

Get the length of one's foot, to (popular), to understand how to manage a person.

Get the mitten, to (American Universities), to be expelled from college.

(Popular), to be discarded or jilted.

There is a young lady I have set my heart on; though whether she is a goin' to give me hers, or *give me the mitten*, I ain't quite satisfied.—*Sam Slick: Human Nature.*

Get the needle, to (cards), to lose much money at a game. (Common), to get angry.

And fancy my slang being stale, Charlie!
Gives me the needle, that do.

In course I've been in it for years, mate,
and mix up the old and the new;

But if the St. James's young gentleman
fancies hisself on this lay,

I'll "slang" him for glasses all round, him
whose patter fust fails 'im to pay.

—*Funch.*

Get there, to (American), to succeed. A characteristic American expression very freely used in conversation. "The speculation book's rather smoky—but I'll *get there*," means that though the venture is unpromising at present it will prove profitable in the end.

Get there with both feet, to (West American slang), to be very successful.

He said as he'd been gambling, and was two hundred dollars ahead of the town. He *got there with both feet* at starting,

and was eight hundred ahead once, but he played it off at monte.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin.*

Get the run, to (English and Australian), to be discharged.

Get the sack or bag, to (common), to be discharged. As the "bag-man" is the traveller of the firm, very possibly *to get the bag* means to be sent on one's travels. Cf. "get the sack," "get the run." Compare also German "einen korb behommen," to get a basket, to be dismissed.

"Do you know to whom you are talking?" replied the Governor. "No, and I am — if I care," came the answer; and it took all the illustrious personage's powers of persuasion to get the man to take him across. The ferryman now knows who his passenger was. He has *got the sack*.—*Modern Society.*

Getting an' encore (tailors), having to rectify something wrong with your job.

Getting into his wool, wooling him (American), beating a man, assaulting him violently. A simile borrowed from the negroes, who in fighting attack the head and pull the hair.

Chicago traders are *getting into Philadelphia's wool* in fine style.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Getting on (turf), backing a horse for any particular race. The term usually implies a more or less hurried operation.

Getting out (racing), laying against a horse previously