

Dictionaries (e.g. in Ogilvie's and Worcester's), as from the French and German. These terms, however, have descended to us from the Anglo-Saxon, also. In Bosworth we have *healsbeorga*, defence for the neck. [*Halter*, through the French *halterel*, is likewise from *hals*, the neck.]—*Arquebus* is the German *haken-buchse*, i.e. a *buchse* or gun fired from a crotch or rest, *haken*. The Italians have made of this word *arcobugio*, as if it were a perforated cross-bow (*bugio* perforated); whence the suggestion, ingenious but baseless, of a French etymologist, *arc-à-buse*, bow with a tube.—We, in our English way, have persuaded ourselves that the Low German *donderbus* (thundergun), is *blunderbus*. *Howitzer* is *haubitze*, and *halberd*, *hel-lebarde*.—*Truce* is the Old German *triuwa*. It has in it the word *true*, and expresses a *foedus* or faithful compact between belligerents. It was Latinized into *treuga*, where the *g* is made to represent *iv*. *Fife* is the German *pfeife*, as *flute* is *flöte*. Finally, the phrases 'to ask quarter,' 'to give quarter' are said to have originated in an understanding between the Netherlanders and Spaniards, to the effect that the life-ransom of a soldier, of whatever rank, should be a quarter of his year's pay.

7. In connexion with ships—we have *skipper*, which is the Low German *schipper* (H. G. *schiffer*), and the Anglo-Saxon *scipere*, sailor. *Bowsprit* is L. G. *boegspriet*, the spar which sprouts from the bow. (*Spritsail* is a sail sustained by a *sprit*.) *Starboard* is H. G. *steuerbord*, the direction in which, with reference to the steersman, is the helm; *larboard*, is probably *babord*, i.e. L. G. *bakboord*, the direction in which, in the same relation, is the ship's side. *Bunting* is from H. G. *bunt*, variegated in colour. Literally, therefore, it is the material out of which the ship's colours are made. *Orlop* is L. G. *overloop*; *sheets* are L. G. *schooten*, and *sheaves* H. G. *scheiben*; *tar* is H. G. *theer*, and *pitch* is H. G. *pech*. *To belay* is H. G. *belegen*. We have Anglicised into *windlass* the L. G. *wind-as*, which is the H. G. *winde-achse*, the *axis* or *axle* for winding the cable on.—*Sloop* is the L. G. *sloep*, and *schooner* the H. G. *schoner*. *Yawl* is the L. G. *jol*, which gives us *jolly-boat* also. *Smack* is the H. G. *schmact*; *hoy* is the H. G. *heu*. *Yacht* is the H. G. *jacht* (and Danish *jaht*), from *jagen*, to hunt or ride quickly. It is properly a boat towed by horses. A vessel is said to be *crank*, when liable to upset from being too narrow, or from not being sufficiently ballasted. This is the H. G. *krank*, properly sick, out of sorts. [*Binnacle*,