

prison "pal" "un aminche de college."

Boat (thieves), originally to transport, the term is now applied to penal servitude. To "get the boat" or to "be boated" is to be sentenced to a long term of imprisonment equivalent to transportation under the old system (Hotten). To *boat* with one is to be a partner in some crime, to be an accomplice.

"Does he *boat* with you?" "Yes, and he's an artist. Only last night, down at the Albany break-up, he buzzed a bloke and a shaker of a reader."—*On the Trail*.

(Military), a good *boat* is a soldier who spends his money freely with his poorer comrades.

Bob (general), a shilling. Origin unknown. Perhaps from a simile in allusion to the meaning of *bob*, formerly bait for fish, the coin being looked upon in the light of a bribe. "Bobstick," old slang for a shilling, would in that case be the fishing-rod. Compare with "palm-oil," both money and bribe, and the French slang *huile de mains*, same meaning. Also with *graisse*, money, from the phrase "graisser la patte," to bribe. It is curious to note that *bob* is a blow, and "blow" slang for a shilling.

The jolliest fellow you ever met
Is a dismal man at home;
The wittiest girl in society's set
Will with headaches her wit atone.
The man whose graces a court would
adorn

Is tied to a desk from night till morn;
And the man who would lend his last
bob to a friend

Never has the first *bob* to lend.

—*Bird o' Freedom*.

(Popular), *bob!* stop! the response to the request "say when," while spirits are being poured into one's glass.

"*Bob a nob*," a shilling a head.

Bob, in old slang, signified a shoplifter's assistant, to whom the stolen goods were passed, and who carried them away. "All is *bob*," *i.e.*, all is safe. From a Cornwall term *bob*, pleasant, agreeable. A variant of "all gay," and "all serene." "To shift one's *bob*," to go away.

(Public schools), "dry *bob*," a boy who devotes himself to cricket or football, or any other games on "dry land," in opposition to "wet *bob*," one who gives himself up to boating.

The friendly rivalry between England and America led some while ago to a contest between the "wet *bobs*," to use an Eton phrase, of either country, and it was only fair that the "dry *bobs*" should show what they could do.—*T. Ogilvie: Imperial Dictionary of the English Language*.

"Dry *bob*" also refers to fruitless coition.

Resolved to win, like Hercules, the
prize . . .
The cheating jilt, at the twelfth, a *dry*
bob cries.

—*Earl of Rochester's Works*.

Bob my pal (rhyming slang), a "gal," girl.

Bobachee (Anglo-Indian), a cook; a vulgar or slang form of *bā-*