

is also applied to young ladies of perfectly virtuous character, but who have been to garrison or military balls for several years. The term was freely used at one time in reference to one of the parties in a noted criminal case.

**Barracking** (Australian), bantering. Probably from the slang term *barrikin*, jargon, speech, or discourse, on account of the "palaver" which traders must hold before they can strike a bargain.

**Barrakin** or **barrikin** (popular), jargon, gibberish; low, unintelligible language.

The high words in a tragedy we call jaw-breakers, and we say we can't tumble to that *barrikin*.—*Mayhew: London Labour and the London Poor*.

From the French *baragouin*, which has the same meaning. It occurs in Rabelais as *baragoin*. "Cheese your *barrikin*," stop talking, shut up.

**Barrel boarder** (American), "a bucket-shop bummer, a low sot" (*New York Slang Dictionary*), evidently derived from sitting about on the barrels in a small shop.

**Barrel fever** (common), the sickness caused by intoxication, sometimes called the bottle-ache, the quart-mania, and the gallon-distemper, all possible precursors of *delirium tremens*.

**Barres** (old), gamblers' term, applied to money lost by them, but which they do not pay.

Whereby they wyl drawe a mannes money but pay none, which they call *barres*.—*Ascham: Toxophilus*.

**Barrick** (American), a common word in Pennsylvania for a hill. From the German *berg*.

Bang, bang! de sharp pistolen shots

Vent pipin by his ear,

Boot he tortled oop de *barrick* road

Like any mountain deer.

—*Breitmann in Politics*.

**Barrow-bunter** (costermongers), female costermonger.

I saw a dirty *barrow-bunter* in the street, cleaning her dusty fruit with her own spittle.—*Smollett: Humphrey Clinker*.

**Barrow-tram** (popular), a term applied jocularly to a raw-boned, awkward-looking person.

**Barter** (Winchester), a *barter* is a ball more generally called a "half volley" by cricketers, from the name of R. S. Barter, a famous cricketer. It has also the signification of a hard hit. To *barter* is to hit the ball hard at cricket.

**Barts**, an abbreviation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, used by medical students and others.

**Barvelo** (gypsy), rich, wealthy.

A bórdus vias kete wélgóro

Rya te ranis shan *barvelo*.

A tano rye te a kámelo,

Ávo mi pírryní, ávali!

—*A Lord Went to the Fair*.