

or semi-deserters who followed the Federal army. These irregular heroes, who sometimes rendered good service by fighting desperately, are commemorated as indomitable marauders in the "Breitmann Ballads."

Dey spurred on, dey hurried on, gallopin  
shtrait,  
Boot for Breitmann help coomed yoost a  
liddle too late,  
For ash de Lawine goes smash mit a bound,  
So on to de *bummers* de repels coom doun.  
Heinrich von Schinkenstein's tead in de  
road,  
Ulrich aus Gailingen's deadt ash a toad,  
Und Sepperl—Tyroler—shpoke nefer a  
wordt  
But yoost "Mutter Gottes!"—and died  
in de ford.

**Bump, making a** (boating, university), catching the boat in front and knocking against it, the boats being arranged two lengths apart in the race in their previous order of merit.

The chances of St. Ambrose's making a *bump* the first night were weighed.—*Macmillan's Magazine*.

**Bumper** (theatrical), a very full house at a popular performance. The word *bumper*, for a full glass of liquor, from which the theatrical term is derived, was in the early days supposed to be derived from toasts drunk to the health of the Pope, the "bon-père" of all true Catholic Christians. This explanation is no longer generally accepted, since the word is rightly regarded as a corruption of bombard, a drinking vessel, but originally signifying a cannon.

This derivation is borne out by the circumstance that the French call *canon* a glass of wine drunk at a wine-shop.

**Bum perisher, or shaver, a short-tailed coat, termed *rasc-cul* in French slang.**

**Bumping races** (university). In the eight-oared races at the universities the competing boats start one behind the other at a given distance. When a boat *bumps* (i.e., touches any part of) the boat in front, it takes the other's place in the next race. The races are always rowed in two divisions, about twelve to fifteen in each, and the head boat in the lower division is the last boat in the first division, and is called the sandwich boat. The first boat in the first division is called the Head of the River.

**Bump supper** (university), explained by quotation.

A *bump supper*, that is, a supper to commemorate the fact of the boat of one college having, in the annual races, "bumped" or touched the boat of another college immediately in front.—*Cuthbert Bede: Adventures of Mr. Verdant Green*.

**Bumptious** (common), apt to take offence, quarrelsome without adequate provocation. Evidently from "bump," which Skeat derived from "boom," to make a hollow sound. Dutch, *bommen*, one who roars or resounds at once, to swell up or bounce.

I heard that Mr. Sharp's wig didn't fit him, and that he needn't be so "bounce."