

Box hat (common), a silk hat, termed also a "chimney-pot."

Box of dominoes (popular), the mouth.

Box the Jesuit, to (old), a term to express a secret vice.

Box-wallah (Anglo-Indian), a hybrid Hindu word, from *bakas*, or the English box, and *wala*, a pronominal termination. A *box-wallah* is a small pedlar, who sells cheap wares, and who corresponds closely to many of his cousins, the peddling gypsies of England.

Boy (society), champagne, probably derived from the term "lively boy," which is often applied to a young man brimming over with animal spirits.

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(Popular), a hump on a man's back. A hunch, or hump back man is sometimes spoken of as if he were two persons—"him and his boy."

(Anglo-Indian and pidgin), throughout the East personal servants of any age are called *boys*. The authors of the Anglo-Indian Glossary observe that similar uses of the word are to

be found in the Vulgate, also in the Arabic, and German literature, while Shakspeare makes Fluelen say—

"Kill the *boys* and the luggage! 'tis expressly against the laws of arms!"

In pidgin-English a servant is *boy*, whilst *boy* in the ordinary sense is "one small *boy*." In Tonkin the word is used by the French with a like signification.

Boycott, to (general), a now generally accepted term, used with the signification of to send to Coventry, to stand aloof. The French equivalent is "mettre en quarantaine."

"Why, Mabel, dear, I have not seen you for the last ten days: surely you don't mean to *boycott* Regent Street?"

"I don't want to *boycott* Regent Street, but they may want to *Endacott* me."—*Sporting Times*.

From Captain Boycott, an Irish landlord, who lay under a kind of excommunication, all labourers being forbidden to work for him under penalty of some fearful punishment.

Boys (turf), the crowd of "rampers," "brief snatchers," "weshers," "magsmen," "lumberers," and other rogues who flourish on every racecourse.

I should think that there is hardly a bookmaker in Tattersall's, or even one of the ready-money fraternity, who would not willingly subscribe to a fund for the laudable purpose of cleansing the rings from those foul abominations, those criminal scoundrels known as the *boys*. These vermin rob the public annually of thousands