

'bruiser'" (John Smith, alias *Buckhorse*, fought on the stage 1732-46), according to Hotten's Dictionary.

Buckle, to (Scottish), to marry, a vulgarism used by D'Urfey in his imitation of a Scotch song, popular in the time of Charles II., "Within a mile of Edinburgh Toun." The phrase is still current in England among the lower classes, among whom to be "buckled" not only means to be married, but to be taken into custody.

Buckle-beggar (old), a man who officiated as a clergyman to perform the marriage ceremony in the Fleet Prison; also a hedge-priest, who performs the ceremony of marriage among tramps and gypsies.

Buckled (thieves), imprisoned. French slang, *bouclé*.

Why, I was *buckled* because I got drunk. It was a pure accident. Had I followed my usual work I should never have fallen. —*Evening News*.

Buckler, a collar (New York Slang Dictionary).

Buckra yam (West Indian). As in negro eyes "the white man," or *buckra*, is the synonym of something superior and beyond him in the scale of being, so the word has come to mean anything good. Thus *buckra yam*, good yam; *buckra cloth*, good cloth. A "swanga *buckra*"

is a specially well-dressed white man.

Bucks (West Indian), the cognomen of the aboriginal inhabitants of British Guiana—the South American Indians.

Bud (American), a "society" word for young lady debutantes, or "come outers," in their first season.

There's nothing so beautiful to me as a beautiful girl. I doubt if any man can better understand or be more truly in love with the dear perfectness of nature than I am. O girls, *do* appreciate girls. At my last ball the kids (youths) were tearing around . . . but even the shyest and greenest of *buds* knows that the admiration of the kid isn't worth having, it is so easy to get and as hard to get rid of. —*Madge: Letter in the New York World*.

Budge (thieves), a thief; especially one who sneaks into a shop and is locked in, thus getting a chance to admit an accomplice. Formerly a pickpocket. Probably from *bouget*, *budge*, *budget*, a sack, pouch, wallet. A drink.

Budge, the sneaking (old slang), robbing private houses of light small articles, such as coats, hats, &c.; now called "area sneak" or "hall sneak." "*Budge* clothes," lambs' fur formerly used for trimming the robes of Bachelors of Arts (Halliwell). Standing *budge*, a thief, scout, or spy.

Budger (thieves), a drunkard.