

to leave a white surface exposed, which serves either for a boundary, a landmark, or as a sign to direct travellers. The Algonkin Indians of the north-east blaze trees so as to direct Indians leaving a village; white men make such marks on the other side.

A path which brought us opposite Ntunduru Island, *blazing* the trees as a guide.—*Stanley: Through the Dark Continent.*

It is used in this sense by the up country Australians.

The last six miles of a new road into Carcoar had just been marked out and partially made by the inhabitants, expressly for the governor. It was a well chosen but rough track designated by *blazed* trees on either hand, the unbarked parts being painted white, in order to be more manifest in the dusk.—*Licut. Col. Munday: Our Antipodes.*

It also applies to any kind of landmark.

I picked up a stone, and *blazed* my course by breaking off a projecting corner occasionally from lava walls and festoons of sulphur.—*Mark Twain: A Strange Dream.*

Blaze is an English provincialism for a white spot on a horse's forehead; and *blazed* is a term applied to a tree when marked for sale.

(General), to *blaze* away, to fire.

He *blazed* away and missed you in that shallow watercourse.—*A. L. Gordon: The Sick Stockrider.*

Blaze of triumph (theatrical), a ridiculous hyperbole, invented by the poet Bunn, to indicate

a great success and crowded houses. To the initiated this usually signifies a dead failure, and a house crowded with "dead-heads."

Blazer (university), a coloured loose flannel jacket, worn as the uniform of a boating or other club; originally red, but now of the club colours, striped or coloured accordingly. The surplice worn by students in chapel on certain feast or fast days, is described as the *blazer* of the Church of England. Each club chose a different colour or combination of colours, and these combinations are something sufficiently startling to have originated the appellation.

Another fair damsel was resplendent in a scarlet *blazer* over cream-coloured flannel. Some of the striped *blazers* were very becoming. Slate and white, and black and white, were decidedly the favourites, though one daring dame had ventured on magenta.—*Modern Society.*

The effect produced by the thousands of floating and moving craft, with their occupants in brilliant *blazers* and light costumes, is quite unique of its kind.—*The Standard.*

(Prisons), a jacket worn by convicts.

If the young gentlemen do not like the convict *blazers*, they will not be allowed to take out a boat unless accompanied by a policeman.—*Funny Folks.*

Blazers (nautical), a term applied to mortar or bomb vessels, from the great emission of flame to throw a 13-inch shell.—*Admiral Smyth.*