

warchi, a high dignitary at the Mongol court, a taster and carver to some great man. *Bobbachy canvah*, cook-house.—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

Bobber (popular), a fellow-workman, mate. Also a variant of "bob," as in the phrase "two bobber," a florin.

So down I gets and finds a two bobber. My mate gives me the wink, but the slavey's on the job, so I say, "Oh, miss, if I ain't found a two bobber."—*Sporting Times*.

Bobbery (Anglo-Indian). This word comes from the East, but its origin is doubtful. The authors of the "Anglo-Indian Glossary" declare that it is common for Hindus when in surprise or grief to exclaim, *Bapre!* or *Bapre bap!* "Oh, Fathers!" This is imitated in Anglo-Indian by *Bobbery Bob!* Ladies in the United States also sometimes exclaim, "Fathers!" with or without "merciful," or "good" as a prefix. *Bobbery* generally signifies a row, a disturbance. It is even more common as "bobbely" in pidgin English, but it is very doubtful indeed whether it originated, as some think, in the Cantonese *pa-pi*, a noise.

I'll bet a wager there'll be a *bobbery* in the pigsty before long.—*Marryat: Peter Simple*.

It also means in India "pack," a pack of hounds or dogs of all kinds without distinction.

What a Cabinet has put together—a regular *bobbery*-pack.—*Anglo-Indian Glossary*.

Bobbin (common). "That's the end of the bobbin." A phrase equivalent to saying, "That's the end of it," when all the thread is wound off a bobbin or spool. The French say "être au bout de son rouleau." (American), *bobbin' around*, a slang phrase meaning going about, here and there, casually. It rose from the refrain of a song which was popular in 1850. In another lyric the following allusion was made to a report that the King of Belgium had proposed marriage to Miss Burdett-Coutts and been rejected.

So the King of the Belgines went in and got sold
When he hoped for a fortune in silver and gold,
Which shows that great mon-i-archs sometimes are found
Runnin' after rich ladies and bobbin' around.

If I ketch him bobbin' round arter our Nancy here agin, I'll just set the dorgs on him—though I don't believe a decent dorg would want to bite such an everlasting slink as he is.—*Sunday Paper*.

Bobbing around is evidently a variation on "bobbing up and down," rising and falling, here and there, like a fisherman's bob in the water.

Bobbing (public schools), "dry bobbing" applies to all sports on terra firma, and "wet bobbing" to aquatics.

Bobbish (common), smart, spruce, or in good order, fair. From a Cornwall term *bob*, pleasant, agreeable.