

Budgerow (Anglo-Indian). Hindu, *bujra*. A heavy keelless barge, formerly much used by Europeans travelling on the Gangetic rivers (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

The *bujra* broad, the *bholia* trim,
Or pinnaces that gallant swim
With favouring breeze, or dull or slow,
Against the heady current go.

—H. H. Wilson in *Bengal Annual*.

Budging-ken (thieves), a public house, the "cove of the *budging-ken*" being the landlord.

Budmash (Anglo-Indian), a bad, worthless fellow; a scoundrel.

Gamblers, cut-throats, *budmashes* of every description. — *Bosworth Smith: Life of Lord Lawrence*.

Budzat (Anglo-Indian), from the Persian *badzat*, evil race. A low fellow, a "bad lot," a black-guard.

Why the Shaitan (devil) didn't you come before, you lazy old *budzat*?—*Anglo-Indian Glossary: The Dank Bungalow*.

Buff (tramps), among the tramping fraternity a *buff-ball* is a dancing party, characterised by the indecency of those who attend it, the *costume de rigueur* being that of our first parents.

The most favourite entertainment at this place is known as "*buff-ball*," in which both sexes—innovent of clothing—madly join, stimulated with raw whisky and the music of a fiddle and a tin whistle. —*James Greenwood: In Strange Company*.

(Old slang), to "stand *buff*," to bear the brunt, to pay the piper; also "to boast," given as a very old word by "Batman uppon Bartholome," 1582.

To *buff*, defined by Hotten as simply meaning to swear to; but the following, from the New York Slang Dictionary, gives the spirit of the word very accurately: "Buffing it home is swearing point-blank to anything, about the same as bluffing it, making a bold stand on no backing."

Buffer (common), a man, a fellow.

But aged, slow, with stiff limbs, tottering much,
And lungs that lacked the bellows-mender's touch,
Yet sprightly to the scratch both *buf-fers* came.

—*Tom Cribb's Memorial to Congress*.

I'll merely observe as the water grew rougher,
The more my poor hero continued to suffer,
Till the sailors themselves cried in pity, Poor *buffer*!

—*Ingoldsby Legends*.

Also a merry companion with a spice of the rogue in him, the Falstaff of a century ago. *Buffer* or *buffard* is a provincialism for a foolish fellow. In Dutch, *boef* or *boefir*, means, according to the Groot Wordenboek der Engelsche en Nederduytsche Jaalen of William Sewell, "a rogue, knave, or wag," which is identical both in sound and meaning with the English word