

cuss ;" or, "Go it, you cripples, Newgate's on fire."

I met the other day our mutual friend—  
aw—Henry Irving,  
Linked arm-in-arm with Tennyson the  
poet ;  
And Randy walked behind, his grand mous-  
tache with pleasure curving ;  
Kilrain was urging all of them to go it.  
—*Topical Times*.

To go it, to act with energy, spirit, fearlessly. In the quotation it is used in a disparaging sense.

The second offender, who has been going it with him, being a much smaller youth, is much more scared.—*The Graphic*.

**Go it blind** (common), a phrase meaning to act without due thought or deliberation. Edwards says: "It is derived from the game of poker, where a player may, if he chooses, go it blind, by doubling the 'ante' before looking at his cards, and if the other players refuse to see his 'blind' he wins the 'ante.'"

**Go it, boots ! go it, rags ! I'll hold your bonnet ! glang !** (American), cries of encouragement to a man on foot or on horseback, "doing time." In England there is also the well-known "Go it, ye cripples, wooden legs are cheap !"

**Goldbacked 'uns** (popular), body lice.

**Gold bug** (American) a millionaire.

To her enduring honour be it said, the only country where *gold bugs* have not

been permitted to dictate such legislation that their talent in the napkin may be hocused in the sight of all men up to the value of two talents, is the great Republic across the Atlantic.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

**Goldfinches** (popular), sovereigns.

Two canaries equal one *goldfinch*—who so possesseth needeth never to pine for lack of notes.—*Punch*.

**Gold-finder** (old), a cleaner of privies or jakes, a night-man.

A *gold-finder* or jakes farmer.—*Urquhart's Translation of Rabelais*.

**Golgotha** (Cambridge University), literally the place of a skull, "but," says the *Westminster Review*, "a particular part of the University Church is appropriated to the "heads" of the houses, and is called *golgotha* therefrom, a name which the appearance of its occupants renders peculiarly fitting, independent of the pun." It also signifies a hat.

**Goll** (games), the hand ; derived from the Keltic. Hence *golf*, hand-ball.

**Gollop, to** (common), to swallow greedily ; a corruption of "gulp."

**Golly, by golly** (American), a common interjection. It is very doubtful whether it is used euphemistically for God. Nor is it strictly true, as Bartlett says, that it is chiefly to be heard among negroes, since it is quite as common among boys in New England or in the West.