

Bust (thieves), a burglary.

"Fatty Bill, from City Road, rem. for a *bust* ex. 2 years," means that William . . . has been compelled to leave his congenial haunts in the City Road as he is remanded for a burglary, and anticipates two years' hard labour.—*Rev. J. W. Horsley: Jottings from Jail.*

(Royal Military Academy), to go on the *bust*, to go to town for amusement.

(American), a burst, a frolic, a debauch, a spree. The reference in the following paragraph is to an American Minister to Mexico, who was said to have indulged in a *bust* of unwonted magnitude.

An article has appeared recently upon "*Busts of the Vice-Presidents.*" Something upon the *busts* of Foreign Ministers would possess more of current interest.—*Omaha Herald.*

(Thieves), to *bust*, to inform, to "split;" to commit a burglary. (American), to destroy.

They was by this time jined by a large crowd of other Southern patrits, who comest hollerin, "Hang the bald-headed aberlitionist, and *bust* up his immoral exhibition!"—*Artemus Ward.*

Buster (popular), a small new loaf, termed also "burster;" a "penny-worth of bees-wax and a penny *buster*," *i.e.*, bread and cheese.

I can't get at it, I can't get at it,
I like the faggots tho' they smell.
But now the penny's down the well,
I can't get at it, I can't get at it.
I thought I'd have a *buster* but it's all
no go!

—*Song.*

(American), anything large in size, a drinking bout, a man of great strength.

He tackled some of their regular *busters* and they threwed him.—*Mark Twain: Dry Diggings.*

(Australian), southerly *buster*, southerly wind of great violence.

(Thieves), a burglar.

(Common), anything large, of extra size; a spurt.

At frequent intervals during the day, the cattle, animated by a sudden impulse, broke back and made a determined charge through the drivers, with their heads turned homewards. Whenever this took place, the overseer, after turning them round, gave the mob a *buster* at a severe pace during the next half hour to take the wind out of them.—*Nichols: Wild Life and Adventure in the Australian Bush.*

Wot odds arter all? We're jest dittos: I'm not bad at bottom, sez you.

Well, thank ye for nothink, my joker. As long as I've bullion to blue,

I mean to romp round a rare *buster*, lark, lap, take the pick of the fun,

And, bottom or top, good or bad, keep my heye on one mark—Number One!

—*Punch.*

Bustle, a dress-improver, the protuberance behind on a woman's dress. Before 1855 and 1856 ladies had begun to wear crinoline and skeleton skirts. Then came the *bustle*, an artificial appendage intended to produce the impression that the wearer had a full *glute x maximus* or *scant*. Of late it has assumed enormous dimensions, far surpassing anything characteristic of the most fully developed Hottentot Venus.

"Nothing has outstripped the *bustle* in its gigantic strife for prodigious excellence. It is remarkable that this form of fashion,

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