

1693. de Bhaldraithe (Tomás): *Gaimbí, gaimbín*, ‘gombeen’.

*In* Éigse 17/1 (Samhradh 1977), pp. 109–113.

*Gaimbí* ‘interest (of money)’ < Engl. *cambie*; *gaimbín* ‘bit (esp. of tobacco)’ < *gamba* ‘leg’ (related to Fr. *gambe, jambe* and Engl. *gamb, jamb*; both words confused. Provides early exx of *gombeen(-man)* from 1845 and 1859.

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- *jamb* (Engl)
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