

This little oil town, on the line of the Olean, Bradford, and Warren Railroad, and partly in Pennsylvania and partly in New York, is the greatest poker-playing place in the entire northern oilfield. It is a town in which all the residents "*buck the festive tiger*."—*Chicago Tribune*.

Buckeen (Irish), a bully, an inferior sort of squire.

There were several squireens or little squires, a race of men who have succeeded to the *buckeens* described by Young and Crumpe.—*Miss Edgeworth: Absentee*.

Bucket (American), an anonymous letter. (Common), to "give the bucket," to dismiss, to dismiss from one's employ.

He were sore put about because Hester had gi'en him the bucket.—*Mrs. Gaskell: Sylvia's Lovers*.

(University), to *bucket* is to scoop the water instead of pulling the oar steadily and fairly through.

(Popular), to *bucket* a person, to deceive, ruin him. To kick the bucket, to die.

"Fine him a pot," roared one, "for talking about *kicking the bucket*. He's a nice young man to keep a cove's spirits up, and talk about a 'short life and a merry one.'"—*C. Kingsley: Alton Locke*.

Dr. Brewer gives the following explanation: "A bucket is a pulley. . . . When pigs are killed they are hung by their hind legs on a bucket . . . and oxen are hauled up by a pulley. . . . To kick the *bucket*

is to be hung on the bulk or *bucket* by the heels."

Bucket afloat (rhyming slang), a coat.

Bucket-shop (American), a *bucket* has in America several meanings, all indicating underhand or concealed dealings. The term is applied to low groggeries, and also to places which advertise as below cost flashy goods which are sold at a large profit. Low, swindling, gambling places, or lottery offices, also bear this name, and in Chicago it appears from the following extract to be borne by broker establishments where "corners" are manipulated.

The latest story out to account for the recent strength in the wheat market, is to the effect that it is the result of a combined effort to "burst the *bucket-shops*."

(Stock Exchange), the office of an outside broker of doubtful character.

A disreputable gambling case which came before the Divisional Court yesterday is noteworthy for the remarks made on "the vice of gambling in stocks and shares" by two judges. A gambler had sued a firm of *bucket-shop* keepers for profits alleged to have been made on "certain transactions," and the latter coolly pleaded the statute against wagering and gaming in defence.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Buckhara (American), a California name for a cattle driver. It is the Spanish *vaquero*.

Buckhorse (pugilistic). "A smart blow or box on the ear; derived from the name of the celebrated