

To bung is good English for to close up.

Bung-juice (thieves), porter or beer (New York Slang Dictionary).

Bunk (American), a wooden case or bench "which serves for a seat by day and a bed by night" (Bartlett). In America denotes generally a rough bed or place for sleeping. Dutch, "slaap *bunk*," a settle-bed, or press-bed. American, "to *bunk*."

... And so pass over the rest of his voyage by saying that he was confined to his *bunk*, and saw no more of it.—*H. Kingsley: Ravenshoe.*

Bunker (popular), beer. (American), large, fine, remarkable. East of England, *bonker*. This word suggests a possible origin of Buncombe.

Bunko, bunco (American), from the Italian *banco*, a bench or bank. A game at cards, like three-card monte, and is usually simply a swindle. It is described by Inspector Byrnes, Chief of Detectives in New York, substantially as follows. It is apparently so simple and honest that the shrewdest men are readily induced to try it, and are thus fleeced. There are forty-three spaces upon a *bunko* "lay out," forty-two are numbered, and thirteen contain stars also (no prizes), one is blank, and the remaining twenty-nine represent prizes ranging from

two to five thousand dollars. The game can be played with dice or cards. The latter are numbered with a series of small numbers ranging from one to six, eight of which are drawn and counted, and the total represents the number of the prize drawn. Should the victim draw a star number he is allowed the privilege of drawing again by putting up a small amount of money. He is generally allowed to win at first, and later on the game owes him from \$1000 to \$5000 (i.e., from £200 to £1000). This is when he draws the conditional prize, No. 27. The conditions are that he must put up \$500 (£100), or as much as the dealer thinks he will stand. This is explained to him as necessary to save what he has already won, and to entitle him to another drawing. To inveigle men to play *bunko*, the most extraordinary pains are taken, and the *bunko*-steerers or "touts," who seek for victims, are selected from the most gentlemanly-looking, well-educated persons that can be found. There are innumerable instances of lawyers and others, who knew the world well, and who were perfectly on their guard as to *bunko*, being taken in by it, and half ruined. Its extraordinary vogue in the United States justifies this detailed description of it as *præmonitus, præmunitus*. The writer is well acquainted with an English gentleman who, while travelling in the United