

**Buck**, (*buk*), *n.* [Swed. and Goth. *byka*, to steep clothes in lye, and rub them with the hands; O. Fr. *buquer*, to strike, to thump, because clothes so steeped were also thumped.] An alkaline lye in which clothes are steeped or soaked in order to their being cleansed or whitened.  
" *Buck!* I would I could wash myself of the *buck*." — *Shaks.*

—The clothes so steeped; a wash of clothes.

"Of late, not able to travel with her furred pack, she washes *bucks* here at home." — *Shaks.*

—*v. a.* To steep or wash clothes in lye.

"Here is a basket; he may creep in here, and throw foul linen upon him; as if it were going to *bucking*." — *Shaks.*