

ladies who will blush at the word chemise, but who do not scruple to show themselves in public in such a *décolleté* state as to suggest that only the lower half of that garment has been retained.

To "have the *bags off*," is to be of age and one's own master, to have plenty of money. To have the *bags on* would surely be a more appropriate metaphor in this instance.

Bags, to take the (athletic), to go hare in a paper chase.

Ba-ha (tailors), bronchitis.

Bai, by (gypsy), a sleeve, a bough.

Bail (Australian Blackfellows' lingo), no, not. The following is a specimen of the pidgin-English stuffed with Blackfellows' words used by the whites on stations in their intercourse with the aborigines:—

"Too much big-fellow water, *bail* ply (fly), come up; *bail* pind (find) him," answers the aboriginal, adding, however, the question, "you patter potchum" (eat possum).

"Yohi" (yes), said John, rather doubtfully, for he is not sure how his stomach will agree with the strange meat.—*A. C. Grant*.

(Society), to give leg *bail* and land security, a phrase for running away, decamping.

Baist a snarl (tailors), work up a quarrel.

Bait (Winchester), rage, to be in a *bait*, or in a "swot," to be

angry. To *bait* a lad is to tease him.

Bait-land (nautical), an old word, formerly used to signify a port where refreshments could be procured.—*Admiral Smyth*.

Bäk, bacht (gypsy), luck. A very common word. *Bäktalo*, lucky.

"Rya del mandy a panjer." "What for?" "For *bäk*." "For bock, kek—but mandy'll dee it to tute to kin a cigarrus."

"Master give me fiver (5 cents)." "What for?" "For *bäk*." "For bock (beer), no—but I'll give it to you to buy a cigar."—*Gypsy Notes in America (MS)*.

Bake, to (Winchester), to rest, to enjoy "dolce far niente;" (common), to fumigate a room.

Baked (Australian), tired out. Slang delights in puns. Because meat put in the oven is said to be *baked* when it is "done," a man who is "done up," or "done," is said to be *baked*. This distinctly "slang" use of *baked* is quite different from *baked* in the sense of "heated" or "hot," in which even ladies often use it. In the English slang only "half-baked" means imbecile.

Baked Spanish (common). A *Spanish* means a large Spanish onion.

Maria looks very nervous like at this, but told me afterwards if it hadn't been as she tried to forget of the young man, and only to remember there was tripe for supper and a *baked Spanish*, she'd have fainted right clean away.—*Fun: Murdle Visiting*.