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n.

An awkward, unsophisticated person; a yokel.

[Perhaps from Flemish *boomken*, shrub, diminutive of *boom*, tree; see **bheua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) or from Middle Dutch *bommekijn*, diminutive of *bomme*, barrel.]

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bump·kin²  (bŭmp kĭn, bŭm -) or **boom·kin** (b m -)

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n.

A short spar projecting from the deck of a ship, used to extend a sail or secure a block or stay.

[Probably from Dutch *boomken*, diminutive of *boom*, tree; see [BOOM](#)².]

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