in "Oliver Twist."

Bumble-crew (journalistic), corporation.

Then spake the chairman to the rate-payers:—

The shindy of to-day exposes all
The apish antics of a *bumble crew*,
The worst this town containeth.
—*Punch*.

Bumbo (old), brandy, water, and sugar; also a negro term for the private parts of a woman.

Bum-brusher, an opprobrious name for a schoolmaster.

Dionysius was forced to turn *bum-brusher* in my own defence, a condition which best suited with a man that delighted in tyranny and blood.—*T. Brown: Works*.

Derived from the too common practice of pedagogues who flog boys with or without reason. The historical *bum-brushers* date from the days of James I. of England and VI. of Scotland—whose tutor, Buchanan, had no greater re-