

supposed intentions with regard to a race. The horse, though implicated in the transaction only as a more or less passive instrument, is also thus spoken of.

(Popular), a *go*, a drink; termed formerly a *go-down*.

So they went on talking politics, puffing cigars, and sipping whisky and water, until the *goes*, most appropriately so called, were both gone.—*Sketches by Boz*.

(Thieves), "to *go* the jump," to enter a house by the window.

Go abroad, to (popular and thieves), formerly signified to be transported.

The Artful Dodger *going abroad* for a common twopenny-halfpenny sneeze-box! —*Charles Dickens: Oliver Twist*.

Goads (American), Peter Funks (which see). "Coppers" in gambling houses.

Go along (popular and thieves), a fool, also "go alonger."

Go and bust yourself (roughs), equivalent to "you be blown;" also "go and eat coke."

"*Go and bust yerself—go and eat coke!*"

A hero has spoken. . . .
—*Sporting Times*.

Go and hire a hall (American), a common expression which is very characteristic of a people as familiar with lectures and public discussions as the Americans. It is addressed to a bore who talks a long time, or always on some special subject. Such people who insist on delivering

impromptu lectures are told to *go and hire a hall*.

If you're always dropping chestnuts,
Like the forest in the Fall,
Even though they are the best nuts,
You had better *hire a hall!*
Oh, *go and hire a hall!*
It would please us one and all,
You can splatter at your leisure,
If you *go and hire a hall!*

—*C. Leland Harrison: MS. Collection of Americanisms—Negro Minstrel Ballad*.

Go-ashores (nautical), a seaman's best dress.

Go as you please (athletes), a race in which the competitors may run, walk, or rest as they like. Usually applied to the barbarous six days' "wobbles."

Goatee (American), the peculiar kind of tuft of hair on the chin worn by Americans and Irish Yankees. So called from its similarity to a goat's beard. In French slang *bouc*, *i. e.*, he-goat.

Goater (American), dress.

Gob (popular), a provincialism, but chiefly used by slangy persons, the mouth; a "spank on the *gob*," a blow on the mouth. Saliva or mucus. *Gob* is often used for "gab" in the phrase, "gift of the *gob*." From the Gaelic *gob*, mouth.

Go back upon, to (American), a very curious phrase, equivalent to betray in an unexpected manner, but which has a certain refinement of application which is