

Then it's down with the bedstead and let
us a say,
Pack up all we can in the *blind*,
And long ere the morning,
Without any warning,
We'll leave back-rent and landlord be-
hind.

—*Song.*

(Printers), a term applied to a paragraph mark ¶, owing to the fact of the eye of the P being black or filled up.

Blind cheeks (popular), posteriors, termed sometimes *blind Cupid*. The French argot calls it more appropriately *le boyne*. Another slang expression for the same part of the body is "two fat cheeks and ne'er a nose;" in French slang "un visage sans nez."

Blinder (thieves), to "take a *blinder*," to die.

Some rubber to wit had napped a winder,
And some were scragged and took a
blinder.

—*On the Trail.*

Blindo, to (army), to die.

Blind one's trail, to (American), to act in such a way that it would be difficult to trace one's doings; putting off the scent. Thus a fox in crossing a river *blinds his trail*, water being fatal to the scent of dogs.

Blink, to (American), to drink. In Dutch thieves' slang, *blinkert* is a glass. "*Blinkert* om nit te buizen"—"To booze from a glass."

Blinker (American), a phrase fully explained by the following anecdote from a New York newspaper:—

"The term growler has become obsolete, and *blinker* has succeeded it. A waggon-load of 'supplies' was transferred to the Bedlows (prison) island boat, and among them were two two-gallon kerosene oil cans. A boat-hand remarked, 'They must be usin' lots of kerosene—them officers over there—for they gets them cans filled mighty often!' The secret was let out a few minutes later, when one of the men coming on deck with the happy smile of one who has interviewed the ardent, said to one of his companions: 'I say, Jimmy, the *blinkers* have got good stuff this time!'"

—*Vide BLINK.*

Blinkers (pugilistic), the eyes, termed also ogles, optics, peepers, winkers. (Common), spectacles. *Blinkert*, Dutch slang, glass.

Blinko (thieves), the term is explained by the quotation.

"What is a *blinko*, for instance?"
"Well, it's a kind of entertainment, singing, and that," replied the old fellow, "to which strangers are not invited—least of all the police."—*J. Greenwood: Dick Temple.*

Blizzard (American), a word of many meanings. In one of the early Crockett almanacs about 1836 it appears as distinctly meaning a shot from a rifle.

"The elder boys when they went to school carried their rifles to get a *blizzard* at anything they might meet on the road."

It has been conjectured that in this sense it was derived from