

States, was "bunkoed" out of several thousand dollars.

**Bunkum.** See BUNCOMBE.

**Bunny grub** (Cheltenham College), green vegetables, called "grass" at the Royal Military Academy.

**Bunon** (Anglo-Indian), applied to any humbug, "anything fictitious or factitious," a cram, a shave, a sham (Anglo-Indian Glossary).

You will see within a week if this is anything more than a *bunon*.—*Oakfield*, ii. 58.

**Bun-struggle** or **worry** (army), a tea meeting; an entertainment to which benevolent souls occasionally invite the soldiers in a garrison, but which has generally smaller attractions for them than the canteen or public-house.

**Bunt** (common), an apron, properly sail canvas; to *bunt*, to jostle.

**Bunter** (common), a street-walking thief, a prostitute.

**Bunts.** See BUNCE.

**Burick** (Australian convicts' slang), a whore. Introduced into Australia by the convicts transported thither.

*Burick* is a prostitute, or common woman.—*Vaux's Memoirs*.

**Burking** (army), dyeing the moustache and whiskers. • It was at one time the custom for the whole of the men in smart

cavalry regiments to dye their moustaches, &c., black, to *burke* or suppress their natural colour. This was for the sake of uniformity. Fashion in hair has always been a feature in military life. As in the past each corps prided itself on its own peculiar arrangement of pigtail and powder, so now there are regiments in which public opinion demands a hard and fast rule about hair. Few will tolerate whiskers; Piccadilly weepers, Dundrearies, as they were once called, are universally despised; and where the beard is permitted to be worn, as in India, its dimensions and trimming are often the subject of precise regulations. *Burking* meant formerly to stifle, from Burke, who was hung in 1829 for murder by suffocation of persons whose bodies he sold to surgeons for dissecting.

**Burn** (thieves), cheat; *burners*, swindlers with dice and cards; *burnt*, infected with venereal disease (New York Slang Dictionary).

**Burner** (old slang), an acute form of a certain stage of a contagious disease.

**Burr, to** (Marlborough College), to fight.

**Burra-beebce** (Anglo-Indian), a great lady, a grande dame, a lady-swell. (Gypsy), *bāro beebce*.