

**Gas** (common), boastful talk, bounce.

"The Frog he would a-wooing go" is excellently done.

By Mr. Henry Gascoigne, at the merry "Marry-ban:"

In wishing him success of it, we one and all may join,

He has so little *gas*, he ought to take a lot of "coigne."

—*FUN.*

To *gas* is to bounce or brag; to give *gas*, to scold or give a beating. (Popular), "none of your old *gas*," do not brag, none of your nonsense. *Gas* in old French (from Latin *gaudere*, signifies a joke, mockery; but there is apparently no connection.

**Gas bag** (common), a man of words and wind, a gasconader. "To gas" and "gassing," as used in America, are the equivalents of the French *blague* and *blague*, German *gastebal*.

**Gas pipes** (printers), bad rollers.

**Gassy** (common), liable to "flare up" at any offence. (American), talkative, bouncing, full of wind. According to Kluge (*Etymologisches Wörterbuch der Deutschen Sprache*) the word "gas" was invented by Van Helmont, the alchemist, who died in 1744.

**Gate-bill** (Oxford University), a list of the names and time of coming in of those who return to College after ten at night.

**Gate-race** (sporting), a mock race got up not so much for the best

runner to win, as for the money taken from the spectators (Hot-ten).

**Gater** (Winchester College), a leap head first into a "pot" or canal lock.

**Gate, to** (University), to punish a student by restricting his freedom of going outside the College gate.

The Dean gave him a book of Virgil to write out, and *gated* him for a fortnight after that.—*T. Hughes: Tom Brown at Oxford.*

**Gathering the taxes** (tailors), calling at workshops when on the road.

**Gating.** *False GATE.*

**Gats** (Shrewsbury school), quantity, number.

They are called up in *gats* of three at a time.—*Everyday Life in our Public Schools.*

**Gatter** (popular), porter.

Lots of *gatter*, quo' she, are flowing,  
Lend me a lift in the family way.

—*William Maginn.*

It has been suggested that the term is from a play on "gater," meaning gate-keeper and porter; or from "gutter," the conduit from which the beer flows in public-houses.

**Gaudy** (Oxford University and Inns of Court), grand feast, from *gaudium*. Also the annual dinner of the fellows of a college in memory of founders and benefactors.