

**Goss** (popular), a hat. From *gossamer*. (American), to "give one *goss*," to injure or kill.

**Got 'em all on** (popular), dressed to the height of fashion.

**Gotham, Gothamites** (popular).

The term *Gotham* is satirically applied to the city of New York, and its inhabitants are called *Gothamites*, just as Londoners are called "Cockneys." First so called by Irving, about 1805.

I intend to present you with some phases of life and manners—such things as would strike or interest a stranger in our beloved *Gotham*, and in the places to which regular *Gothamites*—American Cockneys, so to speak—are wont to repair.—*Fraser's Magazine: Sketches of American Society.*

**Got him down close and fine** (American). This means that everything is known about a man. In pugilistic parlance a settling blow.

**Got his gruel** (popular), dead or dying.

Your yokel friend, Mr. Softhead—I know you all, you see—he's *got his gruel*. I rather fancy.—*J. Greenwood: Dick Temple.*

**Got his leg** (tailors), obtained his confidence.

**Got the ball** (tailors), having the advantage.

**Go the gamble, to** (sporting), to make a bet on some match or race.

**Go the whole hog, to.** *Vide Hog.*

**Go the whole pile** (gamesters), an Americanism naturalised in England, to put all one's money on a solitary chance.

**Go through one, to** (thieves), to plunder a helpless man of all valuables upon him; to strip him of all he possesses.

**Go to Bath and get your head shaved.** This phrase denotes mental disorder, and as the waters of Bath were formerly in good repute for the cure of mental derangements, the saying implied that the person so addressed was silly or idiotic, and should *pro bono publico* do something to get cured.

**Go to college, to** (old slang), to go to prison.

**Go to grass** (American), equivalent to saying "rubbish," "clear out," "shut up;" an expression of incredulity, or a hint to be silent or to depart. Said in New England to have been first addressed to Nebuchadnezzar.

**Go to Halifax** (American, but of English origin). It is a saying among sailors—

"From hell, Hull, and Halifax,  
Good Lord deliver us."

A Tennessee manufacturer told the president of a railroad *to go to Halifax*. The president didn't go, but he refused the manufacturer any more cars, took up the switch leading to his premises, and in six months saw the man lose his business and