

"book," *i.e.*, the published record in the calendar of races past.

Bookies (turf), the bookmakers.

The *bookies* came down like wolves on the fold

To try and secure all the "Jubilee" gold.
Some plumped for St. Mirin, but wrongly
had reckoned,
For Annamite won, and the "Saint" was
but second.
—*Turf*.

Past Epsom's Spring, again we try
Our luck with *bookies* and with horses
On yet another field, where lie
The mysteries of the Guineas' courses.
—*Bird o' Freedom*.

The toughest *bookie*, as well as the airiest
turfite, will be sorry to hear of the death
of a genial fellow.—*The World*.

Books (Winchester). There are prizes given at the end of each half by Lord Saye and Sele to the two seniors in each division. These are called the *books*. To get *books* is to obtain one of these prizes. When a part or division are saying a lesson, the pupils sit at one end of "school," in three rows; they are then said to be "up to *books*." The Don sits in his chair with his side towards them, and the "man" who is saying the lesson stands in front of him.

Books (card players), a pack of cards.

Boom (American), properly the distant sound as of thunder gradually increasing in intensity. This word, from being a favourite one in American oratory, began to be applied in 1880 to any great advance or rise in

business or politics. A great *boom* in cotton refers to an advance in price and greater activity in the market, while the first rumour that a certain man will obtain a nomination to office may be announced in a newspaper in large letters at the head of a column as, "A *boom* for Smith!"

A BOOM FOR HILL.—A movement is on foot in Washington to organise a David E. Hill *boom* for the Presidency.—*Chicago Tribune*.

In the present case many influences seem to work in the direction of a *boom*.—*Truth*.

Some Prospero waved his magic wand, the world made discovery that it was positively languishing for want of more copper and tin, all visible supplies were eagerly bought up, and the great mining *boom* of 1887 was fairly started.—*Globe*.

(Journalistic), a *boom* refers to the publication in a newspaper of some correspondence which will raise up a polemic, and, by thus attracting the attention of the public, increase the sale of the paper.

The latest *Daily Telegraph boom*—"Our Daughters"—is going on merrily, and the views of the various young ladies are distinctly interesting to note.—*Globe*.

(Nautical), to "top one's *boom* off," to be off or start in a certain direction.

Boomah (Australian), a very large kind of kangaroo. This word is probably a mistake of Colonel Munday's. He heard the kangaroo called a boomer because of its enormous size: the word was strange to him, and he