

**jumps,**" he's gone crazed about the Jubilee.

"Now then, first boy, tell me what beer is made from."

"Hops."

"How do you know that?"

"'Cos it gives you the jumps."

He went down to the bottom of the class, but there is a bright future before him, nevertheless.—*Sporting Times*.

**Jump the game, to** (American).

In gambling or poker slang to raid a gambling den by the police (C. Leland Harrison's MS. Collection of Americanisms).

**Jump, to, to cheat, to steal.** This

word is used in England, but is more common in the United States. During the great civil war it obtained great currency in connection with the impudent frauds of the mercenary adventurers—mostly newly-arrived Irish immigrants—who enlisted in the Federal armies for the conquest of the South, and received large sums as bounty-money, varying from two hundred and fifty to a thousand dollars, according to the needs of the State, and deserted within a few days after receiving it, and played the same game in a distant city, sometimes repeating the process as many as half-a-dozen or a dozen times. These evaders were called "bounty jumpers." To **jump a claim**, in the partially-settled districts of the great West, is to fraudulently attempt to dispossess a squatter who has

the right of occupancy from having first settled upon the land.

One morning his rich "claim," of which the fame had spread, was **jumped**—two men had literally jumped into his pit, and he found them there when he came.—*H. L. Williams: In the Wild West*.

The word was used by Shakespeare in the famous passage wherein Macbeth communes with himself on the expediency of murdering Duncan (*Macbeth*, Act i, sc. 7).

"If the assassination  
Could trammel up the consequence, and  
catch,

With his surcease, success; that but this  
blow

Might be the be-all and the end-all here,  
But here, upon this bank and shoal of  
time,—

We'd **jump** the life to come."

The word is still used by the lowest classes in London, in America, and Australia, among whom "to **jump a crib**" signifies to rob a house; and "to **jump a bloke**" signifies either to cheat him, violently plunder him, ill-treat, or seize.

Anyhow, Doe Gilpin, the marshal, **jumped** him. I was right there when they met.—*F. Francis: Saddle and Moccasin*.

"Sauter" is used in French in the same sense—"faire le saut d'une chose, est voler, ou escamoter une chose." (Popular), to **jump**, to copulate. In French *sauter*.

(Cape settlers), to **jump**, to steal. An English officer camping out was told to take care